



# Good News

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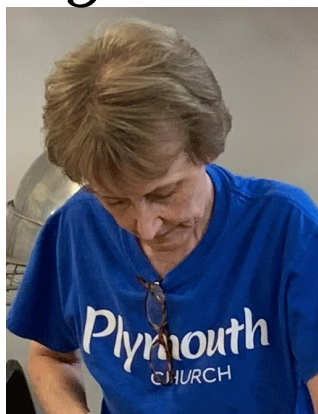
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## Plymouth Tee Shirts!!



Order your Plymouth tee shirt today! They are blue and say "Plymouth Church" on the front and "Small church with a big heart" on the back. Cost will be about \$12.00 (depends on how many we order) Sizes: Small-3X *Please note: they run small.* Pay on delivery. Sign-up sheet is in the alcove.

## Help Needed

Once again we are looking for someone to clean our church home. Our current cleaning person is leaving at the end of June. If you know of someone who might be interested, please contact Barb Kleist at 715-834-8130 or the church office at 715-835-5475.

In case we aren't able to find someone right away, we would need a few volunteers to do some light cleaning once a week. The cleaning would involve making sure the bathrooms are clean and if needed the floors in the coffee area or kitchen swept up and the garbage taken out. If you would like to help out, please contact Barb Kleist or the church office.

## July Worship Calendar

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### 10:30 A.M. Worship

*Communion the first Sunday of the month*

#### July 7

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

*Community Table offering*

2 Kings 5:1–14 or Isaiah 66:10–14;  
Psalm 30 or Psalm 66:1–9;  
Galatians 6:(1–6) 7–16; Luke 10:1–11,  
16–20

#### July 14

*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

*Prayers for the People*

Amos 7:7–17 or Deuteronomy 30:9–14;  
Psalm 82 or Psalm 25:1–10;  
Colossians 1:1–14; Luke 10:25–37

#### July 21

*6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

*OCWM offering*

Amos 8:1–12 or Genesis 18:1–10a;  
Psalm 52 or Psalm 15;  
Colossians 1:15–28; Luke 10:38–42

#### July 28

*7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

Hosea 1:2–10 or Genesis 18:20–32;  
Psalm 85 or Psalm 138;  
Colossians 2:6–15 (16–19); Luke  
11:1–13

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## Food for Thought

The pot luck this month will be July 28. Bring your favorite summer foods! Invite someone to share a meal with us.

Our offering to the Community Table will be taken on July 7. The Community Table is struggling to be able to provide daily meals which, for many of those who come, is their only meal of the day. You can also volunteer as an individual or family to serve. They are usually short on help in the summer months.

Please don't forget our homeless friends. As always the Street Ministry can use money or gas cards. They have needs right now of water, large backpacks, candy and granola bars. We have a donation box available for you to drop off your items.

## Prayer Ministry

**In July, we are praying for these individuals/families:** Cathy Lee, Bill & Julie Leipnitz, Steve & Ann Leipnitz, Ashley (Nick) Mayer, Joanne Miller, John & Sandy Moore

## New Member Gathering

At the end of July we are having a gathering of those who would like to join our church. If you are interested, please contact Pastor David or Barb Kleist. The meeting will be sometime the week of July 21.

## July Birthdays

2	Alice Noyes
9	Louise Partlow
10	Gracie Cartmill
11	Mel Rude
12	Maggie Leipnitz
18	Kayla Stygar
19	Megan Eisberner
26	Bill Leipnitz
27	Chelle Green
	Michael Green
30	Faye LaPean

## Leadership Musings

The Pie & Ice Cream Social was a success! A special thanks to the many members and friends who helped the day of the Social and who donated pies. YOU made the Social a success!

Our home needs the windows washed. Sign up to wash some windows when you have time. A sign up sheet and a floor plan will be available so you can sign up for whichever windows you want to wash, inside or out. If the church isn't open at the time you want to come, arrangements will be made to have it open. Let's get the windows sparkling clean again!

We will serve at the Community Table on Saturday August 3. Sign up sheets will be out in July.

Don't forget to sign up if you need a Plymouth t-shirt. We will place an order in August. The shirts run a little small, so you may want to order a size up. The cost will be around \$12.

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. We will arrange for someone to pick you up.

Remember the Birthday Challenge? We revived the Birthday Challenge in April, and so far have received only two responses for \$153. 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 July birthdays, we challenge you to make a donation!

Mark your calendars: The next Thrift Sale will be Saturday, September 21, and the Bazaar is November 16.

## Community Table opportunity

Join a GREAT team serving an important mission—ending hunger! We are a non-religious, 501(c)3 non-profit. There are openings for paid part time kitchen coordinators and unpaid summer interns. Great opportunity for parents re-entering the workforce, aspiring social workers and others dedicated to changing the world (even on a part-time basis!) Common sense, humor and a dedication toward helping feed hungry folks are a must. E-mail your resume to Michelle Koehn, executive director: [michelle@thecommunitytable.org](mailto:michelle@thecommunitytable.org) Salary is \$68.75/shift. Shifts vary around community meal service and range from 4.5 to 5.5 hours.

Dear Friends and Family of Plymouth,

We are halfway through the year already, and wow—we've done a lot! July will be kind of quiet, and that's okay. After a long winter and cold spring that still seems not to want to end, we might finally see in July some days that are

warm and pleasurable enough to spend time outside. Go enjoy them! Many concerts at Owen Park and Phoenix Park in Eau Claire and at River Prairie in Altoona. Farmers markets abound in the area. And some of you may have family reunions, weddings, or graduation parties. I wish you all safe travels and meaningful times in whatever activities you take part in!

**F R O M   T H E**



**PASTOR**

I will be away on July 18 and 19 to attend a Giving Voice conference with some others from the Stand in the Light

Dementia Choir. The conference is for people who are leading or involved with choirs for people with dementia. Many of you from Plymouth have been involved with that choir since it started in 2016—I have been very pleased to see so many wanting to be involved. It's an important ministry to people who often don't get many chances to be in public and to have a sense of community. I really hope that the commercials I've been seeing recently on TV are correct, that the first person to be cured of Alzheimer's has already been born. Some of you have had parents or siblings or others in your family who have suffered with various forms of dementia, and I've seen the mental, physical, and

spiritual toll it can take to be a caregiver. Stand in the Light Dementia Choir offers a place of belonging to those with dementia, and a time of some rest and community for those who are caregivers.

The choir's fourth season starts on August 22. If you know of someone with dementia, please let them and their caregivers know about the choir and try to get them involved. Information is available on the choir's website, [standinthelightmemorychoir.org](http://standinthelightmemorychoir.org), and also in the church office. Registrations are open now, and will remain open until mid-September. We'd love to see more people in our community involved! We also need others to be part of the choir as well, so that each person with dementia has a helper by them in the choir. If you like to sing and are available on Thursday mornings for rehearsals, please join in!

Lastly, we'll be serving at the Community Table on Saturday, August 3, from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex, or you can call the church office and let us know that you can help and if you'd like to help with preparation, serving, or clean up (or any combination of them).

Summer blessings,

# Leadership Team Minutes

June 2019

Members present: Larry Kleist, Barb Kleist, Linda Oliver, Louise Sanders, and Rob Jaenke

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

## Financial Reports:

As of May 31, 2019

Year to Date Income	\$51,118.90
Year to Date Expenses	\$50,976.17
Ahead (Behind)	\$142.73

## Treasurer's Report:

Income for May was \$6,457.00.  
Income included is \$1,400 transferred from the Reserve Fund.  
Expenses were \$7,194.29. Income through May was up approximately \$1,600 from last year.

**Reserve Fund Balance:** \$1,456.55

**Memorial Fund Balance:** \$8,139.02

Memorial money in memory of Gladys Ulry will be used for landscaping around the sign.

The financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

## Stewardship:

Everything is good for the Pie & Ice Cream Social. We have enough people to work and we have enough pies.

## Worship:

No report.

## Women of Plymouth:

The Fall Bazaar will be November 16.

## Building and Grounds:

No Report

## Pastor's Report:

Pastor David on vacation.

## Old Business:

- Barb will get a sign-up sheet out for washing the windows
- We serve Community Table August 3, not August 1 as previously advertised
- There is a sign-up sheet to order Plymouth tee shirts
- The Fall Thrift Sale will be September 21

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M. The next meeting is scheduled for August 5.

Respectfully submitted,  
Larry Kleist





# Photo Gallery...



Preparing a meal for the Community Table



More Community Table volunteers

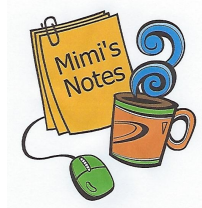


Getting ready for the Pie & Ice Cream Social.



Now it feels more like "home."

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>July 2019</h1>						
	1	2 10:00 A.M. Quilters	3	4  Office closed	5	6
7 <i>Community Table offering</i>  10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Communion Worship	8	9 10:00 A.M. Quilters	10	11	12	13
14 <i>Prayers for the People</i>  10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	15	16 10:00 A.M. Quilters	17	18	19	20
21 <i>OCWM offering</i>  10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	22	23 10:00 A.M. Quilters	24	25	26	27
28  10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Pot luck	29	30 10:00 A.M. Quilters	31			



Please be aware that I sometimes close the church office early on Fridays in the summer. If I have my “chores” done for the week, there’s no point in the congregation paying me to sit here and look busy. If you need to come by on a Friday, it’s best to call before you come to make sure I’m here.