



# Good News

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*Cross illumination for June  
is sponsored by Sandy  
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## June 8

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Just a reminder that gift cards for Kwik Trip, Festival Foods, Menard's, and Target are for sale at Plymouth on Sunday mornings and during office hours Monday–Friday from Mimi. The church is able to purchase these cards at a discount and the profit helps us pay our bills. It costs you nothing and you are able to use these cards just like cash. Last year we made about \$2000 profit. Thanks for helping.

# June Worship Calendar

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

## **June 1**

*Ascension Sunday*

*Community Table offering*

*Guest Preacher: Rev. Bill Sprouse*

Acts 16:16–34, Psalm 97,

John 17:20–26

## **June 8**

*Pentecost Sunday*

*Prayers for the People*

Acts 2:1–21; Psalm 104:24–24, 35b;

Romans 8: 14–17; John 14:8–17 (25–27)

## **June 15**

*Trinity Sunday*

*OCWM offering*

Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31; Psalm 8;

Romans 5:1–5; John 16:12–15

## **June 22**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

1 Kings 19:1–4, (5–7), 8–15a or Isaiah

65:1–9; Psalm 42 or Psalm 22:19–28;

Galatians 3:23–39; Luke 8:26–39

## **June 29**

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

*Guest Preacher: Rev. Bill Sprouse*

1 Kings 19:15–16, 19–21; Psalm 16;

Galatians 5:1, 13–25

## **Prayer Ministry**

**In June, we are praying for these**

**individuals/families:** Cathy Lee

Ashley (Nick) Mayer, Shawn, Hailey,

Haddie; Joanne Miller; Sandy Moore;

Linda Oliver; Louise Partlow

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## **June Birthdays**

4 Deb Zehms

8 Rob Jaenke

10 Carter Jaenke

13 Adam Wendt

19 Morgan Jaenke

20 Denny Shepler

25 Allen Christensen

27 Harlan Hartwich

## **Memorials**

*Birthday Challenge:*

Joanne Miller

## Food for Thought

Communion will be held on June 1 and we will take our offering for the Community Table. We will also have a potluck! We have some ham and beef left over, so bring something to go with.

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

still recommended this season! The COVID vaccine is still available, along with the RSV vaccine. The CDC is recommending you get a second COVID shot after six months.

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. With federal funding being cut, there are very few options for the homeless. 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. Here is a needs list from the Street Ministry: hooded sweatshirts, in larger sizes so that they can layer; sleeping bags and blankets; men's underwear—new is preferred in all sizes. Also, monetary gifts are very welcome. They purchase city bus passes to provide those that need transportation to work or appointments. Also if they need some items not donated, they have to purchase them.

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 repair project, which now is a new copier for the office. June birthdays, it's your turn, plus if anyone wants to give extra toward a new copier, now's a perfect time.

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.

## Save the Date!

September 20 we will be having a Thrift Sale, Bake Sale, Craft Sale and Quilt Sale. Mark the date on your calendar! We will have more on this in a couple months. We will let you know when you can start bringing things for the Thrift Sale & Craft Sale.



Dear Plymouth UCC,

It was good to begin ministry with you in May! My name is Michael Jones, and I will be serving as your pastor in the coming months. I want to take some time to introduce myself to you. I have been ordained for almost sixteen years and have served churches in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Illinois. I also serve as one of the Associate Conference Ministers of the Wisconsin Conference. My role in the Conference is to support churches and pastors mainly in the Northwest Association, which will soon be called the "Northern Region," and also some Conference-wide duties.

My husband Blake and I have been married almost ten years and moved to the Eau Claire area two-and-a-half years ago with our two daughters, Paige (7 years old) and Lucia (6 years old). Paige and Lucia attend Robbin's Elementary and Blake works remotely through a company in Chicago. You'll meet Blake, Paige, and Lucia in church!

In my time as your pastor, along with worship leadership, I am here for your pastoral care needs as well. Please reach out if you are in need by phone, text, or email. I value open communication and hope you will come to me if you have anything you need to talk to me about. I'm at the church most mornings during the week. My phone number is 608-419-7509.

I want to thank the staff, Mimi and Lynn, and the Leadership Team for the warm welcome. Everyone is wonderful to work with!

Every blessing,

*Paige Michael*



**FROM THE  
PASTOR**

# Leadership Team Minutes

May 18, 2025

Members present: Barb Kleist, Larry Kleist, Bill Sprouse, Rob Jaenke, Lil Savage, Lyle Carlson, Cindy Halfen, Deb Zehms, and Mimi Pederson

The meeting was called to order at 11:40 A.M. The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and accepted.

## Financial Reports:

As of April 30, 2025

Year to Date Income	\$50,346.82
Year to Date Expenses	\$54,077.29
Ahead (Behind)	(\$3,730.47)

## Treasurer's Report:

Year to date envelope income is \$9,700 less than last year at this point, but still more than the YTD average going back to 2009. Expenses included the quarterly insurance bill, HVAC maintenance, and fire suppression system inspection. OCWM and Community Table payments were caught up in April.

**Memorial Fund Balance:** \$6,586.08

**Reserve Fund Balance:** \$24,040.76

Financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

## Worship:

- We will schedule Marisa Johnson's New Member service as soon as she is well enough.
- We will have a pot luck following worship June 1.

## Building and Grounds:

- Our new cleaning person started last Friday.
- The landscape project will receive a \$200 grant from the Eau Claire Garden Club. Cindy will apply to the

Conference for another grant as well.

- Pastor's office is ready to paint. The office furniture needs cleaning and the carpet vacuumed well before we put the office back together.
- We need to look into getting a new copier. Ours is working pretty well, but we were told it's quite old (for a copier) and parts for it may soon not be available.
- The coffee pot was dripping, but seems to have stopped for now. We'll keep an eye on it.
- Heating panel in the ladies' room seemed overly hot. Will keep an eye on that too.

## Pastor's Report:

- Pastor Michael was not here for the meeting, but left a written report for us. There was a lengthy discussion of some of his suggestions.

## Old Business:

- Pastor David's exit interview went well. A copy of Lil's notes will be sent to the Leadership Team
- Copies of Bill's "Transition Experience" helps will be available next to the bulletins on Sunday mornings.
- We were invited to have a booth at the upcoming Pride event, but we have tabled that until next year.

## New Business:

- We will have a Thrift, Craft, and Bake Sale on September 20.

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 P.M. Our next meeting will be Sunday, June 8, 2025 after worship.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mimi Pederson



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>June 2025</h1>						
<b>1 <i>Hunger offering</i></b>  10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship 12:00 P.M. Pot Luck	2	3  10:00 A.M. Quilters	4	5	6	7
<b>8 <i>Prayers for the People</i></b>  10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Leadership Team	9	10  10:00 A.M. Quilters	11	12	13	14
<b>15 <i>OCWM offering</i></b>  10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	16	17  10:00 A.M. Quilters	18	19	20	21
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					