

Good News

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The Fall Thrift Sale is coming up September 24

*Now is the time to check your closets, attics
and garages for all the extra items you no
longer want or need. And if you know of
anyone
having a
thrift sale,
ask them if
they would
like to
donate the
remains of
their thrift
sale to us!*



Pre-priced items should be brought to church beginning September 19 for this all-important money raising event. Sign-up sheets are out at church, so add your name! Also, there will be a bake sale with the thrift sale so make sure you plan to bring some goodies!

September Worship Notes

10:30 A.M. Worship

Communion the first Sunday of the month

September 4

Communion

16th Sunday after Pentecost

St. Francis Food Pantry offering

Jeremiah 18:1–11 or Deuteronomy 30:15–20; Psalm 139:1–6, 13–18 or Psalm 1; Philemon 1–21; Luke 14:25–33

September 11

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 4:11–12, 22–28 or Exodus 32:7–14; Psalm 14 or Psalm 51:1–10; 1 Timothy 1:12–17; Luke 15:1–10

September 18

18th Sunday after Pentecost

OCWM offering

Jeremiah 8:18–9:1 or Amos 8:4–7; Psalm 79:1–9 or Psalm 113; 1 Timothy 2:1–7; Luke 16:1–13

September 25

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 32:1–3a, 6–15 or Amos 6:1a, 4–7; Psalm 91:1–6, 14–16 or Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6:6–19; Luke 16:19–31

In September, we are praying for these individuals/families: Jim (Mina) Bliss, Pat Burnam, Mary Burns, Darrick Carter & Joy Lobo-Carter, Meghan Cartmill, Patty Cartmill, Kevin & Kristina Champion

Street Ministry Needs

- Large backpacks
- Jeans, especially men's 34, 36 and 38
- Diapers ALL sizes
- Wipes
- Umbrellas
- Rain ponchos
- Hoodies XL and bigger
- Men's underwear, boxers preferred
- Food cards
- Gas cards
- Sleeping bags
- Tents (1–2 person)

Food for Thought

There will be a pot luck September 11. We will be serving brats and burgers. Bring a dish to pass, and bring friends, relatives and neighbors too!

Our Food Pantry offering will be received on September 4. Please don't forget our homeless friends. As always, the Street Ministry can use money or gas cards or water. Check out the list of their current needs to see how you can help.

September Birthdays

- 2 Steve Strassman
- 6 Katelyn (Phillips) Lower
- 7 Cindy Halfen
- 9 Nicole Ivkovich
- 12 Meghan Cartmill
- 13 Benji Stygar
- 15 Josie Hulke
- 20 Keith Zehms
- 22 Kathryn Hamilton
- 25 James Bliss
- Isaac Ivkovich
- 29 Nancy Salter
- 30 Audrey Salter



Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2016

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

September 24. Gather your items soon. Thanks!

Plymouth's Leadership Team met on Monday, August 8 at church at 7:00 P.M. The minutes from the July meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

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.

Treasurer's Report:

Income for July was \$17,464.32. This includes \$10,400 from the P. I. P. account. (This is a combination of interest and some principle.) Total expenses for the month were \$17,301.21. This includes catching up on OCWM, Food Pantry and quarterly expenses. We had a July gain of \$163.11.

Reserve Fund Report:

The balance is \$3,004.50

Memorial Fund Report:

The balance is \$557.97.

Street Ministry:

The balance is \$599.43.

Worship Commission:

Outdoor worship with s'mores will be August 17 at 6:30 P.M.

Women of Plymouth:

Bazaar date has been scheduled for Saturday, November 19. We will need to meet soon to begin to plan.

Pastor's Report:

Nothing to report at this time. Westridge Neighborhood Association will meet here at church on August 15. WI Conference wants congregations to talk about immigration.

Financial Report

As of July 31, 2016

2016 Income

\$73,017.95

2016 Expenses

\$72,753.01

Ahead (Behind)

\$264.94

Financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

Building and Grounds:

Nothing to report at this time.

Christian Education Commission:

Nothing to report at this time. (Halloween Party?)

Stewardship Commission:

A short congregational meeting will be held right after church before the pot luck. The Fall Thrift Sale is

New Business:

- Community Table October 29
- Thrift Sale September 24
- Outdoor worship August 17

Next meeting of the Team will be Monday, September 12 at 7:00 P.M. at church. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted
Louise Partlow

Good News

Dear friends and family of Plymouth,

First, some exciting news: let us all offer joyful congratulations that Rev. Andrea Mericle, who has been part of our family this past year while she worked as a chaplain at Mayo, has been called by First Congregational UCC in Lisbon, NY! She will begin in October. Her last Sunday with us will be on September 11, and our potluck lunch after worship will also be a celebration party for her new call and a bon voyage in Christian joy! Please join us.

On a less joyful topic, I have been working with the Chippewa Valley Suicide Prevention Coalition. Suicide is something

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that touches perhaps all of us in one way or another, having known a co-worker, family member, or friend who has tried or succeeded at suicide. Part of our mission is to reduce the amount of suicides (approximately 40 known cases in Eau Claire county last year), and also to reduce the stigma of seeking help. I will be part of a group of local clergy who will be trained in QPR

(Question, Persuade, Refer), a method of intervening before a crisis appears, or handling a crisis if it does happen.

I lift up for you two events coming in September related to suicide. One is the Out of the Darkness Walk to Prevent Suicide at Carson Park on September 17 from 9–11 A.M. (facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/278067539233443/>) to raise awareness and to raise money for the Coalition. The walk is short and begins at 10 A.M. There will also be vendors and information available.

The other event is Josh Shipp, who is coming to Chi Hi and Memorial, and who is also speaking at the State Theater. Josh was “*an at-risk foster kid who was written off, kicked out, and every adult’s worst nightmare. Until one caring adult changed everything. Josh is renowned for his documentary TV series (A&E) that followed his ground-breaking work with teens. Learn from his wealth of experience working with teens, parents and educators from every walk of life. Josh will show how to connect, communicate and strengthen your relationship with your kid when they are acting out. Proceeds collected will be used to extend QPR suicide prevention training in the Chippewa Valley.*” The cost is only \$5 to hear him speak, and I encourage you to attend. Teenagers (particularly LGBT ones) and middle-aged white males are the two highest at-risk populations, and the more we all know, the safer and healthier our community is. Information on Josh’s talk is at the State Theater website, http://www.eauclairearts.com/event.php/ml/BDF95605/josh_shipp_decoding_your_teenager.

Lastly, our choir has started! “Stand in the Light” is beginning its first season with more than twenty members who are in some stage of dementia, plus their caretakers! When I think of Jesus’ words about loving our neighbors and providing safe spaces for fellowship and human dignity, this choir will very much fulfill that, and I am grateful that we have opened our doors to the people participating in this choir. One more important ministry being provided by this congregation.

Blessings,

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>September 2016</h1>						
				1	2	3
4 St Francis Food Pantry offering 10:30 A.M. Communion Worship	5 Labor Day Office closed	6 10:00 A.M. Quilters	7	8 9:30 A.M. Stand in the Light Choir rehearsal	9	10
11 Prayers for the People 10:30 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Pot luck	12 7:00 P.M. Leadership Team	13 10:00 A.M. Quilters	14	15 9:30 A.M. Stand in the Light Choir rehearsal	16	17
18 OCWM offering 10:30 A.M. Worship	19	20 10:00 A.M. Quilters	21	22 9:30 A.M. Stand in the Light Choir rehearsal	23	24 Fall Thrift Sale 8:00 A.M.– 4:00 P.M.
25 10:30 A.M. Worship	26	27 10:00 A.M. Quilters	28	29 9:30 A.M. Stand in the Light Choir rehearsal	30	

Looking ahead to October...

On Saturday, October 29, we will serve at the Community Table. We need about 10 to 12 volunteers, so mark your calendars!