



# Good News

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## Holy Week Schedule

April 14, *Palm/Passion Sunday*  
10:30 A.M. Worship

April 18, *Maundy Thursday*  
7:00 P.M. Tenebrae Service

April 19, *Good Friday*  
12:00 P.M. Worship  
First Congregational UCC, 310 Broadway

April 21, *Easter*  
8:30 A.M. Muffin Pot Luck  
9:30 A.M. Celebration Worship

## April Worship Calendar

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

**April 7**  
*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent*  
*Community Table offering*  
Isaiah 43:16–21; Psalm 126;  
Philippians 3:4b–14; John 12:1–8

**April 14**  
*Palm/Passion Sunday*  
*One Great Hour of Sharing offering*  
*Palms:* Luke 19:28–40; Psalm 118:1–2,  
19–29  
*Passion:* Isaiah 50:4–9a; Psalm 31:9–16;  
Philippians 2:5–11; Luke 22:14–23:56 or  
23:1–49

**April 18**  
*Maundy Thursday*  
7:00 P.M. Tenebrae Service

**April 19**  
*Good Friday*  
12:00 P.M. Worship at 1<sup>st</sup> Cong., 310  
Broadway

**April 21**  
*Easter Sunday*  
*Celebration Worship at 9:30 A.M.*  
*OCWM offering*  
Acts 10:34–43 or Isaiah 65:17–25;  
Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24;  
1 Corinthians 15:19–26 or Acts  
10:34–43; John 20:1–18 or Luke  
24:1–12

**April 28**  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter*  
Acts 5:27–32; Psalm 150 or Psalm  
118:14–29; Revelation 1:4–8; John  
20:19–31

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## Food for Thought

No pot luck this month, but join us for our Lenten Soup and Scripture as they continue on Wednesday, April 3 and April 10. Soup at 6, followed by discussions. Easter week starts with Palm Sunday on April 14 and continues with our very meaningful and beautiful Maundy Thursday Service, concluding with Easter Sunday on April 21. Join us for our Muffin Pot Luck Easter morning. More information is included in this newsletter on page 3.

Our offering to the Community Table will be taken on April 7.

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:** Joe (Emily) Gilbertson, Paul (Gay) Gilbertson, Jeff & Lesa Green, Michael (Alba) Green, Cindy (Jerry) Halfen, Kathryn Hamilton

## Memorials

*In loving memory of Kenneth Polden:*  
Gloria Polden

## April Birthdays

1	Eleanor Robison
5	Rose Shepler
13	Pat Sexter
	Shawn Barnhardt
14	Steve Leipnitz
21	Joanne Miller

## Leadership Team Musings

We would like to give Jim Welk a huge THANK YOU for all the snow he removed. Jim took care of all the sidewalks, the stairs leading up to the building and under the drive through. He deserves a personal “thanks” from all of us!

Anyone need a ride to church? We want to make sure everyone gets to come to our Sunday morning services. If you need a ride, please call the church office at 715-835-5475 and we will arrange for someone to pick you up.

Remember the Birthday Challenge? We are reviving it beginning in April. In your birthday month, we are suggesting you make a donation to the church corresponding to your age or some amount you feel appropriate. The money will go to future capital improvements, such as resurfacing the parking lot. We want to be proactive in raising funds for future needs. So to those of you who have April birthdays, we challenge you to make a donation!

Mark your calendars: Saturday, June 1 and Saturday, August 3 we are serving at the Community Table.

## Don't forget SCRIP cards!

We have SCRIP cards for Mega Holiday, Festival, Kwik Trip, Menard's, and Target 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!

## Magnificent Muffin Easter Breakfast

Please join us Easter morning starting at 8:30 A.M. for our muffin breakfast. This year we are doing it slightly differently. We have none of our young adults attending camp this year, so we decided to continue the Muffin tradition with a twist.

Bring a dozen muffins to share with everyone, kind of like a pot luck. Bring the muffins by 8:30 and sit and enjoy conversation with your church family. If you can't come that early, contact Linda Jaenke or Barb Kleist to make arrangements to drop them off. If you don't make muffins, come anyway. We always have more than enough food at Plymouth potlucks!

See you Easter morning!

## Pastor David will be away

Pastor David will attend the WI Conference/NW Association Annual Meeting April 5–6.

Dear Friends and Family of Plymouth,

A big Thank You to all of you who helped to support Feed My People's Empty Bowl fundraiser on March 7. We

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received a thank you note from them that said, in part, "This event would/could not have been as successful as it was without the 230 volunteers that contributed. We served 3,002 people. Those of you who worked the lunch shift definitely saw the increase! We raised over \$102,000. You all worked so hard to make this happen. KUDOS and THANK YOU."

Service to others is an important part of our faith lives as followers of Jesus,

up there with prayer and joining together in worship. I am glad to see so many from Plymouth serving our neighbors at events like Empty Bowls, and also through your help with the Chippewa Valley Street Ministry, the Stand in the Light Memory Choir, and the many different organizations that I know Plymouth people volunteer your time with. It's a good way to live out our faith!

In other news, Spring has arrived! I'm excited to see our trees forming buds, and am enjoying the sound of bird calls. This year it is especially enjoyable because of being back on our home ground. And with more windows than we had before, it's much easier to watch spring happening right outside our walls! Springtime for the northern hemisphere, and springtime for Plymouth. I am also

glad that our new building made it through winter without any problems—no ice dams, no icicles, no furnace issues, no leaks of water or air. Even as the spring melt came in very quickly, we've had no issues with water. This is a well-built structure!

This month we will celebrate our first Easter in this building, and as has been our tradition, we are moving worship an hour earlier to 9:30 A.M., and will have a muffin breakfast at 8:30 A.M. Be sure to join your church family on April 21 for this important day of celebrating Jesus' resurrection! During Holy Week, we will have Maundy Thursday service of communion and Tenebrae at 7 P.M. April 18, and then the ecumenical Good Friday service at First Congregational UCC at noon on Friday, April 19.

Have a joyous spring and a happy Easter!

# Leadership Team Minutes

March 2019

Members present: Larry Kleist, Barb Kleist, Rob Jaenke, Linda Oliver, and Pastor David

Our Moderator, Barb Kleist called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Minutes of the February meeting were reviewed and accepted.

## Financial Reports:

As of February 28, 2019

Year to Date Income	\$22,757.62
Year to Date Expenses	\$21,559.87
Ahead (Behind)	\$1,197.75

## Treasurer's Report:

Income for February was \$9,755.83. Expenses were \$9,785.82. Income included \$1,401 net profit for 2018, \$1,582 scrip profit for 2018, \$4,490 insurance payment, and \$5,520 envelopes

**Reserve Fund Balance:** \$55.33

**Memorial Fund Balance:** \$7,798.02

The financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

## Worship:

Planning for Lent and Lenten services.

## Building and Grounds:

- A new housekeeper, Barb Olson, has been hired. She will work on Thursdays.
- Barb submitted a proposal for fire extinguisher and sprinkler system inspections. Decided to check a few other possibilities.

- Discussed the need for pest control. Decided to wait for spring to decide.

## Pastor's Report:

- He will be on vacation June 9–14
- The Festival of Homiletics is in May
- Citizen Action will hold a meeting here April 6 from 10:00 to 1:00. They expect 80–100 people. We need to provide hospitality.
- Interfaith Power and Light here May 19 from 12:00 to 3:00
- Looking for delegates for WI Conference and NW Association Annual Meeting April 5–6

## Old Business:

- Insurance—\$4,300 submitted for fencing
- Hoveland's bid for furnace maintenance was approved at the last meeting
- We will serve Community Table June 1 and August 3

## New Business:

- Thrift Sale—tables set March 18. Larry will do ads.
- Discussed new ideas
- Easter Breakfast—KISS (keep it simple, stupid)

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M. The next meeting is scheduled for April 8.

Respectfully submitted,  
Larry Kleist





# Photo Gallery...

As part of our Lenten Sundays, each of these vignettes in our sanctuary helps to illustrate the places where we can stop, rest and *listen* for the voice of God...



At home...



At the beach...



In the garden...



In church...

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>April 2019</h1> 						
	1	2 10:00 A.M. Quilters	3 6:00 P.M. Soup & Scripture	4	5	6
<b>7 Community Table offering</b>  10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Communion Worship	8 7:00 P.M. Leadership Team	9 10:00 A.M. Quilters	10 6:00 P.M. Soup & Scripture	11	12	13
<b>14 Palm Sunday</b> <b>Prayers for the People</b>  10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	15	16 10:00 A.M. Quilters	17	<b>18 Maundy Thursday</b>  7:00 P.M. Tenebrae Service	<b>19 Good Friday</b>  12:00 P.M. Service at First Cong.	20
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