



PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

FROM PASTOR BLAIR'S DESK

JUNE 2026

*2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.
(Acts 2: 1-3, NRSV)*

The Spirit moves in mysterious ways. In the scriptures, it is referred to as a rushing wind, a creative breath, a cleansing fire. Jesus said that it is like the wind in that we know not how it comes but we know it by its effects. It moves us, inspires us, corrects us, comforts us. The disciples gathered on that day of Pentecost didn't understand how what was happening around them was happening. They just knew it was happening and that they would be transformed by the experience. They were seeing things and feeling things that they had never experienced before and knew that they would never experience again. They were being chosen and they were being called to respond.

I believe that everyone is called to respond to the time in which they are living. It may be in great ways or in small ways but we are called by the simple reality of our existence to respond to the world around us. God did not create us to be disinterested observers of our life. On this Memorial Day weekend, we recognize those men and women who were and are called to respond to the times and the world in which they find themselves with service to their nation. While they may have not thought of their calling in such grand terms at the time of their enlistment, there came a time in their service when they were faced with the calling to which they responded.

It is easy not to see our lives as missions or as callings but God does. God sees us as God's own creations. We are meant precisely for these times in which we are living. What is that nature of that call? That is the work of faith.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Blair



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FOLLOW THE LECTIONARY

June 7, 2026

Second Sunday after Pentecost

The Call of Abram

Genesis 12:1-9 & Psalm 33:1-12

Hosea 5:15-6:6 & Psalm 50:7-15

Romans 4:13-25

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

June 14, 2026

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Sarah Laughed

Genesis 18:1-15; (21:1-7)

& Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

Exodus 19:2-8a & Psalm 100

Romans 5:1-8

Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)

June 21, 2026

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Father's Day

Daring Discipleship

Genesis 21:8-21 & Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

Jeremiah 20:7-13

& Psalm 69:7-10, (11-15), 16-18

Romans 6:1b-11

Matthew 10:24-39

June 28, 2026

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Welcome

Genesis 22:1-14 & Psalm 13

Jeremiah 28:5-9 & Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

Romans 6:12-23

Matthew 10:40-42



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Skott Bosanko, Dustan Burgard, Cooper Davis, Karen Filegar, Joyce Ochsner, Marjorie Ormand, Jeannette Sorge, Alan & Corene Chapman, and Greg Wilson.

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

Ernest Schipke, Betty Betten, Colleen Carman, Dorothy Dockter, Betty Gutjahr, Emma Heiser, Alice Hopfinger, Ruth Overby, Kelli Wells, Nancy Wells and June Whites.

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



**REMEMBER
OUR SERVICE PEOPLE
And All the Troops Stationed
Around the World**



VBS

**Starts Sunday July 26 at 6pm-8pm
Ends Thursday July 30 with closing
program at 7pm, EVERYONE invited.**

**Want to sign up to attend
or volunteer contact Pastor Sheila.**

**(605)380-8688 or
ce.plymouth@midconetwork.com
or contact office (605)225-2557**

A MESSAGE FROM OUR MODERATOR

As we end May we are glad to see some moisture come our way. Women's Fellowship has a date set in July for the rummage sale. VBS will follow.

Here is a springtime quote: "I love spring anywhere, but if I could choose, I would always greet it in a garden."

Blessings
Mark G Gutjahr



Plymouth Congregational Church of Christ

Visioning Team Minutes

April 22, 2026

Present: Robbie Eisenbeisz, Gail Gutjahr, Chad Masters, Donna Masters, Sheila Apland-Ottenbacher, Pastor Blair, Alan Chapman, Ron Biel, Mark Gutjahr, Kristin Tobin, and Pat Swanson.

Call to Order: Mark Gutjahr

Approval of March minutes: Robbie moved to approve and Donna seconded the motion. All voted in agreement.

Old Business—none

New Business

- Ideas for a Bill Haigh memorial and other NSU professors who belonged to our church. Mark moved to do this in October during Higher Education Sunday and Gail seconded the motion. All voted in agreement.

Laura would like Caller ID on her phone, which we are paying for, but not receiving because of old equipment.

Committee Reports

Financial Report- none

Facilities Manager Alan reported furnace problems causing no heat to the outside rooms. Climate Control's quote was \$8,000 to fix it. Hase Plumbing and Heating quoted \$3,800. Parts were ordered from them. Alan also reported that during the free Landfill Dump, the guys will be cleaning out the shed and the basement.

Women's Fellowship chairman reported the committee was still looking at blind options with Jill at Interior Designs.

Sheila Minister of Church and Family Life reported the G2G had 2 sessions left. She also plans the Donuts for Teacher delivery the first week in May

Pastoral Relations- none

Pastor Blair announced that Hymn Sing Sunday will be on May 17. He attended a Zoom budget meeting of South Dakota Conference UCC. The budget was approved for that and the Placerville Camp was also approved. He was contacted by Carol Mansfield who researching Reverend Kyle and was wondering if our church could contribute any information. And of course, we all suggested Dr. Buntin's books! Gail moved to take \$400 out of our Helping Hands Fund to help a church member and Alan seconded it. All voted in agreement.

Devotions: Gail

Next meeting date: May 19, 2026

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 6-01 Ester Lier
Doug Olson
- 6-02 Jenny Roeker
- 6-03 Pat Swanson
- 6-07 June Whites
- 6-08 Allan Schmaltz
- 6-09 Shirley Fetherhuff
Riley Carman
- 6-10 Allison Shaw
- 6-11 Haylee Gray-Vershure
- 6-13 Conner Tobin
- 6-16 Reese Tobin
- 6-17 Allan Ochsner
- 6-24 Hailey Tobin
- 6-26 Missy Nguyen
- 6-28 Aubrey O'Connell
- 6-29 Mavis Kirschenmann
William Ottenbacher
Jaycie Lier

June Flower
Rose



June Birthstone
Pearl



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- 6/1 Austin Bain & Hanah Kappenman 2 years
- 6/2 Donnie & Kori Lemler 36 years
- 6/7 Lynn & Laurie Cunningham 46 years
- 6/13 Greg & Mary Ann Wilson 56 years
- 6/15 Merle & Betty Kost 53 years
- 6/16 Bryon & Carol Hilgemann 48 years
- 6/18 Doug & Robbie Eisenbeisz 43 years
- 6/20 Ordean & Jeannie Heitmann 56 years
Joe & Janet Pistulka 45 years
- 6/26 Larry & Diane Ligtenberg 56 years
- 6/28 David & Cheryl Johnson 52 years
Reese & Hailey Tobin 1 Year

2026 Visioning Team Members

Moderator	Mark Gutjahr-(605)228-5150
Moderator Elect	Gail Gutjahr-(605)216-6961
Facility Manager	Alan Chapman-(605)377-3291
Communications	Patricia Swanson-(605)730-0714
WF Representative	Donna Masters-(605)228-9307
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

Pastoral Relations Committee Members 2026

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Sheila Apland-Ottenbacher	(605)380-8688
Alan Chapman	(605)377-3291
Rhonda Masters	(605)380-0436
Donna Masters	(605)228-9307
Brad Olson	(605)216-2450
Rev. Blair Kirkpatrick	(605)228-9307

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.

Women's Fellowship Minutes

The Women's Fellowship of Plymouth Church met May 14th with 7 members present.

There was no Treasurer's Report.

Old Business: We're still searching for a new Wedding Banner. We found suitable place mats at CWD. Kitchen Cleaning went well.

New Business: Donna met with Jill Fonder from IDC regarding 25 new blinds for windows on the east and south sides of the church. The new ones will be fireproof, with an approximate cost of \$8800.00.

A gift was given to Pastor Blair in honor of his Doctorate.

A donation of \$500.00 will be sent to Placerville camp.

Yvonne announced that work on the rummage sale will begin June 8th at 9am and continue each Monday until the sale. The sale will run from 8am-3pm on Friday July 17th and from 9am-noon on Saturday July 28th.

We will not meet in June and July. Our next meeting will be Thursday August 13th.

We are sending a donation In Honor of our Mother Lu Van Beek. Mom was always involved in making the banners, so if the \$\$ could go toward that work, materials, etc. that would be appreciated. Thank you, Holly Sweeden and Leslie Van Beek.

Raeleen Schatz sent a letter and donation. She is looking forward to planting her flowers, if the wind will allow her to.

"Please give Pastor Blair a congratulations on his graduation and his stories are getting better! Ha Ha!

Give Ladies \$50. I so love them remembering my birthday, I also miss all the activities and all the people.

Please let Missy now how much I love her playing and enjoy the children's message, good job Pastor Sheila.

Sending much love and hugs to all, especially the audio/video people!

Love Raeleen"

THIS MONTH AT PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL
June 2026

Sun, June 7 Second Sunday after Pentecost
10a-Worship; communion
11a-Fellowship

Mon, June 8 9a-WF-Rummage work

Tue, June 9 7p-Dav

Wed, June 10 5:30p Come to Supper

Sun, June 14 Third Sunday after Pentecost
10a-Worship
11a-Fellowship

Mon, June 15 9a-WF-Rummage work

Tue, June 16 6:30p Visioning Team Meeting

Thur, June 18 NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE

Sun, June 21 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
10a-Worship
11a-Fellowship/cake
Happy Father's Day
First Day of Summer

Mon, June 22 9a-WF-Rummage work

Sun, June 28 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
10a-Worship
11a-Fellowship

Mon, June 29 9a-WF-Rummage work



Pastor Dr Blair Kirkpatrick's Graduation family picture.
From left: Jeff, Bryce, Blair, Julie and Joanne
Congratulations!

Plymouth Congregational Church

June 2026

SUNDAY	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Second Sunday after Pentecost 10a-Worship; Communion 11a-Fellowship	8 9am- Women's Fellowship Rummage Sorting	9 7p-DAV	10 CTS-5:30p Host: Pastor Blair Menu : Spaghetti	11	12	13
14 Third Sunday after Pentecost 10a-Worship 11a-Fellowship	15 9am- Women's Fellowship Rummage Sorting	16 6:30p Visioning Team Meeting <u>NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE</u>	17	18 <u>NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE TODAY</u>	19	20
21 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10a-Worship 11a-Fellowship/Cake <i>Father's Day</i> <i>First Day of Summer</i>	22 9am- Women's Fellowship Rummage Sorting	23	24	25	26	27
28 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 10a-Worship 11a- Fellowship	29 9am- Women's Fellowship Rummage Sorting	30				

You can start bringing in items for the Women's Fellowship Rummage Sale on July 17-18



School's Out
For Summer!!!



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Rev. Sheila Apland-Ottenbacher



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Vacation Bible School

July 26-30

Join us for VBS from 6-8 pm each day. Ages K-5

A closing program will be held at 7 pm on July 30.

Everyone is invited!

We will need volunteers to make this a fun experience for the kids.

We would love to have you join us at



Congratulations to Annabelle and Michael! They were confirmed at Plymouth on May 24, 2026

A LOOK AHEAD
***** JULY 2026 *****
PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL UCC

SUNDAY	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4 
5 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 10a-Worship; Communion 11a-Fellowship	5 9am- Women's Fellowship Rummage Sorting	7	8	9	10	11
12 Seventh Sunday after Pente- cost 10a-Worship 11a-Fellowship	13 9am- Women's Fellowship Rummage Sorting	14 7p-DAV	15	16	17 8a-3p 	18 8a-noon
19 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost 10a-Worship 11a-Fellowship	20	21 6:30p Visioning Team Meeting	22	23 <u>NEWSLETTER</u> <u>ITEMS DUE</u>	24	25
26 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost 10a-Worship 11a- Fellowship <i>VBS-6-8pm</i> <i>Come join us in Rome</i> <i>with Paul and the</i> <i>Underground Church</i>	27 <i>VBS- 6-8pm</i>	28 <i>VBS-6-8pm</i>	29 <i>VBS- 6-8pm</i>	30 <i>VBS-6-8pm</i> Closing Program at 7pm Everyone Welcome!!	31	





Gavin Hirsch, son of Brandi Eisenbeisz and stepson of Derek Eisenbeisz, will graduate high school on May 9th from Selby. He is also step grandson to Robbie & Doug Eisenbeisz and step great grandson to Delila Biel.

Allison LaVake, graduating with a Bachelors in Theology from Grand Canyon University, Pheonix AZ.

Alexandra LaVake, graduating with a Marsters in Opera from Baylor in Waco, TX. Granddaughters of Gary & Yavonne Warne and daughters of Marcus & Amanda LaVake.

Rev. Dr. Blair Kirkpatrick, Doctorate of Ministry, Phillips Theology Seminary in Tulsa, OK.

MY GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR FUTURE ENDEVORS!

Confirmed — Pentecost Sunday—May 17th, 2026

Congratulations

Annabelle McDaniel

and

Michael Roeker

Thank you, Gary Warne for the pretty marigolds in the garden.

Thank you, Alan & Corene Chapman for the beautiful decorations for the patio.





Come to Supper – June 10th at 5:30pm
 Hosted by Pastor Dr. Blair Kirkpatrick

-MENU-

Spaghetti with meat sauce

Dessert

All are welcome to attend.

Looking forward to good food
 & great fellowship.

Thank You Cards we received for "Donuts for Teachers"

Thank you so very much for the delicious donuts! The last weeks of school are always exciting for students and staff-but very demanding! Donuts always bring smiles to the staff!
 again. Holgate Staff Thanks

OM Tiffany Elementary sent a card with "Thank You" written by all the staff.

To our friends at Plymouth Congregational Church-thank you for the donuts! We appreciate your kind gesture! CHS Staff Go Eagles!
 With "thank you' s" and signatures from staff & chocolate stains on card as well.

Dear Plymouth Congregational UCC:
 We would like to extend to you a very sincere "thank you" for the donuts and thoughtful gesture for Teacher Appreciation. Your kindness and support mean so much to our staff and truly brightened our day. We are grateful to be part of such a caring community-thank you for thinking of us.

Cordially,
 Becky Guffin, Ed. D. Superintendent
 Aaron Schultz, President Aberdeen School Board

Thank You for the donuts!
 We are so thankful to be recognized!
 The C.C. Lee Staff

Thank you for thinking of us again with the yummy donuts! We sure appreciate your support and kind gesture! We enjoyed them!
 Thanks again
 MME Staff (Mike Miller Elementary)



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