



# Good News

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## All Souls Remembrance

Would you like to honor someone who has died? Our November 7 worship service will be our annual All Souls Day Remembrance of the Dead. This year we remember the lives of Paul Holmen and Jim Welk.

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 27 so we can print their names in the bulletin.



Prices are:

Mixed nuts 14 oz. for \$17.00  
Cashews 14 oz. for \$18.00  
Mixed nuts 28 oz. for \$28.00  
Mixed nuts 28 oz. Tin for \$30.00

Order by calling the church office (715-835-5475), emailing Mimi (mimi@pcucc.com), or use the sign-up sheet in the hallway alcove.

## October Worship Calendar

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### 10:30 A.M. Worship

#### October 3

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

*Community Table offering*

Job 1:1, 2:1–10 or Genesis 2:18–24;  
Psalm 26 or Psalm 8; Hebrews 1:1–4,  
2:5–12; Mark 10:2–16

#### October 10

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

*Prayers for the People*

Job 23:1–9, 16–17 or Amos 5:6–7,  
10–15; Psalm 22:1–15 or Psalm  
90:12–17; Hebrews 4:12–16; Mark  
10:17–31

#### October 17

*21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

*OCWM offering*

Job 38: 1–7 (34–41) or Isaiah 53:4–12;  
Psalm 104:1–9, 24, 35c or Psalm  
91:9–16; Hebrews 5:1–10; Mark  
10:35–45

#### October 24

*22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

Job 42:1–6, 10–17 or Jeremiah 31:7–9;  
Psalm 34:1–8 (19–22) or Psalm 126;  
Hebrews 7:23–28; Mark 10:46–52

#### October 31

*23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

Ruth 1:1–18 or Deuteronomy 6:1–9;  
Psalm 146 or Psalm 119:1–8;  
Hebrews 9:11–14; Mark 12:28–34

## Prayer Ministry

**In October, we are praying for these individuals/families:** Pat Sexter, Denny & Rose Shepler, Larry & Irma Shepler, Christian Shufflin, Jo Ann Smith, Ken Snart (Jerry Holt), Pete Spitt

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## 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

## Memorials

### General Fund

*In memory of Jim Welk:*  
Jim & Linda Oliver

*For mower repair and worship supplies:*  
Larry & Barb Klesit

### Contingency Fund

*Birthday Challenge:*  
Mary Stygar, Jim & Linda Oliver

## Food for Thought

Communion will be October 3. There will be no pot luck this month. We want everyone to be safe. With the same thought, we have cancelled our November Bazaar. We want to be safe and caring neighbors.

We are still recording our worship service live, to view on Facebook or our website, for those who feel safer at home or can't make it to worship on Sunday. Hopefully everyone will be able to get a vaccine or a booster within a few months. Even after you receive it, make sure you stay safe.

Just to get started early, The Leadership Team is looking for a few new members. Please consider joining us. You can be in on the decisions that affect our Congregation and also bring new and fresh ideas. Also, if you're interested in being Moderator, you could have a one year learning experience!

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](http://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. October 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.

Also, we will have to haul away the stumps that are being pulled out, on our property. This is not part of our grant funding. We have had a lot of time and labor donated for this project. We thank each and every one for that!

Now it's time for the rest of us to pitch in and cover some of these costs.

Upcoming event: November 7, All Saints Day. Also, it's "Nut" time! Order your nuts now and receive in plenty of time for Christmas giving. They are excellent nuts!

See you in Church!



## Leadership Team Minutes

September 14, 2021

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

Our Moderator, Barb Kleist called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. Minutes of the August meeting were reviewed and approved.

### Financial Reports:

As of August 31, 2021

Year to Date Income	\$88,675.52
Year to Date Expenses	\$82,170.31
Ahead (Behind)	\$6,505.21

### Treasurer's Report:

Envelope income was \$2,000 less than last year, but over the average for August. All regular bills, OCWM, and Community Table were paid.

**Memorial Fund Balance:** \$10,595.11

**Reserve Fund Balance:** \$7,360.20

Financials reports were reviewed and accepted.

### Stewardship:

- The price of nuts has gone up \$2.00 across the board. We'll take orders starting now and order from Finotte's in October for delivery in November.

### Worship:

- Barb and Larry will be gone September 22–October 13. Deb Zehms will fill in and do the things Barb does on Sunday mornings.
- Worldwide Communion Sunday is October 3, All Saints' Sunday is November 7, and Advent begins November 28.

### Building and Grounds:

- Larry thinks our snow plow provider will probably do sidewalks/stairs/etc. but we are still waiting to hear what he will charge for that.

### Pastor's Report:

- He will be gone October 3–5, and the weekend of October 10 he will attend a Native American event at Pilgrim Center, so we'll have a guest preacher.
- Pilgrim Center has been renamed Daycholah Center. Daycholah is the original Ho-Chunk name for Green Lake.
- He will get together with prospective members next week to plan a New Member Sunday.
- The local Mennonite congregation has no building in which to meet. They have eight or so members, and have been meeting in homes once a month. David will speak with Lorin Divine who is Mennonite (he and his family have been worshiping with us for a while) to see if they would like to use our building.

### Old Business:

- Prairie Restoration project is moving ahead.

### New Business:

- With the new surge in Covid cases in the area, the Leadership Team decided to cancel the Bazaar. We didn't want to have to enforce a masking rule.
- We discussed dartball. So far, no one has given a schedule or asked for a key to use our building, so we don't know if they have decided to play elsewhere or merely suspended because of Covid.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 9 in person at church.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mimi Pederson



Dear friends and family of Plymouth,

Welcome to Autumn, everyone! The move from summer to fall, and September into October, always feels to me like rounding a corner into the final stretch of the year. A final stretch that seems to have a much higher percentage of the year's activities than it should have: football, apple picking, corn mazes, crop harvesting, Halloween, All Souls/Saints Day, Daylight Savings Time ends, Holiday Bazaars, Thanksgiving, Advent, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, performing arts groups do fall concerts in October and Christmas ones in December, Christmas parties, Christmas pageants, Christmas shopping, public school and college finals week, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and then New Years Eve. Whew! It's a lot, but the older I get, the more I look forward to this stretch (especially now that I don't have to take finals). There is something cozy about this time of year as the temperature goes down and crisps the air, we dust off the slow cookers, the sun goes down earlier enveloping our part of the world in a cocoon of darkness the majority of each day. We have the rituals of worship on Sunday mornings and football in the afternoons; trick or treating; gatherings for feasts on holidays; preparing for the coming snows and a sense of "pack in all the fun you can because January and February are coming!"

This cycle has become a comfortable rhythm over the years. Rituals help us remember who we are as we repeat them, share them with our children, and watch them slowly adapt to changing circumstances. These rituals provide markers for ordering our lives, turning everyday acts into significant ones. These rituals, whether of the church, our families, or our nation, provide a framework on which to hang our life events, and they can help give meaning to our lives. When they happen, they bring comfort and a sense of rightness with the world. When they are interrupted, it can cause stress and anxiety. And we've definitely had our share of interruptions over the past five years. I'm writing this on the fifth anniversary of our fire, an event that interrupted our rhythm, requiring us to create new rituals and adapt old ones. Then the pandemic came, and we've had to do it again. Interruptions take energy to deal with, and they can become tiring. Plymouth has been asked to do a lot of adapting over the past five years; and as a world, we've been asked to do a lot over the past 19 months.



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### *From the Pastor continued*

There is Good News in this, though: we have done it! The Holy Spirit has been with us through all of our interruptions. Our worship attendance has increased, we gained new members, the spirit of giving has increased, we developed new ways to worship in person and online, our reach has expanded, we started a native species reclamation project, we continued to pray for and serve one another. It's looked different, but it's still the same Spirit and the same God who has inspired it all.

And nature, of course, continues its cycle, which I find to be a place of solid ground in the midst of the anxiety. If the pumpkins can continue to grow, if the birds can continue to migrate, if the rivers can continue to flow and the rains keep coming and the sun keeps rising and setting, then I can, too, and we can, too. For me, they are a sign of God's constancy: just as nature is reliably what it is, so also God is reliable and constant. And thus no matter what else is happening, the seasons and God will still cycle us through a harvest, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas, and all those other things, and then move us into next year to begin the cycle anew.

Have a blessed autumn!

*Pastor [Signature]*



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
October 2021					1	2
<b>3 Community Table offering</b>  10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Communion Worship	4	5  10:00 A.M. Quilters	6	7	8	9
<b>10 Prayers for the People</b>  10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	11	12  10:00 A.M. Quilters	13	14	15	16
<b>17 OCWM offering</b>  10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	18	19  10:00 A.M. Quilters	20	21	22	23
24  10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	25	26  10:00 A.M. Quilters	27	28	29	30
31  10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship						

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