



Good News

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Easter greetings,
friends and family of Plymouth!

In this season of Easter may you all feel the new life and resurrection grace of Jesus who rose from the tomb on Easter Sunday! At Plymouth, Jesus was raised to much fanfare by our Plymouth Brass Trio, and beautiful music by our pianist and singers. Easter is not just one Sunday, but a season that lasts 50

days until the day of Pentecost, which this year is June 4. You have many weeks yet to enjoy the new life that's budding this spring, and the new life that is the gift of Jesus' love and grace! May God bless you deeply in this season.

Plymouth is also having its own Easter rebirth, so I offer a quick update on our new building. I reported last month that we found an architectural firm. They sent us a number of designs, which we had available to look at the past few Sundays. Your Leadership Team met to discuss the plans, using your feedback, and came up with a good redesign of one of the plans. Deb and I then met with the architect to talk about the redesign. It is only a rough floor plan at this point—nothing about the interior decorating, placement of emergency doors, cabinets, shelves, and so on. We have come up with a very usable floor plan with great space for worship and fellowship, a wonderfully usable office space, a room the quilters can use and store their materials in. We should get the design from the architect probably in the first week of May. The process of rebuilding is moving forward!

Easter Blessings,

May Worship Calendar

10:30 A.M. Worship

Communion the first Sunday of the month

Sunday, May 7

4th Sunday of Easter

St Francis Food Pantry offering

Acts 2:42–47; Psalm 23;

1 Peter 2:19–25; John 10:1–10

Sunday, May 21

6th Sunday of Easter

OCWM offering

Acts 17:22–31; Psalm 66:18–20;

1 Peter 3:13–22; John 14:15–21

Sunday, May 14

5th Sunday of Easter

Prayers for the People

Mother's Day

Acts 7:55–60; Psalm 31:1–5, 15–16;

1 Peter 2:2–10; John 14:1–14

Sunday, May 28

7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:6–14; Psalm 68:1–10, 32–35;

1 Peter 4:12–14; 5:6–11; John 17:1–11

Food for Thought

There will be a pot luck on Sunday, May 7. Join us for fellowship and to celebrate Spring. Bring a dish to pass, remembering we do not have access to an oven. We do have outlets for crockpots. Invite someone to share a meal with us.

Please don't forget our homeless friends. As always the Street Ministry can use money or gas cards. Check with Pastor Mike for other needs for our street ministry. Our Food Pantry offering will be received on May 7, and we will be sharing communion, so please join us.

Prayer Ministry

In May, we are praying for these individuals/families: Judy Insteness, Nicole (Sonny) Ivkovich, Rob & Linda Jaenke, Gerry & Julie Johnson, Larry & Barb Kleist, Susie Kleist, Charline Kozlowski

May Birthdays

1	Tami Eisberner
6	Tyrone Stygar
7	Sandy Moore
8	John Stecher
11	Ann Leipnitz Tony Shepler
15	Azariah Ivkovich
16	Lilah Eastzman Paul Gilbertson Ericka Leipnitz
18	Micah Adams
30	Linda Jaenke

Memorials

Gifts to the General Fund

In memory of Maria Patton's brother, Heinz: Barb Charovano, Bill Bingham, Leona Thorson, Juel & Kathy Smith

Members present: Larry Kleist, Barb Kleist, Deb Zehms, Rob Jaenke, Jim Welk, Lil Savage, Louise Partlow, and Pastor David

Minutes from the March meeting were reviewed and accepted as written.

Financial Reports:

As of March 31, 2017

Year to Date Income	\$23,798.32
Year to Date Expenses	\$24,411.38
Ahead (Behind)	(\$613.06)

Treasurer's Report:

Income for March was \$9,879.27. This includes \$3,026.00 from the Reserve Fund. Expenses for March were 10,479.54. We had a loss of (\$600.27) for March.

Bank balance at the end of March:
(\$253.91)

Reserve Fund Balance: \$1,034.39

Memorial Fund Balance: \$7,082.22

The financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

Building and Grounds:

Nothing at this time.

Stewardship:

A few more pledge cards have been received during March.

Worship:

Lenten suppers are ongoing. Plans being made for Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday.

Service:

Keep calling and visiting members and let Mimi know if you have contacted someone. Thank you.

Pastor's Report:

He's very busy because of Holy Week. He has asked members to invite guests to worship with us. He also acknowledged the many gifts we have received from churches, friends, and strangers. There will be a wedding in May for Ashley Page.

Old Business:

- A new account has been opened at RCU to invest insurance monies during our planning for the rebuilding.

New Business:

- Most of our meeting was used discussing plans received just before the meeting. Copies were pretty small and hard to read. Larger copies will be received on Easter Sunday. Much discussion will probably occur when we can schedule our next meeting. No date for the next meeting was set at this time.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Partlow



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>May 2017</h1>						
	1	2 10:00 A.M. Quilters	3	4	5	6
7 St Francis Food Pantry offering 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Communion Worship 11:30 A.M. Pot luck	8 7:00 P.M. Leadership Team	9 10:00 A.M. Quilters	10	11	12	13
14 Prayers for the People 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship 	15	16 10:00 A.M. Quilters	17	18	19	20
21 OCWM offering 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	22	23 10:00 A.M. Quilters	24	25	26	27
28 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	29 Memorial Day Office closed	30 10:00 A.M. Quilters	31			