

The Herald

PLYMOUTH UCC DODGEVILLE

AUGUST

2018



BRING YOUR FAVORITE LAWNCHAIR WITH YOU!

ECUMENICAL OUTDOOR WORSHIP

This year's outdoor Ecumenical Worship will feature Richard Bruxvoort Colligan. A composer and musician, he serves across denominations singing songs, teaching the psalms and telling jokes. He publishes music continually, two songs per month to his patrons, and tours nationwide.

Once again Plymouth and the United Methodist Church will be hosting the outdoor worship along with newcomer Grace Lutheran Church. It will be at Centennial Park Shelter #1 beginning at 9 a.m. on Sunday, August 5, 2018.



There will be one general collection. All donations will go to SWCAP Iowa County Homeless Coalition. All checks should be written out as "SWAP Iowa County Homeless Coalition." Any donations made at this service will not receive documentation from your church or be on your financial statement from the church. This information is per your financial secretary. Checks, written as directed above, will receive a Thank-you letter from SWCAP Iowa County Homeless Coalition, which you will need to keep for your 2018 taxes. Please be sure to bring your own lawn chairs to sit on. There will not be chairs available at the park. Members are asked to bring finger foods such as cookies or bars for fellowship to be set up on the tables in the shelter. Coffee, lemonade, plastic table covers, a table for communion, napkins, cups, sugar, and cream for the coffee, name tags, and a portable cross will be provided by the churches.



Plymouth Congregational
United Church of Christ

REMINDERS



AUGUST 5 - OUTDOOR ECUMENICAL WORSHIP AT CENTENNIAL PARK, SHELTER #1, AT 9 A.M. PLEASE BRING COOKIES BARS, OR FINGER FOOD.

AUGUST 8 - FEEDING FRIENDS

AUGUST 12 - FAITH EXPLORERS STARTS UP.

AUGUST 12 - IMPORTANT CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FOLLOWING WORSHIP

AUGUST 23 - NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE

AUGUST 26 - SPECIAL MUSIC SUNDAY.





A Note from the Pastor...



Dear Friends,

Lately I am noticing within myself, a strong inner pull toward action – a strong need to do something – anything – to change the course of history, to move things in a more holistic direction, and bring about peace, joy, harmony and well-being for all. And I know I'm not alone in this, because I come across people every single day who are asking the same question, "How do we bring about a better world?"

This impetus is particularly strong in the United Church of Christ where we believe that God is still speaking, still calling us to action, still seeking our cooperation with God's vision for a just and equitable world, where all are free to live and flourish.

That is the direction our entire denomination is moving in, and it is a good and honorable direction, fully mandated by scripture. Yet when you start unpacking it, it always seems to lead to the realization of how often our own good fortune has depended on the ill fortune of others.

The very land we sit on – the beautiful and bountiful land that I love to explore and photograph as I make my way across it in my luxury sedan – even this land has come to us at the expense of others.

And as I become more and more aware of the hidden costs of my own existence, I find myself asking, "How can I enjoy a good meal when there are those who can't even find a scrap of bread? How can I sleep on my memory foam mattress at night when there are those who don't even have an address? How can I ever relax as long as there are people who are exploited and abused by the same system that entitles me to certain inalienable rights?"

On the one hand we are compelled to act and speak out against injustice, but on the other hand the same finger we use to point at injustice always ends up turning back towards us. And it is precisely at that point where our noble intentions are in danger of landing flat.

At the annual meeting for our conference this year the theme was "Why Are We Afraid?" The keynote speaker was the Reverend Traci Blackmon who is the Executive Minister of Justice & Witness Ministries, and the basic direction she was leading us in was confronting our fear when it comes to having conversations on race. But it's not just racial conversations that are making us uncomfortable; it is all conversations – especially if we're being honest in our conversations – because there is no situation where we land in the role of the oppressed. There is no situation where we deserve any sympathy. There is no situation where we look even a little bit good.

Of course there are those who experience the wrath of homophobia, or ageism, or ableism – just to name a few, but as card-carrying American Citizens, there simply is no situation where we land in the role of the oppressed.

This stirs up a lot of fear – as well it should because God – our God – the One who appears in a burning bush to Moses, the One who leads the Israelites out of Egypt, has chosen to be on the side of the poor, the oppressed and the captive, and if our lifestyle hinges on the oppression of others, then God is most certainly *not* on *our* side.

Jesus declared that his mission was to set the oppressed free and liberate the captives. He said that there would come a time when the last would be first and the first would be last. His kingdom was clearly not of this world, and what I am learning is that if we truly want to do the work of Christ and bring about a just world for everyone, then we have to start by being honest about our own way of life and how it contributes to the oppression of others.

Following Jesus demands a different way of thinking and being in the world. It demands that we go *against* the grain – *despite* our fears – while consistently and honestly challenging our own status quo. But it is the most important thing we will ever do.

The good news is that the work for justice simply must take place within the context of community. We don't have to do this alone – nor can we. We get to do it together, and in the coming months and years that is the direction we will be heading. One of the things I remember Traci Blackmon saying at the conference (and I am paraphrasing this thought) is that we have to move ourselves from acceptance to urgency.

Because oppression is urgent! It is urgent to the ones being oppressed first and foremost, but it also undermines the capacity of all people – including the oppressors – to enjoy the freedom of life, joy and creativity.

Won't you please join me in working for justice? Blessings and Peace, *Pastor Joy*



Dave and Gretchen Pearson with their kids and grandkids at Big Stone Lake near the town of Three Lakes in northern Wisconsin.



OUT AND ABOUT WITH FLAT JESUS 2018



Bob, Jan, Rod, Mary, Jack, and Jean took Flat Jesus to visit the Ark in Kentucky.



Pastor Joylynn with her daughter and grandson in the gulf shore.



Pastor Joylynn with her daughter and grandson in Alabama.



Bob, Jan, Mary, Rod, Jean, and Jack with Flat Jesus relaxing in Kentucky after visiting the Ark.

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.

- 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.

Summer Sermon Series by Reverend Joylynn

**INFORMATION PERTAINING TO UPCOMING CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING ON AUGUST 12, 2018 FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

Request for approval for funds



Roof leaks:

Cronin Roofing and Construction

This Proposal is for the following:

1. Remove DECRA shingles on area of church where leaks are occurring (2 locations)
2. Remove any copper flashing around areas listed in line one so copper does not contact DECRA panels
3. Inspect decking for water damage (additional \$80.00 for 4x8 sheet if needed)
additional charges will be discussed before any replacement of sheeting
4. Install ice guard on bottom eaves and valleys of two areas listed in line one
5. Reinstall DECRA flashing metal or accessories
6. Reinstall the DECRA shingles back on original area
7. Aluminum flashing will be installed in place of original copper flashing
8. All debris will be removed and yard magnetically nail swept daily
9. Cronin Roofing will supply all materials needed
10. Pick points, ropes and harnesses will be used for safety purposes
11. Estimated time for repair: 3-4 days

All work will be performed in accordance with the above specifications and completed in a substantial workmanlike manner for the sum of : \$ 3,250.00

Basement wall leaks:

Zander Solutions, LLC

Exterior excavation of the foundation to expose stone wall approximately 8' deep and 45' long.

Power wash, clean and prepare wall for waterproofing application.

Jetcrete walls as needed to achieve profile suitable for waterproofing. (NOTE: The cost of this portion is subject to change due to unknow condition of walls below grade)

Install PROCOR waterproofing over above said wall to grade.

Install 2" warm and dry protection board over waterproofing.

Install 4" drain tile at bottom of excavation and backfill with 12" of clear stone.

Backfill as needed, to rough grade.

Connect newly installed drain tile to sump crock, pump and pipe out. (Location to be determined)

Homeowner is responsible for finished landscaping, seed and plantings.

\$10,275.00

We have not yet found someone to work on the steps but are continuing to search.

Total of the roof and wall bids: \$13,525.00

25% contingency fund (costs may increase once roof is exposed or once excavation is complete) ~ \$3,500.00

Total requested: \$17,025.00

The contingency fund will only be used for any unexpected costs for the wall or roof repair, or for repairing the damage from those leaks if any surplus exists after the repairs are complete. By repairing the damage, I mean fixing the ceiling and floor in the room behind the altar and/or putting the kitchen back together.

We have ceiling and floor damage in the room in back of the altar from the roof leak and cabinet and drywall damage in the kitchen from the basement wall leak. This work is to prevent further damage. We likely will have to have another meeting to approve the expense once we get a bid on the front stair repair, but we should not wait any longer in getting the roof and wall repaired to minimize further damage.



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:pastor-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:

Chuck Roethe

Vice Moderator:

ATTENDANCE

JULY 1	26
JULY 8	23
JULY 15	18
JULY 22	32
JULY 29	



August 2nd

Rod Lukes

August 26th

Martha Boyer

August 30th

Anne Bachner

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

Faith EXPLORERS

Will not meet again until August 12th.



Please remember to take Flat Jesus with you on your vacations or just out and about one day and send pictures to the office email. Plymouth@mhtc.net



Reminder...Choir will resume September 5th.

For Past Newsletters click on the link

<https://www.plymouthuccdodgeville.org/newsletter>

THANKS TO YOUR GENEROSITY IN JUNE

WACKY WEDNESDAY \$301.37

FREINDSHIP CENTER \$219.14

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER \$20.00

AUGUST JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING IS DESIGNATED FOR:

FREE CLINIC

Joyful noise

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."

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.

SYRCLs **WILD & SCENIC**® FILM EVENT where activism gets inspired



SEPT. 8 2018

Mineral Point
Opera House
139 High Street
Mineral Point, WI

FRI., SEPT 7
School Group Films
12:00 pm

SAT., SEPT. 8
Storytelling Concert
1:00pm (free)

Films with
Special Guest
Joseph Bruchac
7:00pm

Tickets - \$10 each
Available at the door,
Berget Jewelers or
brownpaperticket.com

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Newsletter Deadline August 23 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





August



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Office Hours 8:00 am - 12:30 pm Pastor Available 10 am - 2 pm	3	4
5 Worship 9 am Ecumenical Outdoor Worship @ Centennial Park Fellowship following service 	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 Feeding Friends, 5 pm	9 Office Hours 8:00 am - 12:30 pm Pastor Available 10 am - 2 pm Trustees, 7 pm	10	11
12 Worship 10 am Faith Explorers 8:45 am  Congregational Meeting following Worship	13	14 Office Hours 8:00 am - 12:30 pm Pastor Available 10 am - 2 pm	15 Office Hours 8:00 am - 12:30 pm Pastor Available 2:30 pm - 5:30 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 8:45 am	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	23 Office Hours 8:00 am - 12:30 pm Pastor Available 10 am - 2 pm	24	25
26 Worship 10 am Fellowship following service Faith Explorers 8:45 am Special Music Sunday 	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	30 Office Hours 8:00 am - 12:30 pm Pastor Available 10 am - 2 pm	31	

Plymouth UCC Dodgeville



DIACONATE NEWS



Ecumenical Service

Sunday August 5 at 9 am

Centennial Park Shelter #1

Special Guest - Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

Bring a Lawn Chair

Fellowship to Follow

Rain Location Dodgeville High School

*Hosted by Grace Lutheran,
Plymouth Congregational UCC,
and United Methodist of Dodgeville*

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 during school year
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.





**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](#)

[https://www.youtube.com/
watch?v=5k-NdBxPS-0&t=7s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5k-NdBxPS-0&t=7s)



C O U N C I L

Members Present- Chuck Roethe, Dave Pearson, Gary McHone, Mark Pepelea, Lisa Pepelea (filling in as secretary), and Pastor Joy

Opening Prayer by Pastor Joy

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

Old Business-

Chuck and Dave are now up to speed on how to videotape church services.

Detailed instructions are posted on the bulletin board in the church office.

M E E T I N G

Pastor's Report-

The continuing education class Joy attended in June "Rising Strong in Church Leadership" was even better than she expected and provided her with useful information and insights.

Reminder that September 9th is "Welcome Back" Sunday.

Reminder that August 5th is our combined church picnic/ecumenical service.

M I N U T E S

Diaconate-

Diaconate is going to include a survey in the bulletins sometime in August to get the congregation's input on diaconate continuing to provide lay sermons in Joy's absence.

Diaconate is working on plans for an October picnic for just our church to be followed by a silent auction to raise money to supplement diaconate's budget. So far, they are planning to have the service outside around our Peace Garden on World Communion Sunday (October 7th).

It has been decided that the August 5th offering at our multi church picnic will be collected for the Homeless Coalition. Chuck will put that information in the newsletter along with a reminder that regular donations (pledges) should not be put in the plate that Sunday.

Financial Report-

In his absence, Earl has emailed that stewardship is still down approximately 14%.

Mark requested a breakdown of Joy's recent request mileage reimbursement as "mileage" is now over budget and we're only half way through the year. Dave provided the breakdown and Mark determined that the money can come out of the "meeting" budget as all was due to Joy travelling for a continuing education class and a conference. "Mileage" funds should be used for Joy's regular pastoral duties.

Mark asked Dave about an overpayment to OCWM of \$625. Dave explained that even after he had written checks for the entire amount budgeted for OCWM for the year, there was an automatic withdrawal that took place for the additional \$625. Dave will contact OCWM to investigate and to prevent additional automatic withdrawals from occurring. Hopefully he will be able to get the money refunded.

Mark noted that otherwise we are running pretty close to budget but echoed Earl's concern that our pledged income is lower than expected at this time.

Dave reported that Wacky Wednesday finished over budget for the 2017-18 school year instead of under budget as anticipated. The difference between expected and actual was discovered when Dave asked Arayna to verify his cost tracking spreadsheet and she uncovered a couple of line items that

Schedules

Fellowship

August 5 -

August 12 -

August 19 -

August 26 -

Usher

August 5 - Bill and Lisa Duwell

August 12 - Denise Whitish

August 19 - Maureen Teubert

August 26 - Chuck and Jill
Roethe

Reader

August 5 - Bill Duwell

August 12 - Julie Neal

August 19 - Anne Bachner

August 26 - Jill Roethe

Communion

August 5 - Jill Roethe

August 12 - Julie Neal

August 19 - Jan Helmich

August 26 - Gary McHone

Joyful Noise

Free Clinic



were overlooked. The Wacky Wednesday committee and Family Resource Center board will be meeting tomorrow night to determine how to address the shortage and keep the program in budget going forward.

Mark announced that in August he will be sending out an email to all committee chairs and Pastor Joy requesting they turn in their desired budget amounts for next year in September. This will allow him to get next year's budget put together in time for a congregational vote in November, as required by our current constitution.

Trustees-

Mark noted that he changed the batteries in the doorbell and it is now working again.

Two stone masons and Midwest Concrete have looked at our front steps but we are still unable to get a quote for their repair. Neither of the masons who are available to do the work have the equipment necessary to move the large slabs. And Midwest Concrete, who doesn't work with stone, does not recommend replacing them with new concrete. Another mason who does have the necessary equipment to do the job does not have any openings in his schedule in the near future. Because of this, Mark recommends we move forward with the foundation and roof repairs instead of waiting until we can find someone to repair the steps at the same time.

We do have an estimate of \$3,250.00 for roof repairs. The roofer is not entirely sure what is causing the leaks but knows he will have to remove some of the panels to figure it out and make the repairs. The repairs are expected to take 3-4 days. Additionally he discovered that there is a problem with copper flashing that is not included in this estimate. Copper flashing is not compatible with the steel roof panels and will eventually cause corrosion. While he doesn't believe that is the cause of the current leaks, he is certain it will cause leaks in the future. He will provide us with an estimate for this additional work when he completes the current repairs.

We also have an estimate of \$10,275.00 for waterproofing the foundation wall.

Both of these projects are over \$2,500.00 and will therefore require congregational approval.

Mark is recommending we arrange a congregational meeting as soon as is possible so we can get the work completed and get our kitchen put back together in time for pasty season. He is also recommending we request approval of an additional 25% above these estimated costs to cover unforeseen problems that may arise as construction gets underway. This is standard practice for construction projects. Mark also noted that both contractors require a 50% down payment.

A congregational meeting to vote on these expenses will be scheduled for Sunday August 12th.

Mark will email Chuck a detailed proposal description tomorrow and Chuck will get it into the next newsletter.

Chuck will also send a church-wide email announcing the congregational meeting.

The meeting will also be announced in church on upcoming Sundays.

There was discussion of how we should cover the cost of these projects...capital campaign, tap into endowment fund, checking/savings... Dave and Mark agree that for now the cost can be covered by reserves in the checking and savings accounts. Any other method would delay the projects too much. These reserves would then need to be replenished in order to have a reserve in place for future emergencies. All agreed that discussion of how to rebuild these reserves could wait until after project completion.

Motion made by Lisa and Seconded by Joy and Gary to approve the financial and trustee report. Approved unanimously.

Mission/Outreach Report-

Lisa delivered 22 pounds of food to the food pantry earlier today from the table in Fellowship Hall. Otherwise, nothing to report the committee has not met.

Education-

Dave reported that the Faith Explorers are on break for summer and plan to reconvene on August 12th.

Moderator/Other Business-

Constitution Review

Chuck handed out a page of proposed changes to the constitution agreed to by the constitution review committee so far. These changes include referring to all working groups as "committees" and revised descriptions of the Diaconate, Christian Education, Mission-Outreach, and Trustee committees.

Chuck also pointed out that altering/amending the constitution requires a 2/3 majority vote unlike other issues that require only a simple majority.

Next meeting August 21st, 2018 7pm

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