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Mission Presentation

Christmas Dinner needs
coordinators

Fall Clean Up Day

Auction Wrap Up!

November

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The Plymouth Epistle

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

WORDS FROM WANG – “Thank You Notes”

“**GRATITUDE** consists in a watchful, minute attention to the particulars of our state, and to the multitude of God's gifts, taken one by one. It fills us with a consciousness that God loves and cares for us, even to the least event and the smallest need of life.”

(H.E. Manning)

The phrase “minute attention to the particulars of our state (our lives) and to the multitude of God's gifts taken one by one” stands out for me in this verse of prose describing gratitude.

Jimmy Falon, on *The Tonight Show*, as one of his bits of comedy does a weekly segment called “thank you notes.” Albeit in good fun, the concept of writing thank you notes is an undervalued and underrated ritual and something that we should all take “note” of and consider practicing more. Because, like many rituals, it is often the one extending it and not the recipient that benefits the most from the act (although who doesn't enjoy getting them!). The same is true when it comes to putting forth gratitude or thank you notes to God; from who all our blessings flow.

I think it goes without saying that most of us fall short when it comes to offering thanks at almost every level. But there is great value in doing so and should therefore be a goal for us as we move into that special time of year dedicated to thanks giving; and should be incorporated into our daily routines 24/7, twelve months a year. I, for one, have especially admired those who take the time to sit down and hand writes thank you notes; they are an inspiration and example we would all do well to emulate.

Finally, going back to the quote I began with, “the multitude of God's gifts, **taken one by one**” reminds us of the words from the old fashioned hymn *Count Your Blessings* so it seems fitting to share a few lines from.

When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed,
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord has done.

Refrain

Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your blessings, see what God has done;
Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your many blessings, see what God has done.

(Words: by Johnson Oatman, Jr. Tune: by Ed-win Ex-cell)

May we be mindful of each and every blessing, name them, and properly extend gratitude to those responsible for providing them. Give thanks, give thanks, and give thanks.

See ya' in church. Pastor Bob

Worship Opportunities for November

November 6 – 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Sermon Theme: “It’s In Our Hard Wiring”

Note: The Sacrament of Holy Communion

November 13 – 26th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: 2nd Thessalonians 3:6-13

Sermon Theme: “Do Not Be Weary in Doing What is Right”

Note: Following worship, Amanda Gyger to present on her trip to Uganda.

November 20 –

Plymouth Church Heritage Sunday

Scripture: Isaiah 65:17-25

Sermon Theme: “Like the Days of a Tree”

November 27 – 1st Sunday of Advent

Scripture: Isaiah 12:1-5

Sermon Theme: “A Vision of Shalom”

December 4 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Rev. Jim Burd will be preaching



PLYMOUTH PACKER PARTY – October 30th party cancelled and rescheduled for November 13th vs. the Titans

The NFL threw us a curve ball and changed the time of the October 30th game to 3:25. SO....we decided we would add a November game to make up for it!

On our church schedule for that day we are blessed to have Amanda Gyger give a presentation on her trip to Uganda this past summer (see next page). We hope having these 2 events on the same day will make us doubly blessed with a greater audience for both! The Packer game will be on immediately following Amanda’s presentation.

Watch for more details in church or in the Plymouth Points about the meal for the day. A sign up sheet will be available at church or you may call the church office.

The next Packer Party will be: December 4th vs. the Texans

Go Pack Go!!!



PLYMOUTH PRAISE IN WORSHIP – November 27

Giving thanks is perhaps the single most relevant act of worship and singing it is even more inspiring. Each month our *Plymouth Praise* worship team comes together to prepare for leading worship, and would all agree, that even rehearsing becomes an act of thanksgiving. Suffice it to say, those involved always enjoy the time together. And those who sing pray twice.

November 20 @ 11:30 – Rehearse for the next Sunday

November 27 @ 8:45 - Rehearsal with worship at 10:00 a.m.

We always welcome new singers or players.

Come help us make a joyful noise.

Mission News:



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:

If you would like the Missions Team to shop for items for the shoeboxes, you may make monetary donations through the church office. Also if you know anyone who subscribes to Ipsy, we could use empty Ipsy bags for the shoeboxes. **The shoebox assembly is planned for Saturday, November 12 at 9:00am in Fellowship Hall.**

LOOKING FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS:

The Missions Team would like Names and Addresses of college students who are members of Plymouth Church. If you have a college student in your family, please provide that information to Jill Albrecht or the church office.



Last year we had to take a hiatus from providing Christmas Dinner to our community shut-ins because of the construction of our new kitchen. Our hope is to pick right back up and host a Christmas Dinner this year, in our beautiful new dining area. **We are looking for people willing to act as coordinators.** If you are interested in helping get this project off the ground, please contact the church office. (We have lots of information to share from previous years and you certainly will not have to start from scratch.) Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to share the Christmas Spirit with our community.

GLOBAL HEALTH TRIP TO UGANDA

My name is Amanda Gyger and I am a student in the UW-Madison Doctorate of Physical Therapy program. This year seven of my classmates and I participated in a Global Health trip to Uganda for three weeks this past May. The Mission Team generously donated to our trip so I will be giving a slide show presentation to the congregation on Sunday, November 13 after the service and answering questions.

During our first week, we worked at Mulago Hospital working alongside local physiotherapists to provide patient care, educational materials, and deliver an in-service to improve current hospital practices. During the second week, we traveled to an orphanage in Nkokonjeru, where we completed a project at the facility based on current needs, assisted in and improved care for the children of the orphanage, as well as for the nuns who manage the facility. During our final week, we worked with several community based rehab organizations that provide home care services and train therapists to assist community members who have children with disabilities.

I look forward to sharing more details about the trip with the congregation. This trip would not have been possible for us without the generous donations that we received from our communities and church families.





We have adopted **6 families** from **Love, Inc.** Look for the bulletin board in the parlor by Nov 13th. We hope that you take a slip or two from the tree on the bulletin board and purchase the gifts. Cash is also welcome and we will shop for you. **WRAPPING PAPER, TAPE AND RIBBON ARE ALSO NEEDED SO PARENTS CAN WRAP THEIR CHILDREN'S GIFTS!!**

If you are interested in helping please do the following:

- 1) Select a slip or slips from the tree for the gifts you wish to purchase. **It is VERY IMPORTANT that if you select a gift to buy you follow through. When we sort and box the gifts to take to LOVE we check to see if all are in. If any are missing we then have to scramble to get something – we ask for the same number of gifts for each child and feel it is VERY important to have all we asked for.**
- 2) Please enclose a gift receipt for clothing gifts in case exchange is needed and SHOP LOCALLY WHEN POSSIBLE.
- 3) Gifts for children should NOT be wrapped...but DO wrap family gifts.
- 4) Bring the item(s) to church by **Sunday, December 4th**. MAKE SURE YOU ATTACH THE SLIP YOU TOOK FROM THE TREE TO THE ITEM(S).
- 5) If you can't/don't wish to shop please consider a gift of money and we will shop for you.

If you find that you cannot buy the gifts you have selected please contact Betty Peterson (763-6760) rlpekp@wi.rr.com or Karen Iselin (763-8077) kmiselin@hotmail.com so we can purchase them. It is VERY important we have ALL gifts on our lists.

Please prayerfully consider how YOU can help with this important mission!



*You are invited to Our 5th Annual
Heritage Sunday
November 20, 2016 at 10:00 am*

*On this day we will be honoring those who have
been members of Plymouth Church for 25 years or more*

Please plan to join us for this special celebration!

**Saturday, November 12th
8:30am—Noon**

**Please come and help
us do some inside and
outside “sprucing up”.**



**Plymouth UCC
Game Night!**



**COMBINED GAME DAY AND MOVIE NIGHT
November 19TH**

**GAME DAY starts at 11am
MOVIE NIGHT -- 6pm (after Game Day)
Special Local Premiere!
“WERESQUITO: NAZI HUNTER!”**

A 1950s-style monster movie in style of William Castle.
In glorious black and white! (May be too scary for younger
children. Really!)

Featuring a LIVE IN PERSON appearance by Filmmaker
Christopher R. Mihm! (And possibly family and cast
members as well!) Come and enjoy this special event at
our church! Refreshments available!





Fall is here!! And the Children's Ministry Team is loving this weather! Or maybe it's just me. :)

October is a busy month for our youth in our church. We are all getting back to Sunday School schedules, LOGOS nights and all the fun that comes with being apart of Plymouth Church.

I wanted to thank the wonderful ladies of our church for helping us make Elephant Ears for our Fall Bake Sale. Pam Wanasek, Gidget Brown, Betty Peterson and Carolyn Schoneck.... thank you for taking time out of your Saturday morning to help our kids bake elephant ears. Our Bake Sale made \$330.00!! I think it's the best one we have had yet!! Also a special thank you for all of our church members that bought our delicious treats!

LOGOS and Sunday school kids will be selling ButterBraids again in October and they will be delivered in the beginning of November. So I hope you had a chance to purchase one or two from our youth.

Our 7th and 8th graders took time during LOGOS to walk the neighborhood to collect items for LOVE, INC. They had a great time helping others in need and realized that there are wonderful people in our town that love to help. It was a great evening, I am so proud of these kids!!

Please mark your calendars for our Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, November 4th from 5:00-7:30pm. I am hoping that our youth group kids can help with this event. We will let you know how our first Spaghetti Dinner goes next month!

Enjoy the beautiful colors outside and remember to help your neighbors whenever you can!

Blessings,
Nikki Burd
Children's Ministry Director



A HUGE thank you to all who made this year's "FALL THAT JAZZ" such a success!! Very special thanks to: Sue Nelson, Lisa Mushel, Jamie Edwards, Ellen Gyger, Don Howell, Jackie Kastengren, Nikki Burd, Diane Hanson and Marty Baker.



Thank you for awarding me the Carl & Isabel Backlin Scholarship. I am a nursing student at Edgewood College and this money will help me reach my dream of becoming a RN. One day I will pay it forward in the health field.

~ Anna Vogt



Greetings from Plymouth Choir!

We are rehearsing for the Cantata "Joy!" on Tuesdays from 7pm to 8pm. Please come and sing with us. We will have a special rehearsal on Saturday, December 17th...stay tuned for more information. The Cantata will be on Sunday, December 18th.

For more information: jamieberdler@gmail.com

CANTATA

Blessings,

Jamie Edwards



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| 2 - Isaiah Brenner | 19 - Penny Yanke |
| 4 - Gidget Brown | Nicolas Escobar |
| 7 - Tom Schoneck | 20 - Greg Hoffman |
| 8 - Larry Gyger | Amanda Konkel |
| 11 - Kyle Kowalczyk | 23 - Craig Wightman |
| 13 - Bob Kohout | 25 - Dave Snyder |
| Al Hahn | Allen Jones |
| 15 - Paige Wightman | 26 - Ron Nebinger |
| 16 - Jan Kitzrow | Dylan Morrow |
| Joel Befort | 27 - Alice Peterson |
| Ethan VanSwol | 28 - Justin Mushel |
| 17 - Steph Eveland | Emanuel Bowman |
| 18 - Rollie Witte | |



- Ken & Julie Stier – November 1
 Justin & Lisa Mushel – November 8
 Tim & Kay Burd – November 9
 Steve & Kylara Horner – November 19
 Ken & Nancy Vonderohe – November 29

Special congratulations to Bob Kohout who celebrates his 92nd birthday on November 13th.

LOOKING AHEAD...



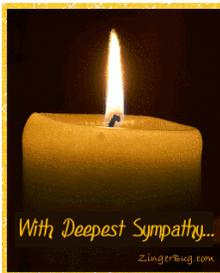
November 27 @ 11:30 - Hanging of the Greens

December 11 @ 10:00a.m. - Children's Program

December 18 @ 10:00am – Choir Christmas Cantata—“JOY!”

December 24 – Christmas Eve Worship Services
 Family Service @ 4:00pm
 Traditional Service @ 7:00pm

December 25—Christmas Day Worship at 10:00



We extend our deepest sympathy to Evelyn Price and her family, as well as Dick & Betty Peterson and their family on the passing of Tony Price on October 16, 2016. Our prayers are with them 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
- Divine Chocolate Bars - \$1.50

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.

Blood pressure screening -November 13th

Blood pressure screening will take place in the parlor kitchen following worship.



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 and the church offices. 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 could use more volunteers for the following Sunday morning duties: Usher, Liturgist, Fellowship Time servers, Nursery Care and people to serve communion.

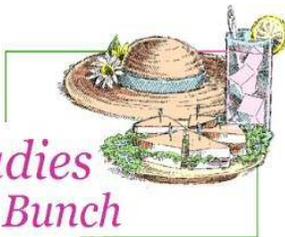
If you would like to help in any of these areas, please contact the church office and we can put you on the fall schedules.

Thank you!!

NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS



SUNDAY	November 6 10:00am	November 13 10:00am	November 20 10:00am	November 27 10:00am
DEACONS	November 6: Pam Moersfelder – Bread Ron Moersfelder, Lori Benstead, Jackie Kastengren			
USHERS	Bob & Jackie Kastengren Deb Lindell	Tim & Kay Burd Jim Burd	Steph Eveland Diane Hanson Nikki Burd	Scott, Peggy and Halie Behnke
LITURGIST	Steve Picazo	Paul Gander	Pam Moersfelder	Sara Graham
FELLOWSHIP SERVERS	Ron & Pam Moersfelder	Gidget Brown Kathy Pieters	Nikki Burd Beth Picazo	Steph Eveland Diane Hanson
AV OPERATOR	Jamie Edwards	Dave Snyder	John Kranich	Al Murin
NURSERY	Sara Graham	Becky Daniels	Steph Rediger	Betty Peterson
ACOLYTE	Raegan Rediger	Gibson Souther	Chloe Rediger	Josh Katzman



**“Ladies Lunch Bunch”
Wednesday, November 2nd
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 December issue of *The Plymouth Epistle* is :
Friday, November 18th . 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
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Jamie Edwards, Choir Director
Lisa Carnahan, Choir Accompanist



PLYMOUTH CHILDREN’S CENTER

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Sara Trewyn, Program Director
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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

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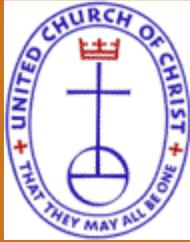
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NOVEMBER CALENDAR



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7pm Choir	2 Noon – Ladies Lunch Bunch 5pm LOGOS 6:30pm Bell Choir	3	4 6am Men's Breakfast 5:00pm Spaghetti Dinner	5
6 8:45am Choir Rehearsal 10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:00am Coffee & Conversation	7	8 10:30am A.S.A.P. 7pm Choir	9 6:30pm Operating Council Meeting 6:30pm Bell Choir	10	11 6am Men's Breakfast	12 8:30am- Noon Fall Clean Up Day 9am Shoebox Assembly
13 8:45am Bell Choir Rehearsal 10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:00am Coffee & Conversation 11:00am Fair Trade Sales 11:00am Blood Pressure Scrnig 11:30am Mission Presentation Noon—Packer Party	14	15 7pm Choir	16 5pm LOGOS 6:30pm Bell Choir	17	18 6am Men's Breakfast	19 11am Game Day 6pm Movie Night
20 Heritage Sunday 8:45am Choir Rehearsal 10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:00am Coffee & Conversation 11:30am Plymouth Praise	21	22 10:30am A.S.A.P. 7pm Choir	23 NO LOGOS NO Bell Choir	24 Happy Thanksgiving!	25 Church office closed	26
27 8:45am Plymouth Praise 10:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:00am Coffee & Conversation 11:00am Hanging of the Greens	28	29 7pm Choir	30 5pm LOGOS 6:30pm Bell Choir	Notes:		



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Experiencing the Holidays After a Loss...

**Sunday November 6th
1:00pm
Schuette Daniels Funeral Home
625 S. Browns Lake Drive
Burlington**

**Speaker: Chaplain Larry Williams
Time will be available after the
presentation to discuss any specific
concerns individuals may have.**

**Call the funeral home at 763-3434
if you plan to attend.**