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Special points of
interest:

**IMPACT resumes
September 18th**



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The Plymouth Epistle

Monthly Newsletter

WORDS FROM PASTOR

Dear Members and Friends of Plymouth UCC,

A lot has been happening around the church these past few weeks which means we're seeing a lot of changes. We are working on a new team structure that allows the teams to make decisions within their group as long as the decision stays within their budget. We have worked on the Constitution and will be calling a Special Congregational meeting to adapt those changes, all of which are meant to make things run a little more smoothly.

We are regaining ownership of our Chapel and the IMPACT office is going back to the daycare. While all of this is happening there has been a lot of cleanup around the church and we are trying to utilize the space we have more efficiently, giving us a little more room.

Change is inevitable. Change can be good. Change can be scary. Since my first weeks here as your Interim Pastor I have heard many, many times, "This isn't how it always was," or "I remember when," or "In the 40+ years I've been here we've never." The most common 7 last words of the church are, "We're never done it that way before." Our culture is rapidly changing, too often the church is reluctant to change.

There are some of us who hope to use the chapel as a, well you know, chapel. It's a perfect space for small groups to gather for prayer, meditation, and worship. Some of the music we've been using in Church comes from the Taize Community in France. There is an entire Taize service that is focused on one scripture, some chanting and prayer and long pauses of silence for meditation. We would like to introduce this type of service once we have full use of the chapel as the space is perfect for it. The Chapel will also be perfect for those services that are more scarcely attended, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and other lesser days during the year. As we firm up our calendar and start to offer other opportunities, I hope you will be willing to give them a try.

Plymouth United Church of Christ has a bright and vibrant future. Contrary to popular belief, that future isn't dependent upon the person you call to be your pastor, it's dependent upon each of you deciding to participate and try new things.

I pray as we move forward that you will personally make a conscious decision to BE the church both individually and collectively as a congregation.

Let's embrace the possibilities that the changes we are making provide for the health and wholeness of Plymouth United Church of Christ.

Blessings for the journey,

Rev. Becky

WORDS FROM PASTOR cont'd:**CONFIRMATION**

Confirmation meetings begin on Sunday, September 11 at 11:00 AM. All mentors and confirmands are asked to be present. Mentors, please pick up your books at church. They will be in the main office door pocket and will have your names on them. Thank you.

CONSTITUTION

The constitution committee has met and sent their recommendations off to the OC. The OC has approved the changes. We will be setting a Special Congregational Meeting at our next OC meeting. If you would like to see the changes ahead of time, please contact Rev. Becky.

Worship Opportunities for September**September 4 – 13th Sunday After Pentecost**

Scripture: Jeremiah 18: 1-11

Note: The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be served!

September 11 – 14th Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture: Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

September 18 – 15th Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture: Luke 16:1-13

September 25 – 16th Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture: Luke 16:19-31

*Scripture selections are subject to change at the discretion of the pastor.

THANK YOU

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to my church family for all the caring and concern I received regarding John.

God Bless,
Toni



1 - Paul Edwards

3 - Sally O'Brien

5 - Steve Sullivan

7 - Joe Iselin

8 - Ron Patla

Heather Kane-Terhorst

9 - Jeff Keller

Crue Freitag

13 - Tim Burd

14 - Jennifer Brenner

18 - Kelsey Bonner

Ali Knight

20 - Ellen Gyger

21 - Kelly Iselin

22 - Toni Kranich

24 - Aveah Daniels

25 - Marissa Escobar

26 - Christine Schultz

27 - Rod Benstead

Chrystal Hameau

30 - Margie Jay



Jeff & Molly Keller (**25 years**)- September 6

Scott & Peggy Behnke – September 11

Gary & Pam Peterson – September 13

Dave & Deanna Snyder – September 19

Rod & Lori Benstead - September 22

MODERATOR’S WORDS

Although summer does not actually end until the autumn equinox on September 22, most of us are conditioned to think of the end of August as the end of our summer-sense. Schools start back up, job vacations wrap up, everything seems to “shift gears.”

The church is no exception. As things start to get back to “normal,” we look ahead to getting back into our weekly routine of attending Sunday worship and reconnecting with our faith community. The choir, children’s Christian education, and other special groups all start back up.

As we look ahead, there will be several things coming up this fall. The Council will be setting a date for a congregational meeting to discuss some restructuring of our committee organization. The ad hoc committee that reviewed the church constitution have some recommendations for making it a stronger document for us to consider. We will also be looking to find new ways to utilize the chapel that is no longer being used by the day-care program.

We hope everyone had a wonderful summertime. We look forward to seeing everyone back soon and working together as we forge ahead in this ongoing chapter of Plymouth Church.

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Pastoral Search committee would like to update everyone on the status of our search. We are in the process of reviewing profiles (applications) of pastors looking for a church. The process has many steps and we are working through that now. We have found that there are fewer pastors available for consideration than in the past. It is important that we "call" a pastor that has the talents Plymouth is looking for, and that will take time. We ask that everyone pray for our committee and most of all, be patient with the process. If you have any questions please contact me or anyone on the search committee. Our contact information is in the latest church directory. The committee members are named below this update.

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers. – Ron
Ron

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

POSITION on OC	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

Plymouth Congregational Church UCC

Invites ALL
children to join
us!



ALL children,
grades K-8
are welcome
to join this fun
Christian
learning
experience.

Can't believe summer is almost over and the kids are back in school! It sure did fly by this year! We missed all the kiddos! We are super excited for our "new" IMPACT year 2022-2023! We are looking forward to a new curriculum. We will be continuing to have IMPACT on Sundays as it works best for most of the kids and their families. We will be starting IMPACT on Sunday, September 18th. We are extending the time from 11:00AM-12:30 PM so the kids can enjoy lunch and some socializing time together! They really missed having "family time" together!

IMPACT

Youth Ministries

We are looking for volunteers to sign up to donate lunches (lunch, beverage, & treat, etc.) and/or a monetary donation to help supply lunches. Sign-up sheets will be on the bulletin board by the entrance. We are also looking for leaders/helpers. Please contact Tracy for any questions or details. We have five kids that will be involved in confirmation this year. We are looking for a couple more mentors. Won't you consider being a mentor for our youth?

SUNDAYS

11:00am-

12:30pm

Lunch provided

For more information
call (262)763-6890

visit plymouthucc.church

124 W. Washington St.
Burlington, WI 53105



Please consider volunteering in any way you can to help our Youth Ministry IMPACT program! Any questions, please contact Tracy. We look forward to the upcoming year!

Blessings,

Tracy Freitag

IMPACT Plymouth Children's Ministry Director

plymouthuccimpact@gmail.com

(262)206-5572

Mission News:



LOVE MEAL NEWS

Our August 17 Love Meal served thirty-four dinners, whether in-person or as take-out meals.

Wilson Farm Meats, Scott Wilson, donated the delicious brats, grilled and served by Don K. Jane O. prepared the baked beans; Kathy P. baked snickerdoodles and sugar cookies; Karen I. provided the buns and helped serve; and cantaloupe and homemade pickles completed the meal.

Mark your calendars - September 21 is our next date for a meal.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

The scholarship committee is happy to announce scholarships recipients for 2022.

Marissa Post will be attending UW-La Crosse as a freshman.

Karina Martin will be attending UW-Stout as a freshman.

May Jagodzinski will be attending UW-Madison as an upperclassman.

Katherine Picazo will be attending UW-Milwaukee as an upperclassman.

Congratulations to these young women as they advance their education.

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 lygersr@wi.rr.com or text at (262) 492-8909 as soon as possible.

MILITARY MISSIONS

During the month of September, we will be taking a collection of **travel size** toiletries or items listed on their Wish List. Here are some examples but not the full list.

Hand Sanitizers
Toothbrushes
Deodorant
Razors

Baby Wipes
Mouthwash
Shampoo
Chapstick

Toothpaste
Dental Floss
Conditioner

If you want to donate through Amazon, go to the link:

<https://www.militarymissionsinaction.org/fill-the-footlocker-donation-list>

Select "Give Them a Break Wishlist" and follow the directions through the Amazon website.

SHOEBOXES

We are currently collecting school supplies and flip flops for the shoe box collection.

DISASTER RELIEF COLLECTION

The United Church of Christ's Disaster Ministries unit is extending a helping hand to survivors of record-breaking floods and tornadoes that devastated communities from Missouri to Kentucky and West Virginia within the past eight months. The UCC Disaster Ministries sent out a plea to assist those affected by recent floods and tornadoes.

Plymouth Missions Team will be taking donations through September 15 to assist in relief efforts. Checks can be made out to UCC Disaster Ministry-Severe Storms Funds. Thank You.



SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS

SUNDAY	Sept 4	Sept 11	Sept 18	Sept 25
AV OPERATOR	Ron Patla	Aaron Jenson	Ron Patla	Aaron Jenson
COMMUNION PREPARERS	Lori Benstead & LaVonne Howell			
FELLOWSHIP SERVERS	Lori Benstead & Julie Klaehn	Steph Eveland & Diane Hanson	Jackie Naughton & Gidget Brown	Janet & Bob Wren
LITURGIST	Lori Benstead	John Gibbon	Don Howell	Carolyn Schoneck
USHERS	Nicki Stoll & Wally Brown	Nikki Burd & Pat Sandstrom	Tim & Kay Burd	Dan & Kelly Iselin

Deadline for October Epistle is Tuesday, September 20th. Thank you. ~ Kathy

CONTACT information



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 call ahead to check Pastor's availability.

PLYMOUTH UCC OFFICE HOURS

Steph: Mon & Wed 8:30am—2:00pm

Kathy: Tues & Thurs 8:00am—2:00pm

*Fri 8:00am—12:00pm

*Fridays: Labor Day-Memorial Day only.

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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Office Closed	3
4 Communion Sunday 10:00 am Worship 11:00 Fellowship	5 Labor Day Office Closed	6	7	8	9 Office Hours Resume	10
11 10:00 am Worship 11:00 Fellowship 11:00 Confirmation Meeting	12 OC Meeting 3:00 pm	13 Prayer Grp 10:30 am	14	15	16	17
18 10:00 am Worship 11:00 Fellowship 11:00 Missions Meeting IMPACT Begins 11:00-12:30	19	20 Epistle Deadline	21	22	23	24
25 10:00 am Worship 11:00 Fellowship 11:00-12:30 IMPACT	26	27	28	39	30	



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New School Year Begins



Pray for Our Students

**Beginning September 18th,
Join us in Children's Ministry**