

Good News

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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 four 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 sheet is out. Please help out. As usual, funds are short for the summer and we need to raise money to pay our bills.



Our expenses never take a vacation...we depend on everyone to help assure that we can pay our bills even when members are off on trips or spending weekends at the cabin. Thanks!

July Worship Notes

10:30 A.M. Worship

Communion the first Sunday of the month

July 3

Communion

7th Sunday after Pentecost

St. Francis Food Pantry offering

2 Kings 5:1–14 or Isaiah 66:10–14;
Psalm 30 or Psalm 66:1–9; Galatians
6:(1–6) 7–16; Luke 10:1–11, 16–20

July 10

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 7:7–17 or Deuteronomy 30:9–14;
Psalm 82 or Psalm 25:1–10; Colossians
1:1–14; Luke 10:25–37

July 17

9th Sunday after Pentecost

OCWM offering

Amos 8:1–12 or Genesis 18:1–10a;
Psalm 52 or Psalm 82 or Psalm 15;
Colossians 1:15–28; Luke 10:38–42

July 24

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Hosea 1:2–10 or Genesis 18:20–32;
Psalm 85 or Psalm 138; Colossians
2:6–15 (16–19); Luke 11:1–13

July 31

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Hosea 11:1–11 or Ecclesiastes 1:2,
12–14; 2:18–23; Psalm 107:1–9,43 or
Psalm 49:1–12; Colossians 3:1–11; Luke
12:13–21

In July, we are praying for these

individuals/families: George Stecher,
Steve & Jeanne Strassman, Benji &
Cathy Stygar, Mary Stygar, Sue (Tom)
Thompson, Gladys Ulry, Richard &
Vivian Waltmire

Food for Thought

There will be a pot luck July 3. We will be serving brats and burgers, so if you are here for the 4th of July, come join us and bring a dish to pass. Bring friends, relatives and neighbors too!

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 also be received on July 3.

July Birthdays

1 Tom Kruschke
2 Alice Noyes
7 Hailey Barnhardt
9 Louise Partlow
Patricia Burnam
11 Mel Rude
12 Maggie Leipnitz
18 Kayla Stygar
19 Megan Eisberner
26 Bill Liepnitz
27 Chelle Green
Michael Green
30 Faye LaPean



Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2016

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

The minutes from the May meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

Treasurer's Report:

Income for May was \$12,503.61. This includes \$5,000.00 from Reserve Fund. Total expenses for the month were \$11,960.88, leaving us with an May gain of \$542.73. Envelope income was slightly below average.

Reserve Fund Report:

The balance is \$1,750.00.

Memorial Fund Report:

The balance is \$777.97.

Street Ministry Report:

The balance is \$1,277.11.

Financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

Building and Grounds:

Clean-up day went very well. Striping the parking lot can be done with a template and cans of paint. Members of our congregation will work on this.

Christian Education Commission:

Youth at camp this week.

Stewardship Commission:

Pie & Ice Cream Social profit was approximately \$1,200.

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:

Rev. Andrea Mericle will be leading worship on June 19 and June 26 as Pastor David is working at camp and on vacation.

Women of Plymouth:

We will need to purchase a new coffee pot. Looking at options.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor David is at Moon Beach this week and will be on vacation next week.

Old Business:

- T-shirts have been ordered and delivered.
- Brat stand was discussed. Barb distributed rules and regulations. This will be on July 17 at Festival Foods. A sign-up sheet is on our table in the narthex.

Next meeting of the Team will be Monday, July 11 at 7:00 P.M. *at the church.*

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted
Louise Partlow

Financial Reports As of May 31, 2016

2016 Income
\$48,365.63

2016 Expenses
\$48,054.30

Ahead (Behind)
\$311.33



Dear friends and family of Plymouth,

Three of our youth and I are recently back from a week of MADD camp at Moon Beach. No, it is not an anger camp, but one that is about Music, Arts, Dance, and Drama! Though we also had writing, story-telling, photography, and landscaping, too. Every year, I am impressed and moved by the talents of the youth in our Conference. We've all experienced the wonderful musical talents of the three campers from Plymouth, as they are the Plymouth Brass Trio that has played many times in worship. The week of MADD camp is a celebration of the artist in all of us, while we provide a safe place for our young people to explore their God-given talents and passions in a safe and encouraging space. Our Conference's two outdoor ministry camps are an amazing gift to all of us. I am reminded of that every year at our Friday night final performance when the groups share what they've been working on during the week. Such talent! Not all the kids who come to camp have churches or schools or even a home life that supports or encourages them, so for us to provide that

kind of safe space (supported in part by Our Church's Wider Mission donations) to learn about God and about ourselves is a very special ministry of love and grace.

Also, I mentioned last month that we will be offering a six-week experience of "The Rest that Works." You can read last month's newsletter for more details on what it is. Rev. Daniels, who wrote it and leads it, and I are still working on the dates and times to offer this, so stay tuned for an announcement in next month's newsletter.

Lastly, let me offer my thanks to all of you who gave so much of your time and talents and treasure to serve God by working at our clean-up day and our Pie and Ice Cream Social! Wow! And many thanks to those of you who come in to keep our lawns mowed, our lights replaced, our kitchen clean, our worship space decorated beautifully, our flower gardens glorious, serving our Sunday morning hospitality ministry of coffee and snacks, and keeping our fellowship room inviting and welcoming, and you who have served hospitality for groups using our building. These are all small (and not so small things) that add up to show that we are proud of our building and landscape, and which show to guests and visitors that we want them to be comfortable and feel welcome. The ministry of hospitality is not one to overlook, and we work together to make sure we do it well— thank you!

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Daniel". The signature is written in a cursive style and is set against a light grey, textured background.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>July 2016</h1>					1	2
3 <i>St Francis Food Pantry offering</i> 10:30 A.M. Communion Worship 11:30 A.M. Pot luck	4 Independence Day 	5 10:00 A.M. Quilters	6	7	8	9
10 <i>Prayers for the People</i> 10:30 A.M. Worship	11 7:00 P.M. Leadership Team meets at church	12 10:00 A.M. Quilters	13	14	15	16
17 <i>OCWM offering</i> 10:30 A.M. Worship <i>Brat Stand at Festival</i>	18	19 10:00 A.M. Quilters	20	21	22	23
24 10:30 A.M. Worship	25	26 10:00 A.M. Quilters	27	28	29	30
31 10:30 A.M. Worship						