



# Good News

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## All Souls Remembrance

Would you like to honor someone who has died? Our November 6 worship service will be our annual All Souls Day Remembrance of the Dead. This year we remember the lives of Gloria Polden, Jim Oliver, and Marybeth Tschumperlin.

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 November 1 so we can print their names in the bulletin.



Prices are:

Mixed nuts 14 oz. for \$17.00  
Cashews 14 oz. for \$18.00  
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Order by calling the church office (715-835-5475), emailing Mimi (mimi@pcucc.com), or use the sign-up sheet in the hallway alcove.

# November Worship Calendar

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

**November 6**  
*All Souls Day*  
*22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*  
*Community Table offering*  
Daniel 7:1–3, 15–18; Psalm 149;  
Ephesians 1:11–23; Luke 6:20–31

**November 13**  
*23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*  
*Prayers for the People*  
Isaiah 65:17–25 or Malachi 4:1–2a;  
Isaiah 12 or Psalm 98;  
2 Thessalonians 3:6–13; Luke 21:5–19

**November 20**  
*Reign of Christ Sunday*  
*OCWM offering*  
Jeremiah 23:1–6; Luke 1:68–79 or Psalm  
46; Colossians 1:11–20; Luke 23:33–43

**November 23**  
*Thanksgiving Eve worship*  
*7:00 P.M. at First Congregational UCC*

**November 27**  
*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent*  
Isaiah 2:1–5; Psalm 122;  
Romans 13:11–14; Matthew 24:36–44

## Prayer Ministry

In November, we are praying for these  
**individuals/families:** Steve Strassman,  
Benji & Cathy Stygar, Mary Stygar, Sue  
Thompson, Mike Tschumperlin

## Memorials

**Birthday Challenge:**  
Maria Patton

**A/V system:**  
*In memory of Jim Oliver:*  
Family and Friends, Linda Oliver,  
Joanne Miller, George Stecher



1	Char Hartwich
6	Arvilla Kruschke
12	Lesa Green
	JoAnn Smith
20	Tyjha Stygar
26	Kevin Phillips
27	Clyde Divine
30	Jacqueline Andersen
	Louise Sanders

## Food for Thought

Communion will be November 6. We will be serving communion or we will have the sealed cups for you. We will also take our offering for the Community Table and have a pot luck after worship.

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. Just a reminder—the new booster for COVID is now available. Please contact your pharmacy or doctor to see if you're eligible.

Please don't forget our homeless friends. They especially need donations of money, and warm clothing, hooded sweatshirts, along with socks, mittens, hats, and 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, go to the website, [chippewavalleystreetministry.org](http://chippewavalleystreetministry.org), and donate through PayPal.

November 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.

We also have LED light bulbs free for the taking. It's a program sponsored by Focus on Energy.

Come and visit our new libraries. We have one curbside for anyone to use and we've started one inside in Fellowship Hall.

A couple dates to put on your calendar:

- Thanksgiving Eve service has been changed to First Congregational.
- November 30 at 2 P.M. we will be decorating for Advent!



Dear Friends and Family of Plymouth,

November is our month for gratitude, at least from the secular side. We celebrate Thanksgiving in the U.S. at the end of the month, a long and time-honored holiday that goes back to some of the ancestors of the United Church of Christ, the Pilgrims. We've never declared Thanksgiving a holy day of the church calendar, but its origins are deeply religious and spiritual:

a time to give thanks to God for the bounty of the land after the harvest, and for whatever else one might be thankful for. And although it is a secular holiday, we celebrate it in this congregation and the two other UCC congregations in Eau Claire with our annual Thanksgiving Eve worship service. This year it will be at First Congregational UCC downtown on Wednesday, November 23 at 7 P.M. Rev. Les Munnick, the new pastor at Truax UCC, will be preaching for us that night.



Some years in the past, I have turned all of November into a month of Thanksgiving, by naming something every day of the month that I am grateful for: a place to live, clothing, a great city to live in, the colors of autumn leaves, November skies, food, friends and family (sometimes naming people specifically), my car, God, comfortable chairs, music, math, the ability to communicate, the Internet, containers (imagine how different life would be if no one had invented a container yet)... all sorts of things that we can be grateful for. You might wish to practice this spiritual discipline for the month of November. Focusing on gratitude has had a profound influence on my spiritual life. It has helped me move from self-focus to looking outward. It has helped me move

from complaining or feeling cheated about what I don't have, to a spiritual attitude of appreciating the things that I do have. And in the process, helping me discover that I have far more than I had ever realized.

We might offer our thanks through words said to others, or by praying them to God, and also by our actions. Let our gratitude inform how we act, including how we give from our financial resources. Our stewardship campaign will begin at the end of the month, and this is a time to consider our gratitude for the ministries and people of Plymouth UCC, for our Conference and denomination, and God.

I hope you will take time this month to consider what you are grateful for in all aspects of your life, and particularly in your spiritual life. Thanksgiving is a holiday, but for we who follow Jesus, it is also an important spiritual discipline. If you find yourself grateful for something you didn't expect, please drop me a note about it! I'd like to hear what you all are thankful for this year.

More on gratitude: CBS did a long segment in August on Teddy Droseros, a young man who started writing down daily gratitudes ten years ago, and morphed it into leaving books in coffee shops for others to write in, and now working with schools. This link will open to CBS News.

<https://tinyurl.com/2xjzrsxx>

Blessings,

## Create Your Own Porch Pot

The Eau Claire Garden Club will sponsor an event here Friday, December 2 from 3–7 P.M. and Saturday, December 3 from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. Many natural items to choose from with printed instructions to make your own porch pots, wreaths, and tabletop containers. Purchase supplies from the club and build your holiday creations at home!

## Kwik Trip Scrip Change

As of November 1, 2022, Kwik Trip will no longer offer an additional 10% rebate on purchases inside the store when you use your scrip card. Instead, they will have separate “Grocery” cards at a 15% discount for us. These will be good only inside the store and may not be used for fuel, tobacco, alcohol, gift cards, lottery/lotto, or stamps. Please let the office know if you would be interested in buying these cards so that we can order them.

## Bake, Craft, Nut Sale!

December 2–3 we will have a holiday bake sale in conjunction with the EC Garden Club’s “Porch Pot” event. We will also be selling our Christmas nuts and have a small table for our crafts. We need everyone’s participation in making baked goods, especially since it is a two day event! Gather your recipes and your ingredients and get ready to bake, so that we can have an awesome sale. Besides the actual baking, we’ll need help setting up, marking the baked goods, and covering the days of the sale. A sign-up sheet will be out by November 13.

## Stewardship Fall Campaign

Stewardship letters will be sent out in November. Please prayerfully consider your pledges for 2023. We will receive those pledges on Sunday, December 4.



## Advent decorating

We will decorate our worship area on Wednesday, November 30 starting at 2:00 P.M. We’re doing it this early so that it will look good for the Eau Claire Garden Club event Dec. 2–3. Please plan to be here to help out if you can! Coffee and snacks will be provided. If we get enough help, we should be done in a couple hours.



If you would like to donate a poinsettia plant to decorate our worship spaces for Christmas, you can do so in memory or in honor of a loved one. Please fill out the information below and return it with your payment to the church office by November 30. Checks should be made out to Plymouth UCC. Please note "poinsettia" on your check. Poinsettias may be taken home after Christmas.



Your name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Given in memory/honor (circle one) of: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We would like to donate \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettia plant(s) at \$10.00 each

\_\_\_\_\_ Red      \_\_\_\_\_ White      \_\_\_\_\_ Pink

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>November 2022</h1> 						
		1 10:00 A.M. Quilters  6:45 P.M. Dartball–Away (Rock Creek)	2	3	4	5
<b>6 Community Table offering</b>  10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Communion Worship 11:30 A.M. Pot luck	7	8 10:00 A.M. Quilters  6:45 P.M. Dartball–Away (St Mark)	9	10	11	12
<b>13 Prayers for the People</b>  10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Leadership Team	14	15 10:00 A.M. Quilters  6:45 P.M. Dartball–Away (Saving Grace)	16	17	18	19
<b>20 OCWM offering</b>  10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	21	22 10:00 A.M. Quilters	23  7:00 P.M. Thanksgiving Eve worship at First Cong.	24  Office closed	25	26
27  10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	28	29 10:00 A.M. Quilters  6:45 P.M. Dartball–Here (PB&J)	30  2:00 P.M. Advent decorating			



Daylight Saving Time ends November 6. Remember to set your clocks **back** one hour before retiring on Saturday, November 5.