



Good News

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***Cross illumination for
September is sponsored by
Lynn McFadyen in honor of
her birthday.***

September 20 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.



DATES FOR BRINGING GOODS FOR THE SALE!!

Items can be brought in starting Sunday morning, September 7, or September 8–11, from 9 A.M. till 2 P.M., Sunday morning, September 14 or September 15–16, 9 A.M. till 2 P.M. 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 could use a few plastic grocery bags. Mimi 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.

A sign-up sheet for helping to set up, work during the sale and help with clean up after the sale is out on the counter in the entryway. Please help out whenever you can. This event is our one big boost for our General Fund. We have a lot of big bills to pay in September and October! There will be posters available for you to take to your favorite grocery store or business. Please help us advertise this event.

Also, Joanne Miller will be calling you for baked goods for the sale. Our Bake Sales are well known! We need lots of goodies! You can bring the baked goods in Friday, September 19, until about 5 P.M.

Let's make this a great sale!

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September Worship Calendar

10:30 A.M. Worship

Communion the first Sunday of the month

September 7

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Community Table offering

Jeremiah 18:1–11 or Deuteronomy
30:15–20; Psalm 139:1–6, 13–18 or
Psalm 1; Philemon 1–21; Luke 14:25–33

September 14

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayers for the People

Jeremiah 4:11–12, 22–28 or Exodus
32:7–14; Psalm 14 or Psalm 51:1–10;
1 Timothy 1:12–17; Luke 15:1–10

September 21

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Guest Preacher: Rev. Eric Nielsen

Jeremiah 8:18–9:1 or Amos 8:4–7;
Psalm 79:1–9 or Psalm 113;
1 Timothy 2:1–7; Luke 16:1–13

September 28

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 32:1–3a, 6–15 or Amos 6:1a,
4–7; Psalm 91:1–6, 14–16 or Psalm 146;
1 Timothy 6:6–19; Luke 16:19–31

September Birthdays

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

Prayer Ministry

In September, we are praying for these individuals/families: Denny & Rose Shepler; Irma Shepler; Christian Shufflin; JoAnn Smith; Ken Snart (Jerry Holt)

Memorials

Birthday Challenge:

Jim Rusch
Mike Tschumperlin
Mary Stygar

Clavinova repair:

Steve Strassman

Food for Thought

Communion will be held on September 7. We will take our offering for the Community Table and we will also have a potluck! Bring a dish to pass!

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. Masks are always available at church if you would 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. 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: men's tennis shoes, sizes 11-13; sweatpants, sizes M, L, XL; T-shirts, sizes L, XL, 2XL & 3XL; socks, ankle & crew; regular sweatshirts, L & XL; hoodies, L, XL, 2XL; tents, 1-2. Also, monetary gifts are very welcome. They purchase city bus passes to provide to those who 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. September 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.

The Transition Experience

At the end of September, you'll be getting a short recap of the Transitional Information sheets you have been receiving each week. Then, in October, Bill Sprouse will be speaking on the experiences we've had, what our thoughts and questions are. You will be given a chance to write your thoughts, suggestions and questions out. We will then post your responses, so that we can all find out what we are thinking and feeling.

Dear Plymouth,

September is my favorite month of the year. I'll admit that my like of September is probably because it's my birthday month, but there are other things about September that resonate with me. First, no matter how warm it may be in September, there's no doubt that fall is coming (Fall is my favorite season of the year!). The cooling temperatures, changing leaves, and fall foods excite me more than any other season. There's also the fact that school starts in September, certain routines start again, and many activities "start up" in September.

Your favorite season may not be fall. Spring is a good contender for many because it's always uplifting to see the buds on the trees and everything starting to come alive again after winter. Some may love summer because they like it warm and to go on vacation or sit out on the patio or deck on a warm evening. I don't know many people for whom winter is their favorite season, but if it is, that's okay! All the seasons are important and are part of the cycle of the earth on which we live, especially here in Wisconsin. No matter what we think, all the seasons have an important role.

Although there are changes in every season, the changes in September seem, at least for me, hard to miss. They're right in front of us, reminding us that we are in a transition time from summer to winter, from hot to cold. They also remind us that everything changes over time, including each one of us.

As we move into September as a church, what season are we in and where are we headed? There are seasons in church life and our spirituality and faith as well. No one season is better or more important than another, but all have their differences. Some seasons in our church life and spirituality are a time of change, some are a time of growth, and some are a time of discovery. I don't know that there's a right or wrong answer to this question, but I think it's worth thinking about as a spiritual community. I'm thankful that whatever season we may be in, we'll be in it together!

Every blessing,

Pastor Michael



**FROM THE
PASTOR**

Leadership Team Minutes

August 10, 2025

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

The meeting was called to order at 11:35 A.M.

Jill Christopherson spent some time at the beginning of the meeting to explain in more detail and answer any questions regarding the “For Goodness Sake” effort to eliminate homelessness in Eau Claire.

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Financial Reports:

As of July 31, 2025

Year to Date Income	\$78,164.17
Year to Date Expenses	\$83,625.39
Ahead (Behind)	(\$5,461.22)

Treasurer’s Report:

Year to date envelope income is \$9,744 less than last year at this point, but still more than the YTD average going back to 2009. \$9,000 was transferred from the Reserve Fund. Expenses included lawn mowing for June and July and building insurance. OCWM and Community Table payments were caught up for amounts given through June.

Memorial Fund Balance: \$9,659.56

Reserve Fund Balance: \$11,061.45

Financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

Worship:

- A representative from Stand in the Light Memory Choir will make a presentation On August 17 (in place

of the sermon) and that has been designated “Music Sunday.”

- We will have “Songs and S’mores” Wednesday, August 13 at 7:00 P.M.
- We will have a pot luck following worship September 7.

Pastor’s Report:

- His report was via email to Barb as he was on vacation. Our new web page is being worked on.

Old Business:

- We will do an ad in Volume 1 for our Thrift, Bake, Craft, Quilt Sale in September. Mimi will make posters that people can pick up at church and place in grocery stores, etc. There will be announcements for when people can bring items for the sale and a sing-up sheet for workers.
- The last Transition Experience hand-out will be August 17. Following that, Bill will do a Summary of all the hand-outs and we will ask the congregation for their feed-back in September.

New Business:

- We briefly discussed the fact that Pastor Michael’s contract is up on December 31. If we want to make his position here permanent, we will need a congregational vote. It’s possible that we could extend his contract for one month and then have the congregation vote at the Annual Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 P.M. Our next meeting will be Sunday, September 21, 2025 after worship.

Respectfully submitted,
Mimi Pederson



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>September 2025</h1> 						
	1 Labor Day Office closed	2 10:00 A.M. Quilters	3	4	5	6
7 <i>Hunger offering</i> 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Communion Worship 11:30 P.M. Pot Luck	8	9 10:00 A.M. Quilters	10 1:30 P.M. Bible Study	11	12	13
14 <i>Prayers for the People</i> 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	15	16 10:00 A.M. Quilters	17 6:30 P.M. Interfaith Prayer Service at Plymouth	18	19	20 Thrift, Craft, Bake Sale
21 <i>OCWM offering</i> 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Leadership Team	22	23 10:00 A.M. Quilters	24 1:30 P.M. Bible Study	25	26	27
28 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	29	30 10:00 A.M. Quilters				