



PLYMOUTH OUT IN THE COMMUNITY



There will be an **Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service** on Wednesday, November 22, following Feeding Friends at 7 pm. The Thanksgiving Feeding Friends meal begins at 5 pm. Plymouth has been asked to bring desserts and a request was made for 3 volunteers to help serve the meal.

On November 26th, we will be **"Hanging the Greens"** after Worship so that the church will look nice for the live Nativity scene that is taking place on December 2 in front of Plymouth. Your help is needed and welcome. Please come and enjoy conversation with pizza.

On December 2, The Dodgeville Federated Woman's Club will be hosting a **Pancake Breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus**, 8 a.m. until 11 a.m. What a great way to begin the day! This will be a busy day for

Plymouth since we will be participating in a live Nativity in front of our church. Why not come early and have all you can eat pancakes, sausage, fruit, cheese, and treats. There will be holiday crafts for the kids!

Also on December 2, Plymouth will be working together with the Chamber of Commerce to have a **live Nativity in front of the church**. We will be opening our doors so that people can come in and warm up with some hot chocolate and cookies, which we will serve in the overflow room. Setup begins at noon, and the Nativity will be available for viewing until 9 p.m. The Chamber of Commerce is looking for volunteers to play roles in the Nativity scene; more information will be coming as plans take shape.



UPDATES

In addition to the Ecumenical Feeding Friends on November 22, Plymouth will be hosting our monthly Feeding Friends November 8. Please let us know if you can help.

Facebook page is updated weekly.
[Plymouth United Church of Christ Dodgeville.](#)



Visit our webpage for updated information.





A Note from the Pastor...

Matt 9:37-38

*Then he said to his disciples,
'The harvest is plentiful, but the
laborers are few; therefore ask
the Lord of the harvest to send
out laborers into his harvest.'*



Dear Friends,

As the seasons change
and the trees shed their leaves,
I am reminded that this is the time of year for giving thanks. And at this moment, I
am giving thanks for the mission and ministry of Plymouth.

Over the past three years, I have watched us become a center of ministry that
is a catalyst for many good things going on in our community and our individual
lives. We are not a large congregation but we are an effective and active congrega-
tion.

This past year alone, we have created a vision and mission statement that
clearly proclaims us to be an open and inclusive community seeking to create a
more loving and just world. And we are living into that dream through a variety of
activities such as interfaith luncheons, ecumenical worship services, and most re-
cently, the benefit to aid victims of Hurricane Harvey. We provide space for others;
we help provide leadership, and we have each devoted time and energy to making
this abundance happen.

And as we move deeper into our vision and mission, I see us discovering
deepening bonds of connection, hope, and faithfulness. This is a model of church for
the 21st century that Plymouth is living into. It is an exciting and energizing project,
and I am so grateful for all those who participate in this effort.

As the seasons shift and daylight hours shrink, I take this time to give thanks
for each and every one of you, and I pray that you may experience moments of joy
every day. Thank you for your service and the love you bring into this world. Grace,
peace and love to all...

Pastor Joy



A few weeks ago many Plymouth members took the time to express their ideas and concerns related to Mission and Outreach at our most recent Community Conversation. It was gratifying to be part of the open and honest exchange of opinions. I'm certain Lisa Pelelea and the rest of the Mission Team was given plenty of food for thought for the upcoming year.

I continue to marvel at the scope of our mission efforts and the willingness to give that our congregation consistently puts forth. I was reminded during that group conversation and by a recent one on one I had with a church member of potential negative consequences related to all the giving Plymouth does. The reminder for me was that giving so much of one's valuable time can take a personal toll.

In the coming months many of us will be considering whether or not to take on terms of service on one of our church teams. Serving on a church committee takes a fair amount of time. Usually something has to be given up to fulfill that obligation. My question for the congregation is, "How do can we make that less of a burden and more fun?" Are we going about the task of filling those open committee positions in the proper way? Do we have an inappropriate number of constitutionally prescribed committee seats? These are not new questions I am asking but I feel like they are important ones to answer if our membership is to stay active and enthused about church participation.

I encourage all of you to pick up a Plymouth Constitution. Read over the rules and regulations related to committee service and size. Decide if you think changes can be made that will make serving your church more fun than it is work.

Peace, Bill D

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

Pastor:

Joylynn Graham

Cell 553-0149

[pastor-](mailto:joylynn@gmail.com)

joylynn@gmail.com

Office Administrator:

Mary Haag

935-5737

plymouth@mhtc.net

Maintenance:

Keely Thomas

Home 935-9259

Organist:

Marilyn Dunn

Choir Director:

Lisa Duwell

Moderator:

Bill Duwell

Vice Moderator:

Chuck Roethe

ATTENDANCE

OCTOBER 1	43
OCTOBER 8	42
OCTOBER 15	29
OCTOBER 22	24
OCTOBER 29	

Fruits and vegetables For November

- Apples
- Cranberry
- Plantains
- Collard Greens
- Mustard Greens
- Kale
- Swiss Chard
- Broccoli Rabe

Happy Birthday

November 5	Maureen Teubert
November 8	Zoey Dampf
November 8	Julie Neal
November 9	Kyla Kottke
November 10	Orville James
November 11	Josh Hermanson
November 11	Denise Whitish
November 17	Dean Whitish
November 18	Michelle Zettle-Bruegger
November 19	Sally Martin
November 27	Brad Bruegger

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

Choir Practice WEDNESDAYS at 7 pm



Community Conversation NOVEMBER 12

THANKS TO YOUR GENEROSITY IN SEPTEMBER

Multicultural Outreach Program

\$123.52

Hodan Community Services

\$201.12

Hurricane Relief

\$1,299.06

NOVEMBER JOYFUL NOISE

OFFERING IS DESIGNATED FOR:

HOMELESS COALITION



Plymouth UCC Dodgeville

Mission Statement

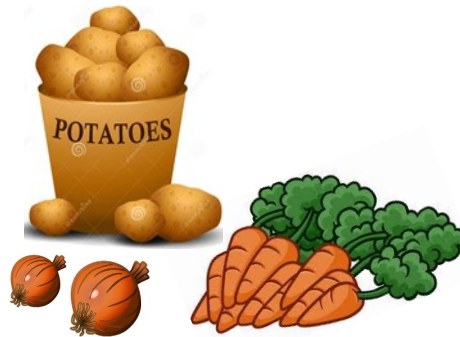
"To grow and share our faith, worship God, and follow Jesus Christ in the ways of love, peace, compassion, justice and the nurturing of God's creation."

Vision Statement

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

PASTY HELPERS NEEDED

Making pasties is a major fundraiser at Plymouth and occurs on the second Saturday of the month from October to April. More 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.



Newsletter Deadline

NOVEMBER 22th 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

Bill Duwell

Vice Moderator

Chuck Roethe

Trustees

Mark Pepelea

Diaconate

Gary McHone

Mission

Lisa Pepelea

Clerk

Gretchen Pearson

Christian Education

Julie Neal

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.





November 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
			1 Office Hours 8:00 am - 12:30 pm Pastor Available 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm Wacky Wednesday 2:30 - 5:30 pm Choir, 7 pm	2 Office Hours 8:00 am - 12:30 pm Pastor Available 10 am - 2 pm	3	4
5 Worship 10 am Fellowship following service Faith Explorers 11:30 Daylight Savings Ends	6	7 Office Hours 8:00 am - 12:30 pm Pastor Available 10 am - 2 pm	8 Office Hours 8:00 am - 12:30 pm Pastor Available 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm Wacky Wednesday 2:30 - 5:30 pm Choir, 7 pm Feeding Friends, 5 pm	9 Office Hours 8:00 am - 12:30 pm Pastor Available 10 am - 2 pm Trustees, 7 pm	10	11 Pasty Sale 
12 Worship 10 am Community Conversation	13	14 Office Hours 8:00 am - 12:30 pm Pastor Available 10 am - 2 pm Daconate, 5:30 pm Council, 7 pm	15 Office Hours 8:00 am - 12:30 pm Pastor Available 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm Wacky Wednesday 2:30 - 5:30 pm Choir, 7 pm	16 Office Hours 8:00 am - 12:30 pm Pastor Available 10 am - 2 pm	17	18
19 Worship 10 am Fellowship following service Faith Explorers 11:30	20	21 Office Hours 8:00 am - 12:30 pm Pastor Available 10 am - 2 pm	22 Office Hours 8:00 am - 12:30 pm Pastor Available 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm Ecumenical Worship @ UMC following Feeding Friends Wacky Wednesday 2:30 - 5:30 pm Choir, 7 pm	23 	24	25
26 Worship 10 am Hanging of the Greens with Pizza Party following Worship	27	28 Office Hours 8:00 am - 12:30 pm Pastor Available 10 am - 2 pm	29 Office Hours 8:00 am - 12:30 pm Pastor Available 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm Wacky Wednesday 2:30 - 5:30 pm Choir, 7 pm	30 Office Hours 8:00 am - 12:30 pm Pastor Available 10 am - 2 pm Plymouth Circle, Noon	Dec 1 World AIDS Day Ringing of the Bells 	Dec 2 Pancake Breakfast with Santa and Live Nativity at Plymouth UCC



DIACONATE NEWS

The Diaconate met on October 17th. The following are items discussed that may be of interest to the congregation.

1. A new Usher Duty List will be coming out soon. New name tags with a new design will be made and everyone will be encouraged to wear them on Sundays. A meeting with all who usher will be planned to go over the new list.
2. October 29th - Cowboy Sunday!! Everyone is encouraged to wear western wear. Rod Lukes will provide special music. ALSO there will be a special congregational meeting following church to hold a vote regarding adopting the ONA statement to become an Open and Affirming church.
3. World Aid's Day is December 1st. A letter to the editor will be submitted to the paper and Plymouth bells will be rung at noon that day.
4. Breakfast With Santa will be at Plymouth on December 2nd with pancakes served from 6:00 am to 1:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy pancakes. ALSO that day the Chamber of Commerce will be setting up a Live Nativity on the church lawn from noon to 9:00 pm. Our church will be open during that time and we will offer a place to warm up and serve hot chocolate and cookies. Please plan to come see the Live Nativity and share hot chocolate and cookies with your friends and neighbors!!!!
5. Hanging of the Greens will be on November 26th this year. We will be decorating the sanctuary right after church that day and have PIZZA for lunch served in the overflow room. Come and make it a party!!
6. Please take note of the fall decorations in the sanctuary placed there by Gary and Harry. (Thanks for a nice job guys!) Also thanks to Pastor Joy for the beautiful banner she made and presented to the church.

Submitted by Jan Helmich, Diaconate secretary



HANGING OF THE GREENS

Pizza Party

November 26th

Following Worship

Monthly Meetings/ Events

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

Sundays:

Community Conversation

Tuesdays

Diaconate 5:30 pm
Council Meetings 7 pm-
Third Tuesday of the month.

Wednesdays

Wacky Wednesday 2:30 -
5:30 pm
Choir, 7 pm

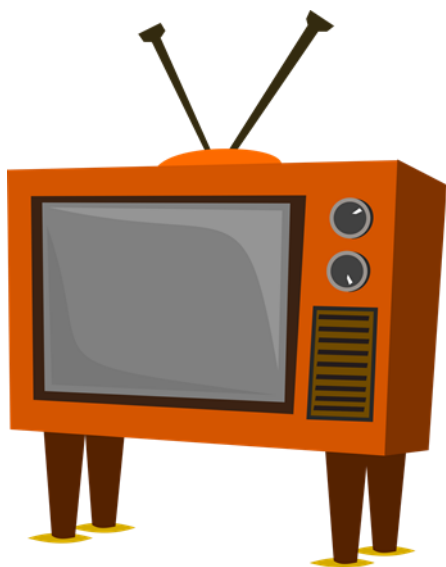
Thursdays

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.





**Our Sunday Worship Service
may be viewed on the Dodgeville**

**Local Access Channel
(MHTC channel 10)**

Sunday at 4 pm

Tuesday at 7 pm

Thursday at 8 am

**Sermons are also available for
viewing on our website:**

**plymouthuccdodgeville.org and
on [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com)**

C O U N C I L M E E T I N G M I N U T E S

Present: Bill DuWell, Dave Pearson, Lisa Pepelea, Mark Pepelea, Julie Neal, Gary McHone, Gretchen Pearson, Pastor Joylynn Graham, Chuck Roethe, Earl Barns

Opening Prayer-Pastor Joy

Agenda Changes and approval: Additions include Workmen's comp. under Trustees and Kitchen supplies. Julie moved and Joylynn seconded to approve these additions. Approved.

Corrections and Approval of Council Minutes of Sept. 19th, 2017: Gary moved to approve the minutes with corrections. Lisa seconded. Approved

Financial Report: Mark, Earl, Dave

September Report (Mark) We are 3/4 through the year.

Some items marked 0 means that all quarterly payments have been made. Percent left is tracking on schedule. No concerns here.

Stewardship (Earl) In line with last year, stewardship is down about 3% YTD. Local mission giving is 16% higher YTD. If we count hurricane relief contributions, we are up 34% for missions from last year.

Mark will coordinate a date with the person who handles the endowment to discuss how it functions. Mark will give a two week notice for this meeting which will be open to all members.

Bill will find out when piano maintenance will occur.

Dave moved, and Julie seconded to accept financial reports. Approved.

Pastors Report: Joylynn

Music Ministry - Lisa Duwell, Joan Steele, Rod Lukes, Marilyn Dunn and Pastor Joylynn make up the music committee. Special music will be offered every month. Cowboy Sunday this month. Will be bringing outside talent as well. Honorarium will be \$25 per musical piece plus travel. The committee is working on following months including Christmas music. A request for \$1200 will be made for next year's budget.

Open and Affirming - Congregational vote will be October 29th. Harry will write a letter to the editor of the Dodgeville Chronicle to explain world AIDS day and the fact Plymouth is the only church in Iowa County to become Open and Affirming. December 3rd will mark a special service and party for O and A.

There will be a pancake breakfast December 2nd with a live nativity. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served in the church.

Church and tree to be decorated November 26th.

Office Administrator Hours - Mary works from 8:00 to 2:00 for the rest of the year.

Committee Reports

Mission: Lisa -

Lisa discussed the recent Community Conversation.
The food pantry table is now in the Fellowship Hall.

Education: Julie - No Report

Diaconate: Gary -

Joy covered much of what Diaconate has been discussing and doing (Pastor's report).

Ushers - The committee has devised an updated usher duties list. Ushers will have an opportunity for training for use of ADA door, cameras, sound system etc. Duties will also be clarified.

The committee is looking at printing a logo on the member name tags and purchasing new tags which are held on with a magnet.

Trustees: Mark

ADA Door - Discussion ensued regarding the off/on and hold switches and precautions so the door is turned off when not in use.

Roof Contractor - Someone will give an estimate this week to fix the problem in the Sacristy.

Workman's Compensation - is the director of Wacky Wednesday contracted or an employee? Dave will check with the accountant.

Mark requested that all committees and Pastor submit items and amounts for the 2018 budget.

Other Business:

Pastoral Review - Meeting is scheduled October 25th.

Our Church's Wider Mission. Last year \$4000 was budgeted. Wisconsin Conference is requesting \$4080. Discussion ensued about criteria for "membership" in our congregation.

Stewardship Campaign, November - Last year three consecutive Sundays were used to talk about Stewardship.

Budget discussion. There will be one meeting for a budget draft. A second meeting will be held for the council to vote on budget. The Congregation should vote before January 1st.

Council will need to meet November 14th instead of the 21st. Diaconate will also meet November 14th

Bill will ask Jill Roethe to make a list of what is needed in the kitchen and give this to Mary. Also a list of where supplies are kept. Gretchen will help with this.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gretchen Pearson, Clerk

**Next meeting: November 14, 2017 at 7pm
(Note change of date)**

Schedules

Fellowship

5 - Gretchen Pearson
12 - Rod and Mary Lukes
19 - Jean & Jack

26 -

Usher

5 - Bill and Lisa Duwell
12 - Gary McHone
19 - Rod and Mary Lukes
26 - Maureen Teubert

Reader

5 - Lisa Duwell
12 - Chuck Roethe
19 - Earl Barnes
26 - Jill Roethe

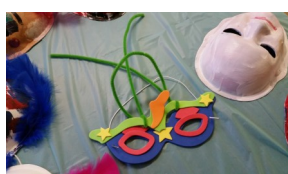
Communion

5 - Dave Pearson
12 - Jan Helmich
19 - Anne Bachner
26 - Gary McHone



A VIEW OF PLYMOUTH UCC ...

WACKY WEDNESDAY IN ACTION

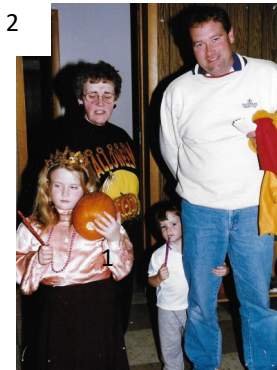
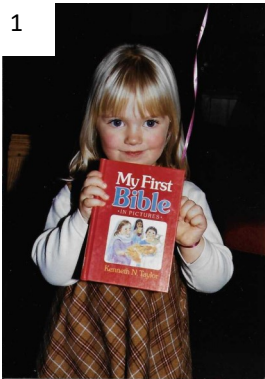


World Communion Sunday



OUT OF THE PAST...

When we have space, there will be pictures from the past. Please help to identify the **people** in the picture, the **date** and what **event or the reason for the picture**. Send your guesses to the office. Thanks!



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