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Special points of
interest:

Godspell Jr here at
Plymouth!

It's time for
Vacation Bible School



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The Plymouth Epistle

A Newsletter for the Members & Friends of Plymouth Congregational UCC, Burlington, WI

WORDS FROM WANG – “Love Conquers All”

My last couples Epistle articles have been more on the heavy side. So here is what I decided for August; I hope it's just what you need to hear amidst all the bad news, the hot and dry weather, and the ongoing campaign images. Dozens of 4-8 year old children were interviewed and asked to define what love is. I hope you enjoy their responses. Feel free to share them with anyone who needs a refresher or reminder. And remember that love conquers all.

Love is that first feeling you feel before all the bad stuff gets in the way.

When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love.

When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You know that your name is safe in their mouth.

Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs.

Love is what makes you smile when you're tired.

Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK.

Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen.

If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate.

When you tell someone something bad about yourself and you're scared they won't love you anymore. But then you get surprised because not only do they still love you, they love you even more.

There are two kinds of love: Our love and God's love. But God makes both kinds of them.

Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well.

My mommy loves me more than anybody. You don't see anyone else kissing me to sleep at night.

Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day.

You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget.

God could have said magic words to make the nails fall off the cross, but He didn't. That's love.

Worship Opportunities for August

August 7 – 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Sermon Theme: “*Spiritual Moving Sales*”

Note: The sacrament of Holy Communion

August 14 – 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Matthew 13:1-9

Sermon Theme: “*The Parable of the Sower; the Unexplained Version*”

Note: Regular 9:30 worship and re-scheduled Wilson’s Pond (11:30) service and picnic

August 21 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Luke 13:10-17

Sermon Theme: “*Straighten Up!*”

August 28 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Sermon Theme: “*No Saving Seats Please*”

September 4 – 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Luke 14:25-33

Sermon Theme: “*Strategic Plans*”

Church Picnic



2ND TIMES A CHARM - Worship and Picnic at Wilson’s Pond (August 14)

We made the call early but Mother Nature got the last laugh. Yes, we made the decision to cancel worship and picnic at the pond early that a.m. based on the forecast for an all-day rain; and the sun came out and dried up all the rain. But we’ll see who gets the last laugh because before the day was over Scott Wilson and pastor Bob talked and we now have a rain date and its August 14.

The agenda and format has changed a bit as well.

Nothing has changed for those who were planning to attend only the worship and picnic in July. Because all you need to do

is simply re-set your calendar and prepare another dish to share. You will be contacted to confirm that you are planning on coming at the “2nd Try” version with your lawn chairs etc. in hand.

BUT For those looking for a little more adventure consider coming out on Saturday (August 13th) and **camp out** with the rest of us for the **1st annual all-church campout**. Pastor Bob will be preparing to leave on vacation the following week and has decided to set up his camper early at Wilson’s in the flat area near the pond. And he is looking for some fellow campers to do the same. So the revised plan is for all happy campers to spend Saturday (the 13th) afternoon around, in, or on the pond (kayaks and canoes welcome), for swimming, yard games, the fire pit, and a common meal (most likely something over the fire); followed by an evening of fellowship, singing around the campfire, and star-gazing into the night; families of any size, with or without children are welcome to camp.

This would be great opportunity for a camping test run if you are new to camping. Charis Mitchell has access to several tents for those who may need to borrow one. We also know there are more church members (and/or friends) who have their own tents and some who even have campers/RVs. Of course Scott is gracious enough to provide porta potties. Once we have a list of those wishing to camp and those who need help with equipment we will the set up an e-mail chat to organize activities and our evening meal.

Once again we will have a clipboard at church but it would also be helpful if you made contact with the church of your interests in one or both events. Of course, those who camp over night will already be there Sunday morning for 11:30 worship and the picnic to follow. And yes, Pastor Bob will come in to town to lead the regular 9:30 service and return to “camp.” Any questions, as always feel free to contact the church office 763-6890 or plymouth@plymouthuccburlington.org.

Children's Ministry...



Nikki will be busy this month getting ready for another exciting LOGOS year! We can always use more volunteers on Wednesday evenings through the school year, so we ask you to prayerfully consider how you would like to be involved! We need Bible Study teachers and assistants, people to help with food preparation, table set up and break down. LOGOS begins September 21st!

We have a great group of kids and you can't help but be energized by the excitement that they bring! Contact Nikki if you are interested!

IT'S TIME FOR VBS!!



We invite children from 3 years old through 2nd grade to join us

August 1, 2 and 3 from 5:30pm- 7:00pm
for Vacation Bible School!

We've planned crafts, games,
bible stories and more!!

Contact Nikki Burd and let her know who's coming!!
206-4943 or massnikburd@yahoo.com



This is my first Epistle Article since becoming Moderator and I am excited to be a part of the team that will lead our congregation through the 2016-2017 church year. If you have any ideas or comments that the Operating Council needs to be aware of, please contact any one of us and share your thoughts.

My first article will be short but the message I have is very good news. The response to our request in June asking everyone to bring their pledges current and/or make their fiscal year end donations far exceeded our expectations. We had budgeted for a \$13,000 deficit but actually wound up with a \$4,200 surplus!! On behalf of the OC and the entire church I want to thank everyone for making that happen. It restores our belief that faith based budgeting can be a reality.

There are many other plans “in the works” that you will hear more about in the coming months. They include reports on the details for our church fundraiser in October; the completion of our Capital Campaign remodel project and the scheduling of some potluck events in our newly remodeled space. Have a great summer and please remember that the work of our church doesn’t take a summer break so please keep your pledges and support coming.

Ron Moersfelder
Moderator

**Plymouth UCC
Game Night!**



**Games Day
August 20th at 11:00 am**

**Bring something to play, but be
Prepared to play something new!**

Young, old and in-between are all welcome!

Mission News:



The Missions Team will be sponsoring a "Tropical Luncheon" for our friends at Riverview Manor On August 21 at Noon at Riverview Manor. The Missions team is looking forward to continuing our friendship with these wonderful Seniors. As always in Plymouth hospitality our food and decorations will be awesome!

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are moving right along! Don't forget to keep us filled up with Flip Flops and School Supplies. We are also in need of some bar soap to achieve our goal of 200 Shoeboxes.



Thank you Plymouth for your ongoing support of our projects.



FREE PERFORMANCE

Saturday, August 6

2:00pm

**Plymouth Congregational Church
124 W. Washington St., Burlington**

Agape Players is an Ecumenical Outreach Ministry
Sponsored by Faith Community Church in Franklin, WI
414-433-0222

www.childrenschristiantheatre.com/agapeplayers/
<https://www.facebook.com/childrenschristiantheatre/>

PLYMOUTH ORGANIZATION & OPERATION CHART

July 2016-June 2017

CONGREGATION

OPERATING COUNCIL (OC)

(9 people – 8 elected)

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Group Facilitator</u>
Minister	Pastor Bob Wang	--
Moderator	Ron Moersfelder	--
Vice Moderator	Laura Murin	Mission & Social Action
Past Moderator	Mary Ellen Close	Stewardship & Budget
Recording Secretary	Al Murin	--
Treasurer	Joe Iselin	Finance
Member at Large	Jamie Edwards	Membership & Involvement
Member at Large	Charis Mitchell	Spiritual Enrichment
Member at Large	Nikki Burd	Christian Education & Fellowship

MEMBERSHIP & INVOLVEMENT

Hospitality
Sunshine
Technology Support

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIP

Education
Children's Education
Adult Education
LOGOS
Community Life & Recreation

OC COMMITTEES

Finance & Budget
Member Recruitment
Pastor- Parish Relations
Employee Relations
Scholarship Awards
Search Committee - *When Needed*

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

Worship Support
Music
Prayer Group

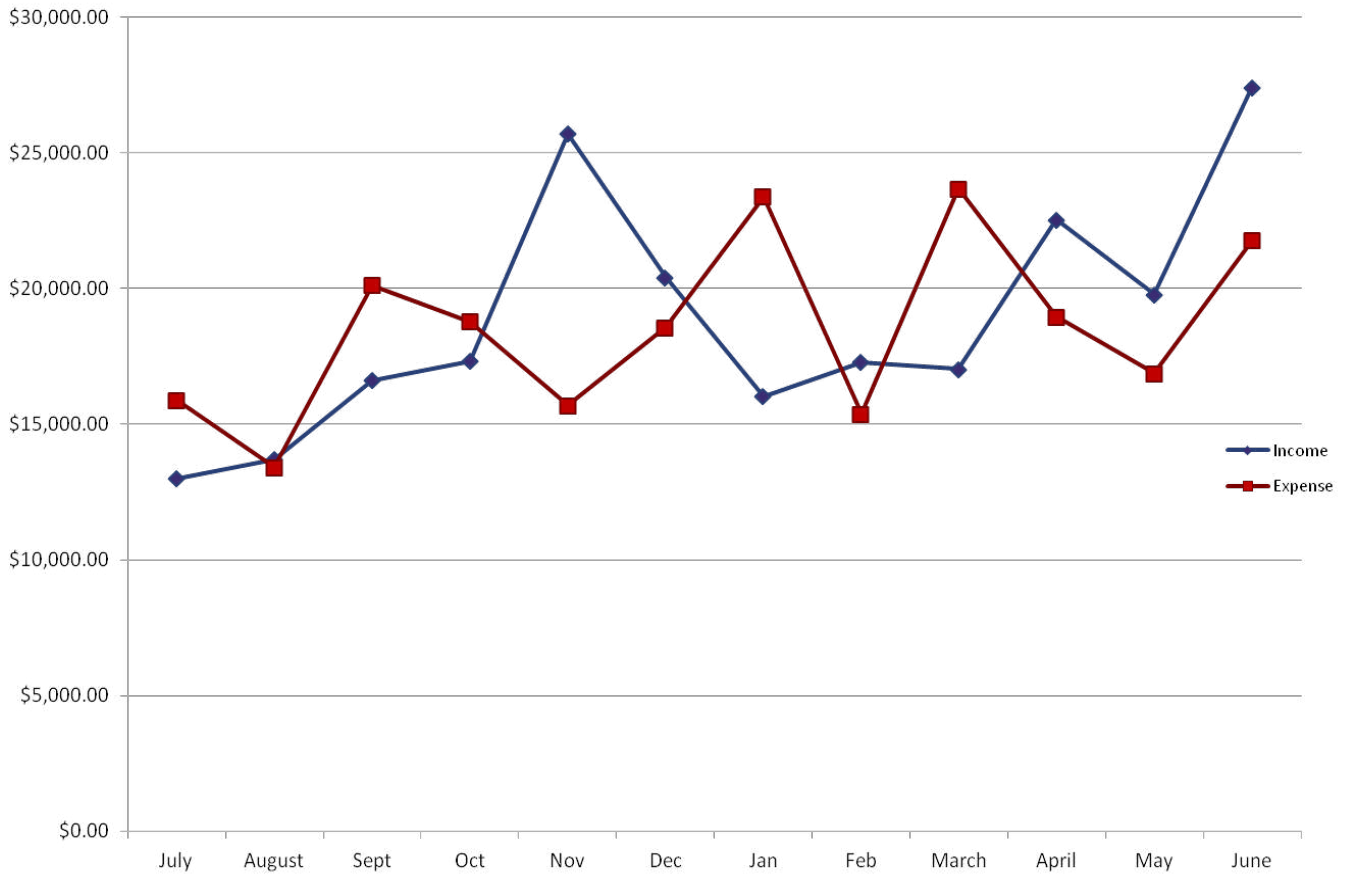
STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Annual Budget Fundraising
Special Event Fundraising
Memorial Gifts
Planned Giving
Historical Records
Building & Maintenance

MISSION & SOCIAL ACTION

Mission Finance & Awards
Social Justice

End of Fiscal year July 2015-June 2016





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| 1 - Kyle Harder
Steve Horner | 11 - John Kriek
Jane Dukes | 18 - Allie Zusan |
| 2 - Amanda Willick | 12 - Jackie Kastengren
Dick McKinney | 19 - Don Striegel |
| 5 - Eric Behnke | 13 - Troy Everson
Scott Behnke | 20 - Kirby Warner |
| 6 - LaVonne Howell
Raegan Rediger
Isaiah Jones | 15 - Tyler Daniels | 21 - Isaac Witte
Peyton Daniels |
| 8 - Evelyn Price
Chad VanSwol | 16 - Bo Coleman | 23 - Rylee Wightman |
| 10 - Sara Foster | 17 - Sandy Striegel
Justin Foster | 24 - Jessica Schultz |
| | | 25 - Julie Sullivan |
| | | 29 - Judy Wang
Becky Thompson |



Tom & Carolyn Schoneck – August 2
 Don & Sandy Striegel – August 5
 Chad & Heather Kane-Terhorst – August 6
 Mike & Julie Springer – August 7
 Scott & Marilee Hoffman – August 14
 Steve & Jayne Bella – August 15

Tony & Ev Price – August 20
 Bill & Toni Meinel – August 24
 Eric & Deb Lindell – August 25
 Paul & Ann Edwards – August 26
 Jim & Jean Smithback – August 27
 Jim & Elaine Burd – August 29



*Our
Heartfelt
Sympathy
to:*

We extend our deepest sympathy to Pastor Bob and Judy Wang and their family on the passing of Judy's sister, Linda Blazeovich on July 16, 2016 after a long battle with cancer.

And to Fenton and Marge Harder and their family on the passing of Fenton's father, Jess Harder on July 17, 2016. He had celebrated his 100th birthday in April of this year.

Our prayers are with these 2 families during this difficult time.



Fair Trade Coffee Project - Items sold 2nd Sunday of the month

- Organic Tamari Roasted Almonds — \$5.00 per package
- Equal Exchange Teas — \$3.00 per package
- Regular Whole Bean and Ground Coffee — \$7.00 per bag
- Decaf Whole Bean and Ground Coffee — \$8.00 per bag
- Regular Flavored Coffees — \$8.00 per bag
- Hazelnut Decaf — \$9.00 per bag
- Hot Cocoa Mix — \$6.00 per can
- Equal Exchange Large Chocolate Bars — \$2.50 each

We also have Women's Bean Project items:

- Soup Mixes - \$5.50 each
- Cookie Mixes - \$5.00
- Iced Tea Mixes - \$3.50
- Dip Mixes - \$3.75
- Chocolate Covered Espresso Beans - \$5.75

Sharing Sunday — 1st Sunday of every month — All items go to Love, Inc.

Love's food pantry continues to need your help!

The following non-perishable food and other items are greatly needed:

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| canned fruit, canned vegetables, soup | mouth wash, shampoo |
| toothpaste, toothbrushes | tissues, toilet paper |
| hair spray, hand soap | diapers (all sizes) |
| feminine hygiene products | macaroni, cereal |
| canned spaghetti | jelly, peanut butter |
| brown sugar, sugar | laundry detergent |
| mayonnaise, mustard, catsup | dish soap, deodorant |
| disposable razors | |



Monetary contributions are always accepted. Just place your check in the offering plate or mail it to Plymouth Church.



Plymouth Children's Center receives funds from grocery stores

Plymouth Children's Center collects grocery receipts from Richter's Marketplace. We receive 1% of the total on the receipts. Richter's Marketplace receipts require a *Funds for Friends* sticker on the back. There is a blue box on the table outside the office door that you can put the receipts in. Thank you for your continued support.

Flowers for Sunday



If you would like to supply flowers for the altar on a Sunday, please sign up for a date on our Flower Chart. It is located by the door in the parlor that leads to the nursery. Look ahead to important dates in your life that you would like to commemorate by providing flowers for our church service. We thank Marty Baker for the exquisite arrangements she has been providing for the past several months. We have truly appreciated her gifts of time and talent!!



The Worship Team needs more volunteers for the following Sunday morning duties:

- Usher,*
- Liturgist,*
- Fellowship*
- Time servers,*
- Communion servers and*

Nursery care. If you would like to help in any of these areas, please contact the church office and we can put you on the fall schedules. Thank you!!



SUNDAY	August 7 9:30am	August 14 9:30am	August 21 9:30am	August 28 9:30am
DEACONS	August 7: Jim Burd – Bread Tyler Daniels, Becky Daniels, Steph Eveland			
USHERS	Ron & Pam Moersfelder	Tim & Kay Burd	Bob & Jackie Kastengren	Nikki Burd Don Howell
LITURGIST	Carolyn Schoneck	Jamie Edwards	Ron Moersfelder	Sara Graham
FELLOWSHIP SERVERS	Ron & Pam Moersfelder	Joel & Sara Graham	Bob & Jackie Kastengren	Paul & Marilyn Gander
AV OPERATOR	Jamie Edwards	John Kranich	Ron Patla	Al Murin



**“Ladies Lunch Bunch” Wednesday, August 3rd
Pine Street Café**

Come for fun and pleasant conversation.
Order from the menu and pay for your own lunch.
If you need a ride, call the church office at 763-6890.

**Deadline for the September issue of *The Plymouth Epistle* is :
Wednesday, August 24th Thanks, Beth**

PLYMOUTH UCC STAFF

Rev. Robert E. Wang, Minister-262-857-2237 (H)
Beth Picazo, Secretary
Stephanie Eveland, Financial Secretary
Nikki Burd, Children’s Ministry Director
Jeffrey Hughes, Custodian
Marty Baker, Wedding Coordinator
Diane Olson, Organist & Choir Director

PLYMOUTH CHILDREN’S CENTER

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Sara Trewyn, Program Director
Phyllis Hancock, Assistant Director



Rev. Robert Wang, Minister– Office Hours:

Tuesday-Friday: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
If possible, please call ahead to make sure
Pastor Bob is available

PLYMOUTH UCC SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Beth: Monday - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Steph: Monday-Thursday, 8:30a.m.-2:00p.m.
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August 2016						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 5:30-7:00pm VBS	2 5:30-7:00-pm VBS	3 Noon – Ladies Lunch Bunch 5:30-7:00pm VBS	4	5 6am Men's Breakfast	6
7 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee & Conversation	8	9	10 6:30pm Operating Council Meeting	11	12 6am Men's Breakfast	13 Camp out at Wilson's Pond
14 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee & Fellowship 11:30am Worship at the Pond 12:30pm Church Picnic	15	16	17	18	19 6am Men's Breakfast	20 11am Game Day
21 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee & Fellowship	22	23	24	25	26 6am Men's Breakfast	27
28 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee & Conversation	29	30 10:30am A.S.A.P.	31	Notes: Beth will be out of the office Aug 2-5 Pastor Bob will be out of the office Aug 15-22 Nikki will resume her regular office hours on August 17th. (Mon & Wed)		



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We hope you like our monthly newsletter. It is such a great communicator of happenings at our church. However, if you no longer wish to be on our mailing list, please notify us by either mail, telephone (262-763-6890) or email - plymouth@plymouthuccburlington.org.



**SAVE THE
DATE!**

**Friday, October 28th
Fall Fundraiser at
Veteran's Terrace**