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Red Cross Disaster Volunteers Needed

Every day, the American Red Cross sees the heartbreak of people trying to cope with more intense storms, heavier rainfall, higher temperatures, stronger hurricanes and more devastating wildfires. As more people rely on the Red Cross for help, the need for compassionate volunteers has never been greater.



You can help comfort and support people who are forced from their homes due to fires, storms and other emergencies, so they don't have to face tough times alone. Join us and turn your compassion into action by becoming a volunteer today.

Shelter Support Team: During large disasters, you can support the day-to-day activities within a shelter which may include working in reception, registration, feeding, dormitory, information or other areas within a shelter. Free online training will be provided.

Disaster Health Services Team: During large disasters, you can use your professional skills as a licensed healthcare provider to deliver hands on care and education to shelter residents. Free online training will be provided and can count towards nursing continuing education units.

Disaster Action Team: While big hurricanes and wildfires get the most news coverage, smaller disasters are no less devastating to the families affected. Most of the 60,000 emergencies that the Red Cross responds to each year are smaller disasters like home fires. As a Disaster Action Team volunteer, you can help comfort and support people in your community by meeting any immediate needs such as food, shelter, clothing or supplies and connecting them to long term recovery services. All the training you need is provided free of charge.

See the poster in the office window for more information.

June Worship Calendar

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

June 5

Pentecost Sunday

Community Table offering

Acts 2:1–21 or Genesis 11:1–19;
Psalm 104:24–24, 35b; Romans 8:
14–17 or Acts 2:1–21; John 14:8–17
(25–27)

June 12

Trinity Sunday

Prayers for the People

Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31; Psalm 8;
Romans 5:1–5; John 16:12–15

June 19

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:1–4, (5–7), 8–15a or Isaiah
65:1–9; Psalm 42 and 43 or Psalm
22:19–28; Galatians 3:23–39; Luke
8:26–39

June 26

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 2:1–2, 6–14 or 1 Kings
19:15–16, 19–21;
Psalm 77:1–2, 11–20 or Psalm 16;
Galatians 5:1, 13–25; Luke 9:51–62

Prayer Ministry

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

Memorials

Contingency Fund

Birthday Challenge: Cathy Lawler

Landscape Fund

“Flawn” and Stump removal: Keith &
Deb Zehms
Grant: Eau Claire Garden Club

Bequest

Estate of Faye LaPean



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

Food for Thought

Communion will be June 5. We will be serving communion or we will have the sealed cups for you. We will also take our offering for the Community Table. It is also Pentecost, so wear your red! Following worship we will have a pot luck! Bring your favorite dish to share!



We are still recording our worship service 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. Masks are available at church, for those who would still like to wear one.

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, and summertime clothes, along with socks, light weight jackets. 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.

June birthdays, it's your turn to think about making a donation to our Birthday Challenge. We are challenging you to make a donation in your birthday month corresponding to your age or whatever amount you are comfortable with. The money will be put toward future capital improvements, such as parking lot resurfacing.

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

Thrift & Bake Sale Results

We had a successful day on Saturday, May 21. We made about \$1700 on our sale. Thanks to everyone who donated goods, baked goodies, helped during the sale, and bought things.

A special thanks to: Deb & Keith Zehms, Linda Jaenke, Joanne Miller, Mary Stygar, Cindy Halfen and Larry Kleist for all the extra hours they spent on setting up this sale. Without the many hours they spent at church, the sale never would have happened.

We have concrete lawn ornaments left. They were originally given to us by the Eau Claire Garden Club. They are free, so please help yourself to decorate your yards.

Dear friends and family of Plymouth,

The Wisconsin Conference annual meeting is being held in person again this year the weekend of June 9–12. I will be at the meeting because it's important for the clergy of the Conference to be present at such meetings to know what's happening in the Conference and as part of our covenant with the other congregations of the Conference. I also have a required boundary training session to attend the day before the Annual Meeting begins. Boundary Training is something that all clergy of the Wisconsin Conference must take every four years to maintain our standing. Boundary Training is about maintaining healthy boundaries between clergy and congregation, covering areas such as finances, social media, retirement, moving to another congregation, personal relationships with parishioners, our roles in the community, and more. Quite honestly it can be a bit tedious, but it is also important—we have a long history of teaching our clergy about maintaining healthy boundaries, and because of it, we have seen far fewer cases of sexual abuse/impropriety, embezzlement, and other scandals that have troubled other churches that don't educate their clergy on such matters, and which don't have the oversight that the United Church of Christ maintains. I am thankful that in the UCC we take seriously accountability and oversight of our congregations and our clergy. It is another way of making sure we are living out Jesus' command to love one another.

The theme of this year's Annual Meeting is "Building up the Beloved Community." It will "recognize the toll that the pandemic has taken on congregations, pastors, and lay leaders. We will focus on tending to both

individual and congregational wellness, lift up best practices and good strategies for fostering healthy church dynamics and challenge ourselves to think in fresh ways about the Church."

As dry as that might all sound, the annual meetings of our conference are also great fun: they are very much like a family reunion. Many workshops are available for learning and fun, there is time for hiking in the woods or taking a boat out on the lake, and an exhibition hall with much information from many areas in the UCC and elsewhere. We will be featured in one of those exhibits, too, for all the land reclamation work we are doing! Cindy is preparing a version of the materials she had out when the Northwest Association met in our building in April. Thank you, Cindy!

And speaking of environmental issues, we have received another shipment of LED lightbulbs that we are giving away. Please come to the office or get some on Sunday—take as many as you would like. Please also let your friends and family know that we have them, and have them come get some or you take lightbulbs to them.

With summer starting, and probably much more travel for many of you than you've done the last couple years, please be sure to stay safe! If you do travel and worship at another church, please bring back a bulletin or other materials they have. I appreciate seeing what other congregations are doing and how they're worshiping.

Blessings for a wonderful summer!



Leadership Team Minutes

May 17, 2022

Members present: Larry Kleist, Barb Kleist, Rob Jaenke, Cindy Halfen, Ben Bechle, Deb Zehms, and Mimi Pederson



Our Moderator, Barb Kleist, called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Minutes of the April meeting were reviewed and approved.

Financial Reports:

As of April 30, 2022

Year to Date Income	\$55,959.79
Year to Date Expenses	\$47,276.77
Ahead (Behind)	\$8,683.02

Treasurer's Report:

Year to Date envelope income of \$49,290 is \$31,000 more than last year at this time and \$27,000 over the 5-year average.

Memorial Fund Balance: \$33,913.27

Reserve Fund Balance: \$5,446.06

The financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

Building and Grounds:

- University students helping with yard clean-up will probably not be possible for now.
- The lawn needs mowing and no one is available to do it right now, so it was decided that we will have Bluecoat (they do our snow plowing) come and do it this one time.
- The toilet in the family bathroom makes an odd noise when flushed. Larry will look into what's going on with that.

- We received a landscape update from Cindy. Right now they are doing site prep in the cleared area.

Pastor's Report:

- Pastor David is on vacation/study leave—no report from him.

Old Business:

- NW Association Annual Meeting was here April 23. Ben attended and gave us a rundown of how it went. There were around 65 attendees who were impressed with our building and hospitality. There is a new program beginning with a focus on mental health. Ben will gather details and report back to the Team.

New Business:

- Dates to serve at the Community Table will be discussed at a later date.
- Plymouth received a bequest from the estate of Faye LaPeau. The bulk of the bequest will be put into PIP as per PIP guidelines. The guidelines also designate a percentage for Mission and General Fund. \$1500 will go to General Fund and \$1000 will go to the WI Conference for their effort to provide food for the people of Ukraine.
- There is a new effort to have churches provide backpacks and then ask businesses to provide money/supplies to fill them. Watch for details in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M. Our next meeting will be June 14, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Mimi Pederson

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>June 2022</h1> 						
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5 Pentecost Community Table offering 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Communion Worship	6	7 10:00 A.M. Quilters	8	9	10	11
12 Prayers for the People 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	13	14 10:00 A.M. Quilters	15	16	17	18
19 OCWM offering 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	20	21 10:00 A.M. Quilters	22	23	24	25
26 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	27	28 10:00 A.M. Quilters	29	30		