

Good News

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What is a Bed Turning?

This year at our Bazaar we are planning a Bed Turning to showcase some personal quilts and ones made by our quilters to be offered for sale. Bed Turning started way back in the “olden days” with pioneer women. They would spend long winter nights hand sewing quilts from fabric they had on hand such as old flour sacks, curtains, and family clothing that was outgrown or worn. In spring they would invite all the ladies in town to their home for refreshments and a Bed Turning.



Of course there were no large areas in their cabins to display their quilts, so they used the most logical place—their bed. All the quilts would be stacked up on the bed so you could see only one at a time. As each one was revealed, the lady of the house would explain where her fabric had come from, how long it took to complete it, and any other information she wanted to relay to those gathered. It was a wonderful way to enjoy a much-needed social time after a long, hard winter.



*The Plymouth quilters are looking for
donations of fabric to make quilts.*

July Worship Calendar

July 4

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Community Table offering

2 Samuel 5:1–5, 9–10 or Ezekiel 2:1–5;
Psalm 48 or Psalm 123;
2 Corinthians 12:2–10; Mark 6:1–13

July 11

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayers for the People

2 Samuel 6:1–5, 12b–19 or Amos
7:7–15; Psalm 24 or Psalm 85:8–13;
Ephesians 1:3–14; Mark 6:14–29

July 18

8th Sunday after Pentecost

OCWM offering

2 Samuel 7:1–14a or Jeremiah 23:1–6;
Psalm 89:20–37 or Psalm 23;
Ephesians 2:11–22; Mark 6:30–34,
53–56

July 25

9th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 11:1–15 or 2 Kings 4:42–44;
Psalm 14 or Psalm 145:10–18;
Ephesians 3:14–21; John 6:1–21

Prayer Ministry

In July, we are praying for these
individuals/families: Joanne Miller,
John & Sandy Moore, Peggy Larson, Jim
& Linda Oliver, Louise Partlow

Memorials

General Fund

In memory of Margie Wendt:
Jo Ann Smith

July Birthdays

7 Hailey Barnhardt
9 Louise Partlow
10 Gracie Cartmill
11 Mel Rude
18 Kayla Stygar
19 Megan Eisberner

Food for Thought

We have moved Communion and our potluck to July 11, the thinking being that a lot of people may not be around on July 4. However, Community Table offerings will still taken on July 4. Don't forget your regular offerings for the General Fund! We still aren't caught up!

We are still recording our worship service live for viewing on Facebook for those who feel safer at home or can't make it to worship on Sunday.



In 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. One

exciting event taking place during the Bazaar will be a Bed Turning. We will be displaying some very special quilts at this event and selling new ones made by our quilters. An article about the history of Bed Turning is included in the newsletter.

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. July 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

June 14, 2021

Members present: Larry Kleist, Barb Kleist, Rob Jaenke, Linda Oliver, Mimi Pederson, Lil Savage, Ben Bechle, and Pastor David.

Our Moderator, Barb Kleist called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. Minutes of the May meeting were reviewed and approved.

Financial Reports:

As of May 31, 2021

Year to Date Income	\$49,115.29
Year to Date Expenses	\$49,638.53
Ahead (Behind)	(\$523.24)

Treasurer's Report:

Envelope income through May was down \$11,000 from last year. Rob transferred \$2,000 from the Reserve Fund to help cover costs. The bare minimum monthly bills were paid.

Memorial Fund Balance: \$10,195.67

Reserve Fund Balance: \$7,355.67

Financials reports were reviewed and accepted.

Worship:

- We will have a baptism on June 27. (Harrison Cartmill, son of Austin and Meghan Cartmill)
- We will move Communion worship to July 11 as attendance may be sparse on July 4.
- Outdoor worship was discussed. A decision was tabled until the next meeting.

Building and Grounds:

- We need to wash the windows on the inside of the building. Volunteers are asked to come in and do as many or

as few as they would like. A "tracking" list will be in the entrance hall alcove so that the windows that are done can be indicated.

Pastor's Report:

- He would like to take vacation August 1-7. He will ask George Stecher or Jeanny House to be guest preacher on August 1.

Old Business:

- The letter to our immediate neighbors explaining what's going on in our woods will go out this week.
- The results of the Bake Sale were shared with the Team.
- The Leadership Team approved the use of the sanctuary for a "Bed Turning" during the Bazaar.
- The Vaccine Clinic will not happen.
- The equipment we need to finish our A/V set-up has gone up in price, making the amount we have saved in the Memorial Fund insufficient to proceed at this time. The supplier said that prices could come down several months from now. And so, we wait...

New Business:

- The Leadership Team decided not to meet in July as Larry and Barb will be gone.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00. Our next meeting will be August 9 in person at church.

Respectfully submitted,
Mimi Pederson

Dear Friends and Family of Plymouth,

We have been worshipping in person for two months, and it has been wonderful! At the beginning of June, we began coffee time and even had our first potluck in 15 months. Much of life is getting somewhat back to what we were used to before the pandemic.

Because July 4 is falling on a Sunday, and since having family picnics and other gatherings is now okay, we figure that many of you will be doing that so we have moved our monthly potluck to June 11. Enjoy and celebrate our independence from masks and social distancing as you celebrate our country's Independence Day!

A reminder that even as we come out of the pandemic and find "normalcy," we're not going back to the old normal but building a new one: and part of our new normal of Plymouth is that our worship services are livestreamed on Facebook (and that livestream is available on our website, pcucc.com, always on the front page so it's easy to find), and available as a recording to enjoy later in the day or another day entirely, so if you can't be with us in person you can still be with us in spirit. It's a new normal of expanding our ability to form a community and to reach out to people.

Summer blessings,



You have perhaps already enjoyed being able to spend time with friends again, to go out to eat, or even to go to the Farmer's Market without as much worry as before. I helped out at the Pride Day celebration in Phoenix Park on June 12, and saw many people that I hadn't seen in more than a year. Lots of catching-up conversations happened that day!

As our sense of normalcy is coming back, we are not quite there yet. We still need more people to be vaccinated. I strongly encourage you to please do so if your health allows it, and also to encourage your friends, family, and neighbors to get their vaccine. As Jesus showed us and calls us to do, we are stronger as a community when we all fill our role of taking care of each other! And vaccines will allow us to get back to full stadiums and theaters, not have to worry about travel or gatherings, and the freedom to be about our daily business without having to remember our masks and hand sanitizer.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>July 2021</h1> 						
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4 Community Table offering 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	5	6 10:00 A.M. Quilters	7	8	9	10
11 Prayers for the People 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Communion Worship 11:30 A.M. Pot luck	12	13 10:00 A.M. Quilters	14	15	16	17
18 OCWM offering 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	19	20 10:00 A.M. Quilters	21	22	23	24
25 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	26	27 10:00 A.M. Quilters	28	29	30	31