

Good News

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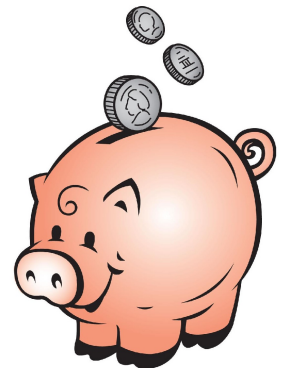
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HELP! URGENT!

We need everyone's help. Our General Fund giving is WAAAY down this year. We have just gone through the first part of 2021 with one of the smallest giving totals we've had in more than 10 years! We have already taken money out of our investments, just to pay monthly bills! Our budget is really tight; there is nowhere to cut.



If you are behind on your pledge for the year, please try to catch up. If you have a little extra money, consider giving it to the church. Even small things like buying Scrip cards help us.

Please do what you can to help us out of this financial struggle we are now in.

Garlic Mustard Must Go!!

Part of our clean up in the woods is to get rid of the garlic mustard weed. It is an invasive plant and spreads quickly. We need your help! We need to get rid of this plant by late spring before it goes to seed. Pulling these weeds is the best way to get rid of it. If you would like to help out, contact Cindy Halfen and she will tell you where to pull the weeds and how to dispose of them. Her phone number is 715-271-4513, email is cindy.halfen@gmail.com or see her at church.

June Worship Calendar

June 6

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Community Table offering

1 Samuel 8:4–20 (11:14–15) or Genesis 3:8–15; Psalm 138 or Psalm 130;
2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1; Mark 3:20–35

June 13

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Prayers for the People

1 Samuel 15:34–16:13 or Ezekiel 17:22–24; Psalm 20 or Psalm 92:1–4, 12–15; 2 Corinthians 5:6–10 (11–13), 14–17; Mark 4:26–34

June 20

4th Sunday after Pentecost

OCWM offering

1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4–11, 19–23), 32–49 or Job 38:1–11 or 1 Samuel 17:57–18:5, 10–16; Psalm 9:9–20 or Psalm 107:1–3, 23–32; 2 Corinthians 6:1–13; Mark 4:35–41

June 27

5th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 1:1, 17–27 or Lamentations 3:23–33; Psalm 130 or Psalm 30;
2 Corinthians 8:7–15; Mark 5:21–43

Prayer Ministry

In June, we are praying for these individuals/families: Dorothy Kruschke, Arvilla Kruschke, Cathy Lawler, Cathy Lee, Ashley (Nick) Mayer

June Birthdays

4 Deb Zehms
8 Rob Jaenke
10 Carter Jaenke
13 Adam Wendt
15 Gordy Heimstead
19 Morgan Jaenke
20 Denny Shepler
22 Ben Bechle
27 Harlan Hartwich
Jim Welk

Memorials

General Fund

In memory of Michael Shepler:
Lyle Shepler Family

Birthday Challenge:

Joanne Miller, Cathy Lawler

Landscape:

In memory of Robert & Ludie Koons:
Cindy Halfen

A/V System:

Jackie Andersen
In memory of Paul Holmen:
Keith & Deb Zehms

Food for Thought

We are almost back to normal. We are mask less, unless you're not vaccinated or feel safer with one on. We have started singing again, coffee & snacks have returned and on June 6th, we will have normal communion and a POT LUCK! How exciting is that!

Of course, we will be recording our worship service live, to view on Facebook, for those that feel safer at home.

Other exciting news, we have set a date for the fall Thrift sale and the Bazaar. The Thrift Sale & Bake Sale will be on September 18. The Bazaar will be on November 13. So mark your calendars. More information to come closer to the dates.

Hopefully everyone will be able to get a vaccine within a few months. Even after you receive it, make sure you stay safe.



Please don't forget our homeless friends. Mike and his crew are out checking on the homeless to make sure they are okay. Please keep them in your prayers. They especially need donations of money at this time. Their drop off centers are closed, so they need to purchase some things for the homeless. The mailing address is Chippewa Valley Street Ministry, PO Box 51, Eau Claire, WI. If you prefer, you can go to the website, chippewavalleystreetministry.org, and donate through PayPal.

Also, don't forget our Birthday challenge. We are challenging you to make a donation in your birthday month corresponding to your age. The money will be put toward future capital improvements, such as parking lot resurfacing. So June birthdays, it's your turn!

It's getting closer to the time we need to order the TV's for our AV system. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

See you in Church!

Leadership Team Minutes

May 10, 2021

Members present: Larry Kleist, Barb Kleist, Rob Jaenke, Linda Oliver, Mimi Pederson, Cindy Halfen, and Pastor David

Our Moderator, Barb Kleist called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. Minutes of the April meeting were reviewed and approved.

Financial Reports:

As of April 30, 2021

Year to Date Income	\$39,330.40
Year to Date Expenses	\$40,024.21
Ahead (Behind)	(\$693.81)

Treasurer's Report:

Envelope income for April was down \$9,000 from last year and \$4,000 from the previous 5-years average. Rob transferred \$7,000 from the Reserve Fund to help cover costs. All normal monthly bills were paid as well as OCWM, OCWM Special Supports, and Community Table.

Reserve Fund Balance: \$9,353.86

Memorial Fund Balance: \$8,317.67

The financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

Pastor's Report:

- He will be on study leave May 17–23. Jim Oliver will preach May 23.
- John Stecher will fill in for Lynn on May 30.
- Pastor David is leading worship at Good Shepherd Apts every other month.

Old Business:

- There was discussion of how to spend our Creation Care grant. Cindy will make a schedule of what needs to be done and when.

New Business:

- The Leadership Team set *tentative* dates for the fall Thrift Sale (September 18) and Bazaar (November 13)

Meeting adjourned at 7:50. Our next meeting will be June 14 in person at church.

Respectfully submitted,
Mimi Pederson

Dear Friends and Family of Plymouth,

We have been worshipping in-person for a few weeks, which has been great! It's so good to see you again and hear your voices without a laptop or a phone in between.

F R O M T H E



PASTOR

And recently the CDC announced that vaccinated people can be together just like before the pandemic - that was an exciting new report to hear! Our City Council and County Board have also both rescinded the mask mandates.

So we have decided that people joining us for worship who have been vaccinated can do so without masks or social distancing, and those not vaccinated yet we ask to please continue to wear masks and socially distance in the area of the sanctuary we have set aside for social distancing.

We also know that among those who are vaccinated, some might not be comfortable yet to go without masks. That is quite understandable, and we affirm that choice. No questions asked, and no shame or guilt, for anyone with a mask or without a mask. And for those who are not yet comfortable being with us in person, we will continue to livestream worship on Facebook and on our website (we will continue to do so after the pandemic as well - online worship is a new and welcome permanent feature of our ministry!).

Of course, we still want to wear our masks when out shopping and or in other enclosed public places until we have hit a critical mass of vaccinated people, but being able to see each others' faces in worship again feels like the most significant step forward we've had in a long time!

This news also means that potlucks are back - the first Sunday in June we will celebrate Communion and have a potluck after worship. It's been 16 months since our last one. I think we all look forward to breaking bread together again! I hope you will join us.

Blessings,

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>June 2021</h1>						
		1 10:00 A.M. Quilters	2	3 3:30 P.M. C & C	4	5
6 Community Table offering 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Communion Worship 11:30 A.M. Pot luck	7	8 10:00 A.M. Quilters	9	10 3:30 P.M. C & C	11	12
13 Prayers for the People 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	14 7:00 P.M. Leadership Team	15 10:00 A.M. Quilters	16	17 3:30 P.M. C & C	18	19
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27 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	28	29 10:00 A.M. Quilters	30			

What's C & C??

It's *Coffee and Conversation*, a virtual gathering via Zoom for folks who miss the Sunday morning coffee time at church. There is no set topic of conversation, and it's a nice way to keep in touch while we have to maintain social distance. Pastor David hosts the gatherings and posts the link on the church Facebook page. Check it out! <https://tinyurl.com/y2e87nm>