

The Herald

PLYMOUTH UCC DODGEVILLE

MAY 2019



Special Music Sunday Guest Follows Up With Concert



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 \$15 in advance and \$20 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.



Stay connected to Plymouth with Flat Jesus this summer. Take your Flat Jesus with you wherever you go and be sure to take a photo with him in each new place you visit. You don't have to go on vacation to snap a picture with Flat Jesus. Maybe you are out fishing, taking a ride in the country, working in your garden, helping a friend, taking a walk, or spending time with family at a cookout.

Take a picture and let us know what you are up to. It is always nice to see your smiling face enjoying the warm weather.



On Sunday, May 12, at 10 am worship, everyone will receive their very own Flat Jesus, and a Blessing of the Summer Travels. If you are unable to attend worship on May 12, please stop by the office for your Flat Jesus. We really want to hear from you this summer!

May 12 is also Mother's Day and the Diaconate will be providing roses at worship. We hope to see you there!

Mother's Day Worship and Flat Jesus

May 12 at 10 am

A Note from the Pastor...



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy May Everyone! And Happy Easter!

What Easter? Didn't we just finish with Easter? Well technically yes – we have already celebrated Easter Sunday, but did you know that all of May this year comes in the Easter Season? That's right; as we enjoy the spring, flowers, and signs of new life in the world, we are also in the midst of Easter.

But I would also suggest that Easter is a year round event. In Luke's gospel, we're reminded that Christ appears in our midst when we spend time in community with friends and strangers working to proclaim the Gospel, understand the scriptures, and build God's kingdom together. Here at Plymouth, we hold these things close, as we welcome the stranger, explore our faith, care for each other, and serve beyond our walls.

This month we have two special opportunities to reach out. On Sunday May 12, we will offer prayers of thanksgiving, praise, healing, and comfort to God for all the experiences we share surrounding motherhood. And then on Sunday May 19, we will welcome special guest Celia Farran who will perform for us in worship, and then give a concert in the afternoon for all who wish to attend.

Both of these Sundays will be special for a variety of reasons, but the most important thing is always the opportunity we are given to proclaim the gospel, share Christ's love, and build God's kingdom together. And that's what it's about. That's what we are about.

Blessings and Peace,

Pastor Joy



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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Organist:

Marilyn Dunn

Choir Director:

Lisa Duwell

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."



Celebration of Life



Keith & Mary Brown



BROWN, Keith & Mary

The family of Mary Brown will be hosting a Celebration of Life in her honor. They will be gathering to share memories and favorite stories about a wonderful person who is greatly missed. Mary joined the church back in 1932 at the age of 12. She went on to become a Sunday School teacher and treasurer for Plymouth Congregation. The celebration will be in the Fellowship Hall, 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm, May 18, 2019.



Plymouth Prayer Shawl Ministry

Plymouth now has a prayer shawl ministry headed by Kayla Kottke. We need donations of yarn; if you have any please drop off in the church office.





DIACONATE NEWS

The Diaconate Committee met April 16th. Present were Gary, chairman, Harry, Joylynn, Jill, Julie and Jan.

Discussions were held regarding the following:

1. Maundy Thursday service. This will be on March 18th at Plymouth starting at 6:00. This is an ecumenical service with the Methodist church. A simple meal of soup and sandwiches will be served. Plymouth members will bring four kinds of soup and Methodists will provide the sandwiches. Fellowship Hall will be decorated for the occasion with white tablecloths, candles, palms and bowls of grapes on each table. Julie and Anne will get the grapes. Extra glass pitchers will be brought by Diaconate members. Joylynn and Harry will set up tables and decorate them. An area will be set up for the foot washing. Communion will be served. Jill will get the communion bread. The choir will be providing special music.
2. Good Friday services will be at the Methodist Church at 7:00 on Friday April 19th. This will be an ecumenical service also.
3. Earth Day will be celebrated on April 28th with an outdoor service (weather permitting) in the Peace Garden followed by a potluck in Fellowship Hall. People are encouraged to bring perennials to plant in the garden.
4. On May 19th Celia Farren will perform during our church service and then will put on a concert that afternoon in the sanctuary. Tickets for the concert will be \$20.00 in advance and \$25.00 at the door. Advertising posters will be printed and distributed and other churches in the area will be asked to put an announcement in their church newsletters. Expenses will be covered by the Special Music budget.
5. The Community Ecumenical Outdoor Service is scheduled for August 11th in Centennial Park. This year's service will be the same as last year with fellowship after the service. More information will be given closer to that date.
6. Pastor Joy will be moving to a place in the country by June 1st. She is excited about the move and would like to invite our congregation to a picnic at her home. When a date has been set we will let you know about the plans.

Our next meeting will be May 21st.

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.



Plymouth Congregational
United Church of Christ

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



FEEDING FRIENDS

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.



volunteer
do good, feel good

JoYful Noise

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

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, September through May. 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.

*****Plymouth Goes to Milwaukee*****

On Sunday June 23, we have a very special opportunity to gather for worship with our greater church. *As you know, this year's General Synod is being held in Milwaukee, and on Sunday, all are invited to gather for a special worship service and street fair.* In order for everyone to be able to attend, we will be relocating our worship that day to Milwaukee.

*****There Will Be No Worship Held in Dodgeville That Day*****

Additionally, for those who don't want to drive, First Cong UCC in Platteville has hired a bus. Here are the details

Schedule:

11:00 Depart First Cong UCC, Platteville

12:00 Stop at Salem UCC, Verona

2:00 Arrive at Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee

2:30-4:30 Worship

4:30-6:00 Exhibit Hall/Free time

6:00-7:15 Street Fair

7:30 Depart Wisconsin Center

9:00 Stop at Verona

10:00 Return to Platteville

Cost:

We are asking folks to pay what they can and suggesting \$20/person. Checks can be made out to First Congregational UCC and mailed to PO Box 406, Platteville, WI 53818. Please write "synod bus" on the memo line.

We are also offering full scholarships to members if they need it. If your leadership would like to do the same they can send along a donation. If we receive more than we need we will use it to tip the driver or contribute to the offering at Synod worship.

Meals: Participants should eat lunch before getting on the bus or bring a sack lunch with them. They should bring money to purchase dinner at the street fair. The bus will not be making any stops between Verona and Milwaukee in either direction.

Reservations: Participants must contact our church office at 608-348-6578 to add their name to the list. Money is due no later than June 7th.





May 13
Dave Pearson
Eric Leighninger

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



Newsletter Deadline June 20 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



Usher

May 5—Maureen Teubert

May 12 - Denise Whitish

May 19 - Gary and Harry
McHone

May 26 - Bill and Lisa Duwell

Reader

May 5 - Maureen Teubert

May 12 - jan Helmich

May 19 - Gary McHone

May 26 - Lisa Duwell

Communion

May 5 - Gary McHone

May 12 - Dave Pearson

May 19 - Gary McHone

May 26 - Julie Neal

Joyful Noise

Feeding Friends

Fellowship

May 6 - Joan Steele

May 12 - Jan Helmich

May 19 - Dave and Gretchen
Pearson

May 26 - Julie and Eric
Leighninger

ATTENDANCE

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| APRIL 7 | 25 |
| APRIL 14 | 42 |
| APRIL 21 | 41 |
| APRIL 28 | 26 |



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

[plymouthuccdodge-
ville.org](http://plymouthuccdodgeville.org)

on YouTube:

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watch?v=5k-NdBxPS-
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ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

MAY JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING
IS DESIGNATED FOR:
FEEDING FRIENDS





| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 5 Worship 10 am Fellowship Cinco de Mayo | 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 Faith Explorers 10:30 Wacky Wednesday 2:30 - 5:30 pm Choir, 7 pm Feeding Friends, 5 | 9 Office Hours 8:00 am - 12:30 pm Pastor Available 10 am - 2 pm Trustees, 7 pm | 10 National Clean Your Room Day  | 11 |
| 12  Flat Jesus Sunday Worship 10 am Fellowship  Mother's Day | 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 Faith Explorers 10:30 Wacky Wednesday 2:30 - 5:30 pm | 16 Office Hours 8:00 am - 12:30 pm Pastor Available 10 am - 2 pm | 17 | 18  Armed Forces Day Celebration of Life for Mary Brown 2 pm |
| 19 Worship, 10 am Special Music Sunday with Celia Farran  Concert at 2pm in Sanctuary | 20 | 21 Office Hours 8:00 am - 12:30 pm Pastor Available 10 am - 2 pm Diaconate, 5:30 pm | 22 Office Hours 8:00 am - 12:30 pm Pastor Available 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm Faith Explorers 10:30 Wacky Wednesday 2:30 - 5:30 pm Harvey Milk Day | 23 Office Hours 8:00 am - 12:30 pm Pastor Available 10 am - 2 pm Plymouth Circle, | 24 | 25 |
| 26 Worship 10 am Fellowship | 27  MEMORIAL DAY | 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 Faith Explorers 10:30 Wacky Wednesday 2:30 - 5:30 pm | 30 Office Hours 8:00 am - 12:30 pm Pastor Available 10 am - 2 pm | 31  | |



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**General Synod 32 Volunteering
June 21-25, 2019**

YOUR HELP IS KEY to the success of the Wisconsin Conference hosting the 32nd General Synod of the UCC at the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee. Over 3000 people are expected to attend and we need 300 to 400 volunteers to assist the Local Arrangements Committee over this 5-day event. Here is an opportunity to experience the wider United Church of Christ and to learn about our denomination and the many ministries we are engaged in on behalf of Jesus Christ. Here are ways you can volunteer:

- **Extravagant Hospitality and Welcome:** Welcome and direct attendees at Mitchell Airport, the Intermodal Station downtown and in designated hotels.
- **Registration Table:** Assist with the check-in process at the Wisconsin Center.
- **Guides and Greeters:** Welcome and provide directions to attendees in the Wisconsin Center.
- **Accessibility:** Assist with motorized scooters, or other accommodations.
- **Childcare and Children's Ministry:** Provide supervision and program leadership for age-appropriate child care and children's activities for infants through age 12. All volunteers in this area will have a background check.
- **Word Processing for Education and Committees;** use your word processing skills to maintain edits in pronouncements of assigned committees.
- **Floor Stewards:** Assist delegates during plenary sessions as needed.
- **Exhibit Hall Support:** Assist in the area designated for UCC and related agencies and vendors.
- **Worship Ushers:** Usher during worship services of Synod.
- **Volunteer Support:** Support volunteers before and during General Synod.
- **App-bassadors:** Help delegates and visitors to access the General Synod app.
- **Outdoor Festival:** Direct and assist attendees at the Sunday Festival at Frank Zeidler Square Park. *All members of the Wisconsin Conference are invited!*
- **Flexible On-Call:** On-call volunteers will cover needs which arise unexpectedly.
- **For more information check out wcucc.org/synodvolunteer.**

In January, Volunteer registration will be available online through the Wisconsin Conference website page for General Synod. Information with the link will also be emailed to congregations. All registrations for Volunteering will be done electronically including indicating the positions available and the dates/times volunteers are needed.

Fill out the form and schedule yourself for a specific opportunity/ies and specific times. To qualify for a reduced Synod registration fee, volunteers must sign up for 6 hours. Once confirmed as an Official Volunteer you will receive a code and can register on the UCC General Synod website, ucc.org/synod.

After registering as a volunteer, Volunteers must register with the General Synod site and pay a reduced fee of \$60. As a registered volunteer you are able to attend all 5 days of the General Synod as a visitor volunteer at this reduced rate. **DO NOT Register on the Synod website until you have been confirmed and received the volunteer code.**

We hope you consider volunteering at General Synod 32 in Milwaukee June 21-25, 2019! We want you to help give an extravagant welcome to the United Church of Christ in Milwaukee and the Wisconsin Conference.

General Synod 32 LAC Coordinators

Bonnie Andrews, Debbie Payden, Tom Payden, Tim Perkins

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| May 1 | Faith Explorers 10 am Wacky Wednesday, 2:30—5:30 pm Faith Explorers, 10 am |
| May 8 | Wacky Wednesday, 2:30 - 5:30 pm Choir, 7 pm Feeding Friends, 5 pm Trustees, 7 pm Mother's Day Worship, 10 am Blessings of The Travels, Flat Jesus Faith Explorers 10 am Wacky Wednesday, 2:30 - 5:30 pm |
| May 15 | Celebration of Life in Honor of Mary Brown, 2 - 4 pm Special Music Sunday Worship, 10 am Concert in Sanctuary with Celia Farran, 2pm |
| May 18 | May 21 |
| May 19 | Diocese, 5:30 pm Council, 7 pm Faith Explorers 10 am Wacky Wednesday, 2:30—5:30 pm |
| May 22 | Plymouth Circle, Noon May 23 |
| May 27 | Memorial Day |