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The Plymouth Epistle

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

WORDS FROM WANG – “Church People Simply Like Being Together”

Once upon a time, in a land far away, there was a church. And in this church there were people of all different backgrounds, races, family structures, and tastes. And in spite of their many differences, including their languages, for they all spoke different languages, they could still speak with one another in civil ways and **understand each other**. And why you might ask. Acts 2 provides the answer; it was the Holy Spirit that gave them the ability.

The story of the birth of “the community in Christ” that received the wind-full blessing of the God is an image of what we strive to be as the church for today. There was a certain “enthusiasm” coupled with a spirit of cooperation that made the first Pentecostal church unique and is the same image that all vital churches must embody as we respond to our call in an age when church as we know it continues to morph into something new; a picture that onlookers want to be a part of.

Remember too that those looking in accused the faith community of being drunk on wine. Perhaps it was their level of enthusiasm and vitality that warranted that accusation. And once it was determined that there were no chemical additives to the behavior being emulated that day those looking in realized it was completely organic. And who doesn't want to be a part of something that is organically grounded and spirit filled? And at the risk of repeating myself - in spite of their diversity they seemed to understand each other and they truly got off on being together; “one in the spirit.”

If there is one thing that will sustain us and move us forward as the church it is our ability to understand each another, our desire to support one another, and the simple fact that we enjoy being together as God's people - whenever two or three are gathered together in God's name. It could be Sunday mornings in worship, it could be a Wednesday evening at LOGOS or a council meeting, it could be when “God's Gals” get together, it could be men having breakfast together, it could be having drinks together in a member's home, it could be in the church parking lot as folks converse about news of the day, or it could be working side by side serving a meal at Love, Inc. It is the Holy Spirit that gives us the ability.

It's as simple as a child's song: “I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together. All who follow Jesus, all around the world; yes we're the church together.”

See ya' in church. Pastor Bob

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

June 4 – Pentecost Sunday

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21

Sermon Theme: “Wind Song”

Note: The Sacrament of Holy Communion

June 11 – 1st Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Genesis 1:1- 2:4 and Matthew 28:16-20

Sermon Theme: “Trinity”

June 18– 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Genesis 18:1-15

Sermon Theme: “Heard A Good Father’s Day Joke Lately?”

June 25 –

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Matthew 10:24-39

Sermon Theme: “It’s A Matter of Perspective”

July 2 –

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Matthew 10:40-42

Sermon Theme: “Yes, It Is That Simple”

Note: The Sacrament of Holy Communion



Summer Worship at 9:30am - begins June 4

Summer office hours begin June 5

Monday-Thursday 8:30-2:00

Office closed on Fridays



HEADS UP – CONFIRMATION 2017-18

If someone in your family will be in the 7th or 8th grade this fall then it’s not too early to begin making plans for Plymouth Church Confirmation. Every other year we offer a comprehensive and fun-filled opportunity for young people to reflect on their spiritual walk with God. Weekly sessions are coordinated with our LOGOS program which meets on Wednesday nights during the school year.

The process always begins with an orientation meeting (parents & kids) as we lay out the schedule and program year that will culminate on Confirmation Sunday which is usually on or around Pentecost which in 2018 will be May 20. Our fall orientation will be September 10 and lunch will be provided for all participating families. More information will be forthcoming but be sure to get these two important dates on your calendar if you will have a participant in this year’s program.



We're Proud of You!

High School Graduates

Holly Hines has been doing an internship at Covenant Harbor, Lake Geneva and working for NICASA at a teen court in Illinois since January. She will continue at Covenant Harbor as a camp councilor after graduating from Burlington High School in June. This fall Holly will attend Bethel University where her majors will be Missional Ministries and Environmental Studies.

Payton Campbell graduates from Burlington High School and will attend UW Whitewater in the fall to follow her ambition and dream of Majoring in Elementary/Middle School Education with a minor in Special Education. While at UW Whitewater she has accepted a position to work at the Center for Students with Disabilities in order to gain additional knowledge and experience in her field of study. Payton will work this summer at an adult group home for challenged adults as a caretaker while continuing her job at Reinemans. She also applied to the Burlington School District as a Summer School Teacher aide.

Sebastien Rediger graduates from Burlington High School and is excited to be working at Pilgrim Center in Ripon this summer. He'll return to the Burlington area to seek full time employment.

Reid Moen graduates from Burlington High School and will be attending UW-Madison in the fall.

Natalie Lindell will be graduating from Waterford High School and then attending UW La Crosse in the fall. Natalie plans to study Kinesiology and then onto a graduate program to become a Physician Assistant.

Kirby Befort will be graduating from Badger High School in Lake Geneva. He will be going to UW-Eau Claire in the Fall and majoring in Business Administration and Marketing.

Kyle Kowalczyk is graduating from Union Grove Union High School and is attending Gateway Technical College for his Associates Degree in Diesel Engine Technology.

College Graduates

Mary (Kastengren) Lenz graduates from Marquette Dental School. She has a position in a dental network where she will work in Union Grove and Twin Lakes.

Mollie Elizabeth Wang is graduating with highest honors from Northern Illinois University with a degree in Rehabilitation Services and minor degrees in Spanish and American Sign Language. She has been accepted into the Occupational Therapy graduate program at Pacific University in Portland, Oregon where she will pursue masters/doctoral degrees.

Serena Wanasek graduates from the University of Iowa. She will be working as a Sports Medicine Coordinator at a physical therapy clinic in Iowa City.

Hannah Lindell graduates from UW Eau Claire with a Math Education Major and will be teaching High School level math. Hannah is currently applying and interviewing for a position in Southeastern WI, as she would like to be back in the area to be closer to family.

Amanda Gyger received her Doctorate of Physical Therapy from UW-Madison. She will be locating to the Denver, Colorado area looking to work in pediatrics in either a children's hospital or home health care. Amanda plans to be married in May, 2018.

From the Moderator



I am happy to report that Jamie Edwards was elected our Vice Moderator at the Annual Meeting. We went into the meeting with no proposed candidates. Jamie was touched by the Spirit and volunteered at the meeting, and of course was unanimously elected. Jamie is already a member of the OC, having served this past year as Membership and Involvement facilitator. Thank you Jamie for filling this very important position. You have a good team working with you and you will do a great job.

We now need someone to fill Jamie's former position which has 2 years remaining on the term. Membership and Involvement oversees the Hospitality, Sunshine and Technology Support teams. Anyone interested in this position should contact me at 262-763-7509.

My term as Moderator ends June 30 and Laura Murin will be stepping in as the next Moderator. Laura is also on OC now, having served as Vice Moderator this year, and also as Church Recording secretary for the past few months following the death of her husband Al, who had held that position. Thank you Laura for your service and I know you will do a great job as Moderator.

Kiffie Scott was elected as Recording Secretary for the upcoming year and we are glad to have you on the team. Kiff was another volunteer who saw a need and agreed to fill the position. Thank you Kiff and we look forward to working with you.

We still have some work to do before June 30, but it is good to know that we have next year's team in place with just one position yet to fill. Thank you to all who attended the budget hearing and the annual meeting. We will move forward as a team to do the work God has in store for us.

Thank you all.
Ron



FROM THE STEWARDSHIP TEAM.....

Don't forget that our fiscal year ends June 30th!

Please try to get your pledge current if you are behind, or consider giving an additional gift before the end of the fiscal year. Thank you!!

ONA 2017 *“Living Out Our Faith While Living Into A New Understanding”*

The above title suggests that faith is something very “fluid;” that faith is something that we possess but that has the ability to move us, to transform us, and to help us live out our faith in new and productive ways. Many of us agree that practicing radical hospitality in the 21st century is yet another way that the Holy Spirit is compelling us to remain vital while honoring our faith practices as well as considering those time-tested traditions and beliefs.

The other thing that the above titles suggests is that if it is the will of our faith community to officially declare ourselves “an open and affirming” congregation - and truly welcome all people into our midst regardless of sexual orientation - that we commit to continue at a comfortable pace in implementing practices that will promote our new Identity.

In our ongoing discussions about the ONA process some very good questions have been asked and very legitimate concerns have been raised and how we would “live into” being ONA is one of them. The answer is: as a new ONA church we would of course “live into” that new identity at a pace comfortable to all; not too fast but not too slow either. For instance, we will not raise a rainbow flag the same day we vote (if affirmative). Rather, we will have a clear and concise plan for living into the ONA identity; which means maintaining a sense of emotional control and maturity. In short, ours will be a strategic plan for implementation.

In the meantime, let’s keep the honest and respectful dialogue going. And remember, we will not schedule a congregational meeting to discuss and finally vote on the motion to become ONA until we are confident that all members and friends of Plymouth Church have engaged in the resources being shared and that we are prepared to make a well informed decision.

And remember, if you have questions drop them in the “Question Bucket” located in the church parlor. Any and all questions will be addressed to the best of our abilities at the next scheduled listening session. You can identify yourself or remain anonymous.

Next ONA Listening Session #4 – June 25 @ 11:00-12:00 (in the sanctuary)

MISSION MOMENT

While you are out shopping this summer, please remember items for the Christmas shoe boxes.



Items for the month of June: t-shirts (long & short sleeved)
July: flip flops (all sizes)



Plymouth has started a new Women's Fellowship group called God's Gals. Our first get together was May 7 when we discussed ideas of what we'd like this group to be. We had 23 women attend this meeting and this is what we came up with...

The purpose of this group will be an opportunity to socialize with other women, sometimes at a fun event, sometimes doing acts of service. But we realize that whenever we are with a group of other women, we always have the opportunity to learn from each other. Jackie Kastengren and Marlene Peacock will act as coordinators for the group.

We will meet once a month to begin with. If we have a specific event that we are planning, the day and time will be flexible. If we don't have a specific event, we will meet after church on a Sunday. Our June event will be to go to Libertyville, Illinois on Saturday, June 17 and volunteer at the "Feed My Starving Children" project from 9am-11am and have lunch together after. Other ideas of group activities included: progressive dinner, sewing projects, yoga class, TLC golf outing, attend Fireside production of "Church Basement Ladies", book review/exchange, grounds clean-up...and more!

If you have not already indicated your interest in this group, please let Beth know in the church office and she will put you on the contact list so you are aware of upcoming events.



JUNE 17TH - 11am-5pm

Bring a game to play or come learn a new one!
All ages welcome!

Children must be accompanied by a parent.



Welcome
to Our
Church
Family

On May 21st we received the following people into membership of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ...

Pat Johnson – Pat has been attending Plymouth for many years now, since moving to Burlington from Aurora, Illinois. She enjoys spending time with her family; daughter Molly and her children Jack and Skylar who live in Waterford as well as grandson Patrick and 2 great-grandsons Matthew and Alex.

Glenn and Nicki Stoll - Lived in Burlington Township for 14 years. Glenn has two daughters and a son and six grand children. Nicki has one daughter. Nicki enjoys flower gardening and Glenn does vegetable gardening. We love going to various parks and trails to walk and hike. This year we started riding bikes and enjoy this very much. We look forward to being a part of Plymouth Church.

Bob and Janet Wren - We returned to Wisconsin in 2014, coming from Tennessee. Our "home" church is Union Grove Congregational, but since we bought a home in Burlington, we have attended Plymouth. Also, daughter Chris and husband Paul Shultz are members here. Bob works part time in sales training for Toro. We have 4 daughters, 12 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. Our newest great grandson was just born on Mother's Day. We enjoy being back in Wisconsin closer to family.



SAVE THE DATE!!
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29th

More info coming soon...

1 -Leslie Wanasek
 2 - Curt Dukes
 3 -Wayne Jenson
 Peggy Behnke
 Shannon Souther
 4 - Susie Krumholz
 Soren Ellingstad
 5 - Pat Johnson
 6 - Wyatt Keller
 7 - Natalie Lindell
 9 - Julie Klaehn
 12 - Hannah Kowalczyk
 13 - Michelle Clark
 Kendall Sullivan
 14 - Devon Wanasek
 15 - Steve Lider



June Birthdays

17 - Kylie Stier
 18 - Don Klaehn
 20 - Paul Gander
 Fenton Harder
 Chloe Rediger
 22 - Marlene Peacock
 Jane Olisar
 23 - Jennie King
 24 - Marcia Harlfinger
 25 - Gibson Souther
 26 - Gary Peterson
 27 - Julie Stier
 28 - Pat VanSwol
 29 - Ron Berndt
 Abageal Deyo
 30 - Chris Warner



John & Toni Kranich – June 1
 Nate & Cara Bahr – June 6
 Joel & Shelly Befort – June 10
 Scott & Tracy Freitag – June 13
 Chuck & Sue Alby – June 20
 Keith & Sue Krumholz – June 20
 Paul & Marilyn Gander – June 21
 Dick & Carmen McKinney – June 21
 Ron & Kathy Patla – June 21
 Don & Jill Albrecht – June 22
 Steve & Beth Picazo – June 22
 Kim Lunderskov & Nancy Foster –
 June 23
 Paul & Christine Schultz – June 23
 Dick & Joan Shecterle – June 28
 Jim & Dana Marty – June 30
 Kyle & Tawney DeBoth – June 30



Special congratulations to:

*Paul & Marilyn Gander who celebrate their 65th
 wedding anniversary on June 21st.*

&

*Dick & Joan Shecterle who celebrate their 65th
 wedding anniversary on June 28th.*



Thank you so much for the care package to help me get through studying. It definitely helped me keep my mind engaged for the rest of the school year! I especially appreciated the “Pick Me Ups” and it was nice to sit down and read something inspiring rather than reading homework and studying for exams. I hope all is well at Plymouth. Thank you again for thinking of me!

- Adriana Burd

I wanted to thank you so much for the care package you sent me! It really helped to lift my spirits. :) Best wishes!

- Jessie Schultz



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



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

Blood pressure screening - June 11th

Blood pressure screening will take place in the Fireside Room following worship.



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!!



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.



JUNE VOLUNTEERS

SUNDAY	June 4 9:30am	June 11 9:30am	June 18 9:30am	June 25 9:30am
DEACONS	June 4: Paul Gander – Bread Joe and Karen Iselin, Sue Alby			
USHERS	Ron & Pam Moersfelder	Scott Hoffman Sue Alby	Paul & Christine Schultz	John Kranich Nikki Burd
LITURGIST	Steve Sullivan	Jamie Edwards	Kiffie Scott	Paul Schultz
FELLOWSHIP SERVERS	Nikki Burd Beth Picazo	Marge Hoffman Marilee Hoffman	Ron & Pam Moersfelder	Julie Klaehn Christine Schultz
AV OPERATOR	John Kranich	Ron Patla	Dave Snyder	Jamie Edwards



**“Ladies Lunch Bunch”
Wednesday June 7th
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 July issue of *The Plymouth Epistle* is Friday, June 23.
Thanks, Beth**

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Rev. Robert E. Wang, Minister - 262-308-4180 (H)
Beth Picazo, Secretary
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Lisa Carnahan, Choir Accompanist

PLYMOUTH CHILDREN'S CENTER ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

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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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JUNE CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Notes: Pastor Bob will be out of the office June 8 and 9 for the WI Conference Annual Meeting, June 13-14 for minor surgery, and then again June 26-30 for the Washington Island Forum.</p> <p>Beth will be on vacation June 19-23.</p>				1	2 6am Men's Breakfast	3
<p>4 8:15am Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee & Conversation</p>	<p>5 Summer office hours begin</p>	6	<p>7 Noon Ladies Lunch Bunch</p>	8	<p>9 6am Men's Breakfast</p>	10
<p>11 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee & Conversation Fair Trades Sales Blood Pressure Screening</p>	12	13	<p>14 6:30pm Operating Council Meeting</p>	15	<p>16 6am Men's Breakfast</p>	<p>17 11am Game Day</p>
<p>18 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee & Conversation</p>	19	20	21	22	<p>23 6am Men's Breakfast</p>	24
<p>25 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee & Conversation 11:00am ONA Listening Session</p>	26	<p>27 10:30am A.S.A.P.</p>	28	29	<p>30 6am Men's Breakfast</p>	



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plymouth@plymouthuccburlington.org



Mark Your Calendar!

Sunday July 9th

Worship at Wilson's Pond & All Church Picnic

Worship at church at 9:30am
Worship at the Pond at 11:30am
with picnic to follow

Bring: A Dish to Pass, Lawn Chairs,
Bathing Suits and/or
Fishing Equipment

Directions to the pond
will be available at church
or in the office.

