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September— May
Worship Schedule
Learning Community 9 a.m.
Confirmation 1 & 2 9 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.

June — August
Worship Schedule
Sunday Worship 9 a.m.

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**May
2010**

The JoyLine

First Congregational Church Founded 1855 Incorporated 1903

Our Mission Statement: "To be a visible witness and an active presence of God's radical and all-inclusive welcome"

Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, May 23

Confirmation Celebration

The confirmands will present their Personal Statements of Faith on **Wednesday, May 12, at 7 p.m.** in the Fireside Room. Parents, mentors, family, and church members are invited to attend.



The Rite of Confirmation will be held on **Pentecost Sunday, May 23**, during the **10:15 a.m.** worship service. A reception for the confirmands will follow in the Fireside Room.

Our confirmands are:
Wesley Bruce
Kyle Luedtke
Andrew Michaels
Lane Slaughter

Strengthen The Church Offering received May 23

"Spread the Love" is this year's Strengthen the Church theme. On Pentecost Sunday, May 23, we will be receiving the Strengthen the Church special mission offering of the United Church of Christ.

Your gift to Strengthen the Church builds the UCC's future by funding The Stillspeaking Ministry, new and renewing churches, youth and young adult ministries, and lay and pastoral leadership formation – especially among women and people of color.

The Stillspeaking Ministry spreads the message of God's extravagant welcome, reaching out especially to those who have felt there is no room

for them within Christianity and the church – the excluded and alienated, the spiritually homeless, the questioning. In the last two years, Stillspeaking reached an estimated 25 million people through national, regional and local advertising.

Members will receive a mailing in May which will include your year-to-date giving statement and a Strengthen the Church offering envelope. Extra envelopes will also be available in the Meeting Hall from the ushers.

Your generous gift will ensure a vibrant church tomorrow.

Congregational Life

Ministry Area Coordinator:
Lora Jacoby

Bazaar Notes

Bags-Bags-Bags

At the Fall Bazaar last year we had a rack with “Bags-Bags-Bags!” And we sold most of them. Let’s try it again. The items to make are purses, totes, gift bags, bottle bags, P.J. bags, plastic bag holders, etc.

A Collectibles Display

Also, does anyone have a collection of something you’re ready to give away? This might be a good draw to get customers in. Last year we had a great response to the doll display set up by Sue Hellmer.



A Kitchen-Items Table

Another idea that was mentioned in an earlier *Joyline* is a Kitchen Table with aprons, mitts, hot pads, etc. Keep that in mind when thinking of projects.

Any other ideas can be passed on to Lora Jacoby, Connie Wittkopp, or Betty Nicodemus.

THINK BAZAAR!!

The date is:

**Saturday,
OCTOBER 16, 2010.**



All prayer requests should be directed to either the church office, 893-3411, during office hours or to Rev. Bill, 627-1976, at other times.

Women’s Potluck Fellowship, May 10

The May Women’s Potluck Fellowship will be held on **Monday, May 10, at 6 p.m. at DeO’Malley’s Restaurant, 417 E. Mill Street, Plymouth.**

All women are invited to attend. Please sign up at the kiosk to let us know if you are planning to come or call the church office at 893-3411.

UCC Equal Exchange Coffee Cart

Check out the selection of coffee, tea, and chocolate on the Coffee Cart in the foyer. Please fill out an order form if you would like items that we do not stock.

Equal Exchange is a democratically organized worker-owned cooperative founded in 1986. Purchases of fairly traded products develop more environmentally sound business practices, provide high quality food products, and support sustainable farming practices for farmers in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

Church Rummage Sale, May 21-22

A sign-up sheet has been posted on the kiosk. Please sign up if you can help or contact Deb Klock or the church office.

Dorcas Chapter

The members of Dorcas Chapter will meet on **Monday, May 3, at 12:30 p.m.** at the Roadside Restaurant on Highway 57.

May Birthdays

Mary Polchert	May 2
Kyle Luedtke	May 3
Peg Sinner	May 6
Jennifer Falk	May 10
Hilde Haucke	May 11
Misse (Mohr) Kaat	May 11
Ron Knoener	May 11
Carla Ambrosius	May 15
Deb Klock	May 16
Alyssa Peschke	May 17
Elliot Kaufman	May 18
Jim Richter	May 18
Kendra Wojkiewicz	May 18
Emmitt Feldner	May 20
Emily Eilert	May 21

May Anniversaries

Bob & Glenda Ames	May 3
Barbara & Roger Grier	May 3
Jim & Lora Jacoby	May 8
Emmitt & Teresa Hartle-Feldner	May 23
Mari & Keith Falk	May 25
Kimberly & Art Jasso	May 25

Note: If your birthday or anniversary has not been included in the *Joyline* or is incorrect, please notify the church office at 893-3411.

Christian Education Activities

Children's Learning Community

On **Sunday, May 16**, we will be going to Libby's House after church to bring cookies and play Bingo with the residents.

Sunday, May 23, is our last Children's Learning Community until September. I want to thank all of the teachers of our children for helping to make this a successful year. They are:

Mari Falk	Penny Gosse
Kelly Haefs	Jenny Klemme
Julie Luedtke	Cindy Munson
Kris Struve	Debbie Zimmerman

Adult Learning Community

Adult Bible Study is held each Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room All are welcome to attend this informal look at the New Testament. **The last Sunday of this study will be May 23.**

Register for Summer Camp

Camp brochures and scholarship forms for Pilgrim Center and Moon Beach camps are available on the kiosk. You can also go to www.ucci.org for information.

Scholarship Deadline, May 1

Please return scholarship forms to Kelly Haefs or the church office by May 1 or 30 days before the event.

Education

Ministry Area
Coordinator:
Bev Schellhaass



Mission

Ministry Area
Coordinator:
Diane Knoener

The Welcome Table Meal

A free meal is served every Tuesday, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the basement Fellowship Hall at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Plymouth (next to the Post Office).

First Church will be responsible for preparing and delivering the meals this year on:

- Tuesday, June 22*
- Tuesday, August 10*
- Tuesday, October 12*
- Tuesday, December 7*

If you want to learn more or would be willing to help with food donations, preparing food, transporting the meal, greeting guests, or serving in the kitchen or dining room, please contact Diane Knoener, Mission - Ministry Area Coordinator, at knoenerdl@lakeland.edu.

Qualified CPR Person Needed

The Welcome Table is looking for a qualified CPR person/s that can volunteer their time for one hour (5:30 – 6:30 p.m.) on Tuesday evenings at St. Paul's Episcopal Church a couple of times in a ten-week period. Please submit your name to the First Congregational church office.

Eggert Room Volunteers

For the month of May our volunteers are: **Betty Nicodemus**
Sandy Doebert

The Eggert Room was established to provide temporary emergency shelter to individuals in need. Our on-call volunteers check to see that the Eggert Room is clean and ready for occupancy, wash the linens, and re-stock the food and supplies after the room is used.

Sheboygan County Interfaith Organization

Bridgeway Meal Hosts

First Congregational UCC, Plymouth is scheduled to serve the meal at Bridgeway on the **second day of each month.**

Please call Bonnie Wassell at 457-7272, ext. 15, the day before you are scheduled to serve as a meal host, to confirm that you are needed.

Volunteer Needs

- Drivers for our Transportation Program.
- Volunteer Daycare help during lunchtime.
- Volunteers for Building and Grounds Committee.
- Volunteers for Working Women's Wear.

SCIO Programs are in need of the following items:

- Children's and adult Tylenol
- Cough drops
- Band-aids
- Vinegar
- Paper napkins
- Canned fruit
- Ketchup
- Stamps
- Copy paper
- Salad dressings

Needed this month for Bridgeway and Beyond:

- Pastas, sauces, soups, gravy, and condiments.

Summer Farmers Market

Plymouth Market at City Park - Thursdays starting in June.

Sheboygan Market at Fountain Park – Wednesdays and Saturdays starting on June 2.

Working Women's Wear

Working Women's Wear helps women take an important step towards success by providing quality, appropriate work attire and supportive programming at no charge, to help them obtain and sustain quality employment.

Working Women's Wear Spring and Summer Clothing Sale!

Saturday, May 15, 9 a.m. – 12 noon
923 North 8th Street (Design Cents Building), Sheboygan.

Upcoming Events

- May 1 – SCIO's Spring Luncheon
- May 8 – SCIO Flower Pick-up
- June 26 – Bike-a-thon
- June 27 – Bergemann Brat Fry

News From the Pews

Tyler Bein was hospitalized at Children's Hospital in Milwaukee because of an infection on his foot. He has now at home and has returned to his high school classes.

Chuck Bartholomew, brother-in-law of *Bob Ames* and **Glenda Ames**, was received into God's eternal care. Bob, **Lisa Ames**, and **Laurie Volkomenner** will be traveling to Long Beach, California on April 15 to attend the services. The family asks for prayers for *Carolyn Ames Bartholomew*, and their children, *Robert* and *Kim*, and their families.

Ruth Haucke and **Shar Karnitz** are both rehabbing at The Woodlands at Rocky Knoll.

David Veldman, brother of **Sarah Erickson**, is battling cancer.

Mary Klemme, mother of **John Klemme**, had by-pass surgery on April 3.

Reuben Rosenthal, uncle of *Eugene Schaap*, passed away. Our prayers are with the Schaap family.

Pam Wilhelmsen headed to Madison on April 12 in anticipation of a chemo treatment after two months off. The test results revealed no change in her CA125 counts. She received the news from her doctor that she is in remission and no more treatments are needed at this time.

Cecelia Brumer, mother of **Bev Schellhaass**, died at the age of 93 while in Hospice at Columbia/St. Mary's Hospital in Milwaukee.

Floyd Payne, our oldest member, 106 years old, is having troubles breathing. He is a resident at Rocky Knoll.

On April 7, we celebrated the life of **Wes TenHaken**, who died on Palm Sunday. Wes will be remembered as a faithful member of First Church, serving on the Diaconate, and being in attendance in worship with his wife, Blanche. They operated a jewelry store in downtown Plymouth. Wes had been a resident at Countryside Nursing Center in Sheboygan.

Marilyn and Glendale DeBruine have moved to their new address: South Peasant View Road, Apt. E 416, Plymouth. Their e:mail address is unchanged at: gdebruine@wi.rr.com.

To Contact Rev. Bill

Phone 920-627-1976

E-mail: brishel@excel.net

Keep in your prayers our homebound members:
Floyd Payne

Also keep in your daily prayers:

Tyler Bein
Shar Karnitz
Elaine Jung
Glenda Ames
Pam Wilhelmsen
Linda Suemnicht
Evelyn Hofschield
Peg Stahlman
Glendale DeBruine
David Reichardt
Julia Farnum
John Holbrook
Ethel Holbrook
Carl Cihlar
Julia Feldner
David Veldman

Worship Time Changes to 9 a.m. on June 6

On Sunday, June 6, our summer worship schedule begins. From June through August, our worship time begins at 9 a.m. Learning Community classes will be recessed until September.

New Member Orientation

The second New Member Orientation session will be held in the Fireside Room on: **Saturday, May 8
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

New Member Sunday

New members will be received on **Sunday, June 6** during the **9 a.m.** (summer schedule) worship service.

Notify the church when hospitalized

Please contact the church office at 920-893-3411 or Rev. Rishel at 920-627-1976 if you want the church to be informed that you or a family member is hospitalized.

Graduation Sunday, June 6 - 9 a.m.

All of this year's graduates will be honored on **Graduation Sunday, June 6**, during the 9 a.m. worship service.

Graduates are asked to e-mail: congoucc@excel.net or call the church office at 893-3411 to let us know if you will be attending the service so that you can be recognized. Graduates are asked to wear their cap & gown if available.

Photos for Father's Day

Rev. Bill will show photos on the screen to recognize fathers on Father's Day, June 20.

If you have not previously given Rev. Bill a photo of your father, please submit a photo by Sunday, June 13.

From the Church Office

Church Office Hours:
Monday – Thursday
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Closed Fridays.

June-July Joyline

A two-month edition of the *Joyline* will be published for June and July. **Please submit information by the May 9 Joyline deadline** if you have articles to be included in this issue.

Renee will be out of the office from June 14 through July 8. Volunteers will be staffing the office during this time.

Thank you Notes

I would like to gratefully acknowledge receipt of your donation totaling \$450 designated for the CWS Mosquito Nets project. Kindly please convey to the members of your congregation our gratitude for their support and for the well appreciated opportunity of joining hands with Church World Service in providing assistance to needy brothers and sisters.

Peace and grace,
Gaston Razafy
CWS/CROP Regional Director

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To: Churches in the Wisconsin Conference

Dear friends and partners in ministry:

. . . I want to thank you for your

gifts. They support the ministries of the Conference, our four Associations, our program of Outdoor Ministries through United Church Camps, Inc., National UCC work, Health and Human Service ministries, Higher Education, and ecumenical partners.

Response to OCWM giving in the first three months of 2010 has been very strong. It is up 8% over 2009 at a comparable time. In addition, special offerings and appeals are up substantially, with gifts to the Haiti earthquake relief now totaling \$122,729! Thank you. Your gifts to OCWM . . . help in relief and recovery efforts for our neighbors and is an important sign of hope to them and an expression of love in the name and the spirit of the Risen Christ.

Though this is a first quarter

report for 2010, let me also again say thank you for your gifts in 2009. You came through wonderfully:

- 100 churches were "5 FOR 5" (OCWM, One Great Hour of Sharing, Neighbors in Need, Strengthen the Church, Christmas Fund)
- \$1,985,867 to OCWM . . .
- \$173,322 to OGHM . . .
- \$36,705 to Strengthen the Church . . .
- \$78,406 to NIN . . .
- \$68,905 to the Christmas Fund . . .

For all of these gifts, and for your wonderful spirit, I am grateful, and on behalf of this Conference and all its mission partners, I thank you and wish you much joy and many blessings.

David S. Moyer,
Conference Minister

Community Events

Plymouth Historical Society Polish Dinner

Saturday, May 1, 2010
First Congregational Church
Meeting Hall

Seating from 4:30 – 7 p.m.
Carry-outs available.
Cost: \$15

Menu includes:
Golabki (cabbage roll)
Polish Sausage & Kraut
Assorted Pierogi's
Vegetable
Beverage
Desserts

For tickets, contact The Museum at
920-893-1876. Proceeds benefit the
Plymouth Historical Society.

Health and Hope Support Group

Thursdays: 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
May 6 to June 10

Held at the United Way Building
2020 Erie Avenue
in Sheboygan.

Facilitated by Tara Taylor

This is a free, six-week series for
adults being treated for depression
by a family doctor, therapist, or
psychiatrist. Experience a safe place
to talk about issues, receive support
from others, and gather useful
information to help you regain your
health. Please contact Mental Health
America at 920-458-3951 for a one-
page registration form.

SCRIP NOTES:

From: Pam Wilhelmsen

General News

- Kwik Trip 10% discount expires
April 1, 2010. Starting at that
time, the discount will be 4%.
- Cousin's \$10 cards are now in
inventory.

On-Line Scrip Shopping

We have an opportunity to do on-
line Scrip shopping. The Great
Lakes Scrip program offers Shop
With Scrip. The process is ready
to go and we encourage you to
consider this option for shopping.
Your choices are from the full list
of GLSC retailers and includes
our locals retailers. Orders placed
before Sunday afternoon, will be
in the office on Tuesday or
Wednesday.

A payment process called
PrestoPay is used to debit the
bank account of your choice, plus
a service charge of 39 cents.
Check it out at shopwithscrip.com.

If you decide to register you will
need our enrollment code:
59LLDFDDE4746.

A Scrip Information Workshop

will be held after church services
on **Sunday, May 16**. Please take
this opportunity to learn about the
Scrip program, brainstorm ideas
for continued growth of the
program and see an overview of
the Shop With Scrip on-line
process.

Shop the Scrip Desk on Sunday

The Scrip desk is open prior to
and after Sunday church services.
Scrip is also available in the
church office during regular office
hours (Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m.
to 2 p.m.).

We welcome each of you to
participate in the Scrip program.
All profits are accumulated and
passed to the First

Administration

Ministry Area Coordinator

Pam Wilhelmsen

Administration Teams:

Gary Haucke	Building & Grounds
Kay Magnus	Finance
Sarah Erickson	Memorials
Dan Volkomener	Personnel
Deb Klock	Personnel
Pam Wilhelmsen	SCRIP

Congregational UCC General
Fund.

Our Scrip Desk volunteers, Pam
Wilhelmsen or Renee Panzer
(Administrative Assistant) will be
happy to answer your questions
and get you started.

Thank you for your support.

Church Council Meeting Summary of Minutes – April 20, 2010

Church Council:

Moderator	Letha Haucke
2011	Gary Hueppchen
2011	Alan Ambrosius
2012	Laurie Volkomener
2012	Steve Klock
2013	Darren Munson
2013	Mason Rishel

Ministry Area Coordinators

Administration	Pam Wilhelmsen
Congregational Life	Lora Jacoby
Education	Bev Shellhaass
Mission	Diane Knoener
Worship	Connie Wittkopp

Meeting Minutes Available in the Church Office

The full report of all Church Council or Administration Team meeting minutes are posted on the bulletin board in the church office.

Pastor's Report

- Student intern from Lakeland College for fall 2010. **Motion** to issue an invitation to host a student from Lakeland. **PASSED.**
- Motion** to place Marshall Otte on the Active Member list. **PASSED.**
- New Member Orientation, Saturday, May 8, 2010.
- Sabbatical Plan – June 14 to September 12, 2010. **Motion** to accept the sabbatical plan made by Diane. **PASSED.**

Congregational Concerns

- Garage/Rummage Sale update – May 21 & 22, 2010.

Ministry Area Coordinator Reports

- Congregational Life – No report.
- Education – Barb Grier and Pat Arndt are doing College Care packages. Learning Community visits Libby's House - May 6; last class day - May 23. Curriculum ordered for fall. *Faith Practices* is a multi-generational discipleship program. Letha Haucke is being trained as a facilitator.
- Mission – Green Team potluck - April 25. Garden Team is expanding garden space allowing community members to farm a plot.
- Worship – Flowers ordered for Easter Sunday. Good comments on banners.
- Administration – May 17, 6:30 p.m. Baird invited to reassess our portfolio. May 16, on-line demonstration of new Scrip ordering. Personnel Team to meet soon. Estimates for new roof being obtained.
- MAC's Master Calendar Meeting, Tuesday, May 11, at 6:30 p.m.**

Team Reports

- Stewardship – January to April giving reports and Strengthen the Church offering envelopes to be sent after May 1. Strengthen the Church offering dedicated on May 23. Team will meet in May.

Upcoming Events

- Confirmation: May 23
- Pastor Continuing Ed: May 17-21
- Pastor Vacation: May 27-30
- Bible Study ends May 5
- New Member Sunday: June 6
- Wisconsin Conference Annual Meeting: June 10-13.

Next Council Meeting

May 18, 2010

6:30 p.m. Faith Formation 7 p.m. Council Meeting

Easter Flower Donations

Thank you to those people who purchased Easter flowers to decorate our Meeting Hall on Easter Sunday



Donor

Gary Hueppchen
Judy Christensen
Beverly Schellhaass
Keith & Mari Falk

Bob & Glenda Ames

Elaine Jung
Lisa Ames & Laurie Volkomener
Laurie & Dan Volkomener

Cathy, Jim, Emily, & Adam
Azzalino
Connie & Dale Wittkopp
Gary & Letha Haucke

Terry Schram
Kelly & Scott Haefs
Mary Arenberg &
George Schroeder
Jane Groblewski
Lora Jacoby

RaeAnn Beebe
Susy Rathman

Jan McGill
Kay Magnus
Peg Stahlman
Vicki Schaap
Debra Usadel
Marion Haas

In Honor of:

Janice Hueppchen

In thanksgiving for families
Chancel Choir

Bob & Glenda Ames
Allison & Sydney Steiner

Our Mothers
Ruth Haucke

Our children
Our children

In Loving Memory Of:

Bill Christensen

Lyle & Mildred Falk, Sr.
Leroy & Bernice Peterson, Sr.
Louis Medinger
Ray & Florence & Hoffman
Tom & Margaret Ames
Lillie
Ray & Florence Hoffman
Shorty & Maggie Volkomener
Tamara Volkomener
Gabe Miller
Mary Mills, Viola Azzalino
Conrad Karnish, Jr.
Grandparents
Ernest Haucke
Bill & Connie Suemnicht
Hazel & Fern Lawrence

Mom & Pop Schroeder

Norm & Bethe Campbell
Arman & Clara Stephan
Juanita Stephan
Jill Capelle
Anna Marie Knowles
Scott Alan Rathman
Robert K. Sedgwick
Parents & Grandparents
Jim, Kay, & Kevin Stahlman
Nancy Haas
Grandma Gessart
Husband Jim

Greeters Schedule

Volunteers have been scheduled to serve as Greeters on Sunday mornings throughout the month of May.

Sign up for Summer Greeters

A sign-up sheet has been posted on the kiosk for the June to September Greeters schedule. If you would like to serve as a Greeter on Sunday mornings during the summer months, please sign up at the kiosk or contact the church office.

Our worship time changes to 9 a.m. beginning on Sunday, June 6. Greeters should plan to arrive 30 minutes before the worship service.

Thank you to all those who have served on our Greeter Team this year.

Summer Worship Schedule

**Worship Time Changes to
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Renee Panzer, administrative assistant
Denise Mohr, financial administrator
Keith Falk, director of music
Gordon Wieck, custodian
Linda Suemnicht, housekeeper

The deadline for submitting articles for the newsletter is the second Sunday of each month.

Events in May

May 1	Plymouth Historical Society Polish Dinner
May 3	Dorcas Chapter, 12:30 p.m.
May 8	New Member Orientation, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
May 10	Women's Potluck Fellowship, 6 p.m.
May 11	LaLeche League, 6:30 p.m.
May 17	Greek Orthodox Chapel, 5 p.m.
May 21-22	Rummage Sale
May 23	Pentecost Sunday, Confirmation, Pew Communion, Strengthen The Church Offering received
May 31	Memorial Day - Church Office closed.

Meetings in May

(MAC) Ministry Area Coordinators	May 11
Administration	May 17
Church Council	May 18

June – July Joyline deadline

Sunday, May 9

Please submit your articles for the newsletter to the church office or e-mail: congoucc@excel.net.