

# The Herald

Plymouth UCC Dodgeville

# AUGUST 2025



**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."



## *Thank You to Our Faithful Volunteers*

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the church members who generously gave their time and energy to help with the Farmers Appreciation Day Parade. Your dedication and joyful service were a beautiful reflection of our church's spirit and love for the community.

Although we did not hold worship service that day, your presence and participation in the parade was a powerful act of fellowship and outreach. From organizing and decorating to walking in the parade and supporting behind the scenes—every contribution made a difference.

Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ in our community!

### **Church Office:**

#### **Office Administrator Hours**

Tuesday & Thursday

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Wednesday

8 am - 2:00 pm

### **Pastor:**

Pastor Katya Ouchakof

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### **Office Administrator:**

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### **Organist:**

Marilyn Dunn

# Meeting Minutes

To keep our congregation informed, we'll be including brief summaries from each Church Council meeting in our newsletters. These highlights will share key discussions and decisions. Full meeting minutes are available by request after they're approved at the following Council meeting.

No matter where you are on your journey, there's always a place for you here. We hope these Council updates help you feel connected.

## Usher/Reader/Communion

### August

3 - Mark and Lisa Pepelea  
10 - Steve and Jenny  
17 - Chuck and Jill Roethe  
24 - Rick and Mary Stellick  
31 - Mark and Lisa Pepelea

### September

7 - Mary and Rick Stellick  
14 - Steve and Jenny  
21 - Chuck and Jill Roethe  
28 - Mary and Rick Stellick

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

## Joyful Noise

### August

Free Clinic  
September  
Food Pantry

## Fellowship

### August

3 - Pepeleas  
10 -  
17 - Roethe  
24 - Worship in the Park  
31 - Pepeleas

### September

7 -  
14 -  
21 -  
28 -



**Watch Worship online via  
our Facebook page,  
Sundays, at 10 am.**

## Plymouth UCC Council Meeting Summary

June 18, 2025

Members Present: Lisa Pepelea, Moderator; Steve Pieroni, Treasurer; Mary Stellick, Clerk; at large members Denise Whitish, Shirley Barnes

Absent:, Chuck Roethe, Pastor Katya Ouchakof

The meeting was called to order by Lisa at 7:05. Nicole Wiczorek was introduced and discussed the new bookkeeping system.

The minutes from the May council meeting were reviewed and approved.

### **Old Business:**

The Committees Policy was approved as written. The Endowment Fund Policy and the Financial Policy were approved with revisions. The Personnel Management Policy was tabled until the Policies Committee can address questions/concerns regarding Parental Leave.

Lisa presented a progressive inclusive signage option for the small case left of the door (inclusive Pride banner with "All Are Welcome Here" at the bottom). Purchase of the banner was approved.

Privacy signage update – signs have been put up on interior doors.

## Reports

Committee reports are available on request.

## New Business:

Policies needed regarding what to do in case of an ICE raid, who to contact, training, etc. Policy Committee will draft them, no action taken at this time.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Next meeting Wednesday July 16, 2025, 7:00 pm

Mary Stellick, Clerk

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July 16, 2025

Members Present: Lisa Pepelea, Moderator; Steve Pieroni, Treasurer; Mary Stellick, Clerk; at large members Chuck Roethe, Denise Whitish

Absent: Shirley Barnes, Pastor Katya Ouchakof

The meeting was called to order by Lisa at 7:00.

The minutes from the June council meeting were reviewed and approved.

## Old Business:

The Personnel Policy, the ICE Policy, and the ICE Raid Training document were approved with revisions/edits.

A new Inclusive banner has been installed in the front sign case.

## Reports

Committee reports are available on request.

## New Business:

Steve reported on the UCC Resolution regarding Gaza from last year ("Just Peace Between Palestine and Israel") requesting discussion by local churches. Steve will reach out to the Conference about

## CHURCH COUNCIL

### Moderator

Lisa Pepelea

### Treasurer

Steve Pieroni

### Clerk

Mary Stellick

### At Large council members

Shirley Barnes

Denise Whitish

Chuck Roethe

### Meetings

**Council and Diaconate meet on the 3rd Wednesday monthly. Diaconate meetings start at 6 pm, and Council meetings start at 7 pm.**

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](mailto:plymouth@mhtc.net).

**Newsletter submissions are due the Sunday following council meetings.**

this and what would qualify as a discussion.  
Rick Stellick will begin doing the Financial Secretary recording  
next week after he meets with Nicole.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:38.

Next meeting Wednesday August 20, 2025, 7:00 pm

Mary Stellick, Clerk

**\*NOTE: The official minutes of the meeting will be available  
after they are approved at next month's meeting. Any addi-  
tions or corrections will be noted.**

## **Support the Pantry!**

The **Little Free Pantry** is  
looking a bare. Please  
bring in donations of shelf-  
stable food items that are  
not expired, to support  
our neighbors in need!

## **UPCOMING...**

**August 3** – Marilyn & Rod return with their  
parade favorites! Join us for a toe-tapping  
sing-along to classic country gospel tunes.

**August 24** - Ecumenical Worship in the  
Park, 9:00 am, with Grace Lutheran and  
United Methodist Churches. Bring your  
lawn chair.

**In the works** - a dedication of the History  
Wall in the overflow room. Watch for  
more information.