



# Good News

Plymouth United Church of Christ

June 2016

Published monthly by  
**Plymouth UCC**  
2010 Moholt Drive  
Eau Claire WI 54703  
**Phone:** 715-835-5475  
**Web:** pcucc.com

**Ministers:** All the people

**Pastor:** Rev. David Huber  
david@pcucc.com

**Church Secretary/Editor:**  
Mimi Pederson  
mimi@pcucc.com

*This edition of the newsletter  
is sponsored by an  
anonymous benefactor.*

## **Inside**

- Birthdays. . . . . Page 3
- Calendar. . . . . Page 7
- Leadership Team
- Minutes. . . . . Page 5
- Pastor's Pen. . . . . Page 4
- Worship Notes. . . . . Page 2

The Pie and Ice Cream Social will soon be here. This is an important fund raiser for our church and an opportunity for everyone to be involved. There are many ways to support this event: offer to bake a pie or two, donate money to help cover the cost of buying the food supplies, help prepare the food, volunteer to work in the fellowship hall clearing the tables and connecting with the people who have joined us for the meal, or invite your friends and family to come to Plymouth for brats, hot dogs, and our delicious pie!



**Wednesday, June 10**  
**11:30 A.M.–6:30 P.M.**

## ***June Worship Notes***

---

**10:30 A.M. Worship**

***Communion the first Sunday of the month***

During June, our worship team is exploring the theme of vessels. The church as a vessel large enough for everyone. How we are vessels for God's Spirit (and also our junk, alas!), and how our vessels might appear to others. We have scripture stories of unending vessels of water and meal, precious perfumes, and bodily vessels healed by Jesus. Our team has a beautiful sanctuary design and special music to help inspire us.

**June 5**

***Communion***

***3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost***

***St. Francis Food Pantry offering***

***"The Good News of an Always Full Jar"***

1 Kings 17:8–24; Psalm 146; Luke 7:11–17

**June 19**

***5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost***

***OCWM offering***

***Father's Day***

***"The Church as a Vessel Big Enough for Everyone"*** Rev. Andrea Mericle

1 Kings 19:1–15a; Psalm 42; Galatians 3:23–29

**June 12**

***4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost***

***"Vessels of Change and Opportunity"***

Galatians 2:15–21; Luke 7:36–8:3

**June 26**

***6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost***

***"How Do We Adorn Our Vessels?"***

Rev. Andrea Mericle

2 Kings 2:1–2, 6–14; Psalm 16; Galatians 5:1, 13–25; Luke 9:51–62

---

## **Food for Thought**

There will be no pot luck in June, but join us for lunch or supper at our annual Pie & Ice Cream Social on June 8. We will also need lots of help and pies. The sign up sheets are out at church! Please help!

Please don't forget our homeless friends. As always the Street Ministry can use money or gas cards or water. Check with Pastor Mike for other needs for our street ministry. Our Food Pantry offering will be taken on June 5.

**In June, we are praying for these individuals/families:** Pat Sexter, Denny & Rose Shepler, Larry & Irma Shepler, Christian Shufflin, Jamie Stafford, Ardith Starr

## June Birthdays

- 2 Joanne Lowry  
Jeanne Strassman
- 4 Deb Zehms
- 8 Rob Jaenke
- 10 Carter Jaenke
- 13 Adam Wendt
- 15 Gordy Heimstead
- 19 Morgan Jaenke
- 20 Denny Shepler
- 27 Jim Welk  
Harlan Hartwich
- 29 Stephanie Leipnitz

## Spring Clean-up

Mark your calendars for June 4. We want to clean up the yard in time for the Pie & Ice Cream Social on June 8. There is a job for everyone: weeding, cleaning up the patio, windows, painting, etc. We can find a job for all. The fun starts at 9:00 A.M. and lunch will be served!

## Brat Stand at Festival

We are signed up to do the Brat Stand at Festival Foods on July 17 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. We need 4 people per shift. The shifts will be: The Set-Up Crew, 9–11:30, The Lunch Crew 11:30– 2, The Afternoon Crew 2–4:30, and Closing & Clean-up Crew 4:30–6. Sign-up sheets will be out after the Pie & Ice Cream Social.

## 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior Americans Day

Tuesday, June 7, 2016  
8:30 A.M.–3:30 P.M.  
W.R. Davies Center  
UW-Eau Claire Campus

Senior Americans Day is the Chippewa Valley’s premier event for those age 55 and better. Join us for an exciting day of inspiring breakout sessions where you will learn about local history, cultural diversity, health and wellness, and creativity. The day will also include a continental breakfast, keynote address “Let’s Have FUN Out There!” by Rob Bell, lunch, health screenings, photo booth, sponsor gallery, door prizes, and closing entertainment “Dancing through the Decades” by the Eau Claire School of Dance. Registration: \$40 if you register online at <http://www.uwec.edu/CE/programs/senior-americans-day.htm> or \$45 if you register by phone at 715-836-3636.

## Pastor David will be gone

Pastor David will be at Moon Beach from June 12 to June 18. The following week, June 19–25, he will be on vacation. While he is away, Rev. Dave Stratton will be available for any pastoral emergencies, and Rev. Andrea Mericle will be preaching.



Dear friends and family of Plymouth,

Good things are happening at Plymouth! We have accepted an invitation to host a choir being formed for people affected by dementia, with Cathy Reitz directing. Cathy and I went to Minneapolis recently to spend a day with their dementia choir which was started in 2014. Their level of engagement with the music was uplifting, the 40 or so people singing with joy and gusto songs like "Sing," "I Want to Hold Your Hand," and "O Susannah." They also have fellowship and snack time before and after rehearsals to ensure that their time together is building a community. Dementia is an isolating disease, and this choir is one way to help make it less lonely for both sufferers and caretakers. Our choir begins in August, with a concert at Plymouth in November, then more in the winter and spring at other venues. I am excited that Plymouth is able to host and provide this ministry of community. Some of our members have suffered from dementia. This is a good way

to honor them while we follow Jesus' example of love and compassion to our neighbors. I'll write more about volunteer opportunities once we know our needs. If you'd like to help, please send me a note!

On another topic, I recently finished a six-week program at The Center (in Altoona) called "The Rest that Works: Living a Life of Loving Mindfulness," a spiritual journey of centering oneself more deeply into God's love. It was led by Rev. Scott Daniels, who owns The Center with his wife. Our group of eight had deep and personal conversations about faith, life, and God. I found it helped me move more toward a center rooted in God's love by finding permission to take time out to meditate, pray, or otherwise be at rest and mindful. That is why it is called "The rest that works"—sometimes the most productive thing we can do is to stop producing and be at rest with God. We will offer it at Plymouth later this summer. The July newsletter will have more information. You can buy his book at The Center or from Amazon. I highly recommend you deepen your faith by being part of this group.

Lastly, I always like to ask that as you travel, please bring back bulletins from any churches where you worship. I enjoy seeing how other congregations are serving their communities and how they worship.

Blessings, and safe travels for all our summer journeys, both physical and spiritual,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Scott Daniels".



## Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2016

Members present: Rob Jaenke, Larry Kleist, Barb Kleist, Louise Partlow, Deb Zehms, and Pastor Dvaid

Plymouth's Leadership Team met on Monday, May 16 at Culver's on Folsom Street at 7:00 P.M. The minutes from the March meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

### Financial Reports:

As of April 30, 2016

Year to Date Income	\$35,862.02
Year to Date Expenses	\$36,093.42
Ahead (Behind)	(\$231.40)

### Treasurer's Report:

Income for April was \$7,091.81. This includes \$1,800.00 from Reserve Fund. Total expenses for the month were \$7,465.47, leaving us with an April loss of \$373.66. Envelope income was average for April in past years.

### Reserve Fund Report:

The balance is \$493.70.

### Memorial Fund Report:

The balance is \$904.83.

### Street Ministry Report:

The balance is \$1,938.46.

Financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

### Building and Grounds:

It was suggested that we check on prices to re-surface and stripe the parking lot. No plans to do this yet. Jim Welk and Rex Olson have been removing some downed trees and cleaning up our woods. June 4 is our clean-up day. A lot of help is needed.

### Christian Education Commission:

Thinking about camp. We have three campers and two leaders planning to go.

### Stewardship Commission:

Pie & Ice Cream Social coming up June 8 A sign-up sheet will be up soon. Our thrift sale was very successful. Approximately \$1,700 for the thrift sale and \$350 for the bake sale. Thanks to everyone.

### Service Commission:

Visits are ongoing by Pastor David and other church members. Please remember to fill out a visitation card—even for phone visits. Sending cards would be appreciated also.

### Worship Commission:

Pot luck on Sunday, May 29. Worship Team is getting teams together to help plan some events. Revolving teams of about four members.

*Minutes continued on  
page 6 ...*

*Council Minutes  
continued ...*

**Women of Plymouth:**

No report at this time.

**Pastor's Report:**

Annual Meeting is June 12. Pastor David will attend and then go to Madd Camp and vacation after. He will be gone June 12–25.

**Old Business:**

- We will have a Brat Stand on July 17 at Festival from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M.—one day—more info later

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A team from Illinois UCC has asked to stay over night at our church on August 2 (Tuesday). About 45 people are coming back from camping. (They usually stay at First Congregational, but they are doing some remodeling and can't take them this time.) They provide their own food and sleeping bags.

Next meeting of the Team will be Monday, June 13 at 7:00 P.M. ***at the church.***

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted  
Louise Partlow

**Be a sponsor!**

Sponsor an issue of the newsletter, a weekly bulletin, or the illumination of the cross on the front of our building in memory or in honor of someone or in honor of a special event, or even just because! Bulletin and newsletter sponsors will be recognized in the issue they sponsor. Cross sponsors will be listed in all publications for the month of sponsorship. Support a bulletin for \$15, a newsletter for \$50, or illuminate the cross for \$50. Sign-up sheets are on the table outside the sanctuary.

**Don't forget your SCRIP cards!**

SCRIP cards are now available for Mega Holiday, Gordy's, Festival, and Kwik Trip. It is a painless, cost-free fundraiser for our church. Here is how it works: They are available for \$25, \$50, and/or \$100. We keep 3% of what is paid for Festival, 5% Gordy's, and Kwik Trip cards, and 10% for Mega Holiday cards. And at Kwik Trip, when the card is used *inside* the store (with some restrictions like tobacco, alcohol, stamps) they will deposit a 10% rebate into our bank account. So, for example, if you buy a \$100 Gordy's card, we pay \$95 and keep \$5 to help pay our bills. In 2015, we earned over \$1,500! This is a great way to add to our income without feeling the pinch.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>June 2016</h1> 						
			1	2	3	4 9:00 A.M. Clean-Up Event
<b>5 St Francis Food Pantry offering</b>  10:30 A.M. Communion Worship	6	7  10:00 A.M. Quilters	8  Pie & Ice Cream Social/Plant Sale	9	10	11
<b>12 Prayers for the People</b>  10:30 A.M. Worship  <i>Pastor David at camp this week</i>	13  7:00 P.M. Leadership Team	14  10:00 A.M. Quilters	15	16	17	18
<b>19 OCWM offering</b>  10:30 A.M. Worship  <i>Pastor David on vacation this week</i>	20	21  10:00 A.M. Quilters	22	23	24	25
26  10:30 A.M. Worship	27	28  10:00 A.M. Quilters	29	30		