

# The Herald

## PLYMOUTH UCC DODGEVILLE

# OCTOBER

# 2019



Plymouth Congregational  
United Church of Christ



## A Note from the Pastor...

Beloved Community,

On the Road to Damascus, the Pharisee Saul had an experience that changed him forever. Prior to this experience, Saul had spent every waking moment persecuting the followers of Christ. He was convinced of his righteousness; he was certain of his convictions, but on the day he encountered the Risen Christ, Saul died; and in his place stood Paul, apostle to the Gentiles.

Paul was without sight for three days, during which time he neither ate nor drank. His identity had ruptured, leaving a sense of discontinuity with the beliefs, convictions, and understandings that had shaped his earlier worldview. Paul was in a space we might call a liminal space.

Liminal spaces are the time between the 'what was' and the 'what's next.' Liminal spaces are fearsome spaces because they are marked by uncertainty, ambiguity and disorientation. It is hard to sit in these spaces, hard to wait for transformation to come, but when he emerged, Paul went on to spread the gospel throughout the entire Mediterranean World.

I find the story of Paul to be very instructive for the church today because we are indeed in a liminal space. For many years the church occupied a significant portion of people's lives, but that is no longer true. Year after year we have watched our numbers decline as friends and family part ways with religion, leaving us to wonder if the church will survive, and if so, what it will look like.

I find Paul's story to be particularly instructive for Plymouth, as we stand at the intersection between 'what was' and 'what's next' pondering our own way forward.

For the last two months I have been promising a congregational meeting so that we can begin the conversation of "what's next," and at long last a date has been set. On October the 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30, we will gather in the fellowship hall to begin this very important conversation, and discern our way forward. I have invited our new Associate Conference Minister, Lorraine Cenicerros to join us and offer her wisdom and insight. I have talked with Lorraine about our ministry and our church, and she has already taken the time to visit Plymouth and admire our wonderful sanctuary.

Our way forward is not at all clear right now. Many of us are tired, and no longer physically capable of the hard work it takes to keep us afloat, yet if this ministry is to survive then change is essential. But what does that change look like, and who will it serve? These are the questions we are confronted with, and on October 16 we begin our journey of discernment.

When the truth of Christ became clear to Paul, it disrupted every single one of his previous ideas about who he was and what God was doing in the world. That's how it usually works. The most important truths in life are more often than not revealed in the upheaval and uncertainty, in the ambiguity and disorientation. I think Bob Dylan said it well: "When you ain't got nothing, you got nothing to lose." And when you have nothing to lose, the possibilities are endless.

See you on October 16!

Blessings and Peace,  
*Pastor Joy*

## CHURCH WIDE MEETING

OCTOBER 16

6:30 PM

Fellowship Hall

Guest Lorraine Cenicerros, Associate Conference Minister

Let's begin the conversation of what is next for Plymouth. Our way forward is not clear right now. Please see The Pastor Note's for more details.



## 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



A "Souper Celebration Sunday," November 3rd, following Worship. Join us in celebration of our 5 year anniversary together with Reverend Joylynn. The Diaconate will serve a variety of soups. More information to follow.

Rod Lukes will perform  
for  
Special Music Sunday  
on

November 17.

He will be performing to  
a blues theme. Come  
and enjoy the music  
with Worship.

Following Feeding Friends on  
November 25, the annual  
Ecumenical Thanksgiving  
Service will begin at 6:30  
pm. The community Feeding  
Friends meal begins at 5 pm.

F E E D I N G  
F R I E N D S

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).





A philosopher farmer faces the death of his wife with wisdom gained from the circle of the seasons and substance from a butter slathered slice of homemade bread...

This true story tells of a meal shared in a farm house kitchen after a very significant funeral. If you would like to hear the rest of the story, please join us on October 6 for World Communion Sunday when we will be welcoming Cecelia Farran back again for another wonderful tale.

World Communion Sunday offers congregations a distinctive opportunity to experience Holy Communion in the context of the global community of faith. The first Sunday of October has become a time when Christians in every culture break bread and pour the cup to remember and affirm Christ as the Head of the Church. On that day, they remember that they are part of the whole body of believers. Whether shared in a grand cathedral, a mud hut, outside on a hilltop, in a meetinghouse, or in a storefront, Christians celebrate the communion liturgy in as many ways as there are congregations. World Communion Sunday can be both a profound worship experience and a time for learning more about our wider community of faith.

Hope to see you there!

World Communion Sunday

October 6 at 10 am

Special Guest is Cecelia Farran

Volunteers are needed for Feeding Friends. Plymouth UCC hosts Feeding Friends the 2nd Wednesday of the month beginning at 5 pm. Salad and dessert donations are always needed if you cannot help with the preparation, serving, or cleanup. Please contact the office or Jill Roethe and let us know how you would like to help with Feeding Friends.



VOLUNTEER here!

## Pasty Sale Dates

| 2019        | 2020              |
|-------------|-------------------|
| October 12  | January 11        |
| November 9  | February 8        |
| December 14 | March 14          |
|             | April 18          |
|             | (Easter April 12) |

## Pasty Season has arrived...

Pasty season is here. Pasties are on the minds of members of the community and even those outside of the community who have heard about Plymouth's pasties. Workers are needed to make this successful each month. Please sign up to work one or more Saturdays through the entire season. Call into the office or contact Denise Whitish. Please let us know how you can help. Let's keep the best pasties in town available.



The Wacky Wednesday After School is in need of volunteers. Please sign up to help with the activities or in areas where an extra hand from an adult is needed. If you have a special talent you would like to share with the after school participants or you would just like to help where needed, please contact the office or Judy Campbell.



# Plymouth UCC Dodgeville



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

[plymouthuccdodgeville.org](http://plymouthuccdodgeville.org)

**Or**

**On Facebook look for Plymouth United Church of Christ, Dodgeville**

**Or on YouTube**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5k-NdBxPS-0&t=7s>

## *In Memoriam*

Reverend Phil Yeager

On Saturday, September 28, Reverend Phil Yeager, former pastor of Plymouth, passed away at 2 pm, while at Bloomfield. The funeral will be held at Plymouth, at 2 pm, on October 12.

Reverend Yeager became a pastor for Plymouth March 18th, 1961. He started the Men's Christian Breakfast Group along with Reverend Witzel and Paul Morrow. In 1962, members voted to become part of the United Church of Christ. It was during 1964-65, the basement was remodeled. Reverend Yeager was Pastor until 1969.

## Schedules

### Usher

October 6 - Chuck and Jill Roethe  
October 13 - Maureen Teubert  
October 20 - Maureen Teubert  
October 27 Earl and Shirley Barnes

### Reader

October 6 - Dave Pearson  
October 13 - Maureen Teubert  
October 20 -  
October 27 - Bill Duwell

### Communion

October 6 - Dave Pearson  
October 13 - Jill Roethe  
October 20 - Julie Neal  
October 27 - Jan Helmich

### Fellowship

October 6 -  
October 13 - Chuck and Jill Roethe  
October 20 -  
October 27 -

### Joyful Noise

October 6 - Neighbors in Need  
October 13-27 - Feeding Friends





## DIACONATE NEWS

The Diaconate Committee met September 17th. Those present were Gary McHone, chairman, Harry Zelhofer-McHone, Pastor Joylynn Graham and Jan Helmich.

The following items were discussed:

In response to an article in the Madison paper regarding LGBTQ Christians looking for an open and affirming church, Harry will write a letter to the editor.

Report on Pancake Breakfast: Not a large turnout. Next time we do a pancake breakfast it would be better to have it after church because we think we would have a bigger crowd.

September 29th - Pastor Joy will be on a retreat and the Diaconate will be in charge of the service. Rod and Marilyn will be doing special music.

October 6th - We will be observing World Communion Sunday.

October 20th - Special Music Sunday with music by Shekinah.

October 26th - Plymouth Halloween Haunted House in conjunction with Dodgeville Chamber of Commerce. This will be a fund raiser for the Wacky Wednesday program. Charge will be \$2.00 a person at the door. A committee will be formed to make plans. Mineral Point church Halloween decorations are available again this year and Judy Campbell will be purchasing more from someone who is selling her large collection of decorations.

November 3rd - This will be the 5 year anniversary of Pastor Joy's coming to Plymouth. We decided we would make it a "Souper" Day Celebration and serve a variety of soups to the congregation after church.

November 17th - Rod Lukes will be leading us in a Blues theme musical service.

December 1st - 1st Sunday of Advent with the Hanging of the Greens following the church service. Pizza will be served in the over flow room. This is also World Aids Day. Pastor Joy will be on vacation this week so the Diaconate will be in charge of the service. Harry will be giving the message.

December 14th - Gary and Harry will be hosting a Christmas Open House at their home in Montfort. More details later.

We discussed a 3-month sabbatical for Pastor Joy to be taken sometime in 2020. No date has been set yet. This will be a budgeted item with a guest pastor during that time. More information will be given later as plans are made.

Our next meeting will be October 15th.

Jan Helmich, Secretary



## Monthly Meetings/Events

Sometimes meeting times/dates will change. Please check the [website](#), [Facebook](#), 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 at CornerStone

**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.

Join us for a  
**SPOOKTACULAR**  
 ADVENTURE

AT THE  
 PLYMOUTH  
 HAUNTED  
 HOUSE

\$2 PER PERSON  
 Noon - 4 pm  
 Saturday  
 October 26

**HALLOWEEN**  
 Haunted House on Main Street

*The Werewolves will howl  
 The Vampires will bite  
 The Witches will brew on  
 Halloween night*

PLYMOUTH UCC  
 115 W MERRIMAC  
 STREET  
 DODGEVILLE  
 ENTER ON MAIN  
 STREET ENTRANCE

\*\*\* All proceeds go to the Wacky Wednesday program \*\*\*

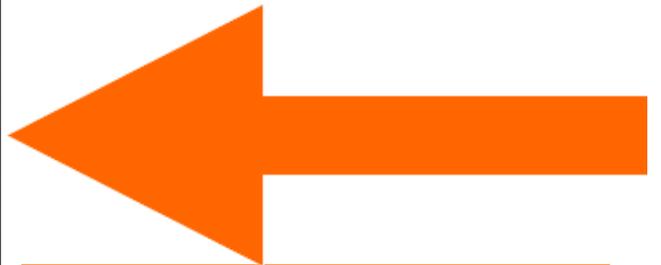
# UCC Links

<https://www.ucc.org/news/22-conference-ministers-converging-in-dc-to-de-mand-humane-us-immigration-policies-09232019>

[https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/unitedchurchofchrist/pages/24102/attachments/original/1569337818/Statement\\_of\\_Conference\\_Ministers\\_to\\_Congress.pdf?1569337818](https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/unitedchurchofchrist/pages/24102/attachments/original/1569337818/Statement_of_Conference_Ministers_to_Congress.pdf?1569337818)

<https://www.ucc.org/into-the-mystic>

<https://www.ucc.org/newsfeeds>



If you would like to volunteer to help or have ideas and suggestions for the haunted house, please contact Pastor Joylynn.

**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.”



# OCTOBER



| Sun  | Mon   | Tue  | Wed   | Thu   | Fri | Sat   |
|--|---|--|---|---|-----|---|
|  |   | 1 Office Hours<br>8:00 am - 12:30 pm<br>Pastor Available<br>10 am - 2 pm   | 2 Office Hours<br>8:00 am - 12:30 pm<br>Pastor Available<br>2:30 pm - 5:30 pm   | 3 Office Hours<br>8:00 am - 12:30 pm<br>Pastor Available<br>10 am - 2 pm  | 4   | 5   |
| 6 Worship 10 am<br>Fellowship<br><br>World<br>Communion<br>Sunday<br><br>      | 7   | 8 Office Hours<br>8:00 am - 12:30 pm<br>Pastor Available<br>10 am - 2 pm   | 9 Office Hours<br>8:00 am - 12:30 pm<br>Pastor Available<br>2:30 pm - 5:30 pm<br>Faith Explorers<br>10:30 am<br>Feeding Friends,<br>5pm | 10 Office Hours<br>8:00 am - 12:30 pm<br>Pastor Available<br>10 am - 2 pm<br><br>Trustees, 7 pm   | 11  | 12 First Pasty<br>Sale<br><br>                              |
| 13 Worship 10 am<br>Fellowship   | 14<br><br><br><br>Columbus day | 15 Office Hours<br>8:00 am - 12:30 pm<br>Pastor Available<br>10 am - 2 pm<br><br>Diaconate, 5:30 pm<br>Council, 7 pm | 16 Office Hours<br>8:00 am - 12:30 pm<br>Pastor Available<br>2:30 pm - 5:30 pm  | 17 Office Hours<br>8:00 am - 12:30 pm<br>Pastor Available<br>10 am - 2 pm   | 18  | 19<br>Sweetest Day<br><br>                                 |
| 20 Worship 10 am<br>Fellowship<br><br>Special Music<br>Guest Shekinah<br><br> | 21  | 22 Office Hours<br>8:00 am - 12:30 pm<br>Pastor Available<br>10 am - 2 pm  | 23 Office Hours<br>8:00 am - 12:30 pm<br>Pastor Available<br>2:30 pm - 5:30 pm  | 24 Office Hours<br>8:00 am - 12:30 pm<br>Pastor Available<br>10 am - 2 pm<br><br>Plymouth Circle,<br>Noon   | 25  | 26 Plymouth<br>Haunted<br>House<br><br>12 pm – 4<br>pm<br> |
| 27 Worship 10 am<br>Fellowship   | 28  | 29 Office Hours<br>8:00 am - 12:30 pm<br>Pastor Available<br>10 am - 2 pm  | 30 Office Hours<br>8:00 am - 12:30 pm<br>Pastor Available<br>2:30 pm - 5:30 pm  | 31 Office Hours<br>8:00 am - 12:30 pm<br>Pastor Available<br>10 am - 2 pm<br><br> |     |   |

# 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

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

**Office Administrator:**

Mary Haag

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**Maintenance:**

Keely Thomas

Home 935-9259

**Organist:**

Marilyn Dunn

**Choir Director:**

Lisa Duwell

**Moderator:**

Chuck Roethe

**Vice Moderator:**

Eric Leighninger

## Newsletter Deadline

### September 19 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](mailto:plymouth@mhtc.net)

## ATTENDANCE

|              |    |
|--------------|----|
| SEPTEMBER 1  | 22 |
| SEPTEMBER 8  | 27 |
| SEPTEMBER 15 | 26 |
| SEPTEMBER 22 | 17 |
| SEPTEMBER 29 | 18 |



October 28

Shirley Barnes

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

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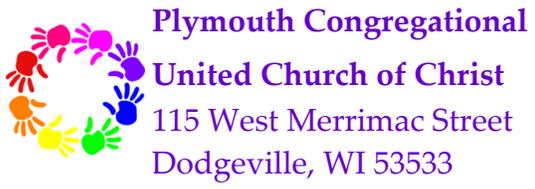
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