

The Herald

PLYMOUTH UCC DODGEVILLE

APRIL 2019



Holy Week Worship Schedule



PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP

April 14th at Plymouth UCC 10:00 am.

We will be stripping the sanctuary in preparation for Holy Week.



ECUMENICAL MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 18th, 6 pm, at Plymouth UCC. Soup and sandwich supper following worship. Plymouth has been asked to provide the soup.



ECUMENICAL GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP

April 19, 7 pm, at Dodgeville United Methodist Church.



EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

April 21 at Plymouth UCC 10 am.



LENT

Every Wednesday during Lent, 6:00—6:30 pm, at UMC of Dodgeville, there will be an Ecumenical Mid-week Prayer Service.

A Note from the Pastor...



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

At long last we are on the other side of winter! The birds are once again singing in our backyards; the snow that covered the ground for so many weeks is finally melting into precious water, and tiny buds and sprouts are making their way on the scene to herald the long-anticipated arrival of spring! It is April, and there is indeed, happiness in the air.

This month we will celebrate the most important day in the Christian calendar – Easter Sunday. On Sunday, April 21, we will join Christians all over the world in celebrating the resurrection. There will be great joy and shouts of “Hallelujah, he has risen!” Our sanctuary will be decked out with Easter lilies; our altar will be covered in white, and hopefully we will see a large gathering in the pews as we celebrate this most important event.

But what does the resurrection of Jesus actually mean? Did it really happen?

In our Faith Explores group we are currently reading the book “Unbelievable” by John Shelby Spong where he attempts to bring Christianity into the 21st Century. He recognizes that our faith is in a state of crisis as we continue to cling to outdated concepts and dogmas that were formed long before major advances in human thought, which has left many to judge the Christian faith as “Unbelievable.”

Over the centuries the church became quite accomplished at smoothing over conflicting biblical accounts with doctrine and dogma, and those explanations served well in an age where there were no other explanations. Today, we have better explanations, but many still cling to the old explanations, insisting that adherents to the faith do likewise.

Yet if our faith is to bear the weight of human evolution then the church must be willing to evolve with the rest of humanity. The church as we know it is vanishing; but, there is still a universal yearning for meaning, and a desire to believe in some sort of transcendent wonder.

Which brings us back to the resurrection. The resurrection was the experience that brought Christianity into being. And while many biblical claims have been exposed as mythological explanations for the origins of things, such as creation and sin, there is no verse of the New Testament that does not assume the reality of the Easter experience. Accounts vary, but all of the writers agree, something happened – something so big that human language once again failed to capture it.

Did God raise Jesus back into the physical life of our world? In the book of Isaiah, God promises to do something new and really big: to “create a new heavens and a new earth” (65:17). Bringing Jesus back to physical life wouldn’t really accomplish that. Life isn’t new, or big, and ultimately Jesus would have to die all over again because that’s what happens in the physical world. But what if resurrection means being raised to a new dimension of life that is beyond the power of death? And what if we are all invited to participate in that new dimension? That would certainly qualify, and it would fall right in line with what Paul, the very first contributor to the New Testament, said when he wrote to the Romans that the resurrected Jesus is at “the right hand of God” (Rom. 8:34).

We don’t know precisely what happened on the first Easter, and that’s okay. What we do know is that something so amazing happened that it changed everything. We know that even though hatred, fear and violence thundered on Friday, God had the last word on Sunday. We know that even though the sin of the world cut Jesus down; God raised him up. And we believe that it was because God loved the world too much to give up on the beautiful new creation that God had promised through the prophet Isaiah long ago.

Easter morning says, Wait. Stop. Question. And listen. Because we are indeed part of something greater than ourselves, and our lives are lived in a new age of hope. That leaves me filled with transcendent wonder; I hope it does you too.

Blessings and Peace,

Pastor Joy

Plymouth UCC Dodgeville



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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.”



MAUNDY THURSDAY

An Ecumenical Service by:
Plymouth UCC & UMC Dodgeville

Where: Plymouth UCC Dodgeville

When: Thursday, April 18, 2019

Time: 6 pm

What: Soup and Sandwich Supper followed by:

Prayer * Meditation * Communion * Foot Washing



April

28

2019

Earth Day will be celebrated April 28 due to Easter being on April 21. Weather permitting there will be an outdoor service around the Peace Garden. You are encouraged to bring your favorite perennial plant to be planted in the garden. A potluck will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to pass and a smile to pass.

Church Staff:

Pastor Availability Hours:

Tuesday-Thursday

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Wednesday

2:30 - 5:30 pm

Office Administrator Hours

Tuesday-Thursday

8:00 am - 12:30 pm

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Marilyn Dunn

Choir Director:

Lisa Duwell



DIACONATE NEWS

MARCH

The Diaconate Committee met on March 19th.

Present were Chairman Gary McHone, Joylynn, Harry, Julie, Jill and Jan.

The following items were discussed:

1. Love Dodgeville Project - This is a one day clean-up project for the Dodgeville area. There are lots of different work sites. Many other churches are involved. Diaconate thought Plymouth should take part in this. No date had been set yet.
2. Pride Parade - No date for this has been set yet but probably in August. Plymouth will be registered as a participant and church members will be encouraged to take part.
3. Maundy Thursday Ecumenical Service will be held at Plymouth on April 18th at 6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. There will be a light supper of soup and sandwiches followed by the service. Methodist people will bring sandwiches and Plymouth will provide soup. Pastor Joy, Jill, Gary and Jan will make four kinds of soup. The service will include communion, a foot warming ceremony and the choir will sing. The Diaconate will decorate Fellowship Hall with appropriate decorations. Ppl
4. Easter Sunday, April 21st. This will be a traditional service with white paraments and decorated with Easter lilies.
5. Earth Day will be celebrated on April 28th. Weather permitting there will be an outdoor service around the Peace Garden. People are encouraged to bring their favorite perennial plant to be planted in the garden. There will be a potluck following the service in Fellowship Hall.
6. The St. Patrick's Day Dinner had a nice turn out. The food was delicious. A big thank you to all who helped including clean-up afterwards.

Our next meeting will be April 16th.

Jan Helmich, secretary

Monthly

Meetings/Events

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

Sundays

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

Faith Explorers - 10:30 am

Wacky Wednesday, 2:30 - 5:30 pm, September through May.

Choir 7 pm, September through May.

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.



CHURCH COUNCIL

Moderator

Chuck Roethe

Vice Moderator

Eric Leighninger

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.



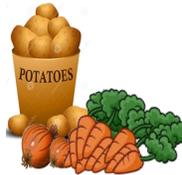
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Opportunities to Volunteer



Wacky Wednesday is an after-school program for children ages 5-8. On Wednesdays, the Dodgeville school district lets out early which puts a strain on working parents. Wacky Wednesday gives kids a fun and safe place to go! When the group arrives at Plymouth Church, we have a healthy snack ready for them, and we play board games or build something cool with Legos.

We are always looking for volunteers...For more details contact Judy Campbell at wwednesdays16@gmail.com



PASTY HELPERS NEEDED

Making pasties is a major fundraiser at Plymouth and occurs on the second Saturday of the month from October to April. Workers are always needed to fill time slots. Please call Denise at 574-5668 or Jill at 935-2561 if you are willing to assist.

FRIENDS
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Plymouth Church has been participating in the Feeding Friends community meal at the Dodgeville United Methodist Church since spring of 2015. The meal occurs every Wednesday, but

on the second Wednesday of every month, it is Plymouth who cooks, serves, eats, and cleans up for this joyous event. Looking for an opportunity to become more involved in mission and service? This is a great way to help out, but it is also a great way to meet new people and make new friends. If you would like to help out, please contact Pastor Joy at pastorjoylynn@gmail.com.

JoYful Noise

Iowa County Homeless Prevention Coalition

Iowa County Homeless Prevention Coalition (ICHPC) helps to provide temporary housing for one family at a time. They connect families and individuals to available services, such as resources for financial assistance, mentoring and support, employment services, and budget and finance planning. Homelessness can happen to anyone due to unexpected medical expenses, job loss, domestic violence, and other tragedies. Plymouth has referred families and individuals to ICHPC.

Relay for Life

Relay for Life is a signature fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. It is staffed and coordinated by volunteers in thousands of communities and 27 countries. Currently, there is no relay event scheduled in Dodgeville, but we can still support the cause by sponsoring Kayla and cheering her on as she participates in the Lafayette County Relay in Collins Park in Darlington on Saturday, June 15.

Check out the bulletin boards in the Fellowship Hall monthly for a complete description of each mission.



SPRING AUCTION

SATURDAY,
APRIL 13, 2019

5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

WISCONSIN RIVERSIDE RESORT
IN SPRING GREEN

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS
FREE CLINIC
FUN RAISER

HORS D'OEUVRES, CASH BAR, LIVE MUSIC,
SILENT & LIVE AUCTION ITEMS,
PRIZE WHEEL, WINE PULL

REGISTER NOW!
Tickets: \$35 in advance
\$40 at the door

www.ccfwi.org
Check the website to see a
growing list of auction items.

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Get Involved



Plymouth Circle - meets the 4th Thursday of the month, 12 pm, at Country Kitchen in Dodgeville. Open to all men, women, couples, singles, everyone. Please Join us for fun and good conversation.



Choir Practice - meets every Wednesday at 7 pm. Everyone is welcome to sing in the choir. You don't have to be a professional singer. Please contact Lisa Duwell or the church office (935-5727) if you are interested.



- meets at 10:30 on Wednesday morning. If you have questions or doubts, you are in good company here at Plymouth. If you want to meet with others who have questions and doubts, then this group is for you.



Song Soul Prayers
Celia Farran

On Sunday, May, 19, all are invited to join us for a special service featuring music performed by Celia Farran

Singer/Songwriter/ Comedienne Celia has been described as "A cross between and Earthy Enya, Joan Baez, and Tina Fey." She dished up the most delicious concoction of the silly and sacred delighting audiences across the nation. Celia is known as the "Everyday Goddess" with rusty red locks and twinkling eyes which cast a spell of enchantment upon her listeners. Celia gifts those in her audience with a warm, deep and resonating experience touching your heart, your skin, your whole being.

There will be a 90 minute concert following worship at 2 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. CD's will be available for sale after the concert and refreshments will be served. For ticket information please call our office, or visit Facebook at : <https://www.facebook.com/events/582438192166241/>

Celia is originally from Wisconsin & calls the road her home. She is currently touring with her 13th album, "KARMA". No matter how many times you think you've seen Celia, you can never predict what she will do and how deeply she can reach into the soul of an audience.



April 11
Angela Brown
April 12
Mary Lukes

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

Newsletter Deadline
April 18 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



Schedules

Usher

April 7 - Rod and Mary Lukes
April 14 - Chuck and Jill Roethe
April 21 - Bill and Lisa Duwell
April 28 - Denise Whitish

Reader

April 7 - Rod Lukes
April 14 - Jill Roethe
April 21 - Dave Pearson
April 28 - Anne Bachner

Communion

April 7 - Rod Lukes
April 14 - Gary McHone
April 21 - Dave Pearson
April 28 - Jan Helmich

Joyful Noise

April 7, 14, 21 - Homeless Coalition

Relay for Life - Relay for Life (Kayla)

Fellowship

April 7 -
April 14 -
April 21 - Happy Easter
April 28 -

ATTENDANCE

MARCH 3	28
MARCH 10	23
MARCH 17	42
MARCH 24	35
MARCH 31	



Our Sunday Worship Service may be viewed this month on our website:
plymouthuccdodgeville.org

on YouTube:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5k-NdBxPS-0&t=7s>

THANKS TO YOUR GENEROSITY IN FEBRUARY

FREE CLINIC \$102.00
WACKY WEDNESDAY \$239.01

MARCH JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING IS DESIGNATED FOR:

HOMELESS COALITION
RELAY FOR LIFE



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