

Good News

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February 14

6:00 P.M. Soup supper with free-will offering for OCWM
7:00 P.M. Worship with Communion and imposition of ashes

Invite a friend!



*Lenten Wednesdays starting February 21,
join us for "Soup and Scripture" at 6:00 P.M.*

February Worship Calendar

10:30 A.M. Worship
Communion the first Sunday of the month

February 4

5th Sunday after Epiphany

Community Table offering

Isaiah 40:21–31; Psalm 147:1–11, 20c;
1 Corinthians 9:16–23; Mark 1:29–39

February 11

Transfiguration Sunday

Prayers for the People

2 Kings 2:1–12; Psalm 50:1–6;
2 Corinthians 4:3–6; Mark 9:2–9

February 14

Ash Wednesday

7:00 P.M. Worship

Food for Thought

We'll have a pot luck on Sunday, Feb 11 to celebrate Valentine's Day. Bring a dish to pass to celebrate the holiday with fellowship. We don't have access to ovens or stove tops, but you can bring crock pots. Then join us on Ash Wednesday, Feb 14, for soup before our Ash Wednesday Service. Soup will be served at 6, followed by our service at 7.

Our special offering to the Community Table will be taken on February 4. The Community Table is struggling to be able to provide daily meals. For many of those who come, this is their only meal of the day. The Leadership Team decided to switch our support to help them out.

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.

February 18

1st Sunday of Lent

OCWM offering

Genesis 9:8–17; Psalm 25:1–10;
1 Peter 3:18–22; Mark 1:9–15

February 25

2nd Sunday of Lent

Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16; Psalm 22:23–31;
Romans 4:13–25; Mark 8:31–38 or
Mark 9:2–9

Prayer Ministry

In January, we are praying for these individuals/families: Patty (John) Cartmill, Kevin & Kristina Champion, Steve & Nancy Champion, Lilah Eastzman, Tami (Chris) Eisberner, Donald Erickson, Jerry (Mary) Foote

February Birthdays

- 5 Jean Phillips
- 13 John Moore
- 16 Kristina Champion
Charline Kozlowski
- 18 Joshua Champion
Travis Eisberner
- 19 Jeff Green
Gloria Polden
- 25 Graham Gilbertson
- 28 Kenny Polden

Dear friends and family of Plymouth,

Just a month ago we welcomed Jesus' birth with a beautiful Christmas Eve service of lessons and carols and lots of special music. Many thanks to all of you who made it happen!

F R O M T H E



PASTOR

A few days after Christmas Barb Kleist represented us as part of an interfaith day of service at Community Table as a continuation of the essay in the Leader-Telegram that I and some other faith leaders wrote about the importance of interfaith dialogue and cooperation. Barb joined people from Buddhist, Jewish, Muslim, Catholic, Lutheran, and Baha'i traditions. Thank you, Barb! We will do more of these, with the next one probably in May.

As followers of Jesus, we are his disciples, and it is important that we be always growing in our discipleship through study, service, fellowship, and prayer. We have planned some things that will allow you to do those.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14, with soup supper 6 pm and worship at 7 pm. During Lent we are studying the Psalms. Wednesday nights we continue our Soup and Scripture at 6 pm, with a meal and then a discussion on the Psalm that we will be reading the following Sunday. We'll also make some art while we study!

The Empty Bowls event is on March 1, another chance to grow through service. We have sign-up sheets at church to volunteer, or you can send me a note. Shifts are available at all times of the day. If you cannot serve, please come eat and support this fundraiser for Feed My People!

On February 6, the Prevent Suicide Chippewa Valley is having a fundraiser at Olive Garden. Tickets are \$16 for an all-you-can-eat buffet. We have tickets in the office.

I will be judging the history day presentations at Northstar Middle School on February 13.

As we enter into Lent this year, I pray that you make the time to get closer to God, to consider your faith journey as disciples, and join in some of our activities to help you grow in your discipleship.

Blessings,
Pastor David

Leadership Team Minutes

January 8, 2018

Members present: Deb Zehms, Pastor David, Rob Jaenke, Lil Savage, Larry Kleist, and Barb Kleist.

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

Financial Reports:

As of December 31, 2017

Year to Date Income	\$106,372.20
Year to Date Expenses	\$103,207.64
Ahead (Behind)	\$3,165.06

Treasurer's Report:

Income for December was \$8,975.78. Expenses for December were \$11, 143.19. Envelope giving for the year was down about \$3,600 and down about \$3,000 from the 8 year average.

Bank balance December 31: 3,524.21

Reserve Fund Balance: \$213.00

Memorial Fund Balance: \$10,361.05

The financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

Building and Grounds:

No report.

Stewardship:

Nut Fund profits were about \$3,500. Scrip card profits were good, but no total yet. The first pledges that came in were around \$35,000. Still about 30 pledges outstanding.

Worship:

The Chapel will be undecorated on January 10.

Service:

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

Pastor's Report:

Blue Christmas service was good, although small attendance. This was probably due to several other churches having similar services this year. Christmas Eve service went very smoothly despite several illnesses. Special thanks to Lynn, Sam, Craig, Cathy, Barb, and Larry for stepping up to make it possible. On December 28, Barb served at the Community Table with the Interfaith Prayer group. There were about 9 different congregations represented. Ash Wednesday is on Valentine's Day this year.

Old Business:

- The annual meeting was discussed. A small snack will be served after worship and before the meeting. The budget was reviewed, salary increases were proposed for our staff. The budget was accepted and will be presented to the congregation for approval.

New Business:

- Construction Report: The frame is pretty much up. We looked at counter top and cupboard colors for the kitchen. Barb has contacted Davis Chair Co about a quote for new chairs. Our insurance agent will be here, Monday, January 15 to meet with us and answer questions.

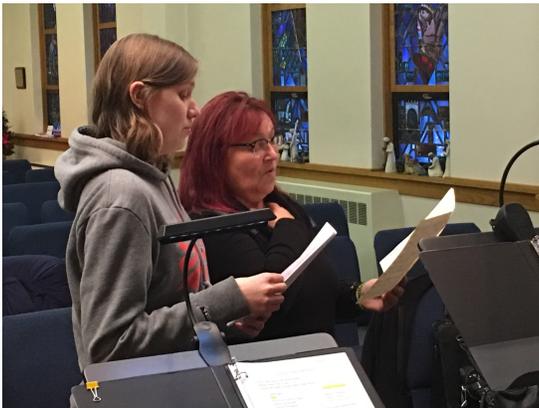
Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

The next meeting is Monday, February 12, 2018.

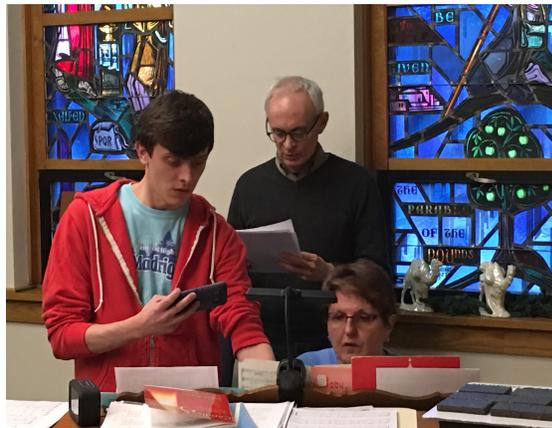
Respectfully submitted,
Barb Kleist



Photo Gallery ...



Music is a big part of the Christmas Eve service.



Rehearsing for Christmas Eve.



We have a roof!!



Barb represented us well at the Interfaith Day of Service!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
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4 Community Table offering 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Communion Worship	5	6 10:00 A.M. Quilters 7:00 P.M. Dartball: Plymouth at Baptist Evang	7	8	9	10
11 Prayers for the People 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Pot luck	12 7:00 P.M. Leadership Team	13 10:00 A.M. Quilters 7:00 P.M. Dartball: Rock Creek at Plymouth	14 Ash Wednesday 6:00 P.M. Supper 7:00 P.M. Worship	15	16	17
18 OCWM offering 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	19	20 10:00 A.M. Quilters	21 6:00 P.M. Soup & Scripture	22	23	24
25 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	26	27 10:00 A.M. Quilters 7:00 P.M. Dartball: Plymouth at Hope	28 6:00 P.M. Soup & Scripture			

Memorials

In honor of Dorothy Gilbertson's birthday: Larry & Barb Kleist

Fire Donation: Larry & Barb Kleist