



PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

FROM PASTOR BLAIR'S DESK

JUNE 2025

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."
(John 20: 13-23, NRSV)

As we approach Pentecost, the day traditionally understand as the birthday of the church, it is good to think about the importance of birthdays. For the most part, birthdays are recognized and celebrated in every nation and every culture. They signify not only the passage of time but also accomplishments. Certainly, as we honor Shirley Fetherhuff reaching 100 years-old later this month, we are recognizing an impressive accomplishment. For all of us, reaching certain milestones can be either a source of pride or a source of humility as we look back at the years lived.

Yet, as I look at the upcoming day of Pentecost, it is not so much of a retrospective look that I am called to feel. Throughout the scriptures, there are significant moments of the working of the Holy Spirit whether it be God's spirit being breathed into creation in the book of Genesis or the Christ's own spirit being breathed into the disciples hiding in the room as recounted by the above passage or the Holy Spirit entering a room in rush on Pentecost. What is significant about all these encounters with the Spirit is that they do not dwell on the past but are focused on the future. Unlike our "birthday" celebrations, they find life and meaning in what is to come rather than in what may or may not have come before.

IN THIS ISSUE...

PASTOR'S MESSAGE.....	1
FOLLOW THE LECTIONARY.....	2
PRAYER & VISITATION REQUESTS.....	2
NUTS FOR SALE.....	2
MODERATOR MESSAGE.....	3
CELEBRATION OF LIFE.....	3
THANK YOU	3
CELEBRATIONS.....	4
2025 VISIONING TEAM MEMBERS.....	4
CONGRATULATIONS GRADS.....	5
UPDATE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP.....	5
COME TO SUPPER	6
CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE.....	6
SPRING TEA.....	6
APRIL MINUTES VISIONING TEAM.....	7
CHURCH AND FAMILY LIFE	8
A LOOK INTO JULY.....	9
THIS MONTH AT PLYMOUTH	10
JUNE CALENDAR.....	11

For me, that is the call of Christ and way of our savior. Yes, the past is important in that it helps us put our current moments in context. Nevertheless, the true meaning of our "birthdays" come from what is born and what is yet to be. We are called to ever face forward in our faith. That is, indeed, the work of faith. May we ever have our faces facing forward in our faith.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Blair

Happy 100th Birthday



FOLLOW THE LECTIONARY

June 1, 2025
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Breaking Chains
Acts 16:16-34
 Ps 97
 Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
 John 17:20-26

June 8, 2025
Pentecost Sunday
Gathered & Scattered
 Acts 2:1-21/Genesis 11:1-9
 Ps 104:24-34, 35b
 Romans 8: 14-17/Acts 2:1-21
 John 14:8-17 (25-27)

June 15, 2025
Trinity Sunday
Father's Day
Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
 Ps 8
 Romans 5:1-5
 John 16:12-15

June 22, 2025
Second Sunday after Pentecost
In God's Presence
1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a
 Ps 42 & 43
 Isa 65:1-9 & Ps 22:19-28
 Gal 3:23-29
 Luke 8:26-39

June 29, 2025
 Pick up the Mantle
2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 & Ps 77:1-2, 11-20
1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 & Ps 16
 Gal 5:1, 13-25
 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Dustan Burgard, Cooper Davis, Alan Eppen, Annette Cook, Karen Filegar, Eric Gerber, Dale Mork, Linda Mork, Jaxon Kaiser, Bob Olson, Joyce Ochsner, Marjorie Ormand, JoAnn Sanborn, Eddy Schaeffer, Jeannette Sorge, Shirley Schaeffer, Janet Von Eschen, Alan Chapman, Corene Chapman, Kyle Brinkman and Greg Wilson.

Pray for our members and friends who reside in care facilities or are shut-ins, wherever they reside:

Betty Betten, Colleen Carman, Dorothy Dockter, Erna Gross, Betty Gutjahr, Lovila Hanson, Emma Heiser, Alice Hopfinger, Ruth Overby, Priscilla Pfeifle, Joan Sanders, Lois Wales, Kelli Wells, Nancy Wells and June Whites.

REMEMBER OUR SERVICE PEOPLE

And All the Troops Stationed Around the World

*Please contact the church office (225-2557)
 to be added to or removed from the Prayer List.*

Yes! We still have nuts for sale!

Slivered Almonds....\$8.00

Whole Almonds....\$8.00

Gourmet Mixed Nuts....\$10.00

English Walnuts....\$8.00

**Call the Church and place your
 order today! (225-2557)**



A MESSAGE FROM OUR MODERATOR

We have been so blessed to receive the recent rains. Now all crops, flowers and plants will grow and blossom. Please pray for all that are ill and in need of our support and love. Be kind to and love one another. Enjoy the start of summer.

God Bless you all,

Brad Olson

Our hearts are saddened by the passing of two beautiful Souls this last month.



Luvina
'Lu'
Van Beek
February 2, 1928
~May 12, 2025
Celebration of Life
was held 11am,
May 17, 2025



Joan Williams
March 16, 1938
~May 6, 2025
Celebration of Life
was held 2pm,
May 12, 2025.



Prayers to the families and friends.

*Thank
You*

Oh My Goodness! Thank you so very much for the delicious donuts for our staff! So very sweet of you! Thanks again, Holgate Staff

Thank you for the donuts which were delivered to us here at C.C. Lee. It is always so nice to be thought of. They were also very Delicious.

Thanks from the C. C. Lee Staff

Plymouth Church, Thank you for the yummy donuts! What a special treat at the end of the school year! We sure appreciate you thinking of us! Thank you, Mike Miller Elementary Staff

Thank you so much for the wonderful Donut delivery on Friday! Your support means so much to us. Simmons Elementary

Phone call from Aberdeen Central HS. "Thank you for the donuts, we appreciate it and appreciate you for thinking of us"

OMT sent a card with all the teachers individually thanking Plymouth for the donuts.



CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

6-1	Esther Lier Bryon Hilgemann Doug Olson
6-2	Jenny Roeker
6-3	Pat Swanson
6-7	June Whites Robert Tarnish
6-8	Ann Benson Allan Schmaltz
6-9	Shirley Fetherhuff (100 yrs!!) Riley Carman
6-10	Allison Shaw
6-11	Haylee Gray-Vershure
6-13	Conner Tobin
6-16	Reese Tobin
6-17	Allan Ochsner
6-21	Kylynn Lipp
6-24	Hailey Tobin
6-25	Lea Niederbaumer
6-26	Missy Nguyen
6-28	Aubrey O'Connell
6-29	Mavis Kirschenmann William Ottenbacher Jaycie Lier



June Birthstone
-Pearl-



June Flower
-Rose-



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

6-1	Austin Bain & Hanah Kappenman	1yr
6-2	Donel & Kori Lemler	35yrs
6-7	Lynn & Laurie Cunningham	45yrs
6-7	Dennis & Janet Von Eschen	56yrs
6-13	Greg & Mary Ann Wilson	55yrs
6-15	Merle & Betty Kost	52yrs
6-16	Bryon & Carol Hilgemann	47yrs
6-18	Robbie & Doug Eisenbeisz	42yrs
6-20	Ordean & Jeannie Heitmann	55yrs
6-20	Joe & Janet Pistulka	44yrs
6-26	Larry & Diane Ligtenberg	55yrs
6-28	David & Cheryl Johnson	51yrs

Note: If you know of a birthday or an anniversary that was missed, we are deeply sorry. Please advise the Plymouth Congregational Secretary and she will make sure the dates are calendared for the



2025 Visioning Team Members

Moderator	Brad Olson-(605)216-2450
Moderator Elect	Mark Gutjahr-(605)228-5150
Facility Manager	Alan Chapman-(605)377-3291
Communications	Patricia Swanson-(605)730-0714
WF Representative	Erin Gutjahr-(605)216-2660
At Large	Dani Roeker-(605)377-3080
At Large	Ron Beil-(605)228-1035
At Large	Chad Masters-(605)380-0498
Financial	Ed Bosanko-(605)228-2486
Spiritual	Sheila Apland-Ottenbacher-(605)380-8688
Auditor	Rod Fouberg-(605)229-1310

Congratulations Graduates 2025

**Gary & Yvonne Warne would like to proudly report their granddaughter, Taylor LaVake, graduated from Rapid City Stevens High school Sunday, May 25th. She plans to attend Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, AZ in fall.*

**Congratulations Julia Knie. She will graduate from Central High School May 18, 2025. She will be attending SDSU in Brookings SD. She is planning on pursuing Accounting as her major. Julie is the daughter of Brian & Janey Knie, Granddaughter of the Eloise Appletoft & the late Ed Appletoft and Patty & Dean Knie.*



**Riley Carman graduated from Groton SD, Sunday May 18th. His future plans are to attend Lake Area Tech in Watertown this fall. He is son of Brian & Colleen Carman, brother—Robert, grandparents—John & Judy Heisler.*

The following is a brief summary of Women's Fellowship for the past 4 months.

- We did not meet in January; have approximately 10 members at each meeting; and always WELCOME guests and new members.
- The window coverings in the Fellowship Hall have been installed and the altar painted.
- We budget \$2500 for camperships. Any unused money this year will be donated to Placerville Camp.
- We purchased ear phones that translate English into Spanish for a member and donated gift certificates for the Easter party.
- We still have Nuts for sale.
- We served a memorial service and a funeral in May.
- We will have the annual Spring Tea on June 14th and serve the 100th birthday for Shirely Fetherhuff on June 15th.
- The Rummage Sale will be July 18-19. We don not accept electronics; TV's; clothing or shoes.
- The Bazaar will be November 1st.
- We will not meet in June, July or August. We hope to see you at our next meeting Thursday, September 11, 2025 at 7PM.

Marilyn Gramlow.

Come to Supper

The first CTS of 2025 was held May 14th. Hosted by Mark Gutjahr and Family. They donated \$182 to the General Fund.

Next Come to Supper will Be Wed. June 11th at 5:30p

Hosted by Robbie Eisenbeisz

Spaetzle Hot dish, Veggies or Fruit & Desserts.

Start cleaning out those closets and basements.
No electronics-Tv's-clothing-shoes.

Rummage Sale

Friday July 18

10a-5p

Saturday July 19

8a-noon



*Women's Fellowship
Spring Tea
Saturday*

June 14th, 2025

\$15

*Limited seating,
Purchase
tickets*

by calling

(605)228-6477

or

(605)730-0714



Plymouth Congregation Church Blood Drive.

Monday June 30th

1:30p-5:30p

Contact Rhonda Masters to schedule appointment

rhondalmasters@yahoo.com or (605)-380-0436

April Visioning Team Meeting Minutes

Present: Brad Olson, Pastor Blair Kirkpatrick, Sheila Apland-Ottenbacher, Chad Masters, Mark Gutjahr, Kristin Tobin, Ed Bosanko and Pat Swanson.

Call to Order: Brad Olson

Opening Prayer: Mark Gutjahr

Approval of March Minutes: Kristin moved to approve and Ed seconded the motion. All voted in agreement.

Old Business:

- The Endowment update is pending until Ed meets with Matt Wagner.
- Come to Super dates have been filled.
- The Boiler inspection is complete and everything looks fine.
- Bids will be open soon for chip sealing the parking lot.
- Brad felt that there was a need for two Private Parking signs to be posted in the church parking lot. Perhaps this will deter some of the big vehicles from parking in our lot.

Mark handed out a copy of the letter he penned to Brentford UCC requesting that they return the chimes that belong to our church. The team approved it.

New Business: None

Committee Reports:

- In the Financial report, Ed state that earnings to the Endowment Fund will probably drop in the next few months with the economy in the state that it is right now. He also added that we have used \$12,000 of the Endowment Fund to cover church bills since October 1st.
- Kristin for Pastoral Relations reported that the corrections have been made to the Directory.
- Pastor reported for the Facilities Manager in the absence of Alan Chapman that Gary Warne has been picking up the slack for Alan. The AC covers have been removed and the fire alarms have been checked before the inspector comes.
- Women's Fellowship reported that the Spring Tea is scheduled for June 14. Also the Fellowship will serve coffee and bars at Shirley Fetherhuff's 100th Birthday party.
- Sheila, Minister of Church and Family, reported that she was proud to hand out 12 children's Bibles this year. The Easter Party was a great success this year. Her next project is Donuts for Teachers.

Pastor Blair reported that he and Brad had made several enjoyable visits to shut-ins this last week. In their visit Colleen Carman asked if they could use the Fellowship Hall for Riley's graduation party. Of course, Pastor said "Sure". He added that the Mary Cross funeral will be May 3. The Journey to the Cross practice will be held after Come to Supper this week. The next Project Sermon will be the Sunday after Easter.

Devotions: Blair Kirkpatrick

Next meeting: May 20, 2025 at 6:30

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Swanson

PLYMOUTH ROCKS

Church and Family Life

Rev. Sheila Apland-Ottenbacher



Join us for Vacation Bible School
August 3-7, 2025 from 6-8 pm
Closing program will be at 7 pm on
August 7th. Everyone is invited!

We will need several volunteers to make
this a great experience for the kids. If you
can join us for an evening or part of an
evening, we would love to see you!

Let Sheila know if you are able to help us
make this a fun time!

More info to come!



Donuts for Educators
was a big hit
at all
locations of
the
Aberdeen
Public
Schools.
Many thank
you cards
and emails
were
received at
the church.

**Thank you
to everyone
that helped
with this
project.**

New church website:
plymouthaberdeen.com



If everything goes well, we should
have a functioning website again by the
time you read this! It has been in the
works for a while and we finally have
all the information and photos
gathered to go live. If it's not up when
you look, keep trying! We're almost
there!!

Don't forget to follow us on
Facebook, YouTube and Instagram.

A LOOK AHEAD

*** JULY ***

PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL UCC

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 Happy Independence Day 	5
6 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10a-Worship; communion 11a-Fellowship	7	8 7P-DAV	9 CTS- 5:30P Roeker's	10	11	12 Schmidt/Hier Wedding 
13 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 10a-Worship 11a-Fellowship	14	15 6:30P- Visioning Meeting <u>Newsletter</u> <u>Deadline</u>	16	17	18 Rummage Sale 10a-5p	19 Rummage Sale 8a-noon Bag sale starts at 11a
20 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 10a-Worship 11a-Fellowship 2p-Bethesda	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost 10a-Worship 11a-Fellowship	28	29	30	31		



THIS MONTH AT PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL

June 2025

<u>Sun, June 1</u>	<u>Seventh Sunday of Easter</u> 10a-Worship;communion 11a-Fellowship
Mon, June 2	7p-DAV Meeting
<u>Sun, June 8</u>	<u>Pentecost</u> 10a-Worship 11a-Fellowship Strengthen the Church offering
Tue, June 10	7p-DAV Meeting
Wed, June 11	5:30p-Come to Supper
Sat, June 14	Women's Fellowship "Spring Tea"
<u>Sun, June 15</u>	<u>Trinity Sunday</u> 10a-Worship 11a-Fellowship 11:30a-Sermon project reaction 2-5p Birthday Party Happy 100th Shirley Fetherhuff
Tue, June 17	Visioning Team Meeting; 6:30p NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
<u>Sun, June 22</u>	<u>Second Sunday after Pentecost</u> 10a-Worship 11a-Fellowship 2p-Bethesda 6:30p Sermon reaction
Sat, June 28	Buckmeier/Tobin Wedding
<u>Sun, June 29</u>	<u>Third Sunday after Pentecost</u> 10a-Worship 11a-Fellowship



Plymouth Congregational Church

June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Seventh Sunday of Easter 10a-Worship-communion 11a-Fellowship	2 DAV 7P	3	4	5	6	7
8 Pentecost Sunday 10a-Worship 11a-Fellowship <i>Strengthen the Church Offering</i>	9	10 7P-DAV	11 CTS-5:30P	12	13	14 Spring Tea 2PM
15 FATHERS DAY Trinity Sunday 10a-Worship 11a-Fellowship 11:30a-Project Sermon Reaction 2-5p Birthday Party 100th Shirley Fetherhuff	16	17 6:30P- Visioning Meeting <u>Newsletter Deadline</u>	18	19	20 FIRST DAY OF SUMMER	21
22 Second Sunday after Pentecost 10a-Worship 11a-Fellowship 6:30p Pentecost Reaction <i>Strengthen the Church offering</i>	23	24	25	26	27	28 Buckmeier/ Tobin Wedding
29 Third Sunday after Pentecost 10a-Worship 11a-Fellowship 6:30p Pentecost Reaction	30 Blood Drive 1:30- 5:30pm					

Spring Tea

June 14

2PM

Tickets

\$15.



For the Summer months, we are taking requests for music you would like to hear played at service. Just contact Laura and let her know what song your heart wants to hear. Missy, Blair and Laura will do their best to make it happen.

Call Laura (605)225-2557
(leave message)



**PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

431 West Melgaard Road
Aberdeen, SD 57401

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Non-Profit
Org.

U.S. Postage

P A I D

Aberdeen, S.D.

Permit No. 403

REACHING OUT,
RENEWING LIVES



Church Staff:

Pastor	Rev. Blair Kirkpatrick
Minister of Church and Family Life	
	Rev. Sheila Apland-Ottenbacher
Secretary	Laura Bunke
Director of Music Ministry	Missy Nguyen
Child Care Attendant	Eloise Appletoft
Custodian	Lois Korf
Facilities Manager	Alan Chapman

OFFICE HOURS: 9:00—2:00, Mon, Wed-Fri.

Phone: (605) 225-2557

Email: sec.plymouth@midconetwork.com

www.plymouthaberdeen.com

WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAY 10:00 AM

www.plymouthaberdeen.com

