



# Good News

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## All Souls Remembrance

Would you like to honor someone who has died? Our November 3 worship service will be our annual All Souls Day Remembrance of the Dead with Communion. This year we remember the lives of Erma Phephles, Vivian Waltmire, and Steve Champion. We also like to honor those in your family or circle of friends/mentors/loved ones who have died. If you have someone that you would like to have remembered, please give their name and date of

death (if you know) to Pastor David or to Mimi by October 31 so we can print their names in the bulletin.

## October Worship Calendar

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**10:30 A.M. Worship**

*Communion the first Sunday of the month*

**October 6**

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

**Community Table offering**

Lamentations 1:1–6 or Habakkuk 1:1–4;  
2:1–4; Psalm 137 or Psalm 37:1–9;  
2 Timothy 1:1–14; Luke 17:5–10

**October 13**

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

**Prayers for the People**

Jeremiah 29:1, 4–7 or 2 Kings 5:1–3,  
7–15c; Psalm 66:1–12 or Psalm 111;  
2 Timothy 2:8–15; Luke 17:11–19

**October 20**

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

Jeremiah 31:27–34 or Genesis 32:22–31;  
Psalm 119:97–104 or Psalm 121;  
2 Timothy 3:14–4:5; Luke 18:1–8

**October 27**

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

Joel 2:23–32 or Jeremiah 14:7–10,  
19–22; Psalm 65 or Psalm 84:1–7;  
2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18; Luke 18:9–14

### **Prayer Ministry**

**In October, we are praying for these individuals/families:** Louise Sanders, Lil Savage, Pat Sexter, Denny & Rose Shepler, Larry & Irma Shepler, Christian Shufflin, and Ken Snart

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### **Food for Thought**

Our pot luck will be October 20. We will be hosting people from the German band that is performing during worship. Bring your favorite foods as we welcome our friends from Germany. Invite a friend to come and share a meal with us.

Our offering to the Community Table will be taken on October 6. 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. 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, large gloves, men's boxers, women's underwear, deoderant, candy and granola bars. Winter coats in good condition and with working zippers will soon be needed. We have a donation box available for you to drop off your items.

## October Birthdays

1	Larry Shepler
2	Jen Adams
4	Hannah Zehms
5	Jamie Stafford
7	Len Weisfeld
9	Maria Patton
22	Kay Bussing Nathan Stygar
23	Joe Gilbertson
28	Bobbie Rude
29	Nancy Wendt
30	Audrey Heimstead
31	Lindsey Phillips Lori Phillips

## Birthday Challenge

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. We challenge those of you who have October birthdays to make a donation! So far, six people have contributed to the Challenge and we have collected over \$600.

## Leadership Musings

Our Fall Thrift & Bake Sale was a great success! Thanks to everyone who helped set up and tear down. Also, thanks to all that worked on Saturday and to everyone who donated stuff.

Next is our Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 16. We will need lots of baked goods and crafts to sell. The lunch will be from 11–1. Please set that day aside to come and 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.

Volunteers are needed! We are in need of volunteers to light up the candles, read the liturgy, take the offering and hand out bulletins on Sunday mornings. Sign up if this is something you'd like to do. The need is especially great during the month of October.

Also, a sign up sheet will be out for flowers to brighten up the Sanctuary. Please sign up if you are interested.

Dear Friends and Family of Plymouth,

First, some exciting news: the last of our insurance claims from the fire have been approved, and payment is pending! That means in a month or two we will be done with all the paperwork and process

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**PASTOR**

after the fire of more than three years ago. What a relief to have this finished! Special thank yous to Rob Jaenke, your church treasurer, for the incredible number of hours he gave us doing a heroic amount of paperwork, record keeping, receipt scanning, signing documents and getting them notarized, keeping track of money coming in from the insurance company and paying all the bills to the architect, contractor, and others, and for keeping the congregation up to date and being on top of the financial end this long process. **THANK YOU!**

Second, something fun: in October, the Wisconsin Conference's partner church in Germany, the Evangelical Church of the Union, is sending a brass band to us to tour Wisconsin for the month. The 9-member band will spend one week in each of our four Associations.

They will be playing for us in worship on October 20! This should be an exciting morning! We will have a potluck lunch after worship to welcome them and for us to have time to spend together.

**CAN YOU BE A HOST HOME?** The band will be staying in peoples' homes while in Wisconsin. They will need

housing in Eau Claire October 19-21, Saturday night to Monday morning. The band has two married couples, one older adult single, and four singles that are college music students. If you can host one or both of the couples and/or any or all of the singles, please let me know. They all speak English. The duties of the hosts will be to feed them and provide transportation. We will be providing them lunch Sunday at our potluck, and Schola Cantorum will be providing for their supper on Sunday night, so you will be responsible for Saturday night supper, Sunday morning breakfast, and Monday morning breakfast. First Congregational is also looking for host homes. They arrive in Eau Claire at 6:00 P.M. Saturday, and will leave Monday morning about 10:00 A.M. to go to Menomonie.

On Sunday, October 6, we will be celebrating World Communion Sunday in worship with some special music. As in the past, if you have clothing or jewelry that represents another culture, please wear it that day!

Blessings to you all as we move into the Autumn season!

# Leadership Team Minutes

September 2019

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

Our Moderator, Barb Kleist called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Minutes of the August meeting were reviewed. Linda moved to approve, Cindy seconded, motion passed.

## Financial Reports:

As of August 31, 2019

Year to Date Income	\$78,529.09
Year to Date Expenses	\$79,023.80
Ahead (Behind)	(\$494.71)

## Treasurer's Report:

Income for August was \$4,189.00. Standard monthly bills were paid. Expenses were \$6,681.50. Income for August was close to last year. July income was up this year and last year.

**Reserve Fund Balance:** \$57.59 (*This account will be closed soon.*)

**Memorial Fund Balance:** \$6,573.56

The financial reports were reviewed. Cindy moved to accept, Linda seconded, motion passed.

## Stewardship:

No meeting at this time.

## Worship:

Outdoor worship went very well—enjoyed by all attending. Many thanks to our musicians. Truax will host the Thanksgiving Eve Service.

## Women of Plymouth:

Bazaar will be November 16, 2019. They should be having a meeting—maybe after the Thrift Sale September 21.

## Building and Grounds:

Re: snow removal—Larry will check with Mimi. She has contact info for plow person. Time to plan for this. Our new cleaning lady, Andrea, is doing a very good job.

## Pastor's Report:

Pastor David noted that health insurance cost is rising approximately \$2,000 next year. On October 20 we will host a German Brass Band. There will be a pot luck and we need to provide food for the band. We also need to host approximately 9 members of the band over night. The Interfaith Prayer Service will be at Plymouth on January 15 at 6:30 P.M.

## Old Business:

- Fire Insurance update: We received about \$3,500 last week and there should be another \$6,000—still waiting.
- Thrift Sale: We will set up tables and start putting out merchandise on Sunday, Sept 15 and continue the rest of the week.
- T-shirts: We will just order some to have on hand if someone would like one.
- Building Use Policy: This obviously will take some time to update. A small committee will be formed to work on this ASAP. They are Barb, Linda, and Pastor David.



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*Leadership Team  
Minutes continued...*

### **New Business**

- Update to members list: We looked at the list of inactive members and Barb will follow up on this with Mimi and anyone with information.
- Barb will be gone most of October, and the list of things she does is long. Please help where you can. Thank you!

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M. Our next meeting will be a Special Short Meeting after church on October 6 in case we need to discuss anything.

Respectfully submitted,  
Louise Partlow

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# Photo Gallery...



Bake Sale



Thrift Sale



Stand in the Light Memory Choir



Choir rehearsal

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>October 2019</h1>						
		1 10:00 A.M. Quilters  7:00 P.M. Dartball Plym at OR Huskies	2	3	4	5
<b>6 World Communion Sunday</b> <b>Community Table and</b> <b>Neighbors in Need offerings</b> 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Communion Worship 11:30 A.M. Leadership Team	7	8 10:00 A.M. Quilters  7:00 P.M. Dartball Chapel Hts at Plym	9	10	11	12
<b>13 Prayers for the People</b>  10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	14	15 10:00 A.M. Quilters  7:00 P.M. Dartball St Mark at Plym	16	17	18	19
<b>20 OCWM offering</b>  10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Pot Luck	21	22 10:00 A.M. Quilters  7:00 P.M. Dartball Plym at Saving Grace	23	24	25	26
27  10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	28	29 10:00 A.M. Quilters  7:00 P.M. Dartball Plym at Rock Creek	30	31		