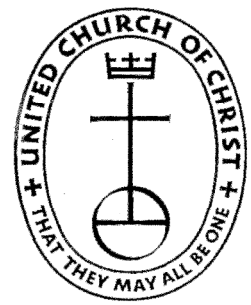


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Plymouth Congregational UCC

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From the Pastor:

Guaranteed Ways to Miss the Living God

I was staying at a convent in Chicago for a retreat recently and this top ten list by Paula D'Arcy was posted by the community computer. It's good.

Guaranteed Ways to Miss the Living God:

- Live your life at high speed. No exceptions. Run Hard.
- Stay scattered and distracted. The more clutter and activity the better.
- Take everything personally. Never evaluate. Agree.
- Use blame liberally. It's so invigorating. I wasn't responsible. You were. Everything's your fault.
- Don't laugh. Especially at yourself.
- Stay tied to your past. Elevate it to greatness. Live remembering and longing. Or missing. Why do it halfway? Go for it!
- Use the word "because." I can't change because. Because is so little appreciated as a solvent for responsibility. Try using because. This will work.
- Never question or think for yourself. Just keep moving and accepting.
- Continue to think of God as invisible and distant. Surely not present in this room. At this moment. Not while I'm reading a book.
- Reinforce the belief that your life is going to happen soon. This is not it, not yet. But one day, maybe when I finish reading.

Snarky isn't it? But true. Another reminder that we find God as we slow down, that this God will lead us to take a hard look at ourselves, and call us to change that we may live with deeper joy and greater awareness of all that is holy and sacred in our midst. May this be bread for our journey.

Pastor Todd

Upcoming Scripture Readings

June 7

Isaiah 6: 1-8

Psalms 29

John 3: 1-17

June 14

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Psalms 20

Mark 4: 26-34

June 21

1 Samuel 17 (1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49

Psalms 9:9-20

Mark 4: 35-41

June 28

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

Psalms 130

Mark 5: 21-43

Parent Talk and Family Fun:

Saturday June 20th @10:00a.m. there will be a gathering for parents and children at Centennial Park in Dodgeville. The parents will talk and the children will play. The parents will discuss the ideas in the book *Unconditional Parenting* by Alfie Kohn at the Lions Club shelter right next to the playground. The children will be free to play on the playscape.

Childcare will be provided.

At 11:30, a sub sandwich lunch will be provided, and conversation and chaos will continue.

After lunch, if anyone wants to stay and go swimming at the Dodgeville pool, you are welcome to do so at your own expense..

The churches will have a few copies of the book for sale, and it can be ordered through Amazon.com or your preferred bookseller. The book is not an explicitly Christian book, actually it takes a few swipes at Christianity, but in my view it's perspective is consistent with important Christian themes. Among them, unconditional love and loving children for who they are, not what they do. We'll talk about that and our lives as parents.

Invite your friends. This will be a helpful discussion and a lot of fun. Let either Congregational UCC or Plymouth UCC know you are coming so we know how much food to have on hand.

There will be a second Parent Talk and Family Fun gathering at Soldiers Park in Mineral Point on Saturday August 15th. Same format, same food, same opportunities for play and swimming, different place.

Summer Camp Scholarships

Partial scholarships are available through the church for youth wishing to attend camp at Bethel Horizons or Pilgrim Beach Camp. Please submit your request to Pastor Todd with the following information:

Name, address, phone number

Camp dates

Cost of camp

Request stating "I want to go to camp because..."

Camping at Gov. Dodge State Park July 17-19

Pitch a tent and join the fun at Plymouth's 2nd annual church campout. Check in is 3 pm on Friday, July 17 with check out on Sunday, July 19 at 3 pm. A joint worship service will be held at the park amphitheater on Sunday morning. There is no charge for camping, however a valid State Park sticker is required for entry into the park. Discounted and day use passes are available.

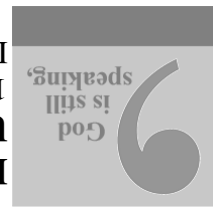
Come for the weekend, the day, or even a few hours. Members and friends of both Plymouth UCC and Congregational UCC are invited. For more information please contact Heather at plymouth@mhtc.net or 935-5727.

Worship at Soldier's Memorial

July 26 a joint worship service for Plymouth & MP will be held at Soldier's Memorial Park in Mineral Point.

You are welcome here

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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

June Birthdays



- 4 Roy Bettner
- 7 Jean Weinbrenner
- 14 Erin Teubert
- 17 Elise Lindeman
- 17 Chris Teubert
- 24 Keith Hulbert
- 27 Chuck Rothe
- 28 Kyle Balk

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Worship 10:30 am Childcare provided	1	2	3 Yoking Meeting 7pm @ Plymouth	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Wisconsin Conference @Green Lake	13 Wisconsin Conference @Green Lake
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21	22	23	24	25	26 General Synod begins Grand Rapids, MI	27
28	29	30				

Usher— 7 Whitish Family, 14 Fry; 21 Carl & Jeanne Batha; 28 Chuck & Jill Roethe

Reader—7 Rod Lukes; 14 Earl Barnes; 21 Anne Bachner; 28 Joan Oesper

Nursery Backup— 7 Ann Bullock; 14 Michelle Rimer; 21 Heather Dampf; 28 Michelle Bruegger

Fellowship—7 Shirley & Earl Barnes; 14 Freeman Family; 21 Heather Dampf; 28 Bill & Martha Boyer