



Good News

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All Souls Remembrance

Would you like to honor someone who has died? Our November 2 worship service will be our annual All Souls' Day Remembrance of the Dead. This year we remember the lives of Audrey Heimstead and Pat Sexter.

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 Michael or to Mimi by October 27 so we can print their names in the bulletin.



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Daylight Saving Time ends November 2. Remember to set your clocks **BACK** one hour before retiring on Saturday, November 1...otherwise you're going to be really, really early for church on November 2!

November Worship Calendar

10:30 A.M. Worship

Communion the first Sunday of the month

November 2

All Souls' Sunday

Community Table

Daniel 7:1–3, 15–18; Psalm 149;

Ephesians 1:11–23; Luke 6:20–31

November 9

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Prayers for the People

Haggai 1:15b–2:9 or Job 19:23–27a;

Psalm 145:1–5, 17–21 or Psalm 17:1–9;

2 Thessalonians 2:1–5, 13–17; Luke

20:27–38

November 16

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

OCWM offering

Isaiah 65:17–25 or Malachi 4:1–2a;

Isaiah 12 or Psalm 98;

2 Thessalonians 3:6–13; Luke 21:5–19

November 23

Reign of Christ Sunday

Guest preacher: Jill Christopherson

Jeremiah 23:1–6; Luke 1:68–79 or

Psalm 46; Colossians 1:11–20; Luke

23:33–43

November 30

1st Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 2:1–5; Psalm 122;

Romans 13:11–14; Matthew 24:36–44

November Birthdays

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

Prayer Ministry

In November, we are praying for these individuals/families: Benji & Cathy

Stygar, Tyrone, Tyjha; Mary Stygar; Sue

Thompson; Mike Tschumperlin

Memorials

Birthday Challenge:

Pastor Michael

Maria Patton

Food for Thought

Communion will be held on November 2. 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 or donate on their website, Chippewavalleystreetministry.org. Here is a needs list from the Street Ministry: Sweatpants, sizes L, XL, and 2XL; Hoodies, XL, 2XL, 3XL; Boxer briefs, M, L, XL; Gloves—stretchy, one size fits all, Tarps 4'x 6' or 6'x8'. 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. November 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.



Advent Activities— Believe It or Not!

November 30 is the first Sunday in Advent!

We will be decorating our church on Saturday, December 6, starting at 10 A.M. A soup lunch will be provided after we finish. If we get enough help, we should be finished in a couple of hours.

Poinsettia orders are due to Mimi by November 16!

More events coming in the next newsletter!

Dear Plymouth,

It's hard to enter the month of November without thoughts of Thanksgiving. I always look forward to the Thanksgiving holiday, and I'm not ashamed to write that I look forward to it mainly because I like to eat! Not only do I like to eat turkey, but also the other side dishes and Thanksgiving staples that are at our family gathering as well: stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green bean casserole, and of course, all the desserts! My family's tradition for Thanksgiving is to gather at my parents' house in Ohio with my siblings and their families. My mother insists on doing all the cooking, and it is quite a production. I can already picture the multiple tables put together and set for the feast.

Whether you have a big Thanksgiving celebration or something quieter, Thanksgiving is a time and a season to remember what we're thankful for, which may be family, friends, food on the table, all that God has provided us, and more. While there are many myths related to the origins of Thanksgiving and what really happened with the Pilgrims and the Native Americans, what is clear is that the holiday has evolved into a reminder of pausing and reflecting on what it means to be thankful, especially during trying times.

Not everyone has family or can be with family at Thanksgiving, so it is my hope that whatever your Thanksgiving traditions, you feel the warmth of God's love and know that you are part of a wider church family here at Plymouth.

Just as there are many side dishes on the Thanksgiving table, there are many things happening at Plymouth during the month of November! Here are a few to be aware of:

- We begin the month on November 2 with a special worship service, our **All Souls' Sunday**, where we remember those who have died and honor their lives. We'll also have Communion on that day.
- The **season of Advent** begins on November 30, so come for worship on that Sunday ready to begin the new church year and to embrace all the spiritual themes that Advent brings with it.
- In early November, our **new church website** should be launched! We'll give some more updates as we get closer to that date for you to be able to explore it.
- **Bible study** is beginning a new focus in November and beyond. We'll be reading from the Gospels and comparing them using the book *Gospel Parallels* by Throckmorton. If you're interested in joining us, please do! The schedule for the next two months is: Nov. 5, 12 and Dec. 3, 10. We meet on Wednesdays at 1:30 P.M.

May God bless you and bless our church as we move into the month of November, a season of thanksgiving and blessing.

Peace,

Pastor Michael



**FROM THE
PASTOR**

Leadership Team Minutes

October 12, 2025

Members present: Barb Kleist, Larry Kleist, Lil Savage, Lyle Carlson, Mimi Pederson, Dorothy Ann Divine, Bill Sprouse, and Pastor Michael

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 A.M. The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Financial Reports:

As of September 30, 2025

Year to Date Income	\$103,030.55
Year to Date Expenses	\$100,101.83
Ahead (Behind)	\$2,928.72

Treasurer's Report:

Year to date envelope income is \$73,619, \$7,266 less than last year at this point, but more than the YTD average going back to 2009. Income includes \$3,093 from the Thrift Sale. Expenses included bi-annual maintenance of the HVAC system by Hovland's and the quarterly water bill.

Memorial Fund Balance: \$9,195.56

Reserve Fund Balance: \$9,067.87

Financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

Stewardship:

- In mid-November Mimi will send out/email the stewardship letters and pledge forms
- We hope to order nuts for arrival before Thanksgiving.

Worship:

- We will have a pot luck following worship November 7 (All Souls' Sunday). Mimi will prepare the communion elements and order the white roses. Lil will handle the set-up for the pot luck

- Advent decorating will happen December 6 beginning at 10 A.M. Lunch will be served, so we'll need some soups, breads, and desserts for that.

Building and Grounds:

- Larry brought in some silicone spray and the locks are not sticky any more.
- Larry also washed all the windows.
- An electrician was called to fix the light in the quilters' closet.

Pastor's Report:

- He is happy to be our pastor as long as he and his family are in Eau Claire. There is a possibility that his husband could be transferred to Chicago, but he won't know for a few weeks yet. If the transfer occurs, he will get everything set up for us to begin a search for his replacement.

Old Business:

- Our thrift Sale was a great success.
- We haven't had much feed-back from the transition handouts that Bill worked on so diligently.
- It appears our pride flag has been stolen. We will replace it as soon as possible.

New Business:

- Our new web page is nearly done.
- We will ask Dave Klevgard, Morgan and Katelyn Fuller, and Jim and Jullie Fuller if they would like to become members.

Meeting adjourned at 12:14 P.M. Our next meeting will be Sunday, November 9, 2025 after worship.

Respectfully submitted,
Mimi Pederson



You May Have Noticed...

Someone walked off with our pride flag at the bottom of the driveway on a Friday or Saturday night a couple weeks ago. It's unfortunate, too, because that flag helps identify us as Open and Affirming and tells folks who drive by that we are a safe place for everyone. In fact, we received a post card just a couple days before our flag was pilfered. Here's what it said:

Greetings! We drive by the church frequently as we live near by, and although we are not religious people, we appreciate that you hang a pride flag. Thank you for being inclusive!

Best regards,

Two neighbors in the LGBTQ+ Community

We are working to replace the flag as soon as we can.

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 16. 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 _____ Marble

Total enclosed \$ _____

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
November 2025						1
2 Hunger offering 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Communion Worship 11:30 P.M. Pot Luck	3	4 10:00 A.M. Quilters 6:45 P.M. Dartball Plymouth at Saving Grace	5 1:30 P.M. Bible Study	6	7	8
9 Prayers for the People 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	10 5:30 P.M. EC Garden Club	11 10:00 A.M. Quilters 6:45 P.M. Dartball PB&J at Plymouth	12 1:30 P.M. Bible Study	13	14	15
16 OCWM offering 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	17 4:30 P.M. EC Master Gardeners	18 10:00 A.M. Quilters 6:45 P.M. Dartball Plymouth bye	19	20	21	22
23 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	24	25 10:00 A.M. Quilters	26	27 Thanksgiving Office _____ closed	28	29
30 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship						



**15 oz. Mixed nuts,
Milk chocolate covered cashews, or
Milk chocolate covered almonds 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. **Ordering ends Oct 29 at noon.**