

The Herald

PLYMOUTH UCC DODGEVILLE

JUNE 2018

VACATION
FLIGHTS
WITH
FLAT JESUS



Stay connected again this summer with Flat Jesus. Take your Flat Jesus with you wherever you go this summer and be sure to take a photo with him in each new place you visit and email it to the church office so that we can feature it in our newsletter. Please send a brief description of where you are at and what you are do-



Plymouth Congregational
United Church of Christ

REMINDERS



JUNE 7 - 10 - PASTOR JOYLYNN @ UCC ANNUAL MEETING

JUNE 13 - FEEDING FRIENDS, 5 PM

JUNE 24 - OPEN AND AFFIRMING DAY

JUNE 26 - NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS DUE.

JUNE 24 - SPECIAL MUSIC SUNDAY.



JUNE 28 - PLYMOUTH CIRCLE, NOON



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A Note from the Pastor...



Dear Friends,

A few weeks back I asked you all to fill out a survey for our summer sermon series. In short - I wanted to know what you wanted to know.

If you're like me, there are things we do and say as Christians but you're never really sure why.

Or there may be a question that is just burning a hole in your heart, but you're not sure how to ask it.

I didn't know how many responses I would receive, so I was very surprised when I received quite a lot of them. And I'm excited to delve into them and see what we can discover together.

Your questions touch on a wide variety of topics, so I am going to organize them into a series on church doctrine.

Church doctrine, in a nutshell, is the written body of teachings of a religious group that are generally accepted by that group. That sounds simple enough, but I think we all know by now that nothing is ever simple for the church. And anyone who has ever studied Church history knows how deep power politics run in the formulation of Church doctrine.

Yet it's important that we not reduce our doctrine to just those power dynamics. Because flawed or not, church doctrine is still tethered to the revelation made manifest in Jesus Christ.

Our sermon series will encompass nine weeks, but could easily cover so much more. I have created a very basic and very flexible outline, keeping in mind that much of this will be broken up by vacation and training events.

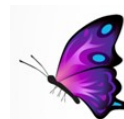
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| June 3 – | Church History, a brief overview |
| June 17 – | Theology, The Doctrine of God |
| July 1 – | Christology, The Doctrine of Christ |
| July 22 – | The Holy Spirit |
| July 29 – | The Doctrine of the Trinity |
| Aug 12 – | The Doctrine of Sin |
| Aug 19 – | The Doctrine of Salvation |
| Aug 26 – | Ecclesiology, The Doctrine of the Church |
| Sept 2 – | Eschatology, The Doctrine of death, judgment, and the final destiny of the soul and of humankind |

All of your questions will be addressed through this series, and as always, if you miss a week you can catch up on our website.

And one more thing, if you don't feel as though your question was addressed in a way that was helpful, please come and talk to me; that's what I'm here for!

Happy Summer to you All!

Blessings and peace,
Pastor Joy





GROW TOGETHER WISCONSIN

As many of you know, last year we put in a raised bed, thanks to a Plymouth grant, and cleared the bed next to the church in the back to create a small community garden to grow food. In our little community gardens, we produced quite a bit of fresh produce which went to Feeding Friends and church members each week. Pastor Joylynn made delicious salsa with the surplus tomatoes and peppers.

With our new U.W. Extension connection, we have been invited to participate in the *Grow Together Wisconsin* program. A 5-year grant provides the funds for seeds, fertilizer, and equipment, and the labor will be provided by Wacky Kids Club members and the Iowa County Master Gardener Volunteers. In Iowa County, there will be three "demonstration garden" sites which will donate fresh produce to the food pantries and Feeding Friends: Plymouth Church, SWCAP, and Ridgeway School. Produce will be weighed each time we pick to document our total production. In the coming years, tubs, plants, and soil will be given to participants to help teach Iowa County residents how to grow their own fresh produce. Thanks again to Plymouth members for being so responsive to the growing need for food for the residents of our community.

**Wacky
Wednesday
After-School
Kids Club**



Another year has flown by. This year, Wacky Wednesday After-School Kids Club served **25 children from 22 families!** There have been many volunteers from this church and from the community who have brought their talents in to share with our little ones. Some of those talents include math games, playing the harmonica, doing magic, painting, science experiments, singing around the campfire, building activities, and many more. There is something new and different each week!

A new component this year was a partnership with the U.W. Extension who provided us with nutrition lessons and monthly "cooking" activities throughout the year. We learned about healthy eating and where our food comes from, and had the opportunity to sample many new foods. As we all love to eat, this proved to be a popular offering!

Thanks to all the volunteers who have made this program possible. Your commitment to helping us provide a safe, engaging experience for children ages 5 to 9 is much appreciated. And thank you to the members of Plymouth Church who continue to financially support children and their families in this community through their money, time, and the use of the space. The children and I thank you!

Plymouth UCC Dodgeville

Church Office:

Pastor Availability

Hours:

Tuesday-Thursday
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Office Administrator

Hours

Tuesday-Thursday
8:00 am - 12:30 pm

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joylynn@gmail.com

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935-5737

plymouth@mhtc.net

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Keely Thomas

Home 935-9259

Organist:

Marilyn Dunn

Choir Director:

Lisa Duwell

Moderator:

Chuck Roethe

Vice Moderator:

ATTENDANCE

MAY 6	43
MAY 13	37
MAY 20	39
MAY 27	29

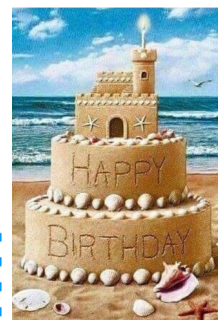


Please sign up for
Fellowship in the
Sanctuary.
Thank you!!!

Did we miss a birthday? Please
contact the church office and let
us know. 935-5727



June 2	Emily Neal
June 4	Roy Bettner
June 14	Erin Teubert
June 17	Elise Lindeman
June 17	Chris Teubert
June 24	Keith Hulbert
June 24	Chuck Roethe



Plymouth Circle meets the 4th Thursday
of the month at noon in Country Kitchen. Come and join us for lunch and great conversation.



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GENEROSITY IN APRIL
HODAN CENTER \$201.76
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
\$20.00
HOMELESS COALITION \$673.34
PASTOR DISCRETIONARY FUND
\$260.11

JUNE JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING IS
DESIGNATED FOR:

WACKY WEDNESDAY

FRIENDSHIP CAMP

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

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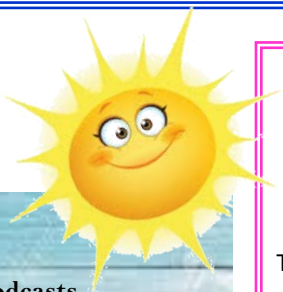
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Mission Statement

"To grow and share our faith, worship God, and follow Jesus Christ in the ways of love, peace, compassion, justice and the nurturing of God's creation."

Vision Statement

"To be a welcoming and thriving Christian Community, living our faith through reflection and action, while remaining grounded in God's love."



www.ucc.org website podcasts

[http://www.ucc.org/into the mystic](http://www.ucc.org/into-the-mystic)

<https://soundcloud.com/forajustworld>

Thursday, June 21, 2018
The Longest Day of the Year

June Solstice: Longest Day of the Year.

The **June** solstice is the Summer Solstice in the Northern Hemisphere and the Winter Solstice the Southern Hemisphere. The date varies between **June 20** and **June 22**, depending on the **year**, and the local time zone.



Newsletter Deadline
June 26 at 8 am.

Please submit any items you would like to appear in the newsletter by this time. Email your newsletter submissions to
plymouth@mhtc.net

CHURCH COUNCIL

Moderator

Chuck Roethe

Vice Moderator

Trustees

Mark Pepelea

Diaconate

Gary McHone

Mission

Lisa Pepelea

Clerk

Denise Whitish

Christian Education

Treasurer

Dave Pearson

Financial Secretary

Earl Barnes

If your address, phone/cell number, or email have changed, please contact the office so that we may update our records. You may call the office at 935-5727, or email the office at plymouth@mhtc.net.



JUNE 2018



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Plymouth UCC Dodgeville



DIACONATE NEWS

The Diaconate Board met May 15th, 2018. Those present were Gary McHone, chairman, Joylynn Graham, Harry Zelhofer-McHone, Jill Roethe, Ann Bachner, and Jan Helmich.

The following business was discussed:

Pentecost Sunday is May 20. The sanctuary will be decorated with red paraments, banners, streamers and balloons. Thanks to Gary and Harry for putting this all up. Two new members will be joining the church that day and the Blessing of Travels will be done with handing out Flat Jesus signs to the congregation to be photographed with church members as they travel this summer for vacations.

June 10th Pastor Joy will be attending the conference meeting. The sermon will be provided by the conference minister to be read by a church member. The Diaconate will lead the service. The bulletin will be set up by Pastor Joy.

June 24th is our Open and Affirming Sunday. The Diaconate will organize and lead the service. Julie has emailed suggested resources to all Diaconate members. Harry will do the sermon with a brief history of becoming open and affirming, what this means to the broader church and how it effects our church. Gary will lead communion and prayers. Jill will do the opening and closing of the service. We will acknowledge the two new banners with the wording printed in the bulletin on an insert. Plymouth's Open and Affirming statement will also be included in the bulletin.

Father's Day is June 17th. Flowers will be given out that day to our congregation.

July 8th and 15th Pastor Joy will be on vacation. The Diaconate will be in charge of the church service both of those Sundays. The Diaconate will do the entire service on the 8th and there will be a pulpit supply minister on the 15th. We will need to do the church bulletins for both of these services.

The annual church picnic has been moved to August 5th. This will be in Centennial Park in Pavilion #1 and will be an ecumenical service with the Methodist church, the Lutheran church, Plymouth church and Feeding Friends. The service will be lead by a special guest musician with the cost shared by all four groups (approximately \$200 - \$250 each). An offering will be taken to go to a charity chosen by the pastors. The guest musician will do the sermon, lead music, etc. There will be a meeting at 6:00 on July 17th at Plymouth with committees from all three churches and Feeding Friends to make plans regarding food for the picnic. In case of rain, the Dodgeville High School will be available free of charge.

A thank you note will be sent to White Rose for the flowers in the planters in front of the church which were donated by them.

We need a new guest book for the sanctuary. Mary will see about getting one.

Jan will make a loaf of communion bread to be kept in the church freezer for emergencies.

Some of our Blessing Bags have been handed out and Lisa Peplelea has replaced them

Our next meeting will be June 29th.

Jan Helmich, secretary

Monthly Meetings/Events

Sometimes meeting times/dates will change. Please check the [website](#), [Facebook](#), or contact the church office 935-5727.

Sundays

Faith Explorers 8:45 am

Special Music Sunday - once a month, usually the last Sunday of the month.

Tuesdays

Third Tuesday of the month:

Diaconate 5:30 pm

Council Meetings 7 pm-

Wednesdays

Wacky Wednesday 2:30 - 5:30 pm

Choir, 7 pm, Resumes on September 5, 2018.

Feeding Friends - 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Thursdays

Trustees - Second Thursday of the Month, 7 pm.

Plymouth Circle - Fourth Thursday of the month, noon, at Country Kitchen.

Saturday

Pasty Sales - Second Saturday of the month October through April.



May 15, 2018

Members Present- Chuck Roethe, Dave Pearson, Earl Barnes, Gary McHone, Lisa Pepelea, Mark Pepelea, and Pastor Joy

Opening Prayer by Pastor Joy

April meeting notes reviewed. Motion made by Mark with second by Earl to approve minutes as written. Passed unanimously.

Old Business-

All agreed that Pastor Joy can use the money budgeted for delegates to attend the WI conference, as there are no others attending.

Joy noted that church clean-up day went ok but there were not as many participants as hoped for/expected. Windows, refrigerators, small closet, and much of the kitchen were cleaned...although the kitchen is still in disarray due to the water damage.

Pastor Joy proposed a new system of "adopt a _____" to replace the annual cleanup day in hopes of getting more volunteers. Under this system, participants would choose a specific area, closet, or item to keep clean and organized for a 1-year term. Joy will make a list of "adoptable" items and bring it to the next council meeting. Chuck will then present the list to the congregation via church announcement, newsletter, and email for volunteers to sign up.

Dave brought up the fact that the windows in Fellowship Hall are nearly impossible to clean from the outside, so they always look dirty. Also, there are poor acoustics in Fellowship Hall. He suggested adding translucent films to the windows that would allow the light but hide the dirt and fabric panels to some of the walls to dampen the sound and improve acoustics.

Chuck has initiated a conversation with Arayna about making it much less likely that payroll will be late or missed in the future. Last payday was on time.

Pastor's Report-

Pastor Joy noted that the picnic plans have changed some. To accommodate the schedule of the artist providing the special music, the picnic will now be held on August 5th instead of August 12th and will now be located in Shelter #1 at the park instead of shelter #2. Also, the cost of the special music will now be split 4 ways instead of 3, as Feeding Friends will be picking up a share along with the 3 churches. The expected cost is now \$250 per group. The plate collection that day will not be divided up by the churches as originally proposed, but instead will be donated to a local charity yet to be chosen. In the event of rain, plans are in the works to be able to move the picnic indoors at the school instead of outdoors at the park.

This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday. Joy will be providing the "blessing of travels" and handing out the new Flat Jesus in the bulletins. We will also be swearing in 2 new members.

Joy will be starting a new sermon series in June after the conference.

Diaconate-

It is confirmed that diaconate will be giving the sermon on 7/8 and John Eyster will be giving the sermon on 7/15 while Joy is on vacation.

It was noted that Farmer's Appreciation Day is 7/8 so we should start thinking about any plans for an open house or any special activi-



**Our Sunday Worship Service
may be viewed this month on
our website:**

plymouthuccdodgeville.org

Or

**On Facebook look for Plymouth
United Church of Christ, Dodge-
ville**

Or on YouTube

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Trustees-

The kitchen project has expanded due to the discovery of water infiltrating the foundation wall. A professional waterproofing company will be providing an estimate for the work that needs to be done to correct this. We will need to make repairs to the steps as part of this process as well. The cost will definitely be more than \$2500 and therefore require a congregational vote. We need to schedule a congregational meeting as soon as possible once we have the estimate(s). The kitchen cannot be reassembled until the repairs are made.

Our lawn needs mowing. Mark will ask Steve Freeman if his daughter Annie will be doing this job again this summer.

Financial Report-

Spending appears to be on target so far. Note that we only have 30% left in our gas budget so we will likely go over when the weather starts getting cold again in fall.

Joy was requested to turn in her mileage more regularly, so it can be tracked on the "everything sheet".

Dave noted that OCWM has been paid ahead of schedule.

Dave reported that Wacky Wednesday is expected to come in under budget for the 2017-18 school year.

Earl reported that stewardship is down approximately 8% from last year at this time but is expected to recover.

Motion made by Gary with 2nd by Joy to approve the financial report. Approved unanimously.

Mission/Outreach Report-

Lisa had been informed by Mary that our supply of blessing bags was getting low. Lisa replenished our stock with 4 more of the small bags.

Education- no report

Moderator/Other Business-

Chuck received a letter regarding the General Synod 32 meeting. In 2019 the convention will be held in Milwaukee, so WI churches are being asked to contribute to "hosting costs" in advance.

Joy noted that the convention changes location annually and is typically sometime in June. While it has never been in the budget for her and/or delegates from our church to attend, with it being so nearby in 2019 she would really like to go. Also, she has a suggestion for a delegate, as our new member Eric brought it up to her in conversation. Attending this convention should be in next year's budget.

Motion made by Dave to contribute \$100 towards "hosting" this convention. 2nd by Mark. Unanimous approval.

Next meeting June 19th, 2018 @ 7pm



Have a Safe
and
Happy Summer!



Schedules

Fellowship

June 3 - Tina Valenti

June 10 -

June 17 -

June 24 -

Usher

June 3 - Maureen Teubert

June 10 - Earl and Shirley
Barnes

June 17 - Chuck and Jill
Roethe

June 24 - Denise Whitish

Reader

June 3 - Denise Whitish

June 10 - Julie Neal

June 17 - Jill Roethe

June 24 - Gretchen Pearson

Communion

June 3 - Anne Bachner

June 10 - Julie Neal

June 17 - Gary McHone

June 24 - Dave Pearson

Joyful Noise

June 3, 10 - Wacky Wednesday

June 17 - Friendship Camp

June 24 - Family Resource
Center





Welcoming New Members Eric and Julie Leighninger



Blessings of the Travels on May 20.



The Adventures of Wacky Wednesday

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