

Good News

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Food for Thought

We're having a pot luck! It's been a couple months since our last one. The date will be May 26. In honor of the upcoming warm weather, we will have brats and burgers, so bring a summer dish to pass.

Our offering to the Community Table will be taken on May 5. The Community Table is struggling to be able to provide daily meals. This is an important community service. 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 their Needs list for other needs for our street ministry. We have a donation box available for you to drop off your items.

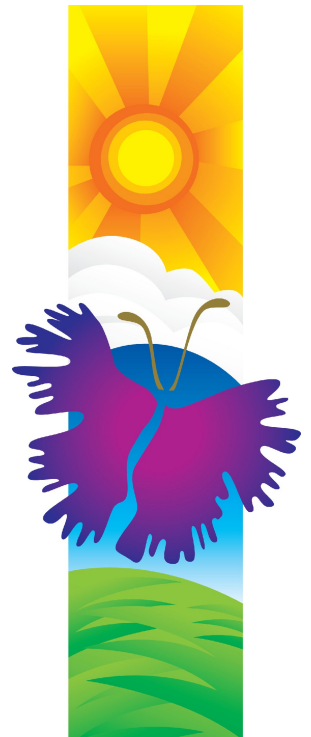
Leadership Musings

The date for the Pie & Ice Cream Social has been set for Wednesday, June 12 from 11 A.M. to 7 P.M. Get ready to bake those pies and volunteer to work. We will need everyone's help.

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 revived the Birthday Challenge 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 May 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. The next Thrift Sale will be Saturday, September 21.



May Worship Calendar

10:30 A.M. Worship

Communion the first Sunday of the month

May 19

May 5

3rd Sunday of Easter

Community Table offering

Acts 9:1–6 (7–20); Psalm 30;

Revelation 5:11–14; John 21:1–19

May 12

4th Sunday of Easter

Prayers for the People

Acts 9:36–43; Psalm 23;

Revelation 7:9–17; John 10:22–30

5th Sunday of Easter

OCWM offering

Acts 11:1–18; Psalm 148;

Revelation 21:1–6; John 13:31–35

May 26

6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9–15; Psalm 67;

Revelation 21:10, 22–22:5; John

14:23–29 or John 5:1–9

May Birthdays

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| 1 | Tami Eisberner |
| 3 | Mimi Pederson |
| 6 | Tyrone Stygar |
| 7 | Sandy Moore |
| 8 | John Stecher |
| | Joseph Norris |
| 11 | Ann Leipnitz |
| | Tony Shepler |
| 15 | Azariah Ivkovich |
| 16 | Lilah Eastzman |
| | Paul Gilbertson |
| | Ericka Leipnitz |
| 18 | Micah Adams |
| 22 | Ashley Mayer |
| 30 | Linda Jaenke |

Prayer Ministry

In May, we are praying for these

individuals/families: Harlan & Charlene Hartwich, Gordy & Audrey Heimstead, Sadie (Jacob) Hulke, Judy Insteness, Nicole (Sonny) Ivkovich, Rob & Linda Jaenke

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!

Dear Friends and Family of Plymouth,

We welcomed a beautiful addition to our sanctuary on Easter morning: our new banner! You can see a photo of it elsewhere in this newsletter, but I suggest seeing it in person so you can see the colors and enjoy the full effect of its size. The banner was made by Rev. Wanda Veldman, who made our other banners. We asked her to remake the first banner she made for us—the dove

of the Holy Spirit coming down upon the people. It's larger than our old one because the wall it is on is larger than we had before, so it's even more majestic in the sanctuary! Many thanks to Wanda for making it, and to Larry Kleist who arranged for someone with scaffolding to install the hanging brackets.

F R O M T H E



PASTOR

This month I am taking my week of Continuing Education to attend the Festival of Homiletics, May 13–17. It's been a few years since I've been to the Festival and a few years since I've taken my annual continuing education time so I am very much looking forward to it. Leave it to clergy to call a week of hearing sermons and talking about sermons a "festival," but that's what it is! I will hear some of the country's best preachers deliver sermons and also talk about the art and process of creating sermons with a few thousand other pastors from around the country from many Christian traditions. I have been to other Festivals and have always returned refreshed and rejuvenated in thought and spirit. I am grateful that in the United Church of Christ we value the continued education of our clergy beyond their

seminary years. The vast majority of pastors serve solo and get very little time to hang out with our peers, so any chance to do so is a welcome opportunity. While I am away, Rev. Dave Stratton will be covering in case of emergency.

On May 19 Plymouth is hosting an ecumenical/interfaith event on faith and sustainable energy. This will take place after worship from 1:00–3:00 P.M. I was contacted by John Helt (a UCC member who serves on the board of Wisconsin Interfaith Power and Light) and Peter Bakken (of WIPL and also the Wisconsin Council of Churches) about hosting an event that would involve local faith communities, our local political leaders, RENEW Wisconsin (which provides grants to congregations to install green energy and be more energy efficient), and some other organizations. We will be serving lunch before the event begins (which will be catered—we won't need to cook for this one!), so we will need a hospitality team and I hope many of you will be interested to stay for the program. And speaking of greening the church, because of the energy efficient appliances, lighting, furnaces/air-conditioning, and other items in our new building, we received a \$2100 rebate from Focus on Energy and \$1050 from Xcel Energy. Being energy efficient is a matter of faithfulness to God by being gentler on our environment, but it's also better financial stewardship of our money, a win-win from every standpoint!

Blessings to you all throughout this Easter season,

Pastor Dave

Leadership Team Minutes

April 2019

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

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

Financial Reports:

As of March 31, 2019

Year to Date Income	\$39,157.93
Year to Date Expenses	\$36,015.86
Ahead (Behind)	\$3,142.07

Treasurer's Report:

Income for March was \$16,400.31. Income included \$1,565.85 from the thrift sale and \$6,000 transferred from the Reserve Fund. Expenses were \$14,455.99. Envelope income was up \$4,800. Association dues are paid and we are caught up on all of our bills and obligations.

Reserve Fund Balance: \$2,155.00

Memorial Fund Balance: \$8,048.02

The financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

Stewardship:

Date for the Ice Cream Social was set for June 12 from 11:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Worship:

Palm Sunday palms were ordered. Lil will bring vases for the palms. Maundy Thursday Tenebrae service with communion at 7:00 P.M. Easter muffin pot luck at 8:30 A.M. and worship at 9:30 A.M.

Women of Plymouth:

They need to pick a date for the Bazaar. Fall thrift sale set for September 21.

Building and Grounds:

Handwashing sink leaking underneath. Jim will take a look at it.

Pastor's Report:

Lenten services going well. Church Vitality Program around the WI Conference going well—working on more creativity. Pastor David will be gone May 13–18 for the Festival of Homiletics and will be on vacation June 9–15.



Old Business:

- Insurance issues: We need to arrange an annual sprinkler system security inspection and recharge. Northern States Protection has the best price at this time.
- Faith and Renewable Energy Event at Plymouth May 19 from noon to 3:00 P.M.
- We will serve Community Table June 1 and August 3.

New Business:

- Do we want to plan one of these: ADRC event or Baby Shower Project? We need to continue to work on these. Thanks to Linda Oliver for all of her ideas and research on these things.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M. The next meeting is scheduled for May 13.

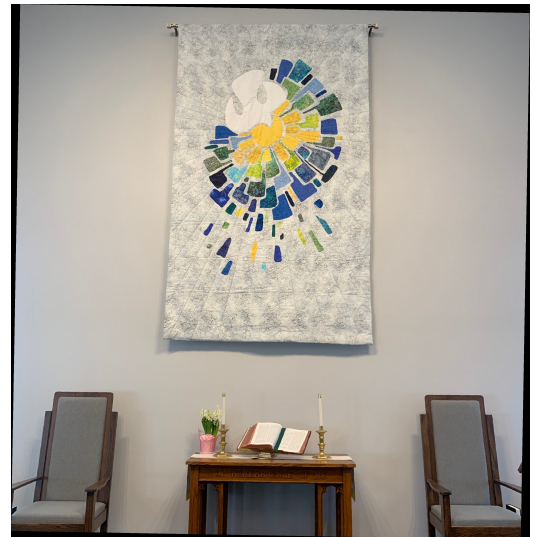
Respectfully submitted,
Louise Partlow




Photo Gallery...



Preparations for the “Easter Surprise” were quite a production.

The result was quite impressive!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>May 2019</div> 						
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5 Community Table offering 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Communion Worship	6	7 10:00 A.M. Quilters	8	9	10	11
12 Prayers for the People  10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	13 7:00 P.M. Leadership Team	14 10:00 A.M. Quilters	15	16	17	18
19 OCWM offering 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	20	21 10:00 A.M. Quilters	22	23	24	25
26 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Pot Luck	27 Memorial Day  Office closed	28 10:00 A.M. Quilters	29	30	31	