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Special points of interest:

Welcome Home
In-Person Service
resumes June 6th



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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,

In doing some research I came across the following about the Lord's Prayer and I thought I would share it with you.

"Most scholars agree that the "everyday" spoken language of Jesus would have been Aramaic.

Dr. Neil Douglas Klotz has been studying Aramaic linguistics and Middle Eastern tradition/culture for almost 40 years.

According to Dr. Klotz, The Lord's prayer begins with "Our Father," a translation of the word, "abba." But the actual Aramaic transliteration is "Abwoon" which is a blending of "abba (father)" and "woon" (womb), Jesus's recognition of the masculine and feminine source of creation.

In Aramaic there can be various translations. This is one possible Aramaic translation of the Lord's prayer according to Dr. Klotz:

Abwoon d'bwashmaya

O Birther! Father-Mother of the Cosmos/ you create all that moves in light.

Nethqadash shmakh

Focus your light within us—make it useful: as the rays of a beacon show the way.

Teytey malkuthakh

Create your reign of unity now—through our firey hearts and willing hands.

Nehwey sebyanach aykanna d'bwashmaya aph b'arha.

Your one desire then acts with ours, as in all light, so in all forms.

Habwlan lachma d'sunqanan yaomana.

Grant what we need each day in bread and insight:

subsistence for the call of growing life.

Washboqlan khaubayn (wakhtahayn)

aykana daph khnan shbwoqan l'khayyabayn.

Loose the cords of mistakes binding us,

as we release the strands we hold of others' guilt.

Wela tahlan l'nesyuna

Don't let us enter forgetfulness

Ela patzan min bisha.

But free us from unripeness

Metol dilakhie malkutha wahayla wateshbukhta l'ahlam almin.

From you is born all ruling will, the power and the life to do,

the song that beautifies all, from age to age it renews.

Ameyn.

Truly—power to these statements—

may they be the source from which all my actions grow."

Why do I share this with you? Notice that it says this is "one possible translation". I share it because some of the phrases open up the meaning of the prayer in new ways for me and I thought that might be true for you too. As a Spiritual Discipline, what would it look like to take a line each day, pray it, meditate on it, and see how it influences the remainder of your day?

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WORDS FROM PASTOR *(continued from page one)*

Prayer and meditation are what centers us and gives us the strength for what lies before us. If you are looking for additional resources for prayer and meditation, feel free to contact me. As we move forward, we need to pray and meditate on the direction of our church and the kind of leadership you will need to move forward. Now is a good time to start.

Blessings for the journey,
Rev. Becky

WELCOME
HOME



THANK
YOU
FOR PRACTICING SOCIAL
DISTANCING!

Plymouth Family & Guests,
Welcome Back to Our Home!

In-person service resumes

9:30 a.m.

Sunday, June 6th

Please be mindful of others by following the guidelines for safe worship:

- *masks required (some available) *distancing observed
- *no fellowship hour *no passing of peace *limited singing
- *offertory plates stationed at sanctuary doors



Summer office hours begin in June

Kathy: Tues-Thurs 8:00-2:00

Steph: Mon-Wed 8:30-12:30

Office is closed on Fridays until after Labor Day

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

June 6 – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: I Samuel 8:4-20

Note: The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be served

June 20– 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: I Samuel 17: 1-49

June 27 – 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

June 13 – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: I Samuel 15:34-16:13

OUTDOOR WORSHIP & PICNIC

Mark your calendar for June 27th



An outdoor worship service and picnic has been planned for Sunday, June 27th to be held at the Whemhoff-Jucker Park which is located at the end of Main Street (past the Boardwalk and over the bridge to the east). Worship will begin at 10:00 a.m. with time for games before/after lunch. We will not have a potluck but ask that each family bring your own lunch. Dessert and beverages will be provided. There are plenty of picnic tables in the pavilion so we can spread out to eat as desired, but you may want to bring a lawn chair for comfortable seating during worship and visiting. We plan to have the service recorded for future viewing if you are unable to attend. You may want to drive up to unload chairs, etc. and then park. We'll have assistance available.

In case of rain, we will have worship, lunch, and games at the church. Pray for good weather, and we hope to see many of you there!!

Community Life Committee

MODERATOR'S WORDS

Hello Plymouth Church Family,

As I stepped into the Moderator position in October 2020, a little later than expected because of the Covid-19 pandemic, I pledged to do whatever I could to help the leadership in our church. The members of the OC and I have worked very hard to move forward after the resignation of Pastor Bob. Our church is strong and has never had to deal with the resignation of a pastor on top of the pandemic where we had to close our doors.

I feel we are on the right path after hiring Rev. Becky as our interim pastor. She very experienced in rebuilding churches, and this is definitely what Plymouth Church needs at this time. The future of our church is up to all of us. Rev. Becky is here to help us get there. I hope you all know that all of us on the OC are doing everything we can to safely bring us back together in worship again.

I feel WE as a church have done our best to support and keep our financial situation in the positive. We couldn't have accomplished this goal without each and every one of our members and your generosity. You believe that our church is more than a building; it is our home, and what we have encountered in this past year will not break our spirit. Please remember the big picture when praying about what you want to pledge to our church for the next year.

Blessings to you all,

Nikki Burd

Moderator

MISSIONS

COZY NIGHT PROJECT DONATIONS NEEDED

The Missions Team is still looking for more donations for our baskets. The need is great and the kids really enjoy receiving their very own basket of goodies.

When out shopping, please consider picking up some of the needed items. Each basket consists of the following **NEW** items:

- New fleece, tied blanket (two 1 1/2 yards fleece pieces)
- Pajamas—various sizes
- Hygiene kit (toothbrush, toothpaste, comb)
- Educational age-appropriate book
- Collapsible storage bin
- Good quality stuffed animal

Currently, our greatest need is the homemade **NEW** tied blanket. Items should be dropped off at the church.

You can sponsor a basket for \$35 (check payable to Plymouth UCC).

Thank you for your support, Plymouth Missions Team

JUNE SHOEBOX ITEMS

- Flashlights
- Tools
- Mirrors



LOVE MEAL

Our May meal for Love was May 10 and so appreciated by the recipients! Pat Sandstrom, Barb Freeman, Katie Simenson, Peggy Vos, Nicki Stoll, Gidget Brown and Julie contributed the tater tot casserole, tossed salad, grapes and cookies. Ev Price and Betty Peterson assembled the food in environmentally friendly containers. Don Klaehn delivered the food and handed the meals to grateful folks.

Thank you to all of you who volunteer!

Please put the next date of Wednesday, June 16, on your calendar and call Julie at 262-492-4713 to volunteer!

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 regularly needed:

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| canned fruit, canned vegetables, soup | deodorant |
| 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.

LEADERSHIP & COMMITTEES

It's been a while since we've all gathered together. If you have any questions about how to become more involved with your Plymouth family, consider contacting team leaders for more information.

Operating Council:

Interim Minister Rev. Johnston

Moderator Nikki Burd

Vice-Moderator John Gibbon

Past Moderator Steve Picazo

Recording Secretary Carolyn Schoneck

Treasurer Joe Iselin

Tasha Escobar

Lori Benstead

Nicki Stoll

Finance & Budget: Ron Moersfelder

Member Recruitment: Jill Albrecht

Scholarship Awards: Paul Edwards

Pastor Parish Relations: Steve Sullivan

Employee Relations: Nikki Burd

Worship Support: Lori Benstead

Music: Toni Kranich

Prayer: Peg Rifken

Technology Support: Dave Snyder

Sunshine: Lori Benstead

Children's Education: Nicki Stoll

Adult Education: Ron Moersfelder

Community Life & Recreation: Steve Sullivan

Mission, Finance, & Awards: Jill Albrecht

Social Justice: Kiffie Scott

Annual Budget Fundraising: Don Howell

Special Events Fundraising: Sue Nelson

Memorial Gifts: Barb Freeman

Historical Records: Ann Edwards

Building Use & Maintenance: None Designated

Planned Giving: Paul Edwards

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



- 17 - Kylie Stier
- 18 - Don Klaehn
Autumn Klein
Rylan Daniels
- 20 - Paul Gander
Fenton Harder
Chloe Rediger
- 22 - Marlene Peacock
Jane Olisar
Jennifer Willick
- 23 - Jennie King
- 24 - Marcia Harlfinger
- 25 - Gibson Souther
- 26 - Gary Peterson
- 28 - Pat VanSwol
- 29 - Abageal Deyo
Katelyn Hill



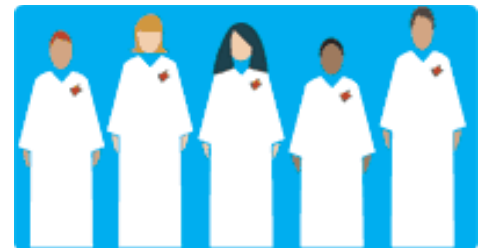
- John & Toni Kranich – June 1
- Nate & Cara Bahr – June 6
- Joel & Shelly Befort – June 10
- Scott & Tracy Freitag – June 13
- Chuck & Sue Alby – June 20
- Keith & Sue Krumholz – June 20
- Paul & Marilyn Gander – June 21
- Dick & Carmen McKinney – June 21
- Jessica & Jon Mitchell—June 18
- Ron & Kathy 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
- Heather & Nate Steffen—June 5
- Jim & Dana Marty – June 30

Special congratulations to these anniversary couples:

- Paul & Marilyn Gander ~ 69th
- Carmen & Dick McKinney ~ 63rd
- Beth & Steve Picazo ~ 25th
- Dick & Joan Shecterle ~ 69th

2021 CONFIRMANDS

- Elysia Escobar
- Benjamin Graham



Kudos to Our Confirmands

**Deadline for the July issue of *The Plymouth Epistle* is Tuesday, June 22.
Thanks ~ Kathy**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

That's a wrap! IMPACT had their final meeting on May 16 - in person! The decision was made to gather together (it's been over a year!) at the park, where we enjoyed ice cream and some team building games together. It was so wonderful to see the kid's faces in person and not through the computer screen. We are extremely hopeful that we can return to in person meeting when we come back in the fall.

Some big changes will be happening with the Children's Ministry when we return in September. A difficult decision has been made, and Becky has decided that after 3 years of being in this position, she is going to step down from the co-director position. She accepted a full time position as a Medical Assistant, after finishing school earlier this year, and is finding it becoming more difficult to balance the duties required to keep IMPACT going. On that note, Tracy has decided that she is willing to take on the position herself, knowing that she will have the help and support from others when needed.

If anyone feels called to volunteer some time to our children's program, please reach out to Tracy. Your commitment can be as much or little as you are able - any help is appreciated!

STUDENT IMPACT

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 their office door that you can put the receipts in. Thank you for your continued support.



SUNDAY	June 6 10:00 am	June 13 10:00 am	June 20 10:00 am	June 27 10:00 am
COMMUNION SERVERS	June 6:			
USHERS				
LITURGIST	Carolyn Schoneck	Paul Gander	Don Howell	Jamie Kennow
FELLOWSHIP SERVERS				
AV OPERATOR				

PLYMOUTH UCC STAFF

Rev. Rebecca Johnston, Interim Minister
 Stephanie Eveland, Financial Secretary
 Kathy O'Brien, Office Secretary
 Becky Daniels & Tracy Freitag, Children's
 Ministry
 Jeffrey Hughes, Custodian
 Marty Baker, Wedding Coordinator
 Diane Olson, Organist & Bell Choir Director
 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.
 Please call ahead to check Pastor's availability.

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Steph: Mon & Wed 8:30am—12:30pm
 Kathy: Tues & Thurs 8:00am—2:00pm
 Fridays: Office Closed through Labor Day.
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JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 Church Office Closed	5
6 WORSHIP 9:30 a.m.	7 Bells 6:00 p.m.	8 Choir 6:30 p.m.	9 Prayer Grp Mtg OC Mtg 6:30 p.m.	10	11 Church Office Closed	12
13 WORSHIP 9:30 a.m.	14 Bells 6:00 p.m.	15 Choir 6:30 p.m.	16	17	18 Church Office Closed	19
20 WORSHIP 9:30 a.m.	21 Bells 6:00 p.m.	22 Choir 6:30 p.m.	23	24	25 Church Office Closed	26
27 OUTDOOR WORSHIP 10:00 a.m. All Church Picnic	28 Bells 6:00 p.m.	29 Choir 6:30 p.m.	30 End of Fiscal Year			
						



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