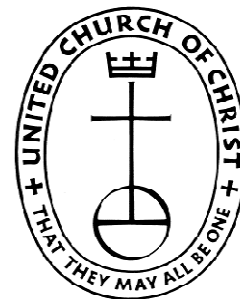


Herald

November 2011

Plymouth Congregational UCC

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From the Pastor:

“First Century Christian communities, the Methodists of the 1700s, faith mentors, and models of Christian living today – all have discovered a truth as sure as gravity, that generosity enlarges the soul, realigns priorities, connects people to the Body of Christ, and strengthens congregations to fulfill Christ’s ministries. Giving reflects the nature of God” (Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations, Robert Schnase).

I marvel at the generosity of our churches. You give so freely of your time, talent, and treasure that you inspire me and push me. You give to the Food Pantry, you give time and money to the Free Clinic, you give time and energy to Sunday School and Youth Group. You make items, and donate items, and buy items (at ridiculously inflated prices) at the harvest auction. You don’t think twice about offering the building as a resource for the community. You are reaching out to the Hispanic community: teaching English, interpreting, caring for families, facilitating conversations with law enforcement. You are serving in city and county government. You are actively trying to protect our environment and conserve resources. You are helping with the school musical, helping with scouts, helping with soccer, baseball, bringing disadvantaged youth to camp. You give to the poorest in Mississippi. You give to those rebuilding in New Orleans. You care for the grieving, the sick, the dying. You give gravel, you give labor, you give equipment, you give meals, you give produce. And we can’t forget pasties. You give. Visualize the faces in our congregations. Think of all that the people you see in your mind do to serve our communities, one another, and the world.

We know that generosity enlarges the soul and realigns priorities.

This time of year we remember that the church nurtures and strengthens this generosity.

The ministry of the church is often behind the scenes in our lives. We don’t think about the difference that our religious practice is making, the ways that our faith, and worship, and time in community sustain us and change us. As we strengthen the ministry of the church we strengthen our impact in the community.

Soon you will be receiving a letter from the congregation asking you to prayerfully consider your support for the church next year. We will dedicate our pledges in worship on November 13. I encourage you to think of your giving in terms of percentage of your income. Our family tithes, the biblical benchmark of 10% of one’s income. This giving realigns our priorities and keeps us mindful of the ways that God is changing us, and our communities, and our world through the ministry of the church. I invite you to consider increasing your support 1% of your income this year, working toward a tithe. What great things God will do with this generosity?

With gratitude for all you have shared and all you continue to give,

Pastor Todd

Member Updates

- * Ralph Martin broke his foot and will be staying with his son Todd in Dodgeville for at least the next 8 weeks while he recovers.
- * Sally Martin is now a resident at Crestridge, the same assisted living facility as Hazel Kelly. Both ladies would appreciate visits, cards or calls. Ralph says Sally enjoys having people sit with her and hold her hand.
- * Brad Glass' is recovering from a stroke and has been moved to Bloomfield for recovery
- * Mike Dampf is scheduled to have a surgery on December 9 to remove the remainder of his colon.
- * Orville and Gretchen James will soon be returning to Arizona for the winter. We wish them Godspeed.

Please email the church office of any other updates to be included in future newsletters.

Joyful Noise & other giving

(September 26-October 16)

Hodan Center—\$156.29

Food Pantry—\$607.52

Food Pantry

Needs...

- * Jelly/jam
- * Peanut butter
- * Pancake mix/syrup
- * Ketchup
- * Boxed desserts
- * Boxed potatoes
- * Canned meals
- * Jello/pudding
- * Hamburger Helper
- * **Monetary donations**

For Sale

Antique church pew, currently located in overflow area.
Please contact Lisa DuWell if interested. Make offer.

Thanksgiving Potluck

When: Sunday, November 13

Time: 5:00pm

Where: Plymouth UCC
Fellowship Hall

Please bring a dish to share



November Birthdays

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| 5 | Maureen Teubert |
| 8 | Zoey Dampf |
| 8 | Julie Neal |
| 10 | Orville James |
| 11 | Josh Hermanson |
| 11 | Denise Whitish |
| 14 | Simon Smith Lippert |
| 17 | David Fry |
| 18 | Michelle Zettle-Bruegger |
| 19 | Sally Martin |
| 27 | Brad Bruegger |

Gifts in Honor of Rev. Robert Mutton:

Many of you know that Bob Mutton has recently retired. He served as our Association Minister for more than 30 years, longer than any peer in the entire United Church of Christ. Many of you have worked with Bob through the German Partnership, through Association Committees, or through the Pastoral Search Process.

I met with Bob every few weeks over the last seven years in Ministerial Development Groups and District Meetings. My colleagues and I looked to him for guidance as we talked about pastoral ministry, our churches, and how we could improve our effectiveness as pastors. I'm extremely grateful for his counsel and insight. As I talked with colleagues around the country they assured me that I enjoyed a unique blessing in having such a wise and skilled mentor as I was starting in Pastoral Ministry. Bob has contributed a great deal to the health and ministry of our two churches.

The Wisconsin Conference of the UCC has established the Robert Douglas Mutton Lectureship in Theology and the Practice of Ministry in Bob's honor. They are inviting individuals and churches to give to sustain this opportunity for continuing education for pastors and church leaders far into the future.

I'll be making a contribution, and if you know Bob, have worked with him, or value what he has done for our churches, I invite you to do the same.

Please use the response form below and make gifts payable to the Wisconsin Conference UCC marking the gifts "Mutton Lectureship."

Mail gifts to: Wisconsin Conference UCC, P.O. Box 435, DeForest, WI 53532-0435

Response from INDIVIDUAL:

As a lay person/pastor (please circle one) I am giving a gift of \$ _____ to the ROBERT DOUGLAS MUTTON LECTURESHIP IN THEOLOGY AND THE PRACTICE OF MINISTRY to honor Dr. Mutton on his retirement and to support his legacy of commitment to continuing theological study as essential to the faithful practice of ministry for both clergy and laity.

I am giving this gift in honor of/in memory of (please circle one) _____

Name and address of donor: _____


Name and location of UCC church of which donor is a member _____

____ A check for the full amount of my gift is enclosed.

____ I will be giving my gift in installments (please describe amount and timing of installments – see above for examples).

You are welcome here

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Interested in officially
joining the church?
Contact Pastor Todd at
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TV Broadcast Schedule – Sunday worship is on
Dodgeville’s Local Access channel (MHTC channel 10).
The schedule is as follows:

- * Sunday at 4 pm, Tuesday at 7 pm, Thursday at 8 am
- * *Sermons online* Pastor Todd’s sermons are now available for viewing on our website, plymouthucc.com and on YouTube.com
- * *Facebook* – Plymouth has a Facebook page. You can link directly from the church website or search pages under Plymouth United Church of Christ, Dodgeville on Facebook.

Please Contact Us

If you, or another member of the congregation is in the hospital, or is in need of pastoral care, please call the church office or notify Pastor Todd @ 341-8931.

Thank you.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Worship 9:00 am	Junior Worship takes place during the service					
		1 Bible Study 12 :30 @MP	2 7pm Choir	3 Love Wins Discussion 7pm @ MP	4	5
6	7	8 Bible Study 12 :30 @Plymouth 7pm Roast Beef Dinner MP	9 Love Wins Discussion 7pm @ Plymouth	10	11	12 Pasty Sale
13 5pm Church Thanksgiving Dinner @ Ply- mouth	14	15	16 7pm Choir	17	18	19
Todd on Vacation November 14-20						
20	21	22 Bible Study 12 :30 @MP 7pm Council	23 7pm Choir	24	25	26
27	28	29 Bible Study 12:30 @ Plymouth	30			

Usher:

6 Jill & Chuck Roethe
13 Denise Whitish
20 Teubert Family
27 Bruegger Family

Reader:

6 Katie Green
13 Earl Barnes
20 Jan Cooper
27 Marie Fry

Fellowship:

6 Bill & Martha Boyer
13 David & Marie Fry
20 Earl & Shirley Barnes
27 **OPEN**