



Good News

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***Cross Illumination for
September is sponsored by
Mimi Pederson in honor of
Aimée Viljevac on her 50th
birthday!***

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September 14 Thrift, Craft, Quilt, and Bake Sale!



Sounds like a lot of work, but with everyone's help we can do it! We have fall and winter crafts to sell, plus

whatever anyone wants to make and donate. The Quilters want to be included, so they will be showing and selling their quilts.

DATE CHANGE FOR BRINGING GOODS FOR THE SALE!!

Items can be brought in starting September 1! The office is closed on September 2, so you won't be able to bring your items in then, but you can bring them in September 3-9 in the mornings from 9 till noon. Items will be checked to make sure they are marked. Items you don't have to mark are books and clothing. If you have any large size paper grocery bags please save them and bring them along with your items; we can also use a few plastic grocery bags. Mimi, Deb, or Barb will be there to accept your goods.

We had to implement these rules since the people who actually set up the Thrift Sale are few and in the past a some people brought in everything unmarked, which is more work for us. The time limit is to ensure we have enough space and time to get the merchandise out. No one wants to work at setting up 4-5 hours a day, which happened last time.

Then of course, we are having a Bake Sale! We have a great reputation for our baked goods. So gear up for lots of baking! Joanne Miller will be calling everyone to see what they can bake for the sale. You can bring your goodies in Thursday, September 12 or Friday, September 13.

There is a sign-up sheet out this week for help setting things up beforehand, help during the sale and for clean-up. We need as much help as possible!

September Worship Calendar

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

September 1

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Hunger offering

Song of Solomon 2:8–13 or
Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–9; Psalm 45:1–2,
6–9 or Psalm 15; James 1:17–27; Mark
7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23

September 8

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayers for the People

Proverbs 22:1–2, 8–9, 22–23 or
Isaiah 35:4–7a; Psalm 125 or Psalm 146;
James 2:1–10 (11–13), 14–17; Mark
7:24–37

September 15

17th Sunday after Pentecost

OCWM offering

Proverbs 1:20–33 or Isaiah 50:4–9a;
Psalm 19 or Psalm 116:1–9;
James 3:1–12; Mark 8:27–38

September 22

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 31:10–31 or Jeremiah
11:18–20; Psalm 1 or Psalm 54;
James 3:13–4:3, 7–8a; Mark 9:30–37

September 29

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Esther 7:1–6, 9–10; 9:20–22 or Numbers
11:4–6, 10–16, 24–29;
Psalm 124 or Psalm 19:7–14;
James 5:13–20; Mark 9:38–50

Prayer Ministry

**In September, we are praying for
these individuals/families:** Pat Sexter,
Denny & Rose Shepler, Irma Shepler,
Christian Shufflin, JoAnn Smith

September Birthdays

- 1 Linda Oliver
- 2 Steve Strassman
- 7 Cindy Halfen
- 10 Lynn McFadyen
- 13 Benji Stygar
- 20 Keith Zehms
Christian Shufflin
- 29 Nancy Salter

Memorials

Birthday Challenge:

Louise Partlow
Mike Tschumperlin

Food for Thought

Communion will be September 1. We will be serving communion or we will have the sealed cups for you. We will also be taking our offering for the Community Table.

We will have a pot luck following worship on September 1. Bring a favorite dish to pass. At this point, our dishwasher has not been repaired. We will be using paper plates and plastic utensils. Plan your dishes accordingly, please.



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. COVID, RSV and the flu are still around in our community. Masks are always available at church if you would like to wear one. Flu shots are out now—start thinking about getting yours!

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. We have a collection box in the Gathering area for clothing, or else you can send a check to CVSM, PO Box 51, Eau Claire, WI 54702-0051.

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 our next big project, which could be a dishwasher???. September birthdays, it's your turn!

Come and visit our libraries. We have one curbside for anyone to use and we've started one inside in Fellowship Hall. Different books are added frequently.

If anyone knows of a family member or member of this congregation who is in the hospital, please let the church office know. Unless someone tells us, we don't know if you're in the hospital. Also, make sure the hospital knows you belong to Plymouth UCC. On the same subject, we would like emergency contacts for all our members. We have forms on the counter next to the office or you can contact Mimi directly to give her that information

Mark your calendars for our next event! September 14 we will have a Thrift, Craft, Quilt, and Bake Sale. Further information is in this newsletter.

THANK YOU!

The Leadership Team would like to thank a group of people who have put in extra time and effort for our church:

- Cindy Halfen, Keith Zehms and Kenny Polden for all the work with our outdoor yard project. It's really looking great outside.
- Mike Tschumperlin for cutting the grass around the church and taking care of the garbage and helping with anything you ask him to help with.
- Mary Stygar and Louise Partlow for serving coffee and bringing us treats every Sunday morning!
- Mimi Pederson for all the little things she does that aren't part of her "job."
- Andrea Strand for keeping our church clean.

Dear friends and family of Plymouth,

We have a thrift sale this month, which is a great time for getting to know your fellow Plymouth members better. I hope you will consider volunteering to help serve that day, or during the week to help set up. These sales offer a lot of time for conversation and learning about each other, strengthening our bonds. They aren't just fundraising events, they're community-building times for us! Please do come help out your church, and get to know some other members better.

Any time we do something that brings in the public, even something like a thrift sale, gives us a chance to show the neighborhood and community of the Chippewa Valley who we are. Your friendly faces, smiles, good words, and helpful actions are our best advertisement for the kind of community we have at Plymouth.

We have created a Facebook event for the sale, and those of you on Facebook can use the invite button to invite your friends, and share the event on your pages to help advertise and get the word out about it.

Speaking of Facebook, now that we are livestreaming our worship services, if you are on Facebook, sharing our worship services to your page is a great way to let the people on your friends list know that we have something special going on at Plymouth. Even if you come to worship in person, please share our worship. It's probably the easiest form of Evangelism that has yet been invented! No awkward conversations, no knocking on doors, no handing out pamphlets... just a simple click of the share button and a short sentence about why you're sharing it.

As summer winds down and kids head back to school and the summer vacations are ending, I hope you all have had a relaxing and refreshing summer time, and that you enter the fall energized. For those of you going to school—may you have an incredible year of learning and growth!

Blessings,



Leadership Team Minutes

August 11, 2024

Members present: Barb Kleist, Mike Tschumperlin, Deb Zehms, Dorothy Ann Divine, Louise Partlow, Bill Sprouse, Mimi Pederson, and Pastor David

The meeting was called to order at 11:39 A.M. The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Financial Reports:

As of July 31, 2024

Year to Date Income	\$83,657.85
Year to Date Expenses	\$86,195.01
Ahead (Behind)	(\$2,537.16)

Treasurer's Report:

Year to date envelope giving is \$7,204 over last year at this time and \$23,561 more than the average going back to 2009. \$7,375 was pulled from the Memorial Fund that was earmarked for General Fund. The quarterly building insurance premium was paid along with a plumbing repair. A sum of \$30,000 was transferred from PIP to the Reserve Fund (in August).

Memorial Fund Balance: \$14,017.47

Reserve Fund Balance: \$10,458.22

Financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

Stewardship:

- We will no longer be selling nuts as a fund raiser. The owner of the company has passed away and his widow is closing the business. We'll be looking for ideas for a replacement fund raiser.

Worship:

- We will have a "Songs and S'mores" fellowship event on Wednesday, August 21 at 7:00 P.M.
- There will be a pot luck September 1.

Building and Grounds:

- Cindy Halfen and Keith Zehms have spent a lot of time and energy to get our landscape looking so nice

Pastor's Report:

- He, Lynn, and Lorin will provide the music for our "Songs and S'mores" event.
- Pastor David will take vacation August 12-18.
- NW Clergy Retreat will be September 29-October 1 at Moon Beach.

Old Business:

- The libraries are being well looked after by Lil Savage and Linda Oliver
- Regarding Pastor David's sabbatical, we still have to fine tune our goals and work with him to decide on the beginning and end dates.

New Business:

- The Funeral Policy was updated and approved.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 P.M. Our next meeting will be Sunday, September 8, 2024 after worship.

Respectfully submitted,
Mimi Pederson



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>September 2024</h1>						
1 Hunger offering 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Communion worship 11:30 A.M. Pot luck	2 Labor Day Office closed	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 Fall Thrift, Craft & Bake Sale
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