

The Herald

Plymouth UCC Dodgeville

August 2017



Plymouth Congregational
United Church of Christ

Flat Jesus On The Go



UPDATES



Please check the Fellowship signup in the Sanctuary and sign up if you are able. Thanks!

September 10th is Back to Church Sunday.

Facebook page is updated weekly.
[Plymouth United Church of Christ Dodgeville.](https://www.facebook.com/PlymouthUnitedChurchofChristDodgeville)



Visit our webpage for updated information.





A Note from the Pastor...

I didn't plan it, but this year my vacation turned into an epic road trip that will probably keep me smiling for the rest of my life. The only plan I made was to drive my kids back to Colorado, and then visit family in Wyoming. The rest of the adventure was completely spontaneous; every single day experienced with no preconceived plan, or agenda – just my camera, a cooler full of bottled water, and my trusty little GPS.

After all the visiting was done, I struck out on my own, dead set on reaching the top of the nearest mountain. It sounded so simple – only 20 miles away – but then I noticed that my GPS had projected an arrival time of 3 hours in the future.

Have you ever made up your mind so completely to do something that you fail to notice those little red flags that start popping up? Now I'll admit, this is not the first time I've done that. I'm a boundary-pusher by nature so I'll ignore the red flags until I can't ignore them anymore. And there have indeed been times when I wished I hadn't; but more often than not, what I end up discovering is that the boundaries are actually quite a bit further out than what I had first supposed.

Well, it took almost 5 hours to make it to the top of the mountain. After spending 2 hours on a particularly crude logging road, it abruptly stopped – blocked by fallen trees, and I had to turn around and go back. And what was really intimidating was the complete absence of other people. (As an aside, this is why I stick with Jeep products) But I did make it to the top of the mountain. After several hours of intense off-road driving, I made it. And that kind of set the tone for the remainder of the trip.

After that, it seemed every place I went, I somehow had to earn it, but then the rewards would be huge. I sat on top of the world, alone, the only human for miles, and while it took some pretty big risks to get there, it was the most humbling and soul-clutching experience imaginable.

On another mountaintop, 4 more hours away, I stood next to a field of snow that was surrounded by tiny little yellow flowers. Snow, in the hot July sun, surrounded by millions of tiny little yellow flowers. And the snow was untouched. There was not one single foot print in that snow. It wasn't mandated; there were no signs saying "keep off the snow," yet everyone who made it to that spot agreed, this snow-covered ground was sacred. I immediately thought of Moses on the mountaintop, standing before God, who said to him, *take off your sandals you fool; can't you see you are standing on Holy ground?*

As I made my way across the jagged and raw beauty of the landscape, I noticed how boundaries expanded and barriers seemed to melt in the desert heat. Without the protective padding of civilization, one learns the co-operative ways of nature. Atoms and cells working together to form rocks, rocks and soil working together to form ground, ground and vegetation working together to form mountains...trees protecting birds, cool holes protecting prairie dogs and rattlesnakes...

Humans are the only species to cut themselves off from the flow of life. We seal ourselves up in cities and towns, homes and cars, creating boundaries and erecting barriers, all in an effort to forget that we are fragile creatures, leading a fragile existence.

Sometimes we have to push boundaries and climb mountains in order to remember that like the tiny little yellow flowers surrounding the snow, we are here now; we are "fearfully and wonderfully made," and it's all Holy ground, all the time, everywhere.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Joy

Plymouth UCC Dodgeville



BRAVE NEW WORLD SERMON SERIES

Part I

- June 18 – This Isn't Your Parent's Church
Lamentations 5
Acts 17:1-7
- June 25 – The Way (My Way or the Highway?)
Acts 17:22-28
- July 2 – Follow Me (Not Worship Me)
John 4:1-42
- July 9 – God's Feast for All People
Luke 14:15-24
Matt 14:13-21

Part II

- July 30 – Arms Wide Open
Matt 9:9-13
- August 6 – Behavior before Belief
Matt 25:31-46
Matt 22:34-40
- August 13 – Outdoor Worship
(Pause Series)
- August 20 – Finding Grace in the Questions
John 18:33-38
John 19:8-9
- August 27 – Not for the Faint of Heart
Matt 10:34-45

If you miss a sermon in the series you can find it on our website at:

Plymouthuccdodgeville.org

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

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Keely Thomas

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Marilyn Dunn

Choir Director:

Lisa Duwell

Moderator:

Bill Duwell

Vice Moderator:

Chuck Roethe



ATTENDANCE

JULY 2	32
JULY 9	27
JULY 16	28
JULY 23	29
JULY 30	23

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

June Joyful Noise:

Family Resource Center	\$132.72
Friendship Center	\$561.53
Strengthen the Church	\$165.00

Happy Birthday

August 2 - Rod Lukes
August 24 - Francis Portwine
August 26 - Martha Boyer
August 30 - Anne Bachner

Thanks Plymouth UCC from Friendship Center

Your support of Friendship Center and our Children's Camp with your Joyful Noise offering is much appreciated. Your donations has enabled some campers to attend our Children's Camp who otherwise would not be able to attend. It also has helped us keep our rates low to encourage other groups to use Friendship Center to fulfill our mission: "To inspire learning and a love of the natural world." Copies of our Children's Camp Newsletter are available in the back of the Church and on the desk outside the secretary's office for you to take and peruse.

-Dave Pearson, Friendship Center Board President



Many thanks to Plymouth's generous Joyful Noise offering. We were able to offer three scholarships to local children for our June camp. Here we all are, fourteen campers and volunteer staff on our field trip to the Crane Foundation.

THANKS TO YOUR
GENEROSITY IN JULY

Family Resource	\$67.57
Food Pantry	\$554.31

AUGUST JOYFUL NOISE
OFFERING IS DESIGNATED FOR:

FREE CLINIC



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

Bill Duwell

Vice Moderator

Chuck Roethe

Trustees

Mark Pepelea

Diaconate

Gary McHone

Mission

Chuck Roethe

Clerk

Gretchen Pearson

Christian Education

Julie Neal

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.





AUGUST



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1 Office Hours 8:00 am - 12:30 pm Pastor Available 10 am - 2 pm	2 Office Hours 8:00 am - 12:30 pm Pastor Available 11 am - 3 pm	3 Office Hours 8:00 am - 12:30 pm Pastor Available 10 am - 2 pm	4	5
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13 Ecumenical Outdoor Worship @ Centennial Park 10 am, Picnic to Follow LGBT 4 pm	14	15 Office Hours 8:00 am - 12:30 pm Pastor Available 10 am - 2 pm Diaconate, 5:30 pm Council, 7 pm	16 Office Hours 8:00 am - 12:30 pm Pastor Available 11 am - 3 pm	17 Office Hours 8:00 am - 12:30 pm Pastor Available 10 am - 2 pm	18	19
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DIACONATE NEWS

Diaconate Meeting Tuesday, July 25th, 17 @5:30

Harry, Jill, Joy, and Anne were present

>We reviewed minutes from the previous meeting including cards for visitors, the brochure, banners, and Pastor Joy's cook-out on the 4th of August.

>Gary thought we might need a meeting August 2nd, but since we finished the picnic planning, we cancelled it.

>Feeding Friends is on the 9th.

>Our picnic with the Methodists is August 13th in Centennial Park:

We expect 100 adults and children. We put up our banner only if UM have one to put up too.

Pack up religious items (offering baskets, speakers, music player) quickly after church to make way for food.

UCC bring plastic table cloths and tape. Harry brings coolers and Jill makes ice

UCC does burgers and buns; UM do brats and buns. [Condiments?](#)

UCC bring 100 bottled water, 1 cooler of water, 40 cup coffee maker

UM provide utensils and ice cream makers . [Who provides groceries for making ice cream?](#)

UCC co games: Jan and Julie--

Water balloon toss, orange under chin, spoon in egg, 3 legged race, and Harry provides prizes—bags of candy

Congregations should bring chairs, tables, and a dish to pass.

Coming up:

>organ concert in sanctuary August 6th

>back to church Sunday, Sept 10th

>World wide Communion Sunday. October 1st

Respectfully submitted by Anne D. Bachner for Jan Helmich in her absence.

Monthly Meetings/ Events

Sometimes meeting times/dates will change.
Please check the [website](#), [Facebook](#). or contact the church office 935-5727.

Sundays:

Community Conversation will start in September.

Tuesdays

Diaconate 5:30 pm
Council Meetings 7 pm-
Third Tuesday of the month.

Wednesdays

Wacky Wednesday during school year
Choir Starts Sept. 6

Thursdays

Trustees - Second Thursday of the Month, 7 pm.
Plymouth Circle - Fourth Thursday of the month, noon, at Country Kitchen.

Saturday

Pasty Sales - First Saturday of the month October through April.

CAMPFIRE CHURCH

following FEEDING FRIENDS

FEEDING FRIENDS STARTS AT

5:00 PM

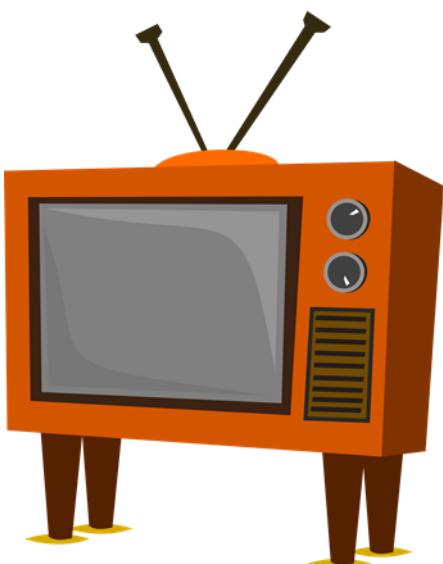
August 9 @ 6:00 pm

Pastor Joylynn and Pastor Jim will be leading an outdoor Worship at

DODGEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Plymouth UCC Dodgeville



**Our Sunday Worship Service may
be viewed on the Dodgeville**

**Local Access Channel
(MHTC channel 10)**

Sunday at 4 pm

Tuesday at 7 pm

Thursday at 8 am

**Sermons are also available for
viewing on our website:**

**plymouthuccdodgeville.org and
on [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com)**

Plymouth UCC Council Meeting

July 25. 2017

Present: Bill DuWell, Chuck Roethe, Dave Pearson, Mark Pepelea, Lisa Pepelea, Gretchen Pearson, Pastor Joylynn Graham

Excused: Julie Neal, Gary McHone, Earl Barnes

Prayer: Pastor Joy

Agenda Changes and Approval: Dave moved to approve the agenda. Mark seconded. Approved.

Corrections and Approval of the June Minutes: Chuck moved to approve the minutes as read with the correction of a typographical error. Lisa seconded. Approved.

I Financial Report:

- Dave read a report from Earl: Stewardship is comparable to last year. Mission giving is up 20%.
- Mark reported that the budget is running right on schedule at this time of the year.

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- Pastor Joy questioned if the scholarship was awarded as it isn't recorded. It was awarded and Mark will adjust.
 - The column "W/Addition" is for funds that are returned/donated to a committee.
 - Gretchen moved and Lisa seconded to approve the Financial reports as read. Approved.
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N G Pastor's Report:

- Pastor Eyster wrote an email to Pastor Joy complimenting the Plymouth congregation on how welcoming it was to him and how much he enjoyed serving as supply pastor on Sunday.
- All those who use the church during the week should make sure the doors are locked when leaving and checked by pushing to make sure they are closed tightly.
- Pastor Joy met with Pastor Jim from the Methodist Church to plan the joint outdoor service and pot luck lunch August 13th at Centennial Park. Plymouth is responsible for burgers and buns. We will split the cost of an ad in the paper. One hundred people are expected. There is a need to bring some extra tables. If anyone has a long folding table, it would help if it is brought for the picnic. Diaconate is working out the logistics. People may bring a dish to share.

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- Becoming an Open and Affirming Church: The congregation needs to vote on a statement regarding this. Pastor Joy and Harry Zelhofer-McCone will write a statement and present it to the council. When approved by the council, it will be brought to the congregation for a vote.
- In looking at ways to become more relevant in the 21st century, the pastor and music team will begin exploring how we might enhance the music portion of our worship. In coming months we will be trying new approaches to our music style so that it might speak to a broader audience, yet still retain the traditional elements that speak to so many of our hearts.

Committee Reports

Mission: Lisa - Welcome brochures are completed and are on the table at the back of church. Open house was successful.

Education: No report

Diaconate: See Pastor's report - Outdoor service

Trustees: Mark

- The automatic door opener for handicap access at the Merrimac entrance is an older unit and we may not be able to get parts. Mark has contacted someone to look at it who will offer an estimate to fix it.
- The gas pipe coming into the church is not up to code. It will be fixed soon.
- There was some water coming in the room to the left and in back of the alter during the heavy rains. Mark will be getting an inspection of the roof.

Other Business:

- Sunday music substitute - We need to have a way to show budgeted payments for substitute musicians. Dave will check with the accountant as to how this should be shown on the budget next year.
- There was a discussion regarding licensing for use of music other than in the hymnal which is \$175 per year. We need to establish a method of reporting the music/hymns we use through the license we have.

Next Meeting, August 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Newsletter Deadline

August 29 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



Schedules

Fellowship

6 - Earl and Shirley Barnes
13 - Tina Valenti
20 -
27 -

Usher

6 - Denise Whitish
13 - Maureen Tuebert
20 - Chuck and Jill Roethe
27 - Earle and Shirley Barnes

Reader

6 - Julie Neal
13 - Anne Bachner
20 - Jill Roethe
27 - Shirley Barnes

Communion

6 - Julie Neal
13 - Jan Helmich
20 - Gary McHone
27 - Dave Pearson





Flat Jesus at Fragrant Isle lavender farm Washington Island



Flat Jesus at Schoolhouse Beach Washington Island



FLAT JESUS JOINS THE BITTERS CLUB ON
WASHINGTON ISLAND



Flat Jesus at Old World Wisconsin with Gretchen and Dave



Benefit Concert To Feed The Orphans

Plymouth UCC August 6, 2017 2 p.m.

115 West Merrimac Street, Dodgeville, Wis.

To Benefit Joseph Zelhofer Lawal and 51 EBOLA Orphans
in Sierra Leone West Africa.

\$10 /adult children free at the door.

Featuring Mr. Joe Menard on the Organ

Refreshments served.



Recently we have been experiencing problems with the church email. Some emails are not coming through in a timely manner or not at all. Our Email list was also lost. I will be emailing you a form to fill out or you can pick one up in the Sanctuary or church office. Please fill out the form and return it to the church office. Thank you!



Lanterns for Peace

Sunday, August 6, 2017

At Twin Valley Lake in Governor
Dodge State Park

Join us for this celebration of
“Caring for our Mother Earth”

Chicago singer and guitarist Willie Sterba will share songs for both children & adults that are fun, but also celebrate the dignity & goodness in everyone.

Events begin at 6:30 p.m. with lantern making, music, stories and presentations.

The unforgettable floating of the lanterns is at dusk on Twin Valley Lake.

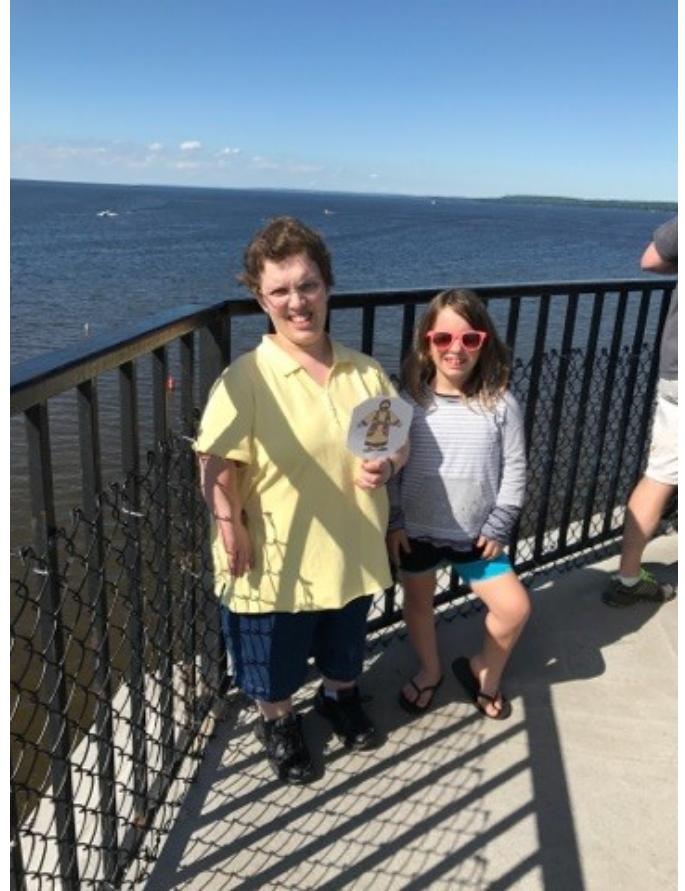
Please bring finger-food to share. A day pass or park sticker will be required.

The event is co-sponsored by
Iowa County Citizens for Peace and Justice and Sustain Iowa County.

For more information contact Jane Hammatt Kavaloski: jhkavaloski@gmail.com

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We are doing great things here at Plymouth UCC.

Now is the time to get involved.

Back to Church Sunday is September 10th with a potluck following.

Come and see how you can get involved and enjoy good food with great company.



Plymouth Peace and Community Gardens

The Peace Garden is blooming and beautiful. The rain has been good for the flowers. The community garden project is on its way to becoming a place to encourage healthy eating and living. If you would like to get involved, contact Pastor Joylynn or Judy Campbell.

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