

Good News

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March 6

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 March 13,
join us for "Soup and Scripture" at 6:00 P.M.*

March Worship Calendar

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

March 3

Transfiguration Sunday

Community Table offering

Exodus 34:29–35; Psalm 99;
2 Corinthians 3:12–4:2; Luke 9:28–36
(37–43)

March 6

Ash Wednesday

6:00 P.M. Soup supper
7:00 P.M. Worship with Communion and
Imposition of Ashes

March 10

1st Sunday in Lent

Prayers for the People

Deuteronomy 26:1–11; Psalm 91:1–2,
9–16; Romans 10:8b–13; Luke 4:1–13

March 17

2nd Sunday in Lent

OCWM offering

Genesis 15:1–12, 17–18; Psalm 27;
Philippians 3:17–4:1; Luke 13:31–35 or
Luke 9:28–36 (37–43a)

March 24

3rd Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 55:1–9; Psalm 63:1–8;
1 Corinthians 10:1–13; Luke 13:1–9

March 31

4th Sunday in Lent

Joshua 5:9–12; Psalm 32;
2 Corinthians 5:16–21; Luke 15:1–3,
11b–32

Food for Thought

No pot luck this month, but join us for our Lenten Soup and Scriptures starting on Wednesday, March 13. Soup at 6, followed by discussions after. Ash Wednesday is March 6 and we will be also having soup before the 7 P.M. service.

Our offering to the Community Table will be taken on March 3.

Please don't forget our homeless friends. As always the Street Ministry can use money or gas cards. Check their Needs list for other things to donate. We have a donation box available for you to drop off your items.

Prayer Ministry

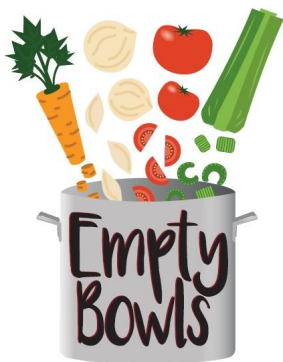
In March, we are praying for these individuals/families: Lilah Eastzman, Tami (Chris) Eisberner, Donald Erickson, Stacy (Peter) Gantner, Terri (Joe) Gilbert, Dorothy Gilbertson

March Birthdays

- 2 Doug Salter
- 3 Stacy Gantner
- 5 Judy Insteness
- 8 Steven Gilbertson
Joyce Holmen
Aurora Robison
Dakota Stygar
- 10 Jeremy Green
- 11 Andrew Salter
- 29 Dorothy Kruschke

Empty Bowls

Where soup, art, and hunger-relief meet



Join us in supporting local children, families, and seniors by attending the Annual Empty Bowls event on Thursday, March 7 from 11 A.M. to 7 P.M. at The Florian Gardens, 2340 Lorch Avenue. Enjoy delicious soups made by local restaurants, breads, beverages, and deserts. For a donation of \$20.00 you will receive your meal and take home a beautiful ceramic bowl, hand-crafted by UW-Eau Claire art students, area high school students, and other area potters. The meal without the bowl can be purchased for \$8.00. Children 10 and under eat free (meal only).

Tickets are available at Feed My People (www.fmpfoodbank.org) or at the door the day of the event. Advanced purchase is recommended. We look forward to seeing you there!

Thrift and Bake Sale are coming soon!

The Leadership Team has set March 30 as the date for the Spring Sale. Yes, it's early, but it's been a long winter and we need something to look forward to.

So get your sale items ready and marked. Remember: do not bring electronic devices, such as TVs, microwaves, computers, or phones.

You can start bringing your items after March 20th and put them in the meeting room.

Sign up sheets for working will be out shortly.

We also have a Bake Sale at the same time so bake those goodies soon!

Order Easter flowers to decorate the chapel and then take them home and plant them in your own yard after Easter. The flowers may be placed in memory or in honor of a loved one. Our order must be placed by April 5 to guarantee availability. Please fill out the information below and return it with your payment to the church office by then if you can. Checks should be made out to Plymouth United Church of Christ.

Your name(s): _____

In memory/honor of (Please circle one) _____

_____ Lily plants at \$7.00 each \$ _____

_____ Daffodils at \$8.25 each \$ _____

_____ Tulips at \$8.25 each \$ _____

_____ Hyacinths at \$8.25 each \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____



Leadership Team Minutes

February 18, 2019

Members present: Larry Kleist, Barb Kleist, Rob Jaenke, Linda Oliver, Lil Savage, Louise Sanders, Cindy Halfen, and Pastor David

Our Moderator, Barb Kleist called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Financial Reports:

As of January 31, 2019

Year to Date Income	\$13,001.79
Year to Date Expenses	\$11,774.05
Ahead (Behind)	\$1,227.74

Treasurer's Report:

We still need to pay 1st Quarter pension for Pastor David.

Bank balance January 31: \$935.05

Reserve Fund Balance: \$729.96

Memorial Fund Balance: \$3,308.02

The financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

Building and Grounds:

No report.

Stewardship:

The Spring Thrift/Bake Sale will be March 30.

Worship:

They need to plan Lent which starts March 6.

Service:

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

Pastor's Report:

David handed out information regarding Annual Meetings. He also handed out PUCC calendar. Kayla Leipnitz has requested that her children be baptized.

Old Business:

- Semi-Annual Furnace Maintenance was quoted at \$374.00 and the Team voted to accept.
- Insurance issues will be worked out by Rob and Pastor David

New Business:

- Service at the Community Table will be scheduled for summer.
- Bring new ideas to the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

The next meeting is Monday, March 11, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Kleist



Dear Friends and Family of Plymouth,

This Pastor's Pen is a bit lengthy this month, but there is much to tell about the national gathering of the United Church of Christ we call General Synod 2019 in June, and also the Wisconsin Conference and Northwest Association annual meetings in April.

First, General Synod: In just four months we in the Wisconsin Conference of the United Church of Christ will host General Synod 32! This bi-annual national UCC gathering will take place in Milwaukee, June 21–25 at the Wisconsin Center. We are so grateful for this opportunity to provide warm Midwestern hospitality, and for the diligent planning efforts of our Local Arrangements Leadership Team. This will be the first time that Wisconsin has hosted a General Synod.



There are a number of ways for the members and churches of the Wisconsin Conference to participate in the Synod:

1. Sign up to volunteer! We need as many as 400 volunteers in order to provide the kind of extravagant hospitality that we in the UCC strive for. Volunteers can register for General Synod for a discounted rate of \$60. There are also volunteer opportunities for people who aren't planning to attend Synod. Volunteers who attend synod will need to make (and pay for) their own food and lodging arrangements as well. The Northwest Association (which Plymouth is in) will be offering small scholarships to help volunteers, probably about \$50–100 per person. You can find all the volunteer info and sign up at the Conference's website at wcucc.org/synodvolunteer.

2. Support our hosting with a gift! Thanks to many individual and church gifts, we are nearing our goal of \$50,000 needed for hospitality costs and to cover volunteer expenses. If you would like to donate, you can make a gift through Plymouth designated for "General Synod 2019."

3. Experience General Synod firsthand! You may register as a Visitor and take in the entire 5 days or any portion of the Synod. Our voting delegates are chosen already, so you won't be able to vote in business meetings, but you'll be able to attend them as well as any of the workshops, presentations, concerts, and other events. On Sunday, June 23, these special events will be happening, and the Northwest Association will be hosting buses from here to Milwaukee that

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morning and coming back that evening (riding the bus might cost \$25–50 per person, and you'll have your own food costs, but visiting Synod that day is free of charge and you won't need to register).

a) Afternoon worship service, featuring the dynamic preaching of our Justice and Local Church Ministries Executive, the Rev. Traci Blackmon.

b) Wisconsin-style Outdoor Festival at nearby Zeidler Union Square Park, featuring live music and art and food trucks. Visit with UCC folks from around the country as they get a taste of Wisconsin.

c) You can also peruse the exhibit hall featuring over a hundred exhibitors.

d) If you would prefer to arrive in Milwaukee Saturday, June 22, there is also a Gala Dinner and Concert scheduled for that evening featuring the choir of Trinity UCC in Chicago (there is a cost for this event).

Second, the Wisconsin Conference and Northwest Association annual meetings: because of General Synod this summer, the annual meeting of the Conference and the annual meetings of all four Associations will be held at the same time and place, April 5 and 6, in Wisconsin Dells. Plymouth is allowed one voting delegate to the NWA meeting and two voting delegates to the WI Conf. meeting. If you are interested in being a delegate, please speak with me about it. Both of these annual meetings are also always open to all members of the UCC in Wisconsin as visitors (without vote), and we are well known in the UCC as

having very fun and wonderful annual meetings that are more like family reunions than business meetings. Registration for the WI Conf. meeting is \$150 (which includes all meals), plus the cost of hotel room if you choose to stay overnight Friday night. The cost for the Northwest Association annual meeting is free, and will happen on Saturday morning and will last no more than an hour, so it's possible to make that one a day trip.

Lastly, we are coming into Lent in a few days, starting with Ash Wednesday on March 6, with worship at 7:00 P.M. and a soup dinner at 6:00 P.M. The following Wednesdays (March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10) we will have Soup and Scripture gatherings at 6:00 P.M. until 7:30 P.M. Our Soup and Scripture time will be talking about "Tools for the Spiritual Tool Box." Our theme for the Lenten journey during our Sunday worship is "Listening." We have a wonderful worship planning team that has put together a meaningful series of Sunday morning worship to guide us through the 40 days of Lent that are our centering time and prelude to Easter morning resurrection. Please plan to join your Plymouth family during this important and meaningful time. I do hope to see you here!

*Pastor
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>March 2019</h1>					1	2
3 Community Table offering 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Communion Worship	4	5 10:00 A.M. Quilters 7:00 P.M. Dartball: Hope at Plym	6 Ash Wednesday 6:00 P.M. Soup Supper 7:00 P.M. Worship	7	8	9
10 Prayers for the People 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship DST begins	11 7:00 P.M. Leadership Team	12 10:00 A.M. Quilters 7:00 P.M. Dartball: Plymouth bye	13 6:00 P.M. Soup & Scripture	14	15	16
17 OCWM offering 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	18	19 10:00 A.M. Quilters 7:00 P.M. Dartball: Plym at Concordia	20 6:00 P.M. Soup & Scripture	21	22	23
24 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	25	26 10:00 A.M. Quilters	27 6:00 P.M. Soup & Scripture	28	29	30 Spring Thrift/ Bake Sale
31 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship						



Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 10.
 Remember to set your clocks *forward*
 one hour before retiring Saturday, March 9.