

Good News

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All Souls Remembrance

Would you like to honor someone who has died? Our November 3 worship service will be our annual All Souls Day Remembrance of the Dead. This year we remember the lives of Gordy Heimstead, John Moore, Bobbie Rude, and Sylvia Carlson.



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 29 so we can print their names in the bulletin.



15 oz. Mixed nuts for \$17.00

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

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

October 6

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Hunger 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 13

21st 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 20

22nd 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 27

23rd 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



2	Jen Adams
4	Hannah Zehms
5	Jamie Stafford
9	Maria Patton
22	Kay Bussing Nathan Stygar
29	Nancy Wendt
30	Audrey Heimstead

Prayer Ministry

In October, we are praying for these individuals/families: Ken Snart (Jerry Holt); Bill & Heidi Sprouse, Beck, Gabe, Olivia; Jamie Stafford, Nathan, Dakota; George (Sue Falch) Stecher, John; Steve Strassman

Memorials

Birthday Challenge:
Mary Stygar

In memory of Sylvia Carlson:
Larry & Barb Kleist

Food for Thought

Communion will be October 6. 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. There will be no pot luck this month.

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 and the new COVID ones 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??? October birthdays, it's your turn!

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.

Thinking of easy Christmas presents? We are selling nuts this year! We are getting them from a local company, Casey's Creamery. We are only selling single boxes this year, but they are 15 oz. instead of 14 oz. and they are the same price, \$17.00. Sign up sheet is on the counter in church, along with a sample box. Tell friends and family, too. They may want to order some also.

Quilt, Craft, Thrift & Bake Sale Results

We had a successful day on Saturday, September 14. We made about \$2100 on our sale! Thanks to everyone who donated goods, baked goodies, helped during the sale and bought items. It was a fun day and a lot of interaction with members and friends of our church.

Extra Expenses

We have certainly enjoyed our new facility and the lack of repair bills. The time is coming where we will start having more repair bills. This year so far we had repair services out for our coffee pot, the dishwasher, and toilets. There will be more coming, I'm sure!

We have a Contingency Fund for large items, like our parking lot. We used most of that, so we need to build that up. In addition, if you would like to contribute for any up coming repair expenses, we will be setting up a special account for that. BUT...do not forget about your regular giving. We still have a budget with monthly expenses we need to make. So don't give toward upcoming repairs and not your regular pledge. Give toward the upcoming repairs as an extra gift to our church!

Dear friends and family of Plymouth,

We had a wonderful thrift/craft/bake/quilt sale a few weeks ago. Many thanks to all of you who contributed items from your homes or that you made! And many thanks to our dedicated hardworking volunteers who spent days setting things up, working at the sale, and then tearing everything down and packing things up or taking them to a charity. It takes a lot of people to make something like that work. And while it's a lot of work, it has some benefits—not just money that we make from it, but the conversations that we have one another while working together are also very important. As a church, we're about community and relationships, and I saw a lot of relationship building happening during the week of the sale. Those relationships make us stronger as a church.

Our work in the great outdoors around our campus has continued, so I continue to offer many thanks to Cindy, Keith, Kenny, and anyone else who's come by to help put in new plants, continue to take out invasive ones, pulling weeds, spreading mulch, cutting wood, hauling wood away, and all the other work that gets done. The dividends are paying off—this year, our pollinator gardens

were a constantly changing tapestry of colors and textures as flowers and plants bloomed according to their cycles. Our landscape gets more and more beautiful! And we have plans in place to hopefully help our neighbors with their plantings. Working with our neighbors is important!

As we enter our season of crisp air, apple picking, pumpkin spice everything, crunching through leaves while walking the park, marveling at changing colors, and preparing for Halloween, I pray that you all stay warm, stay safe, and get some time to go outside and enjoy the beauty that God has placed all around us. In stressful times, a simple walk through God's beautiful world can calm the spirit and the body.

Blessings,



Leadership Team Minutes

September 8, 2024

Members present: Barb Kleist, Larry Kleist, Deb Zehms, Dorothy Ann Divine, Bill Sprouse, Rob Jaenke, Mimi Pederson, and Pastor David

The meeting was called to order at 11:51 A.M. The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Financial Reports:

As of August 31, 2024

Year to Date Income	\$99,118.85
Year to Date Expenses	\$99,209.20
Ahead (Behind)	(\$90.35)

Treasurer's Report:

Year to date envelope giving is \$4,240 over last year at this time and \$19,937 more than the average going back to 2009. \$5,500 was pulled from the Reserve Fund and \$7,000 was transferred from the Scrip card profits. Payments to OCWM and Community Table were made from offerings through June.

Memorial Fund Balance: \$4,956.47

Reserve Fund Balance: \$34,967.43

Financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

Stewardship:

- There will be no change in our banking set-up. The requirements of having a "business" checking account are not worth the tiny amount of interest we might get in return.
- Larry may have found a local source for nuts for us to use as a fund raiser. We are waiting to see a sample of the product and packaging.

Worship:

- Mimi will do the set-up for communion on October 6 as Barb will be on vacation. Deb will supply the bread.
- The quilters are working on designing and making wall hangings to be placed on each side of the main wall hanging in the sanctuary. The artwork currently there will be moved to the Fellowship Room.

Building and Grounds:

- Cindy Halfen spoke briefly about our landscaping. She will be applying for grants from the Eau Claire Garden Club, NW Association, and the Conference.

Pastor's Report:

- NW Clergy Retreat will be September 29–October 1 at Moon Beach. He plans to attend.
- He will be performing a wedding at First Congregational in Menomonie to help them out as their pastor has retired.

Old Business:

- The libraries are now being well looked after by Linda Oliver
- Regarding Pastor David's sabbatical, Bill has written a proposal about how to proceed step by step and keep the congregation informed as we go
- Barb gave us more details regarding the setting up of our Thrift/Craft/Bake/Quilt sale.

New Business:

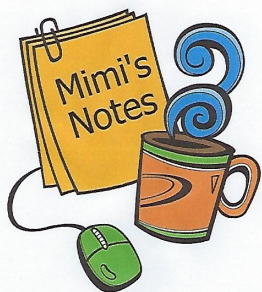
- Following the September 14 Sale, we will not return the chairs to the Fellowship Room until after the housekeeper has had a chance to wash the floor. Since there will be no pot luck in October, we will put them back after worship on October 6.
- Mike Tschumperlin has resigned from the Leadership Team to devote more time to personal issues. We thank him for his service to the congregation.
- Lil Savage has volunteered to provide flowers for worship for the rest of the year.

Meeting adjourned at 12:46 P.M. There will be no meeting in October. Our next meeting will be Sunday, November 10, 2024 after worship.

Respectfully submitted,
Mimi Pederson



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>October 2024</h1> 						
		1 10:00 A.M. Quilters	2	3	4	5
6 Hunger offering 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Communion worship	7	8 10:00 A.M. Quilters	9	10	11	12
13 Prayers for the People 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	14	15 10:00 A.M. Quilters	16	17	18	19
20 OCWM offering 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	21	22 10:00 A.M. Quilters	23	24	25	26
27 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	28	29 10:00 A.M. Quilters	30	31		



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