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**Special points of  
interest:**

Palm Sunday Virtual  
Procession



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# The Plymouth Epistle

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

## **Words from Pastor**

Dear Members and Friends of Plymouth UCC,  
Let me begin by thanking you for the opportunity to serve you during this interim time. The welcome has been generous and heartfelt. I would like to take this opportunity to lay out some of the things I want to provide during this month.

### **Get to know the Interim**

I will be holding a number of zoom meetings for members to get to know me and for me to get a glimpse of each of you. If none of these dates work for you, please reach out to me so we can figure something else out. I'd like to keep these meetings to 10 people so we can have a genuine conversation and sharing of stories.

Every Sunday in March 11:00 AM (4 opportunities)

Every Monday in March 10:00 AM (5 opportunities)

Every Tuesday in March 7:00 PM (5 opportunities)

Send me an email at [plymouthuccpastor@gmail.com](mailto:plymouthuccpastor@gmail.com) with the date/time you prefer and I will send you an invitation to the zoom link.

### **Palm Sunday Parade**

It is clear we will not be doing in-person worship for awhile. I know some others are doing it, but we are following the guidelines of the Wisconsin Council of Churches who are in close contact with local health officials.

But that should stop us from having a Palm Sunday Parade.

We will be delivering palms to your home. We are asking for each household to do their own palm parade. This will be featured in our video during the opening hymn on Palm Sunday. Have some fun with this, march around your house, inside or outside, dress the part, in Mark's Gospel they have people spreading their cloaks and leafy branches, pave the way for Jesus as we celebrate this Holy Day. In order to give Ron time to put this all together we will need these by March 15.

### **Bible Study**

I am working on getting something together. Is there something you want to study in particular? Send me an email and I'll figure something out. It would also be helpful to let me know a day and time that works for you if you want to participate. I will hopefully have something together by April.

### **Book Study**

I love a good Book Study. Again, I'm doing some research to see what might be a good way to start out. Have an idea? Send me an email.

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## Worship Opportunities for March

### March 7 – 3rd Sunday in Lent

**Scripture:** John 2:13-22

**Sermon Theme:** Cleansing Our  
Temples

**Note:** The Sacrament of Holy Com-  
munion will be served

### March 14 – 4th Sunday in Lent

**Scripture:** John 3:14-21

**Sermon Theme:** That the World  
Might be Saved

### March 21 – 5th Sunday in Lent

**Scripture:** Jeremiah 31:31-34

**Sermon Theme:** A New Covenant

### March 28 – 6th Sunday in Lent

**Scripture:** Mark 11:1-11

**Sermon Theme:** A Grand Procession

### April 4 – Easter!

**Scripture:**

**Sermon Theme:**

**Note:** The Sacrament of Holy Com-  
munion will be served.



### Pastor's Words Continued

#### Availability

Right now I am traveling to Burlington on Wednesdays and staying over until Thursday afternoon. We are recording worship on Wednesdays to give our tech folks time to edit the service. If you need me outside of those two days, call me at 920-918-3654 or send me an email: [plymouthuccpastor@gmail.com](mailto:plymouthuccpastor@gmail.com). You may also send email to this account: [Revbeckyl124@gmail.com](mailto:Revbeckyl124@gmail.com).

#### Connecting and Communication

I am trying to make sure I connect with as many people as possible. Do you know of someone who could use a note or a phone call? Please let me know. It would also be helpful to know why you think they need to be reached out to so I can address anything that may be pertinent.

By the time you receive this we will be well into Lent. May we find ways to journey together and we seek a deeper understanding of our relationship with the Holy.

Blessings for the Journey,  
Rev. Becky



*Preparing for Easter*

## LENTEN JOURNEY:

Dear Families,

Since we won't be physically getting together throughout Lent, we wanted to send you some prayer practices that you can do as a family or on your own. We would love to hear how your journey transpires. Send us an email so we can share your stories with the congregation. As this pandemic draws on, we need to do all we can to stay connected as a congregation. We pray your Lenten journey will be meaningful.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zC4U8vGxU9gCvJI44ldPhkLz-Spqlzur/view>

In prayer for the journey,  
Becky, Tracy and Rev. Becky

### **Moderator's Words**

Hello Church Family!!

I hope everyone is doing well and staying safe and warm. Now that things have settled down for me since we have hired Rev. Becky, I do not have too much to report. BUT, I would like to let you all know that we did move the Auction date from Friday, May 7th to Saturday, November 6th. With the pandemic and the restrictions we thought we should postpone till the Fall. We would like to make sure this fundraiser will be successful and safe for all our members.

I hope you have a wonderful month.

Blessings to you all!

Nikki Burd

Moderator



CHANGING THE WORLD  
ONE PAIR AT A TIME

## Soles for Soles

Start your spring cleaning early by checking your closets for new or gently-used shoes, you have either outgrown or have never worn.

From March 1-31, we will once again be collecting shoes (adult, children, & infant sizes) for Soles4Souls/ Share a Pair of shoes. Many pairs of shoes were collected last year so let's make this year's collection even more successful.

*Giving is Blessing*



## One Great Hour of Sharing – March 22nd This Year's Theme: Let Love Flow



Through the One Great Hour of Sharing offering, we, as the body of Christ, have opportunity and power to help those who are living in despair as refugees. If refugees had the choice to return home, many would not have a place to return because their home most likely has been destroyed – either burned, severely damaged, or is still an unsafe place to live. This year as you consider your gift to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering, for one moment, think of what it would be like to not have a place to call home, and then make your very best gift. Let us live out the call of solidarity with all people, especially those displaced by disaster, war and famine. You may make an offering online via <https://www.wcucc.org/one-great-hour-of-sharing-donation-page/> or you may also make a donation by simply writing a check to Plymouth Church and writing OGHS in the memo line. Offerings will be accepted the entire month of March.

## 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:



canned fruit, canned vegetables, soup  
toothpaste, toothbrushes  
hair spray, hand soap  
feminine hygiene products  
canned spaghetti  
brown sugar, sugar  
mayonnaise, mustard, catsup  
disposable razors

dish soap, deodorant  
mouth wash, shampoo  
tissues, toilet paper  
diapers (all sizes)  
macaroni, cereal  
jelly, peanut butter  
laundry detergent

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

February was a successful meal on Ash Wednesday. Recipients were very pleased with the tuna noodle casserole, oranges, glazed carrots, and brownies. Special thanks to Jackie, Pat, Marlene, Diane, Steph, Karen and Betty for the food. Thanks to Betty, Ev and Karen for packing food in the environmentally friendly containers. Thank you to Don K. for handing out the meals since October.

March 17 is the next date to put on your calendar. Our healthy meal is planned; it includes a ground beef and pasta casserole (recipe provided), green beans, cutie oranges, and a dessert. Please call me if you are willing and able to provide food. The meal count continues at 50. At this time 4 casseroles, beans, and dessert are needed. Many thanks for your generosity. Julie K— 262-492-4713



## Plymouth Family Updates

Please note the updated information and add these to your email contacts.

Email:

Reverend Becky: [plymouthuccpastor@gmail.com](mailto:plymouthuccpastor@gmail.com)

Steph: [plymouthuccfinance@gmail.com](mailto:plymouthuccfinance@gmail.com)

Kathy: [plymouthuccoffice@gmail.com](mailto:plymouthuccoffice@gmail.com)

Office Hours:

The office will be open as follows:

Mondays—Thursdays 8:00 am—2:00 pm

Fridays\* 8:00 am—12:00 pm

\*Friday hours are in effect Labor Day through Memorial Day.

Steph works Mondays & Wednesdays. Kathy works Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays\*. Reverend Becky is physically present Wednesdays & Thursdays and otherwise works remotely.

Thank you for letting us serve you.



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| 1 - Laura Murin<br>Serena Wanasek<br>Tyler VanSwol | 2 - Brett Peterson<br>Aaron Burd<br>John Ray | 3 - AJ Szemborski<br>4 - Manda Stack<br>5 - Nickolas Befort<br>Benjamin Graham<br>7 - Keith Krumholz<br>Shaunna Deyo | 8 - Jim Burd<br>Karen Iselin<br>Kathy Patla | 10 - Ken Stier<br>13 - Eric Harder<br>14 - John Wanasek<br>15 - Kathy Pieters<br>16 - Willow Fiegel<br>Leah Henning<br>Nate Steffen<br>17 - Sedona Souther | 20 - Kaden Ammon<br>Sloane Oxley-Hase<br>22 - Judy Heinz<br>23 - Hannah Lindell<br>27 - Dave Brown<br>Dennis Witte<br>Kylara Clark<br>28 - Ben Zusan<br>29 - Ashley Volling<br>31 - Wally Brown |
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|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Wally & Gidget Brown – March 10 | Dick & Kathy Pieters – March 14    |
| John & Ellen Krikie – March 12  | Ron & Mary Lou Nebinger – March 19 |
| Tom & Stacie Coleman – March 13 | Al & Lois Hahn – March 26          |

### THANK YOU NOTES

I got a surprise delivery by Jackie Kastengren of a wonderful plate of homemade cookies. They are all delicious and I would like to truly thank the Mission Team for thinking of me. I really appreciate it. Thank you so very much. - Ethel Hollencamp

To all who not only made but delivered the Valentine cookies, many thanks. I am enjoying them. Thank you for thinking of me. - Love, Alice

Marilyn and I wish to extend to all of our Plymouth Family a heartfelt and sincere THANK YOU for all of your cards, well wishes, and prayers. We are truly blessed to be part of such a caring church family that has embraced us with their love and concerns. We will long remember these gestures of compassion and kindness. Thanks also for the plate of cookies that we are enjoying. - Marilyn & Paul Gander

On a very cold day, Julie Klaehn delivered a beautiful plate of cookies to me at the Boardwalk. They were so good and very much appreciated. A big Thank You to Julie and all the people that prepared them. Hugs & God Bless - Carol Coleman



Overflowing With Thanks

Missions Team Thanks You  
Thank you to all who helped make our Valentines Day Cookies a success!  
We were able to stay safe and put together 25 cookie packages.  
We had a wonderful variety of cookies thanks to our great bakers. Our volunteer delivery crew Bundled up and did not let the cold weather slow them down.

Happy Valentines Day  
The Missions Team



The Worship Team will be taking orders for flowers to beautify our sanctuary for Easter Sunday as we've done in past years. Order forms will be in Plymouth Points on Feb. 25, March 4, and March 11. Orders and payment must be received by Monday, March 15.



Easter Flowers Order Form 2021

NAME:		PHONE:	
Flower	Cost Apiece	Number Ordered	(Sub)Total Cost
Easter Lily	\$12.10		
Hyacinth	\$11.75		
Rieger Begonia	\$15.85		
Easter Egg Rainbow Mum	\$13.50		
	All Totals > > >		



**COZY NIGHT PROJECT**

Here is a photo of decorative bins delivered to TLC (Transitional Living Center) by Jill Albrecht. If you want to be a part of this wonderful mission, you can sponsor a basket by earmarking \$35 to the Cozy Night Project or bring in the following newly purchased donations:

- ⇒ New fleece ,tied blanket (two 1 1½ yards fleece pieces)
- ⇒ Pajamas—various sizes
- ⇒ Hygiene kit (toothbrush, toothpaste, comb)
- ⇒ Educational age-appropriate book
- ⇒ Collapsible storage bin
- ⇒ Good quality stuffed animal

These items, along with a Bedtime Routine Instructional Page, will be given to new arrivals at TLC. The Cozy Night Project provides routine and comfort , and it also supports healthy habits for children.





# March Volunteers



SUNDAY	March 7 10:00 am	March 14 10:00 am	March 21 10:00 am	March 28 10:00 am	April 4 10:00 am
DEACONS	March 7: Communion Sunday				
USHERS					
LITURGIST	Paul Gander	Jamie Kennow	Steve Picazo	Lori Benstead	Don Howell
FELLOWSHIP SERVERS					
AV OPERATOR					
NURSERY					
ACOLYTE					

**Deadline for the April issue of *The Plymouth Epistle* is March 23rd.**

**PLYMOUTH UCC STAFF**

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 Kathy O'Brien, Office Secretary  
 Becky Daniels & Tracy Freitag, Children's Ministry  
 Jeffrey Hughes, Custodian  
 Marty Baker, Wedding Coordinator  
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 Jamie Kennow, Choir Director  
 Lisa Carnahan, Choir Accompanist

**PLYMOUTH CHILDREN'S CENTER**

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**

Sara Trewyn, Program Director  
 Phyllis Hancock, Assistant Director

**REV. REBECCA JOHNSTON,**

**INTERIM MINISTER OFFICE HOURS**

Wednesdays and Thursdays.  
 If possible, please call ahead to make sure  
 Pastor is available.

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# March Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING MONTH</b>	<b>1</b> Bells 6:00pm	<b>2</b> Choir 6:30pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Registration Deadline Lakeland University	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 10:00 am worship	<b>8</b> Bells 6:00pm	<b>9</b> Choir 6:30pm	<b>10</b> OC Mtg	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 10:00am worship	<b>15</b> Bells 6:00pm	<b>16</b> Choir 6:30pm	<b>17</b> 	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 10:00am worship	<b>22</b> Bells 6:00pm	<b>23</b> Choir 6:30pm April Epistle Deadline	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 10:00am worship	<b>29</b> Bells 6:00pm	<b>30</b> Choir 6:30pm	<b>31</b>	April 1 Maundy Thursday	2 Good Friday	3 Holy Saturday



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