

The Herald

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Plymouth Congregational
United Church of Christ

From the Pastor...

Greetings, Church!

I am looking forward to the time ahead that we will share. For now I'm planning to be with you half-time, for the next six months (through the end of March 2025). I'll be working about 20 hours/week total, and will be present in worship 3 Sundays a month.

Since we're now entering a longer-term relationship, let me share a little more about myself with you. My spouse, Mike, and I live in Fitchburg WI. My siblings and parents are also nearby, as are my nephew and niece, who I think are the most amazing humans to ever walk the earth! My morning beverage of choice is Twinings Irish Breakfast tea, which I drink with a splash of milk, after spending a year in the UK after college. I enjoy canoeing and kayaking and the Star Wars films. I look forward to getting to know more about each of you in the coming months!

If you would like to meet in person for any reason, please do reach out. You can call, text, or email me. Given the unusual work schedule for my other ministry (I work the night shift at Meriter Hospital once a week or so), an email or text will often get a quicker response than a phone call. But regardless of how you contact me, I should be able to reply within about a day and a half, usually quicker.

Much of my work can be done remotely, and since you will be reimbursing me for mileage to the church, I'll try to keep in-person work to those

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

OUR MISSION "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."

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times when it's required. For now, I am hoping to be in the office one day a week, usually Wednesday afternoons. Sometimes that will change depending on church meetings (Council is monthly on a Tuesday, for example) or on my other personal and professional commitments. Again, let me know if you'd like to meet and we can plan a time to make it work for both of us. We can also arrange a meeting over the phone or via Zoom, if that works better for both of us.

Let us all keep faithfully listening to the movement of the Spirit in the world, and what we are called to do together as Church! Blessings to each one of you.

Pastor Katya

Announcements/Coming Up...

November 3 - All Saints Sunday— **We will light candles in memory**

November 20 - Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve, 6 pm, at United Methodist Church. Note the date change. This is to accommodate those who will be spending time with family on Thanksgiving day.

December 1 - World Aids Day. Ringing of the Church Bells by Harry at noon.

- following worship Hanging of the Greens with Pizza to follow
- First day of Advent



Every Sunday is a good time to bring a guest

CHURCH COUNCIL

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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.

Bucket Brigade and Kit Assembly Campaign for the Wisconsin Conference

This campaign will run until Nov. 2.

WHY THIS?

After a disaster strikes our compassion and need to help kicks in and we look for opportunities to help. Unfortunately, some of our efforts create more challenges for the organizations, agencies, and first responders who are “boots on the ground.” This initiative is directly connected to an agency that has the authority to work in these disaster areas. It is important to listen to the experts and to respond to the requests of these reputable organizations.

Additionally, these kits are directly connected to public health and wellness. This type of disaster brings with it public health concerns including waterborne illnesses and other bacterial, fungal, and parasitic issues. Through the use of cleaning supplies and by managing personal hygiene we can help limit public health challenges.

HOW IT WORKS

1. Decide whether your congregation will assemble kits and which ones.
[Hygiene kit](#)
[Cleanup kit](#)
2. Collect the supplies
3. Assemble the kits
4. Drop off assembled kits at one of the drop-off locations by Nov. 3.
5. If your congregation spent or raised \$250, apply for [a matching grant](#).
6. Drivers will pick up kits from the drop-off locations and load them onto a truck.
7. A truck full of kits will deliver all of the kits to Church World Service.

For more information, check out these videos:

[CWS Kits Overview Video](#)
[Assembling Emergency Buckets](#)

It is my hope that we can respond with the compassion of Jesus and bring a ray of hope to those trying to survive. If you have any questions, please me at pastorbridget@yahoo.com or by phone 262-388-5896.

In faith,

Bridget Hill
Wisconsin Conference Disaster Coordinator

Schedules

Usher/Reader/Communion

October

6 - Earl And Shirley Barnes

13 - Mark and Lisa Pepelea

20 - Mary and Rick Stellick

27 - Chuck and Jill Roethe

***If you would like to volunteer to help with Worship, please contact Lisa Pepelea or the church office.**

Joyful Noise

October

6 - Neighbors in Need
13, 20, 27 - Hodan Center

Fellowship

6 -

13 -

20 -

27 -





Seeking help with Usher/Reader/Communion duties during worship!

There's nothing difficult here, but all is necessary to ensure the service runs smoothly.

Usher Duties:

- **Unlock doors and turn on lights and fan**
 - **Unlock side door and use key to ensure it stays in unlocked position**
 - **Turn automated door opener on**
 - **Unlock main (front) door**
- **Turn on sound system (1 button located in sacristy)**
- **Light candles during prelude prior to start of service using candle lighter/snuffer**
- **Ring bell during prelude (no set number of chimes, just "several")**
- **Collect offering and Joyful Noise donations**
 - **Before collection, wait at back of church until pastor brings the collection plates down**
 - **After collection wait at back until doxology starts then bring plates forward**
 - **Finish doxology and prayer of thanksgiving, then return to your seat**
- **Hold/pass the microphone around for Prayers of the People and Announcements as needed**
- **Extinguish candles during last hymn and carry flame back down the aisle with lighter/snuffer**
- **When sanctuary is empty after service, lock the front door and turn off the lights and sound system**

Reader Duties:

- **Sit up front by the lectern at the start of worship.**
- **Read the Call to Worship and Opening Prayer after pastor does the Welcome**
- **Invite the Congregation to Passing of the Peace**
- **Read the scripture after the first hymn**
(Mary Haag will email you the readings and prayers prior to worship)

IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH...

You are the life of the church



- Return to sitting with the congregation after the gospel reading.

Communion Duties:

- Purchase and bring with you a loaf of bakery bread (unsliced)
- Cut ends off and set aside.
- Cut part way through the center portion across the middle to make it easier to tear during service
- Cut ends into small pieces (20 or so)
- Place large partially cut piece on one side of bread dish and small pieces on the other side.
- Place bread dish on the right side of the altar (from behind the altar) and cover with the the cloth
- Get wine from under the sink in sacristy and pour approx. 1 cup into the small pitcher
- Take a small bottle of grape juice from under the sink and pour approx, half into the small chalice
- Place the pitcher, large chalice (empty), and small chalice on the left side of the altar and cover with the cloth
- When communion starts, get the chalices and serve communion with the pastor.
- After worship, clear the communion dishes from the altar and wash in sacristy sink, placing in rack to dry

Leftover wine and grape juice in chalices can be poured down the drain.

Discard leftover bread downstairs and save opened 1/2 bottle of grape juice in refrigerator in Fellowship Hall.

It sounds like a lot, but all of it can be easily accomplished by 2 people, arriving 30 minutes prior to service. If you've never done some of these tasks before and want someone to walk you through it, please contact Lisa Pepelea lkpep@yahoo.com

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

October 31



Join us for in-person worship on Sundays at 10:00