

Good News

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Dear friends and family of Plymouth,

I write to you with good news about the building and some other news about August. First, the building. The Women of Plymouth met with the architects to design the kitchen. After we received the designs and showed them during worship, a couple members noticed some areas for improvement and offered excellent suggestions to fix it, which the architects have incorporated. This is definitely a team effort! The feedback from you all on the designs during this process has been very helpful, and I'm glad that it has been a group effort.




We met with the electrical designer last week to talk about the equipment for the kitchen and the power needs, and also discussed the lighting both inside and outside the building, including some inside spotlights that can be aimed at walls to light up a displayed quilt and other artwork. I will meet with audio designers to discuss our sound system for the sanctuary and fellowship room.

As we talked with the architects about the electrical needs, they also updated us on where we are in the process. They hope to have the plans ready to submit to the state for approval toward the end of August. The plans will be done enough to submit them to contractors for bids even before they go to the state. That is exciting!

It has been a slow process, and a lesson in patience, and it will continue to be so, but it continues to be always moving forward. And that is a good thing!

In other news, I will be doing a sermon series during August on stories of courage, which is the theme for our camps this year (Moon Beach and Pilgrim Center). I enjoyed going through the stories of courage when I was directing MADD camp back in June. I thought this would be a good series of stories for us to hear and explore, we who have been asked to show courage in the face of the loss of our building. The Bible is filled with stories of people who have suffered and yet moved on, showing courage by trusting in God's providence and God's presence. Their stories can inspire us to acts of courage, so we will hear some of them, like the hemorrhaging woman who touched Jesus' cloak to be healed, Moses and the burning bush, Daniel in the Lions den, and Jacob's dream.

Lastly, some good news in Plymouth's life: member Meghan Cartmill and her husband Austin welcomed baby Gracie into their lives on July 10! Congratulations to our new parents! Her baptism will be in September.

Blessings, 

August Worship Calendar

10:30 A.M. Worship

Communion the first Sunday of the month

Sunday, August 6

9th Sunday after Pentecost

St Francis Food Pantry offering

A Woman Healed: The Courage to Risk,
Luke 8:42b–48

Sunday, August 20

11th Sunday after Pentecost

OCWM offering

Daniel in the Lion's Den: The Courage
to Say "No," Daniel 6:16–23

Sunday, August 13

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayers for the People

Water from the Rocks: The Courage to
Trust, Exodus 17:1–7

Sunday, August 27

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Jacob's Dream: The Courage to Say
"Yes," Genesis 28:10–22

In August, we are praying for these individuals/families: Peggy Norris, Louise Partlow, Maria Patton, Erma Phephles, Katelyn Phillips, Kevin & Jean Phillips

Food for Thought

There will be no potluck in August. Join us for Songs & S'mores on Wednesday evening, August 23 for our Outdoor Worship Service. We will be meeting around the fire pit on our church property. The fire will be ready to cook your s'mores by 6 P.M. Come join the fellowship, reminiscing, and songs!

We will collect our Food Pantry offering on August 6. 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.

Songs & S'mores Outdoor Worship



6:00 P.M.

**Wednesday, August 23
2010 Moholt Dr**

Please remember that we will have no bathroom facilities, so plan accordingly.

August Birthdays

- 6 Carter Hulke
- 8 Steven Green
Burt Shepler
- 16 Sam Zehms
- 24 Mary Stygar
- 25 Sue Thompson
- 31 Matt Gilbertson

A word of thanks...

Thank you to everyone for your cards and prayers in the sudden passing of my son, Tom.

Dorothy Kruschke

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Dear Plymouth,

Thank you for your support and help in sending me to MADD camp at Moon Beach. I had a wonderful time with great friends and grew in faith.

Gratefully,
John Stecher

Memorials

Gifts to the General Fund

In memory of Vera Stecher: Paul & Gay Gilbertson

In memory of Dick Waltmire: Paul & Gay Gilbertson

In memory of Ardith Starr: The Sommerfield, Mariner, and Sheth Families

Community Table

We will serve at the Community Table on August 12 and November 11. Both dates are Saturdays. We need to be there from about 9 till 2. Please mark your calendars as we need 10–12 volunteers each time. We also need to provide 8 gallons of milk and \$125 each time. There’s still time to sign up for August 12. The sign-up sheet is at church or you can call the church office. Please mark all your monetary donations “for the Community Table.”

Wanted: Thrifty shoppers and garage sale goodies!

On Friday, August 4 from 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Azura Memory Care will host a City-Wide Thrift sale to benefit the Alzheimer’s Association. The sale will take place at The shed, which is located at 1519 Mayer Road just east of Altoona. ***All proceeds from the sale will go to the Alzheimer’s Association, and the first \$10,000 will be matched by Holiday Vacations!*** Donations of gently used items and volunteers are also needed. Please see the poster located on the table in the back of the chapel or call Lindsey Creapeau at 715-563-2618 for more information.

Please note...

Pastor David will be on vacation through August 2. While he is away, pastoral emergencies will be covered by Rev. Dave Stratton at 715-874-5422. In addition, the office will be closed Wednesday, August 2 so that Mimi can attend the ribbon cutting for the St Croix River Bridge in Stillwater. Her husband Terry worked on getting that bridge built for more than 25 years as an engineer with the WI DOT.

Leadership Team Minutes

July 2017

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

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

Financial Reports:

As of June 30, 2017

Year to Date Income	\$46,480.66
Year to Date Expenses	\$46,710.04
Ahead (Behind)	(\$229.38)

Treasurer's Report:

Income for June was \$10,635.40.
 This includes \$1,500.00 from the Memorial Fund to be repaid.
 Expenses for June were 10,247.39.
 We had a gain for June of \$388.01.
 Income was down from last year about \$750.00.

Bank balance at the end of June:

\$129.77

Reserve Fund Balance: \$935.00

Memorial Fund Balance: \$7,825.03

The financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

Building and Grounds:

Jim Welk is keeping the Moholt property mowed and looking nice.

Stewardship:

Concerns were discussed about losing touch with members during this transition. We need to try to find some activities to get members together more.

Worship:

Saturday, August 12 we serve at the Community Table. Outdoor worship

at Moholt Dr. is being planned for August 23.

Service:

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

Pastor's Report:

He's been busy—he attended MADD Camp and the Wisconsin Conference Annual Meeting. He also noted General Synod meeting information. He and Deb were interviewed by WQOW about our progress during the rebuilding process. He will be leading worship at Heatherwood again.

Old Business:

- Some monies have been received for missed income from events such as the Pie & Ice Cream Social and Thrift Sale—approximately \$10,000.00. Also, we are earning some income from our insurance funds as we wait to start building—approximately \$600.00.

New Business:

- We are working on planning something to help the Westridge Neighborhood Association (Moholt area) raise funds for their playground equipment, maybe at their park where the equipment will go.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M. Next meeting is August 14.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Partlow



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