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Special points of interest:

New O.C. Members
TLC Invitation



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The Plymouth Epistle

Monthly Newsletter

WORDS FROM PASTOR

Dear Members and Friends of Plymouth UCC,

The prayer of St. Francis of Assisi is as follows:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

A simple spiritual practice would be to pray this prayer every day. Some weeks it might be enough to just pray one line each day and let it mull over in your mind throughout the day. Imagine going about your day, encountering difficult people (I hear there are some out there) and you are repeating the mantra, "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace" or any of the other lines. What do you think will happen? Will you change the behavior of another person? No, but you may change the way you respond to the difficult behavior.

Life is full of difficulty. These past two years have been especially difficult, and we are seeing an all-time high in the number of people experiencing depression and anxiety. Maybe you, who is reading this, are one of them. Along with seeking professional help, I invite you to pray the prayer of St. Francis regularly. Put it on your refrigerator. Frame it and put it at your desk. Carry it in your pocket.

Prayer may not change the world out there, but it can change our world and the way we see it. Join me in praying with St. Francis so our world can be a more peaceful place.

Blessings for the journey,
Rev. Becky

Worship Opportunities for August

August 7 – 9th Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Note: The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be served

August 14 – 10th Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture: Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19

August 21 – 11th Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture: Luke 13:10-17

August 28 – 12th Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture: Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Continue in prayer for the search committee and the (unknown) person who will be our new pastor.

	SEARCH COMMITTEE	
Glenn Stoll		Jill Albrecht
Steve Picazo	Katie Simenson	Gidget Brown
Jackie Naughton	Ron Moersfelder	Joe Iselin

O.C. POSITION	NAME	GROUP FACILITATOR OF
Minister	Rev. Rebecca (Becky) Johnston	n/a
Moderator		n/a
Vice Moderator		Mission & Social Action
Past Moderator	John Gibbon	Stewardship & Budget
Recording Secretary	Carolyn Schoneck	n/a
Treasurer	Mary Ellen Close	Finance
Member at Large	Jamie Kennow	Membership & Involvement
Member at Large	Deanna Snyder	Spiritual Enrichment
Member at Large	Karen Iselin	Christian Education & Fellowship



MODERATOR'S WORDS:

A deep note of thanks to everyone who made the effort to attend our rescheduled annual meeting on the 10th of July! We understand that the middle of summer is a difficult time for many with family gatherings and other travel plans. Everyone on the OC truly appreciates your willingness to rearrange things so that we could wrap up the critical business of passing the new budget and hearing the various updates from committees and Rev.

Becky.

A special note of thanks to Nikki Burd and Tasha Escobar who have now departed the OC. Nikki was a stalwart worker and the voice of continuity throughout the past year serving as our Past Moderator. Tasha left the position of Membership & Involvement Facilitator where she often put her talents for coordinating dinners and other events to good use.

We welcome Jamie Kennow as Tasha's replacement on the OC. She brings a great deal of experience and energy to the team.

Additional thanks to the members who volunteered to work with Rev. Becky to review the church constitution. We hope to hear from them during the fall with recommendations for any changes that may improve our community life and processes.

With these things behind us, we look ahead and move forward as a community of faith. As other needs are identified, we invite you to join us in nurturing a new vitality at Plymouth.

~ John Gibbon



Don & Sandy Striegel – **50 years** - August 5

Chad & Heather Kane-Terhorst – August 6

Scott & Marilee Hoffman – August 14

Steve & Jayne Bella – August 15

Bill & Toni Meinel – August 24

Eric & Deb Lindell – August 25

Paul & Ann Edwards – August 26

Jim & Elaine Burd – August 29

1 - Kevin Deyo

Isabel Jaimes

5 - Eric Behnke

6 - LaVonne Howell

8 - Nicki Stoll

Ev Price

10 - Sara Foster

12 - Jackie Kastengren

Dick McKinney

13 - Scott Behnke

15 - Isaac Bahr

Tyler Daniels

17 - Sandy Striegel

Justin Foster

Jack Sulik

19 - Don Striegel

21 - Tristan Ammon

Peyton Daniels

24 - Jessica Schultz

25 - Julie Sullivan

28 - Sumay Oh

29 - Michele Oxley-Hase

YOU ARE INVITED
TO ATTEND

Taste and Thanks



Transitional Living Center

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2022

5:00 - 7:00 PM

**LOW
DAILY**

700 NORTH PINE STREET
BURLINGTON WI 53105

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF
FOOD TRUCKS AND BEER TASTING

HOSTED BY TLC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 7 TO JANE AT 262-492-2218

MISSIONS:



Feed My Starving Children volunteers met June 25th.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

For the first time since the pandemic, a group of fifteen of our Plymouth church family were able to once again travel to the Feed My Starving Children Illinois facility to package bags of food. In just one hour, they were able to pack 16 cases which amounts to 3,456 meals. Wow, that is an awesome number! The Missions Team also donated \$365 from their funds which will feed a family of four for one year. Such a great mission! A special thank you to Jackie Kastengren for her great organizational skills for making this project happen. We are hoping to organize another group in the fall so stay tuned for that date.

COLLEGE KIDS' ADDRESSES NEEDED

If your child is attending college, technical school, or even doing online at home this fall, the Missions Team would like to let them know they are not being forgotten while attending classes. Please send their mailing address to Ellen Gyger, Missions Team Secretary at her email address lgygersr@wi.rr.com or text at (262) 492-8909 by September 1.

LOVE INC. MEAL



On a hot evening our church served a cold taco salad, chips, melon, and brownies at the Love meal. Thank you to the providers of food: Peggy, Barb, Deanna, Steff, Karen and Jackie N. Thanks also to the servers: Carolyn and Diane.



Our next meal will be August 17. We will be serving brats. We need a volunteer to provide a salad; recipe will be provided.



AUGUST VOLUNTEERS

SUNDAY	Aug 7 10:00 am	Aug 14 10:00 am	Aug 121 10:00 am	Aug 28 10:00 am
AV OPERATOR	Ron Patla	Aaron Jenson	Ron Patla	Aaron Jenson
COMMUNION	Steph Eveland & Carolyn Schoneck			
FELLOWSHIP	Jackie Naughton & Kathy Pieters	Janet & Bob Wren	Karen & Joe Iselin	Judy Yonk & Jackie Kastengren
LITURGIST	Steve Picazo	Jim Burd	Carolyn Schoneck	Jamie Kennow
USHERS	Diane Hanson & Ellen Gyger	Barb Freeman & Steph Eveland	Don Howell & Steve Picazo	Joe & Karen Iselin

**Deadline for the September Epistle
Monday, August 22nd Thanks ~Kathy**



PLYMOUTH UCC STAFF

Rev. Rebecca A. Johnston, Interim Minister
Stephanie Eveland, Financial Secretary
Kathy O'Brien, Office Secretary
Tracy Freitag, Children's Ministry Director
TBD, 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 A. JOHNSTON,

INTERIM MINISTER OFFICE HOURS

Please contact to check Pastor's availability.

PLYMOUTH UCC OFFICE HOURS

Steph: Mon & Wed 8:30am—12:30pm

Kathy: Tues & Thurs 8:00am—2:00pm

*Fri 8:00am—12:00pm

*Fridays: Labor Day-Memorial Day only.

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AUGUST CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Constitution Committee Mtg 6:30pm	2	3	4	5 Office Closed	6
7 Worship 10:00 Fellowship 11:00	8	9 Voting Day	10 OC Mtg 6:30pm	11	12 Office Closed	13
14 Worship 10:00 Fellowship 11:00	15	16 Prayer Group 10:30am	17 Love Meal	18	19 Office Closed	20
21 Worship 10:00 Fellowship 11:00	22 Epistle Deadline	23	24	25	26 Office Closed	27
28 Worship 10:00 Fellowship 11:00	29	30	31			



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