

The Herald

PLYMOUTH UCC DODGEVILLE



Plymouth Congregational
United Church of Christ



JUNE 2019



Flat Jesus and Salt Lake
City Temple



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.



Plymouth Gardens

Peace and Community Garden

The Peace Garden is blooming and beautiful. The Community Garden is on its way to becoming a place to encourage healthy eating. If you would like to help with the gardens, please contact Judy Campbell or Pastor Joylynn.



A Note from the Pastor...



Pastor Joylynn's column will return next month. She is in the process of a big move cleaning the place she is vacating and preparing the new place for her move. She is also preparing for Synod next month while fulfilling her regular duties. Her column should return next month.

Plymouth Prayer Shawls Go to Synod!

A request was issued recently by the conference office for prayer shawls to be donated at Synod. Pastor Joy contacted the conference office, and they are happy to receive 10 or more prayer shawls that will be donated by Kayla Kottke. Kayla began her prayer shawl ministry a little over 6 weeks ago, and has already created several beautiful shawls that we blessed in our Sunday service on May 26. If you can donate yarn or money for this prayer shawl ministry, it would be greatly appreciated. Please see Gary or Kayla to make a donation.



Wacky Wednesday

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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plymouth@mhtc.net

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Keely Thomas

Home 935-9259

Organist:

Marilyn Dunn

Choir Director:

Lisa Duwell



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.

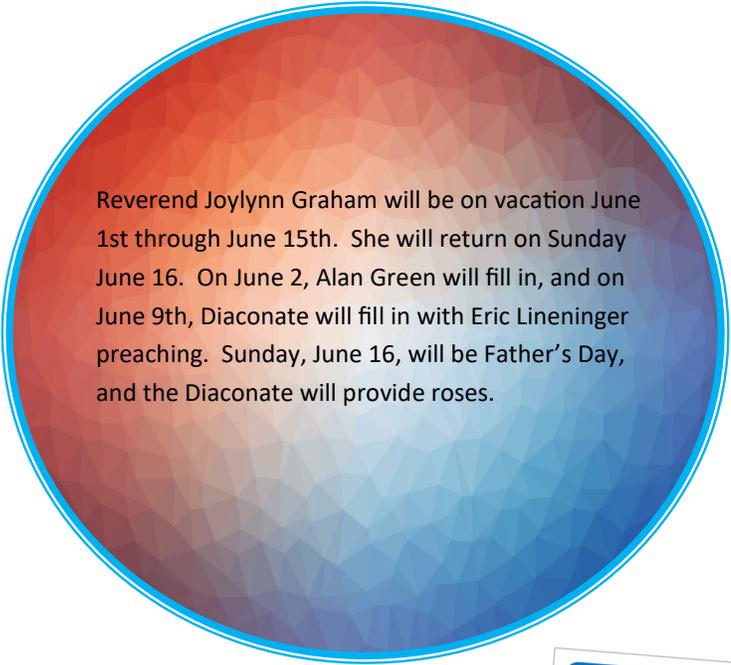
Plymouth UCC Dodgeville

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.”



Reverend Joylynn Graham will be on vacation June 1st through June 15th. She will return on Sunday June 16. On June 2, Alan Green will fill in, and on June 9th, Diaconate will fill in with Eric Lineninger preaching. Sunday, June 16, will be Father’s Day, and the Diaconate will provide roses.



**THANKS TO YOUR
GENEROSITY IN APRIL**

HODAN CENTER \$117.12

HOMELESS COALITION \$485.95

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
\$359.77**

**JUNE JOYFUL NOISE
OFFERING IS**

DESIGNATED FOR:

FRIENDSHIP CENTER

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH

WACKY WEDNESDAY

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER





DIACONATE NEWS

The Diaconate Committee met May 21st.

Those present were: Gary McHone, chairman, Pastor Joy, Harry Zelhofer-McHone, Jill Roethe and Jan Helmich.

The following items were discussed:

1. Celia concert on May 19 was a success. The church came out OK financially.
2. May 29th Pastor Joy will be moving into her new "country home". Movers will be moving all large items but she could use help moving boxes and small items if any church members are available that day.
3. Pastor Joy will be on vacation June 2 and June 9. Alan Green will be leading the service on June 2nd. He has recently published a book and will be telling us about it.
4. June 9th is Pentecost Sunday. The Diaconate will be in charge of the service that day. The sanctuary will be decorated for Pentecost as we have done in the past. Pastor Joy will see that the bulletin will be printed before she leaves for vacation.
5. June 16th is Fathers Day and roses will be handed out at church that day.
6. June 23rd is the Synod meeting in Milwaukee. THERE WILL BE NO CHURCH SERVICE AT PLYMOUTH THAT DAY. Our congregation is encouraged to attend the service that afternoon in Milwaukee. Bus service is available and can be accessed in Platteville or Verona. More details will be given later.
7. June 30th is Open and Affirming Sunday. Special decorations will be in the sanctuary to celebrate that day.
8. August 12th is the Ecumenical Service in Centennial Park. We will discuss later what Plymouth's responsibilities will be.
9. August 18th will be Pride Festival at Warner Park in Madison from 1:00-6:00. There will be no parade this year but Plymouth will be involved in some way. Harry will contact other UCC churches about partnering with them to make a larger presence. More information later.
10. August 25th. Plans are being made to have a Big Birthday Bash picnic at Pastor Joy's home. This will be an old-fashioned picnic with fun and games and home-made ice cream to celebrate everyone's birthdays. Happy Birthday to Us!!!! More details later but save the date!

Our next meeting will on June 18th.

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

Wacky Wednesday, 2:30 - 5:30 pm, September through May.

Choir 7 pm, September through May.

Feeding Friends - 2nd Wednesday of the month. No Feeding Friends in June.

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.



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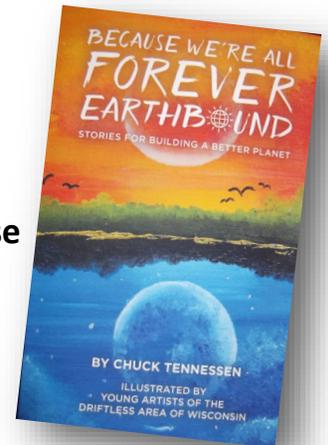
Opportunities to Volunteer

FRIENDS
Feeding FRIENDS

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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.

If you have a complimentary book coming from Anne Bachner, they are in the office. If you would like to purchase a book, stop in the office. "Because We're All Forever Earthbound" is a compilation of Chuck Tennesen's newspaper columns; and it features art from local school children with the cooperation of art teachers at area schools.



volunteer
do good, feel good

JoYfUl NoIsE

Friendship Camp

Strengthen the Church

Wacky Wednesday

Family Resource Center

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 at CrestRidge in Dodgeville. 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.





Newsletter Deadline July 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



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

plymouthuccdodgeville.org

on YouTube:

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

- June 2 - Emily Neal
- June 14 - Erin Teubert
- June 17 - Elise Lindeman
- June 17 - Chris Teubert
- June 27 - Chuck Roethe



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

ATTENDANCE

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| MAY 5 | 23 |
| MAY 12 | 33 |
| MAY 19 | 24 |
| MAY 26 | 24 |

Schedules

Usher

- June 2 - Maureen Teubert
- June 9 - Earl and Shirley Barnes
- June 16 - Chuck and Jill Roethe
- June 23 - Denise Whitish
- June 30 - Earl and Shirley Barnes

Reader

- June 2 - Eric Leighninger
- June 9 - Julie Neal
- June 16 - Jill Roethe
- June 23 - Gretchen Pearson
- June 30 - Dave Pearson

Communion

- June 2 - Anne Bachner
- June 9 - Julie Neal
- June 16 - Gary McHone
- June 23 - Dave Pearson
- June 30 - Jan Helmich

Joyful Noise

- June 2 - Friendship Camp
- June 9 - Strengthen The Church
- June 16, 23 - Wacky Wednesday
- June 30 - Family Resource Center

Fellowship

- June 2 - Chuck and Jill Roethe
- June 9 - Anne Bachner
- June 16 - Earl and Shirley Barnes
- June 23 -
- June 30 -

June 2019



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 2 Worship 10 am Guest Alan Green Fellowship | 3 | 4 Office Hours 8:00 am - 12:30 pm Pastor Available 10 am - 2 pm | 5 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 | 6 Office Hours 8:00 am - 12:30 pm Pastor Available 10 am - 2 pm | 7 DSD Last Day of School | 8  |
| 9 Worship 10 am Eric Lineninger Fellowship Pentecost | 10 | 11 Office Hours 8:00 am - 12:30 pm Pastor Available 10 am - 2 pm | 12 Office Hours 8:00 am - 12:30 pm Pastor Available 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm Faith Explorers 10:30 | 13 Office Hours 8:00 am - 12:30 pm Pastor Available 10 am - 2 pm Trustees, 7 pm | 14 Flag Day  | 15 |
| 16 Worship 10 am Fellowship  | 17 Full Moon | 18 Office Hours 8:00 am - 12:30 pm Pastor Available 10 am - 2 pm Diaconate, 5:30 pm Council, 7 pm | 19 Office Hours 8:00 am - 12:30 pm Pastor Available 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm Faith Explorers 10:30 | 20 Office Hours 8:00 am - 12:30 pm Pastor Available 10 am - 2 pm General Synod Milwaukee, WI June 21 - 25 | 21 Summer Begins | 22 |
| 23 Worship 10 am Fellowship | 24 | 25 Office Hours 8:00 am - 12:30 pm Pastor Available 10 am - 2 pm | 26 Office Hours 8:00 am - 12:30 pm Pastor Available 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm | 27 Office Hours 8:00 am - 12:30 pm Pastor Available 10 am - 2 pm Plymouth Circle, Noon | 28 | 29 |
| 30 Open and Affirming Sunday Worship 10 am Fellowship | | | | | | |



Dear friends and colleagues throughout the Wisconsin Conference UCC,

On behalf of an excellent ACM Search Team and the Wisconsin Conference Board leadership, I am thrilled to introduce the Rev. Lorraine Cenicerros as our new Associate Conference Minister. Her primary geographical deployment will be in the Southwest Association and the western half of the Southeast Association.



Rev. Lorraine Cenicerros

Lorraine comes to us from Southern California, where she was born and raised. She has significant ecclesiastical experience, having served for five years on the Central Association Committee on Ministry, which she now chairs. Additionally, Lorraine has demonstrated leadership and organizational vision by serving as Chair of the Board of Directors for the Southern California Nevada Conference, UCC.

This means that Lorraine is well versed in the Manual on Ministry and is very familiar with the UCC polity and the role of middle judicatory ministry. She cares deeply about supporting congregations and pastors in their work. She has a skillset and gifts for churches facing conflict and she has a compassionate pastoral heart.

One colleague describes Lorraine as "brilliant, mature, thoughtful and engaging." Another suggests she is "self-differentiating and emotionally mature, skilled at navigating community life and structures of power." Yet another said, "Both her moral compass and her personal integrity are true and good." The Search Team found her to be gracious, wise, non-anxious and courageously rooted in the faith.

Lorraine herself says, "It is an honor to join such a talented team of leaders who are serving the Wisconsin Conference. Coming with me is a passion for music, animals, and serving others as they grow to their full potential."

Lorraine plans to relocate to the Madison area by mid-July, and to assume ACM responsibilities on August 1. She will engage in transitional conversations with our retiring ACM, the Rev. Joanne Thomson in July.

A bit more about her background. Lorraine graduated from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science, and then earned a Masters of Divinity at Claremont School of Theology in California. She was ordained in the Southwest Conference of the United Church of Christ. She has experience as a local pastor, a pediatric chaplain and most recently has served as manager of Spiritual Care for Providence Saint John's Health Center in Santa Monica. Prior to her entry into ordained ministry, she held a number of managerial positions, including managing a stem-cell storage facility in Sedona, Arizona.

The Search Team thanks you for your trust in this discerning process. Indeed, we feel Lorraine comes to us through the work of the Holy Spirit, and for that we are deeply grateful!

With joy and excitement,

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Team members: Phil Haslanger, Ann Dolan, Christine Wilke, Jacy Boldebeck, Manda Stack, Bob Ullman and Lynn Breedlove.



National ONA Gathering is the biennial family reunion of the Open and Affirming movement in the United Church of Christ! Members of any church—ONA or not-yet ONA—are welcome to attend. Expect a celebration with exuberant music, inspiring preaching, and workshops that will feed your mind and soul. Especially this year, when the Religious Right and their allies in federal and state governments are renewing their attack on the basic civil liberties of LGBTQ Americans, our growing community of churches needs to respond with confidence, commitment and faith. Much of this National Gathering will focus on how ONA churches can act faithfully in this crisis. We'll learn best practices from vital and growing ONA churches. And, as is always true at our Gatherings, we'll explore the intersections of our movement with other movements for social, racial, economic and environmental justice.

Our ONA Banquet is one of the signature events at General Synod! This year our keynoter is the Rev. Justo Gonzalez II, interim Conference Minister of the Illinois Conference. The dinner is Friday evening, the day Synod convenes. Registration through the General Synod page at www.openandaffirming.org/national-gathering

Tornadoes, flooding, other disasters beset U.S.

May 29, 2019

Updated May 29, 2019

More than two dozen major disasters have been declared across the United States so far in 2019 including severe storms, straight-line winds, flooding, landslides and mudslides. Tornadoes have beset multiple states more than 12 days in a row. And excessive heat is besetting parts of the U.S. South.

The onslaught of disasters has been unrelenting. Thousands of people have been displaced, and some have died. Homes, farms and other businesses have suffered billions of dollars of damage. Stretches of major highways have been damaged. Waste water treatment and electrical systems have been compromised. Millions of bushels of stored crops have been lost.



Where water has receded, people are assessing the damage to their homes and deciding whether to rebuild, demolish or leave, said an Iowa pastor whose church is helping survivors with hot meals and a food pantry.

As communities begin to assess needs, UCC Disaster Ministries and Conference Disaster Coordinators are helping activate long-term recovery groups even as they working to support local UCC congregations in their initial response and already has provided \$15,000 to local UCC food pantries and hot meals programs in hard-hit Nebraska and Iowa.

This early financial support to communities is made possible through giving to the One Great Hour of Sharing's Emergency USA Fund.

"Among everything else you lose in flooding are all the groceries you had in your pantry," said the Rev. Brice Hughes of Burlington, Iowa, coordinating the UCC's disaster response in Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota. "Even with regular income, it's a challenge to restock your pantry staples."

To help, UCC Disaster Ministries solidarity grants of \$3,000 each have gone to UCC congregations in Columbus, Omaha, Fremont and Arlington, Neb., and in Glenwood, Iowa. The latter - First Congregational - is partnering with other local churches to feed 100 people three meals a day every day (330 meals a day on average), Hughes reported. "There is no end in sight to the need. People aren't back in their homes yet. They estimate that if they were buying all the food they are preparing, it would cost approximately \$3 a meal (\$990 a day). They have received other donations of cash and in-kind. This response of theirs is massive."

Along with meals, the Glenwood churches are stepping up spiritual support. The Rev. Susan Reed of First Congregational Church said, "We were (just) told the chances (some) homes could be salvaged was slim, and we would need to be much more prevalent at the site to provide comfort and care to those seeing their homes for the first time."

Reed added, "(We) continually request prayers for solidarity and cooperation of all involved to meet the many needs of all those suffering."

Hughes emphasized, "This is not a 'past-tense disaster.' It is a 'present-tense' disaster. The flood event in some places is going to be record length."

UCC Disaster Ministries' strength and focus remains on supporting long-term recovery work, which is the costliest and most underserved phase after a disaster. To join UCC Disaster Ministries in meeting future needs please give at "[Emergency USA Fund.](#)"

The UCC's Response

UCC Disaster Ministries has contributed an initial \$15,000 to begin the response to the needs of families and communities in impacted areas. Funds are to support food pantries and meals programs.

Worship Resources

Prayers for this disaster are encouraged. Share yours at disasters@ucc.org.

Ways to Help

- Pray for all impacted by disasters including those directly impacted, their families and friends. Pray for all those involved as first responders such as fire, police, and other emergency management professionals and volunteers. DO NOT collect "stuff" and/or attempt to ship material items to the impacted region(s). [Click here](#) to learn why cash is best. DO assemble Emergency Cleanup Buckets, Personal Hygiene Kits or School Kits. [Click here](#) to learn more.

[Click Here](#) to download "12 Ways To Support Disaster Survivors" for more ways to help.

Make a donation to the ["Emergency USA Fund"](#) or by mail (see address at the top of the page).



June 1 - 15 - Pastor Joylynn on vacation
June 2 - Alan Green filling in for Worship
June 9 - Pentecost Sunday Eric Leighninger filling in for Worship
June 16 - Father's Day Worship - Roses provided by Diaconate
June 23 - Worship moved to Synod, Greater Church Worship at 2:30 pm in Milwaukee. No Worship at Plymouth.
June 30 - Open and Affirming Sunday Worship
July 13, 14 - Farmer's Appreciation Weekend
August 11 - Ecumenical Outdoor Worship at Centennial Park
August 18 - Pride Festival at Warner Park
August 25 - Picnic Bash at Pastor Joy's

June Solstice (Summer Solstice) is on Friday, June 21, 2019 at 10:54 am in Dodgeville. In terms of daylight, this day is 5 hours, 50 minutes longer than on December Solstice. In most locations north of Equator, the **longest day of the year** is around this date.





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