



PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

FROM PASTOR BLAIR’S DESK

NOVEMBER 2025

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. (Ephesians 1: 15-19, NRSV)

Sometimes it is hard to have hope these days. The nation and the world is as divided as it has ever been with hostilities and violence seemingly breaking out every day. The government shutdown continues to stretch out with little signs that it will end any time soon. To that end, the needs of the most vulnerable in our community will continue to grow more and more dire. As a church with a heart for the community, the weight of the concerns may seem to be greater than the resources that we can offer. One could be understood to ask, “from whence does hope come?”.

What continues to bring me hope; what will always bring me hope is the presence of people who have within themselves a heart for others who are suffering; with compassion for the least among us. It is for that reason that I am beginning to be buoyed by coming in contact with a group of people from various organizations in town that are coming together to address in a fuller way the needs of the homeless and vulnerable in our community. More information will be coming about the work that is being planned to meet the needs of the needy in Aberdeen and surrounding areas.

To paraphrase Ghandi’s famous quote, “we are the change that we want to see in the world.” Indeed, we are the hope that we want to experience in life. It is within us and resides in the same place from which love and compassion spring.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Blair

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FOLLOW THE LECTIONARY

November 2, 2025

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Transforming Love

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 & Psalms 119:137-144 or

Isaiah 1:10-18 & Psalms 32:1-7

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Luke 19:1-10

November 9, 2025

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Hold on to Faith

Haggai 1:15b-2:9 & Psalms 145:1-5, 17-21

Psalms 98 or

Job 19:23-27a & Psalms 17:1-9

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Luke 20:27-38

November 16, 2025

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Infinite Possibilities

Isaiah 65:17-25 & Isaiah 12 or

Malachi 4:1-2a & Psalms 98

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

November 23, 2025

Reign of Christ

Together in Christ

Jeremiah 23:1-6 & Luke 1:68-79

& Psalms 46

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent

Called to Gift

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalms 122

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 3:1-12

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Dustan Burgard, Cooper Davis, Alan Eppen, Annette Cook, Karen Filegar, Eric Gerber, Dale Mork, Jaxon Kaiser, Bob Olson, Joyce Ochsner, Marjorie Ormand, JoAnn Sanborn, Eddy Schaeffer, Jeannette Sorge, Shirley Schaeffer, Janet Von Eschen, Alan & Corene Chapman 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, Betty Gutjahr, 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!

Nuts Prices increased.

Order through Donna Masters

(605)228-9307

Old Prices Listed here until gone.

Slivered Almonds....\$8.00

Whole Almonds....\$8.00

English Walnuts....\$8.00

**Call the Church and place your
order today! (605)225-2557**



A MESSAGE FROM OUR MODERATOR

It was so nice to see so many people in church Sunday, and so many children. Great day to celebrate a birthday and receive a great message. November will be busy in the church with the Bazaar, blood drive and Annual Meeting on November 23. Remember to complete the evaluation for Pastor and staff. Be kind to and love one another. Pray that the members of the Congregation who are ill or alone do well during the coming months. So glad to hear the good news for Dale Mork.

God Bless you all,
Brad Olson

Women's Fellowship Report

Eleven members attended our meeting in the church library on Oct 7th at 7pm.

- The treasurer's report given by Linda showed a balance of \$26,779.97.
- New Business: Donna has been in contact with the company we order nuts from, because of difficulties the company is having we cannot order nuts until Nov. 3rd. If you want to purchase pecans, walnuts, cashews, mixed nuts or whole almonds you will need to contact Donna before Nov 3rd, either at the Bazaar on Nov 1st or by phone—(605)228-9307.
- Joan Purchased 3 new card tables for the Fellowship Hall.
- We served 2 funerals the past month.
- The Narthex and hallways have been professionally cleaned.
- We served cake and purchase a gift certificate for Pastor Blair on Sunday Oct 12th in observance of his 60th birthday.
- Joan and Sheila will look into purchasing a wedding banner for the altar to be used for weddings.

Next Meeting will be Thursday November 13th at 7pm.

CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 11-02 Dee Lauinger
 Marshall Bunke
- 11-03 Wanda Gelling
 Hanna Masters
- 11-04 Rod Fouberg
- 11-05 Keith Liedle
- 11-10 Ashly Harty
- 11-12 Emma Heiser
- 11-13 Saffron Steiger
- 11-15 Saffron Steiger
- 11-17 Thomas Sederquist
- 11-18 Mark Gutjahr
- 11-19 Jacquelyn Blide
 Coralyn Lawler
- 11-21 Kasey Gregoire
- 11-22 ShirLee Gutjahr
- 11-24 Emma Gutjahr
- 11-25 Yvonne Franzen
 Diane Ligtenberg
- 11-29 Kim Richey
 Kayla Hauck



November Flower
Chrysanthemum



November Birthstone
Yellow Topaz

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

11/22 Dennis & Wanda Gelling 56 Years



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 future.

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

Plymouth Congregational Church of Christ**Visioning Team Minutes****September 16, 2025**

Present: Donna Masters, Chad Masters, Laura Bunke, Dani Roeker, Alan Chapman, Brad Olson, Pastor Blair, Mark Gutjahr, Sheila Apland-Ottenbacher, Ed Tobin, Kristin Tobin and Pat Swanson.

Call to Order: Brad Olson

Opening Prayer: Brad Olson

Approval of August Minutes: Ed moved to approve. Kristin seconded the motion. All voted in approval

Old Business:

- Brad indicated that the parking lot resurfacing might not be our best interests right now due to the high cost.
- Donna inquired as to whether we were considering a complete or partial resurfacing.
- Would chip sealing be cheaper?
- Dani noted that some contractors give their quotes now and then honor that quote in the spring. Also how about just doing $\frac{3}{4}$ of the parking lot?

It was decided that a committee probably should be formed to study the project further.

New Business:

- Brad volunteered the next Blood Drive at our church on November 14.
- Ed moved that Confirmation parents need to sign an authorizations form stating that 1 adult driver is sufficient. Donna seconded the motion. All voted in agreement.
- Annual Meeting and election of officers is scheduled for November 9 after church. Mark agreed to serve dinner after.
- Our church h
- as chosen to be an Emergency location for Simmons Elementary and Jr. High if something were to happen to both schools. Rules and d procedures will have to be clarified.
- Brad and Sheree would like to help out with Children's Moment by presenting a Puppet Show some Sunday. Everyone thought it was a great idea.

Choir Practice will also begin this Sunday.

Committee Reports:

- Ed stated in his financial report that the 2026 budget is being prepared. He also stated that 3 years ago was the first time he had to take money out of the Endowment Fund to cover church expenses. Now it is monthly thing because there is not enough income to cover all the expenses.
- The Team brainstormed suggestions to improve funding.
- Facilities manager Alan stated that all the Fire Marshalls dings have been corrected.
- The toilet in the men's bathroom is working now.
- Donna, president of Women's Fellowship noted that there may be a problem getting nuts this year.

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Women's Fellowship Annual Bazaar

Saturday, Nov. 1st 9a—2p

- ◆ Homemade rolls and coffee
- ◆ BBQ and homemade pie lunch
- ◆ Kids menu available
- ◆ Wine & Cheese Gift Basket Raffle

Nuts for Sale
 English Walnuts
 Gourmet Mixed Nuts
 Jumbo Cashews
 Pecan Halves
 Almonds

**Huge
Bake
Sale!**

**Homemade
Crafts, Dishcloths
& much more !!!**



Vendors
 Paparazzi (Megan Herman)
 Avon (Dawn Lechner)
 Crafts (Colleen Hoefert)
 Color Street (Sharlene Wanttie)
 Gourmet Cupboard (Debra Larson)
 Mary Kay (Mavis McKane)
 Midnight Jewels (Doris Ketterling)
 Norwex (Judy Williamson)
 Pampered Chef (Karla Borg)
 Scentsy (Teresa Weber)
 Tastefully Simple (Dawn Friedrichsen)
 Younique (Deb Cornelius)
 Photo Magnets (Amanda Moser)



Vitalant and Plymouth have joined together to have another blood draw. Brad Olson will be in charge of the blood draw Friday, November 14, 2025.

Time— 2:30-5:30p

Reach out to Brad by calling (605)216-2450 or bworao@nvc.net or sign up in Narthex or use QR code on flyer in Narthex.

Annual Business meeting following church on November 23.

Meal by Gutjahr's will follow the meeting.

Please all join as we vote for new members of visioning team and 2026 Budget.



Booklets for meeting will be available November 9th at

Minutes from Sept. meeting Cont. from page 5

- Sheila announced that G2G has begun for the year. Trunk or Treat is planned for Oct. 25th this year.
- Kristin announced that she is going off the Pastoral Committee and a replacement is needed.

Pastor encouraged all to attend the Association meeting next month because the Conference Minister will be speaking. He also needs to go to Tulsa Oct. 13-18 to finish up his doctorate project. He asked prayers for Dale Mork. He added that he and Sheila will be gone to the Placerville SD Conference meeting on Oct.3-4. He will be meeting with the new minister of the Zion church to discuss ways of working together in the future.

Devotions: Pastor Blair

Next Meeting: October 21, 2025 at 6:30 pm

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Swanson

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Church and Family Life
Rev. Sheila Apland-Ottenbacher



New church website:
plymouthaberdeen.com

Don't forget to follow us on:



<https://www.facebook.com/plymouthaberdeen>



<https://www.youtube.com/@PlymouthUCCAberdeen>



<https://www.instagram.com/plymouthuccaberdeen/>

G2G each Wednesday from 3:30-4:30 pm
All kids age K-5 are invited to join us!
No G2G on November 26th for Thanksgiving.



Trunk or Treat was a great success.

Thank you to everyone that donated candy and decorated vehicles.



It was a cool and fun afternoon.
250 kids enjoyed our treats!



SD Conference Annual meeting was held at Placerville Camp in October. Rev. Roberto Ochoa was installed as our conference minister. Kerry and Sharla Steever were honored for their dedicated service as our camp directors.

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November outreach will focus on providing food assistance for those struggling with food insecurity.

Watch the Plymouth Weekly and our Website for details.

A LOOK AHEAD

*** DECEMBER ***

PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL UCC

SUNDAY	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Second Sunday of Advent 10a-Worship; Communion 11a-Fellowship	8	9 7p-DAV	10 3:30p-G2G	11 7p- WF meeting	12	13
14 Third Sunday of Advent 10a-Worship 11a-Fellowship	15	16 6:30p Visioning Team Meet- ing <u>NEWSLETTER</u> <u>ITEMS DUE</u>	17 3:30pG2G	18	19	20
21 Fourth Sunday of Advent 10a-Worship; children's program 11a-Fellowship Christmas Fund Offering First day of Winter	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Candlelight service Time not set	25 Christmas Day Office Closed	26	27
28 First Sunday after Christmas 10a-Worship 11a-Fellowship	29	30	31 Happy New Years Eve Office Closed			



**THIS MONTH AT PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL
November 2025**

Sat, Nov 1 All Saints Day
9a-2p Women's Fellowship Annual Bazaar

Sun, Nov 2 Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
10a-Worship-Holy Communion
11a-Fellowship

Wed, Nov 5 3:30p-G2G

Sun, Nov 9 Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
10a-Worship
11a-Fellowship

Tue, Nov 11 7p-DAV
Happy Veterans Day

Wed, Nov 12 3:30p-G2G

Thur, Nov 13 7p-Women's Fellowship Meeting

Fri, Nov 14 2:30-5:30 Blood Draw

Sun, Nov 16 Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
10a-Worship
11a-Fellowship

Tue, Nov 18 6:30p-Visioning Team Meeting

Wed, Nov 19 3:30p-G2G

Sun, Nov 23 Reign of Christ
10a-Worship
11a-Annual Business Meeting
Meal following meeting by Gutjahr

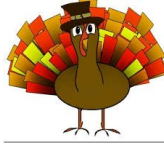
Thur, Nov 27 Happy Thanksgiving

Sun, Nov 30 First Sunday of Advent
10a-Worship
11a-Fellowship



Plymouth Congregational Church

November 2025

SUNDAY	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
						1 ALL SAINTS DAY WF-Fall BAZAAR 9a-2p
2 Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost 10a-Worship; Communion 11a-Fellowship Daylight Saving Time Ends	3	4	5 3:30p-G2G	6	7	8
9 Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost 10a-Worship	10	11 7p-DAV HAPPY VETERANS DAY	12 3:30pG2G	13 7p-WF meeting	14 Blood Draw Time 2:30p-5:30p	15
16 Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost 10a-Worship 11a-Fellowship	17	18 6:30p Visioning Team Meeting NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE	19 3:30pG2G	20	21	22
23 Reign of Christ 10a-Worship 11a-Fellowship 11a-Annual Business Meeting followed with meal by Gutjahr.	24	25	26 No G2G	27 Happy Thanksgiving 	28	29
30 First Sunday of Advent 10a-Worship 11a-Fellowship						



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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

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