

Good News

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Pentecost

May 20

- We will gather our
Strengthen the Church
offering
- Pot luck follows worship
- Don't forget to wear red!

Food for Thought

Our pot luck this month will be on May 20. Bring your favorite food and remember we do not have ovens available. Please join us for this fellowship time. Bring a friend to church with you and have them share our meal.

Our special offering to the Community Table will be taken on May 6. 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.

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.

May Worship Calendar

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

May 6
6th Sunday of Easter
Community Table offering
Acts 10:44–48; Psalm 98;
1 John 5:1–6; John 15:9–17

May 13
7th Sunday of Easter
Ascension Sunday
Prayers for the People
Acts 1:15–17, 21–16; Psalm 1;
1 John 5:9–13; John 17:6–19

May 20
Pentecost Sunday
OCWM offering
Acts 2:1–21; Psalm 104:24–34, 35b;
Romans 8:22–27; John 15:26–27,
16:4b–15

May 27
Trinity Sunday
Isaiah 6:1–8; Psalm 29;
Romans 8:12–17; John 3:1–17

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

Donation to the Fire Fund: Bea Hancock

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

Don't forget SCRIP cards!

We have SCRIP cards for Mega Holiday, Festival, Kwik Trip, Menard's, Shopko, Target, and Walmart on hand each week as well as the option to order pre-paid cards from many other businesses. It is a painless, cost-free fund raiser for our church!

Dear friends and family of Plymouth,

May is already here! And with it thoughts of spring and planning for summer vacations. After that last big snowstorm and now warmer weather, my



thoughts are toward the outdoors. Being able to open the windows and get some fresh air into my home has been wonderful. Hearing all the new bird songs as birds return and spend more time at my feeders. Watching the buds on the trees that are just popping out. Spring is a beautiful time of new life and new possibilities.

With May being right on top of us, that also means we're another

month closer to our new building! The move-in time is still planned for August, so only three months away. That's a lot closer than the expected ten months when we broke ground at the end of October, or the eighteen months we were looking at when we first met with the architects at the end of 2016. It's so close! *(See Photo Gallery on page 6.)* As of the end of April, all the exterior work is finished, all the outside windows and doors are in, some of the rooms have been painted, some ceiling tiles are in place, and thermostats have been installed. In the past month, we've chosen a lot of furniture for the offices, fellowship room, sanctuary, and gathering place, and we ordered—and have already received—our industrial coffee maker! I joked on Easter morning that the only two inside items we had

ordered as of that point were the two essential components a church needs: chairs for the sanctuary and the coffee maker. Even if we had nothing else, we'd be well set for Sunday morning! But of course, we will have more, and what your leadership team and you have been choosing is beautiful, well-made, functional, and will make our new home truly special.

Every time I'm at the building site, I get more excited for what is to come! Each week's work makes it more real and gives a better sense of what the whole will look like. After the Northwest Association Annual Meeting here in Eau Claire on April 21, I gave a tour to some of our fellow UCCers from around the Northwest and they all thought it wonderful, a good floor plan, and well made.

Also at the Annual Meeting I expressed our gratitude to our sister churches for their support of prayer, donations, and letters since the fire.

Coming this month, we celebrate Pentecost on May 20, so remember to wear red that day! Red is the traditional color in the church for days of celebration, like ordinations, installations, gatherings (like the Association annual meeting), and Pentecost—red symbolizes the Holy Spirit's tongues of flame that came upon the disciples on Pentecost Day after Jesus' resurrection.

Blessings to you all,

Leadership Team Minutes

April 2018

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

Minutes from the March meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Financial Reports:

As of March 31, 2018

Year to Date Income	\$22,610.78
Year to Date Expenses	\$26,362.55
Ahead (Behind)	(\$3,751.77)

Treasurer's Report:

Income for March was \$6,542.60.
Expenses for March were \$8,460.07.
Envelope giving for the year was up a little from last year, but down from the last 8 year average. We have the quarterly payments coming up and need to come up with the money to cover them. Scrip profits and some general fund money will help. We are supposed to get a check from the insurance company for loss of income, which would help us out tremendously.

Reserve Fund Balance: \$315.64

Memorial Fund Balance: \$13,000.48

The financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

Building and Grounds:

No report.

Stewardship:

No report

Worship:

Easter and the Magnificent Muffin Event were successful. There were 35 people in attendance. We raised over \$600 for our campers and \$430 for the special offering for the Stand

in the Light Memory Choir.

Attendance the following week was good also. Barb will check into open dates for the Community Table.

Service:

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

Pastor's Report:

We need to get out and invite new people to our church. We need more members to increase the giving, so that we can continue with our ministries. We already have a wedding scheduled for October in our new building. Wanda Veldman has agreed to remake the Dove banner for our Sanctuary. Pastor David will be meeting with a representative from Thrivent to see if we can be on their donor list for non-profits. The Northwest Association's Annual meeting is April 21.

Old Business:

- Rob is trying to close out an old account we have at Wells Fargo. They need incorporation papers, which were probably burned up. Larry has some old papers from the safe deposit box we had there and will check what he has.

Construction Report:

- Construction is going well, on track time-wise and on budget. The cross is up on the outside. They have started painting on the inside.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M. Next meeting is May 14, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Kleist



Photo Gallery...



Plymouth Brass Trio



Easter altar







Sanctuary (furnace in front of doors is temporary and not final design)



Kitchen



Gathering space just outside the sanctuary

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>May 2018</div> 						
		1 10:00 A.M. Quilters	2	3	4	5
6 Community Table offering 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Communion Worship	7	8 10:00 A.M. Quilters	9	10	11	12
13 Prayers for the People  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 Pentecost OCWM offering Strengthen the Church offering 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Pot luck	21	22 10:00 A.M. Quilters	23	24	25	26
27 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	28 Memorial Day  Office closed	29 10:00 A.M. Quilters	30	31		



Mimi will be out of the office June 4–12 so that she can explore Paris and northern France with her daughter. Pastor David will be at Moon Beach MADD Camp June 9–16.