



Good News

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Spring Thrift & Bake Sale

We are having a Thrift Sale and Bake Sale, Saturday, May 21 from 8 A.M. till 2 P.M. You can start bringing your *marked* goods to the church Sunday, May 1. The only thing you do not need to mark is books. We will have a sign on the books, so they will all be the same price. Please, no electronics, such as TVs, microwaves, computers, or telephones will be accepted.

Thrift Sale



May Worship Calendar

10:30 A.M. Worship
Communion the first Sunday of the month

May 1

3rd Sunday of Easter

Community Table offering

Acts 9:1–6 (7–20); Psalm 30;

Revelation 5:11–14; John 21:1–19

May 8

4th Sunday of Easter

Prayers for the People

Acts 9:36–43; Psalm 23;

Revelation 7:9–17; John 10:22–30

May 15

5th Sunday of Easter

OCWM offering

Acts 11:1–18; Psalm 148;

Revelation 21:1–6; John 13:31–35

May 22

6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9–15; Psalm 67;

Revelation 21:10, 22–22:5; John

14:23–29 or John 5:1–9

May 29

7th Sunday of Easter/Ascension Sunday

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Acts 16:16–34; Psalm 97;

Revelation 22:12–14, 16–17, 20–21;

John 17:20–26

Ascension

Acts 1:1–11; Psalm 47 or Psalm 93;

Ephesians 1:15–23; Luke 24:44–53

Prayer Ministry

In May, we are praying for these

individuals/families: Judy Insteness,

Rob & Linda Jaenke, Larry & Barb

Kleist, Susie Kleist, Charline Kozlowski

Memorials

Birthday Challenge:

Joanne Miller

Landscape Fund

Easter morning Muffin Breakfast

May Birthdays

1	Tami Eisberner
3	Mimi Pederson
6	Tyrone Stygar
7	Sandy Moore
8	John Stecher
	Joseph Norris
16	Lilah Eastzman
	Paul Gilbertson
17	Cathy Lawler
18	Micah Adams
22	Ashley Mayer
30	Linda Jaenke

Food for Thought

Communion will be May 1. We will be going back to regular communion—no fake bread! We will also take our offering for the Community Table and have a pot luck after worship! Bring your favorite dish to share.

We are still recording our worship service live, to view on Facebook, for those who feel safer at home or can't make it to worship. Please make sure you are vaccinated and boosted. This makes everyone feel safer and maybe we can get rid of COVID sooner. Even after you receive it, make sure you stay safe.

Please remember 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, warm clothes, hats, gloves, anything that will keep them warm at this time. We have a drop off box at church and whatever is donated will be taken to Good Shepherd weekly. The mailing address for monetary donations 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. May birthdays, it's your turn!

We have changed our garbage carrier and now have three types of trash cans. There's a regular trash can, a recycling trash can and a compost trash can. Each will be clearly marked with what can go in them. If you have questions, check the refrigerator we have complete listings on the door.

Coming up, our Bake Sale and Thrift Sale are May 21. Sign-up sheets will be out by May 1. We need help going through all the stuff in the garage, making sure that we can still sell it, before we bring it into the church building and then organizing and putting out all the items in the Fellowship Hall. Starting May 1, you can bring in your *marked* goods and place them in the meeting room. We will set up tables in Fellowship Hall after the pot luck on May 1. As always, no electronics, computers, microwaves, phones. If we don't sell it we have to pay to get rid of it! We will also have a bake sale with the Thrift Sale. We will need lots of goodies for that!



Pastor David will be gone May 9–22. While he is away, Rev. Mike Wolfe will preach. Rev. Mark Pirazzini (715-598-2270) will handle pastoral emergencies May 9–14. May 15–22 will be covered by Rev. Kathleen Remund (715-235-5838).

Dear friends and family of Plymouth,

“Spring showers bring May flowers” the saying goes. I’m not sure what “Spring snowfalls during Holy Week” bring, but I hope we get some extra flowers out of it! You’ll definitely be seeing more flowers at Plymouth this year, after the planting that was done last year and that will continue to be done this year, including the addition of a fair amount of flawn (flowering lawn) that is being seeded on April 22.

Even though we had snow on both sides of Easter, the day itself was beautiful—and how beautiful it was to be celebrating Easter in person again, too, with the great music that we had! We had one Easter Sunday in person in our new building (in 2019), and then we went on-line for the next two, so that made this year’s Easter even more special.

In May, I’m taking study leave May 15–22 for the Festival of Homiletics, and a week of vacation the week before.

Rev. Mike Wolfe will lead worship the two Sundays I am gone. Rev. Kathleen Remund of First Congregational UCC in Menomonie and Rev. Mark Pirazzini of First Congregational UCC Eau Claire will be providing emergency pastoral coverage during the two weeks that I am gone. The pastor on call and their contact information will be available on the our voicemail outgoing message.

In May we also are bringing back our potluck lunch, and we’ll return to serving actual bread and cups and juice/wine for Communion instead of the sealed version of wafer and juice that we’ve been using.

Have a blessed Spring, everyone, and may we soon have flowers!



Thanks to the following people who donated the beautiful spring flowers for Easter Sunday: **Dorothy Gilbertson; Larry & Barb Kleist** in honor of Susie Kleist, Stacy & Peter Gantner, Max and Mia Gantner; **Charline Kozlowski** in memory of her husband Chet; **Lynn McFadyen; Louise Partlow** in memory of Alice Steuding; **Mimi Pederson** in memory of her sister Trudy and in honor of her husband Terry and children Aimée and Mitchell; **Lil Savage** in memory of Jim Welk; **Pete Spitt** in memory of his wife Sharon and his brother Wallace; **George Stecher** in honor of Dorothy Gilbertson and in memory of Kay Stecher; **Mike & Marybeth Tschumperlin** in memory of Mike’s mother Audrey Tschumperlin.

Special thanks to **Cate Reiter** for bringing in her “Crown of Thorns” plant to share with us!

Leadership Team Minutes

April 12, 2022

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

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

Financial Reports:

As of March 31, 2022

Year to Date Income	\$38,818.28
Year to Date Expenses	\$35,300.04
Ahead (Behind)	\$3,518.24

Treasurer's Report:

Year to Date envelope income of \$38,818 is \$19,399 more than last year at this time. The quarterly water bill and all regular monthly bills were paid.

Memorial Fund Balance: \$6,576.80

Reserve Fund Balance: \$5,444.83

The financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

Worship:

- There will be worship on Maundy Thursday, April 14 at 7:00 P.M. Easter Sunday we will have Muffin Breakfast at 9:30 A.M. and worship at 10:30 A.M.

Building and Grounds:

- We will look into having university students come to help with yard clean-up (as well as washing windows) as part of their community service requirement.

- Seeding for our pollinator-friendly lawn will take place at 9:00 A.M. on Earth Day, April 22. Volunteers will be appreciated.

Pastor's Report:

- Mike Wolfe will preach the two Sundays that Pastor David is gone in May (May 9–22).
- The Conference Annual Meeting will be the second weekend in June. We get two delegates. Pastor David will attend the meeting and complete his Boundary Training requirement that weekend.

Old Business:

- NW Association Annual Meeting here April 23. Pastor David will try to get a count of participants and see if there will be a need for child care. If that need exists, volunteers from First Congregational UCC will cover that.
- The Spring Thrift and Bake Sale will be May 21.

New Business:

- Dates to serve at the Community Table will be discussed at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 P.M. Our next meeting will be May 17, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Mimi Pederson



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>May 2022</h1> 						
1 Community Table offering 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Communion worship	2	3 10:00 A.M. Quilters	4	5	6	7
8 Prayers for the People 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	9	10 10:00 A.M. Quilters	11	12	13	14
15 OCWM offering 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	16	17 10:00 A.M. Quilters 7:00 P.M. Leadership Team	18	19	20	21 Thrift & Bake Sale 8 A.M. to 2 P.M.
22 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	23	24 10:00 A.M. Quilters	25	26	27	28
29 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	30 Office Closed	31 10:00 A.M. Quilters				