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From the Senior Pastor

Plymouth UCC Reopening Timeline and Transitions

Right now we are in a time of transitions. As the Search Task Force continues its search for our next Associate Pastor, Rev. Ruth Phillips prepares to retire in just a few weeks (her last Sunday is June 6). That alone would under normal circumstances be a major change to go through.

However, even as we prepare for that adjustment, we are in a COVID-19 transition as well. Cases are far lower than they were six months ago, but (as of this writing) still higher than they were last summer. Many, if not most, church members have received at least one vaccine shot. I received my second one on May 7.



So the question is: when and how can we reopen? What can return, when, and what will need to change? To review, we have been in a process of slowly reopening certain activities gradually. While we have moved slower than other congregations, it has been done with a few goals in mind: 1) not opening in ways that are unsafe and create unacceptable risks of COVID-19 spreading at a church event, and 2) being able to keep open anything we are able to offer, rather than go back and forth in opening and closing activities.

In early May, here's what was happening in-person. We have:

- limited in-person worship on Saturday at 9:00 am for recording, with space for 22 households; the service is being done in order and with music included
- Executive Council, board, and committee meetings in person as requested
- music series recording in the Folsom Room and Sanctuary
- handbells and choir practices on Wednesdays
- outdoor programming
- after worship fellowship time, without food or drinks, in the Folsom Room for those attending a worship service

As we approach the end of May, the next things that will be in-person are:

- an outdoor Pentecost worship with New Orleans style jazz on Sunday, May 23 at 4:00 pm in our front parking lot
- switching to a limited in-person worship on Sundays at 10:00 am. This starts on Sunday May 30. Household capacity has expanded to 30 with pre-registration to start and fellowship afterwards.
- services will be livestreamed with a recorded video available that evening

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Worship at Plymouth

Livestreamed in-person services begin on Sundays at 10:00 am starting May 30. These will be available on our [YouTube Channel](#). A link to our YouTube Channel will be posted on our Facebook page and included in the Weekly Bulletin every Sunday morning.

Plymouth also has a private Facebook group available to members called [Plymouth Generations](#). Join this Facebook group to communicate easily with other Plymouth people! You must already have a Facebook account to join this group.

Plymouth Church sends out the Weekly Bulletin to keep you up-to-date on things like online gatherings, ways to help others while social distancing, and other news. The Weekly Bulletin is sent out on Sundays at 8:30 am. If you are not receiving these messages, please check your spam folder. If you still are not receiving them, please contact Elizabeth at edp@plymouthfw.org.

May Chapel Class

Join us on Sunday, May 23 at 9:00 am, to hear the latest news about redistricting using the 2020 Census results. Peg Maginn and Lucy Hess, representing the League of Women Voters, will give us the update, discuss how this might impact our communities, and give ideas of how we might influence and even participate in the outcome.

Join us on Zoom by clicking [here](#).

As June arrives, based on how COVID-19 rates are evolving, we will expand the number of households who can attend to at least 40, which will still allow for some distancing. Our current assumption is that until no one needs to wear a mask, everyone in worship should wear a mask. We will have another outdoor gathering on **Sunday, June 6 from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm** as we bid farewell to Rev. Ruth. The other change is that we are working on hiring an office receptionist, hopefully to begin by mid-June. At that point, we will be able to re-open the front office. This would mean the church building would be unlocked for normal business hours from Tuesday-Thursday. At that point, it would end the need to call in advance for entering the building, though meetings and events would still need to be scheduled in advance.

The further we look ahead, the more uncertain the timeline becomes. We expect to add household capacity through the summer, eventually making it unlimited and ending pre-registrations. As we regain a sense of normalcy, we will begin to reincorporate elements of the worship service that were cut during COVID, such as the Call to Worship, Peace Prayer, and additional music.

There are, however, a number of unknowns to which none of us have answers. Here are some of the questions we are wrestling with.

- **Fellowship:** When can we safely serve coffee/water? When can we resume serving donuts/pastries? Or should we go with pre-wrapped items only?
- **Worship:** When can we resume Communion either by our own small cups and bread; or Intinction?
- When can ushers resume collecting the offering during service?
- When can pew pads for sign in be resumed?
- When can we safely resume the passing of peace in worship?
- When can the choir be expected to gather and sing on a regular basis?
- When can members attending be allowed to safely sing along with music and hymns?
- When can we end the use of universal mask wearing for those in building?

There are other questions we have not considered and on topics not mentioned here. This will be a slow evolution, a gradual shift back to normalcy. All of it is contingent on case numbers falling and all of us looking out for one another. It is my hope and prayer that we will continue to keep one another in prayer and to care for one another in this ambiguous time of transition, in expectation that God will continue to guide us to live faithfully into the future.

Peace,

Rev. Dr. Timothy C. Murphy, Senior Pastor



An Update from the Search Task Force

Many of you have asked for an update on the search to find and call an associate minister for Plymouth. While much of our work requires confidentiality, we also feel it necessary to let everyone know where our search stands. To date we have received 12 profiles of potential candidates to view. Of those 12, the task force decided not to extend interviews to 6 candidates - and 6 candidates have been granted a first and second interview. Of the 6 we have interviewed, 1 candidate has completed a neutral pulpit in Fort Wayne and we have extended the opportunity to another candidate (the details are still being discussed).

Our discernment continues and we hope to offer a candidate to the congregation very soon. We feel it would be inappropriate to put an exact timeline to it. While Rev. Ruth's upcoming retirement date is on our minds, we are careful not to let that rush the process of discerning where God may be leading our task force. Please rest assured that we continue to work diligently to find the best possible associate ministerial candidate to serve Plymouth Church into the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,

Beth Walker & Bill Vrabel: co-chairs	Kristen Miller
Roger Eversole	Kyle Miller
Linda Hite	Sandy Moliere
Dee Hoffman	Chris Randolph

From the Associate Pastor

Dear Friends,

Retirement calls up the phenomenon referred to as Life Review. As I look forward to new experiences and open time in which to try new things, I am reflecting on past people, places, and events. Most basic is the number of addresses where I received USPS mail. Then come the towns or cities where I lived and worked. Interwoven were numerous congregations.

Here is my tally:
+ Street addresses = 24
+ Towns/Cities = 18
+ Churches = 17



Whether I was a child/youth, adult member, seminary student assistant, called pastor, an active friend, or supply preacher, each congregation gave me a myriad of insights through its people, worship, space, and culture.

While each church was influential in my life, it is here at Plymouth where I genuinely discovered a spiritual home. Serving in your midst for two decades is the longest I have spent anywhere in my life. Among you I have been rooted and nurtured. We have met the changes and challenges of ministries in which we are engaged, and we have explored new horizons. Simply put, I have loved serving among you. I love who you are as people, as “a broader expression of Christian faith and community.”

It has been a privilege for me to minister during transition into Rev. Timothy Murphy’s pastoral leadership. I have shared my ‘institutional memory’ as possible, and I’ve had fun and learned much from him! Plymouth is ably staffed for the future with a balance of newer and longer-term persons. It is gratifying to know that you have even more energizing times ahead and ministries that will need all of you.

May God’s wisdom and wonder enfold you!

Rev. Ruth E. Phillips

Meet the New Communications Specialist



Hello everyone! I’m Elizabeth Pruitt and I am the new Communications Specialist at Plymouth Church. I’ve been at Plymouth for about a month and a half, and I’ve been thoroughly enjoying my time here. I thought I would take this opportunity to introduce myself.

Back in April, I moved to Fort Wayne from Hillsdale, Michigan, where I have lived primarily all my life. In December of 2020, I graduated from Spring Arbor University, a small Christian liberal arts school in Spring Arbor, Michigan, with a bachelor’s degree in Communication Studies. Being from a small town and an even smaller college, I felt I needed to get out and see the world, while still staying close to home. My college roommate, who hails from Fort Wayne, suggested I come live with her after college. So began my search for a job that felt right for me, and Plymouth was just the place!

You can usually find me listening to a podcast, going to trivia nights, or hanging out with my two cats, all with a cup of coffee in my hand. Because I am so new to Fort Wayne, I would always appreciate some recommendations of your favorite coffee shops, restaurants, and things to do in the area!

I look forward to what the rest of my time here at Plymouth will bring and getting to know you!

Youth Director Celebrates 25th Anniversary at Plymouth Church



June 11. Each year this date rolls around and I am reminded how lucky I am to have been asked all the way back in June of 1996 to take over the role of Youth Director at Plymouth Church. Libby Schlueter had done the job fearlessly, and brilliantly for many years, and she thought I would be “really good at this job.” She was my Youth leader, my adult friend, my role model and I looked up to her. I am so glad I said yes.

These 25 years have flown by fast, and I have so many wonderful memories. The years of youth focused trips for Habitat for Humanity, our Regional and National Youth Events for the United Church of Christ, the many mission trips sponsored and created by our UCC denomination, and the outdoor recreational camping and canoe trips leave me feeling lucky.

I feel lucky because of the people, the relationships built over the years, the love and support, the growth of our youth program and the people who grew up in it. Plymouth’s Youth Group has a rich history. One that goes back further than the 25 years I have been here, but I can only speak for myself and the time I have had at Plymouth Church. I would like to say thank you to Jim Cates. He was once the senior high Sunday school teacher and it was he who introduced all of us to the “safe space” environment. Each week he reminded us that our youth lounge was a place where we could come and be ourselves in whatever form that was, and we would be heard, seen and most importantly, respected. “No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.” That was happening for us as young people way before it became our mantra. This was what I strived to create and maintain. I wanted to provide a place where our young people could come, and simply be themselves. Being a teenager can be tough sometimes, and I wanted to offer that place to come and be.

We have cooked far too many spaghetti dinners and taco bars to mention. Food seems to be what we are good at: cooking it, serving it, sharing a meal and cleaning up the kitchen. The conversations shared in that time are priceless. I feel lucky to have all those memories.

Twenty-five years is a long time. Not many people stay in youth ministry that long, and if they do, typically, it’s not in the same congregation. Plymouth Church has been my home since I was seven years old. I grew up here. I was a part of the youth program here. And now, my own kids are growing up and experiencing some of the things I did as a kid, and that makes my heart happy. The past year has been different, and even at times difficult; COVID-19 has kept us apart and away from our normal schedules and events. My hope is we bounce right back, knowing things may be a little different. The one thing that has not and will not change is my love for working with teenagers, being an adult friend, and hopefully for a couple, being that role model that I was fortunate enough to have when I was that age.

This June 11, I will take some time to reflect and celebrate. I will remember all the awesome kids and teens that have come through the program, all the fun we have had, and most importantly, all the special relationships that came from this awesome place. And to the Congregation: Thank you for always supporting me and thank you for always supporting our young people. You are truly a blessing!

Peace and love,

Kara K. Jaurigue aka “KJ”

Like Us on Facebook

Are you following Plymouth Church on Facebook? If not, you should be! Stay up to date with what’s going on at Plymouth Church, the Fort Wayne community, the Indiana-Kentucky Conference UCC, and the official UCC. On our Facebook page you can message us with any questions or concerns, find out information on upcoming events and possible changes, learn ways to get involved with Plymouth, find links to our website and YouTube, and more!



Click [here](#) to check out our page and give it a “Like” while you’re there!

Graduating Seniors

Veronica Beifus

My name is Veronica Beifus and I will be graduating from Homestead High School. Some of my achievements while attending Homestead are, State in 2017 (Marching Band), 8 grand champs in show choir, and Best Performer junior year. I have partaken in show choir, Marching Band/Wind Ensemble, and Interact. Plymouth was a very prominent place in my younger life and I always took part in the Boar's Head. To my parents, Dee Hoffman and Brian Beifus: Thank you for being my parents and supporting me through the years.

I am going to attend Miami University in Oxford Ohio and plan on studying Psychology to continue on to graduate school in Neuropsychology or I-O Psychology.



Jordan Dollarhite

Hi friends, this is Jordan Dollarhite. I graduate from Northrop on June 5. Throughout high school I did show choir, softball, and participated in many school spirit activities. And of course outside of school I spent lots of time with our youth group. I've really loved getting to know these people over the course of many years.

I remember when I was very young being so excited to get ready for church and go upstairs to have Sunday school with my friends. Then when I got older being able to spend time outside of church with the youth group, and even later when I was able to roll out of bed after a long show choir night to attend covenant class. It may have been very difficult some mornings but thanks to my moms, Heather and Michele, I was able to get to most of my classes. Because of that I just recently had the opportunity to be confirmed and baptized, which I am very grateful for.



Next year I plan to attend Ball State, however I am not yet sure what I wish to major in. Thank you Plymouth for being like another family to me. I will always be thankful for the people I've met here and the opportunities and activities I was able to partake in.



Richard C. Hess Peace Studies Scholarship

The Peace and Justice Committee is happy to announce the recipient of the 2021-2022 Peace Studies Scholarship.

Sanelisiwe Ncube, from Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, is the fifteenth recipient of the scholarship. This fall Sanelisiwe continues to work toward a Master of Arts: Theology and Peace Studies from the Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Theological Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana. The committee is pleased to support Sanelisiwe as she seeks to enhance justice and peace through her studies from the Seminary. Sanelisiwe states that "this integrated approach (academic study and engagement in the field) will help me develop interdisciplinary knowledge that draws insight from theological, biblical and historical studies into conversations with social science analysis and peacebuilding practices."

Ms. Ncube intends to return to Zimbabwe to teach and to work with non-governmental organizations in reaching out to the communities to reduce intolerance, fundamentalism and religiously motivated conflicts. She believes that the ultimate goal of peace building is using techniques "aimed at ensuring human security and prevention of violence and other conflicts." The PJs are delighted to provide support for Sanelisiwe as we are confident that her studies will guide her to lifelong work in promoting justice and peace. This year, the scholarship was made possible by the generosity of Bill Deans who contributed earnings from the sale of his Advent book to augment the earnings of the scholarship endowment.



Letter Writers Needed

Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad. The pandemic has exposed vulnerabilities in our safety net and food systems. Child hunger in both the U.S. and abroad has skyrocketed. Specifically, we want Congress to:

- 1) Make the Child Tax Credit (CTC) in the American Rescue Plan permanent and available to all children regardless of immigration status.** The CTC expansion would move millions of children out of poverty, as well as help reduce hunger and narrow the racial wealth gap exacerbated by unemployment as a result of COVID-19.
- 2) Increase U.S. leadership and funding for global nutrition programs without which an entire generation may be denied of their God-given right to flourish.**

Letters to Congress supported with prayer are a bold witness to God's justice and mercy. If you want to help with writing three letters, one each to, Senator Braun, Senator Young and Representative Banks, please contact Lucy Hess at: lrh22@frontier.com or 484-4430. Letter templates and legislators' addresses will be provided. These letters can be sent via snail or email. Your letters can be the difference to convince our legislators to make these nutrition programs possible this summer and fall.

Thank You from Evangelism and Marketing!

The end of May will mark a whole year of monthly supply drives benefiting different organizations in Fort Wayne! The Evangelism & Marketing Board has been blown away by the generosity of our fellow Plymouth folks, and so have the recipients of what we collect. You have supported the good work of the Positive Resource Connection, Camp Red Cedar, Just Neighbors, Wellspring, Cedars Hope, and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Fort Wayne. You have also been wonderful supporters of the students and teachers at our "adopted" school, Fairfield Elementary, through three separate drives addressing different needs.

During our most recent drop-off, at Just Neighbors, their staff were laughing as we unloaded pillow after pillow to carry in. It turned out that earlier that day they had been discussing the fact that they were down to only five pillows, and they weren't too sure when they'd be able to get more. Needless to say, they were delighted to receive over 25 pillows from us, along with the cleaning supplies!



Donations collected during this month's supply drive.

We wish that everyone who donates could come along for dropping off the donations, so you could experience the surprise, happiness, and gratitude of the recipients first-hand. Since that isn't possible, we'll share this thank you poster made for us by some of the kids at the Boys & Girls Club, thanking us for their supply bags. With the donations you provided, BGC was able to provide supplies for all 50 kids who attended their Spring Break Day Camp.



Visiting Plymouth

If you have a need to visit the office, we'd love to see you! Remember to schedule an appointment at least 24 hours in advance. No one is at the front desk, so please arrive on time so a staff member is available to greet you and unlock the door. Please wait at the Berry Street entrance and be prepared to sanitize, sign-in, and wear a mask.

Please email Tina Puitz at tmap@plymouthfw.org or call the office at (260) 423-9424 to make an appointment. Thank you.

A Year of Jubilee

Beginning May 23, and through the end of September, the Evangelism and Marketing Board invites you to be part of something special.

In 2018, there were about 1.4 million adults in Indiana with unpaid medical bills. That's 26.8% of the adult population, and at 4% higher than the national average, the thirteenth highest percentage in the country. For too many families, just one health emergency can create a financial crisis – often resulting in bankruptcy. Imagine the relief these individuals would feel if they received a letter saying that their debt has been abolished, and they were free from the claim it had on them!

Evangelism & Marketing is grateful and delighted to announce that we were allotted \$5,000 from Plymouth's 2020 surplus as the seed for what we hope will be a flourishing fundraising campaign to eliminate medical debt in our region through a non-profit organization called RIP Medical Debt. The goal will be to raise at least \$20,000 – which is enough to eliminate \$2,000,000 in medical debt! We also have invited our local UCC neighbors to join us, and so far have received an enthusiastic “Yes!” from Peace UCC and First Congregational UCC Angola. In addition to partnership with other UCC congregations, we are pleased to say that Plymouth's Benevolence Committee has set aside funds to match the first \$2,000 in donations! If well begun is half done, as the saying goes, we are already well on our way to a successful campaign that will bring relief to many people.

RIP
MEDICAL
DEBT

If you have not heard of RIP Medical Debt, they are a non-profit organization that purchases medical debt currently in collections and then forgives it. They have been doing this since 2014, eliminating nearly \$4 billion in medical debt for over 2 million families in the US – made possible in part with funds raised in successful

campaigns by UCC churches (Christ the King UCC in St. Louis and Trinity UCC in Chicago are recent examples). For every \$1 donated, they can eliminate \$100 in medical debt on average, which is a remarkable impact. Even better, when donations are made through a campaign like ours, every single penny goes toward purchasing medical debt!

In Luke's gospel, when Jesus returns from his 40 days in the wilderness, he begins his public ministry by going to the synagogue and reading from Isaiah 61, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me . . . to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.” He told the people that this scripture was now fulfilled in their hearing. May we, the living body of Christ in our time, bring good news to the poor and proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and fulfill the scripture in the hearing of our neighbors who need it most.

Please note: At the time of this writing, the campaign web page is not available. Be on the lookout for the link information in the May 23 bulletin and on our website and Facebook page.

Learn more about RIP Medical Debt at <http://www.ripmedicaldebt.org>.



Sunday School Updates

Knowing Jesus in a New Way

After the resurrection, the disciples learned to know Jesus in a new way. Our Sunday school at-home stories this spring observe how those post-resurrection encounters give us hints about how we can continue to experience Christ. Even today, we can know Jesus through doubt like Thomas, through breaking bread together like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, or through answering Jesus' commission to keep telling this story.

After a year of featuring the works of Plymouth's adult artists, who better to illustrate these “New Way” stories than our youngest artists? Seven artists from ages 8 to 16 created the illustrations on this set of story cards.

One final activity packet will be in the mail soon. Then, at the outdoor Pentecost gathering on May 23, we'll have activities to celebrate the end of this extraordinary program year. We are looking forward to a spirit-filled day of reconnecting—and hoping that next year we will spend more of our Sunday school time in **person together**.





A Celebration of Spring: Plymouth Music Series

On Sunday, May 2 at 4:00 pm Plymouth Music Series premiered a concert from the Folsom Room entitled “A Celebration of Spring” The concert featured THE SERENADE FOR STRINGS by Tchaikovsky and THE SEASONS by Vivaldi. If you have not yet enjoyed this performance, you can still view it on YouTube for the next month or so.

Click [here](#) to watch the concert.

This was a welcome opportunity for our area string players who have been struggling for income all season due to the pandemic and other ongoing issues with the career musicians in our city. Your donations have been a source of meaningful, practical support for these musicians and all the performers you have supported all season long. As planned and promised, we dedicated every dollar this season toward hiring our local musicians for the concerts we planned at Plymouth Church. So, we end the season satisfied with our efforts, but with a pretty empty bowl!

If you can, please make a donation to the Music Series; it will definitely help us plan more such concerts in the future! Click [here](#), click the “Donate” button, and then choose “Plymouth Music Series” when making your donation.

Thank you for your support and for helping to keep our local musicians making music in our community!

2021 Recipients of Plymouth Benevolence Grants and Capacity-Building Grant

The Benevolence Committee awarded 22 Benevolence Grants and one Capacity-Building Grant for 2021, in addition to our annual contributions to Our Church’s Wider Mission (IN/KY Conference), the “CUE” seminars of the UCC, and the UCC Open and Affirming Coalition. In total, \$101,686 in benevolence funds were distributed. This level of benevolence outreach is possible only because of your generosity with your resources, and the generosity of those from whom we inherited Plymouth’s legacy. Thank you for making these gifts possible.

Capacity-Building Grant (\$20,000) recipient: Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic. The Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic was founded in Indianapolis in 1994, opening several satellite offices since then, including one in Fort Wayne in 2009. Their mission is promoting justice and demonstrating Christ’s love through providing free legal representation and legal education for low-income individuals who could not afford such services otherwise. The Clinic states that they seek “to show God’s heart for justice by serving and empowering all clients, regardless of background or religion. Our goal is to free our clients from the legal burdens that have kept them from flourishing.” In 2020, the Fort Wayne office served over 250 cases, with primary areas of need including immigration, housing, and family law. The Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic provides service to over 10,000 Hoosiers each year.

Benevolence Grant (\$1,000 - \$2,000) recipients:

- Amani Family Services
- Associated Churches
- Blue Jacket
- Carriage House
- CASS Housing
- Center for Nonviolence,
- Crossroad Child and Family Services
- Easter Seals ARC of Northeast Indiana
- Erin’s House
- Faith in Indiana (Fort Wayne)
- Give Hear
- Growing Hope Globally, Indiana Center for Middle East Peace
- Matthew 25
- Mental Health Association of Northeast Indiana (Cedars Hope)
- Mustard Seed Furniture Bank of Fort Wayne
- Neighborlink Fort Wayne
- Northeast Indiana Positive Resource Connection
- Thirteenth Step House
- Turnstone Center for Children and Adults with Disabilities
- Vincent Village
- Wellspring Interfaith Social Services

Finally, an emergency grant of \$6,532 was awarded to the East Wayne Street Center. These funds will be used to replace their antiquated heat pump and get the boiler thoroughly cleaned and serviced. Without such maintenance, their system will fail, rendering them unable legally to provide the important services they offer, including their Head Start program. Their request was too large to be a Benevolence Grant, and it didn’t really meet the requirements for a Capacity-Building Grant, but the Committee agreed that it would be good to provide the assistance. We are grateful for the boost to our budget we received from Plymouth’s 2020 surplus, which allowed us to fund this project.

Plymouth People In Our Prayers

Archer Family, Charlie Belch, Donna Belch, Roberta Braunlin, Colleen Carteaux, Kris Conner, David Cornwell, Judy Crooks, Brad Crowder, Lynda and Mike Eckard, Ann Filler, Roy and Mary Gilliom, Eric Glenn, Robin Grimm, Joan Hartwig, Nancy Jordan, Marty Kabisch, Nancy Kilduski, Elizabeth Klooze, Ginny Laudadio, Beth Lauer, Mary Joan Lauer, Brian Laurenz, Carol Lewark, Joan Lipscomb, Sheldon Lockwood, Janet McCoy, Mary McCoy family, Bev McFadden, Jim Nelson, Bonnie Pennock, Cindy Pflueger, Mariah, Anna, Jackson and Quentin Pierle, Tod Ramsey, Noel Resor, Anne Rowland, Patrizia Saladini-Stark, Jacqueline Sanders, Rick Schilb, Vivian Schilb, Barbara Senn, John Shannon, Maureen Shea, Travis Sheets, Shirley Slater, Johanna Smith, Marian Waltz, Simon Western, Stan Volz.

Sympathy is extended to Carol and Stan Fahl on the death of her sister, Linda Louise Elonzae, March 28, Roanoke. Also to Kara Jaurigue, Elyse and Andrew, on the death of their Aunt Linda.

Sympathy is extended to family and friends on the death of Mary Benninghoff DeWald, 102, March 30, Summerville, SC. Mary was a member of Plymouth Church for 85 years, nearing 86 years in April.

Sympathy is extended to Margie and Terry Dougherty on the death of her mother, Anna Marie Neuenschwander, 102, on April 12.

Sympathy is extended to Steve Etheridge and family on the death of his mother, Mary Lee Etheridge, 91, on April 27.

Sympathy is extended to Susie Nell and Caleb Hollingsworth on the death of her father and his grandfather, Frederick Nell, May 1, in Beaver Dam, WI.

Sympathy is extended to Jim and Gina Arata and family on the death of his father, James Andrew Arata, May 13.

Sympathy is extended to Jeff and Heather Moore on the death of his father, David Moore Sr., May 15. Sympathy also to Hannah, Zoe, Ren, and Ella Moore on the death of their grandfather.

Sympathy is extended to family and friends of Dan Hamblin, who died unexpectedly and suddenly, May 16.

Sympathy is extended to Doug and Abby Powers and family on the death of his mother, Emily M. Powers, 99, May 18, Youngstown, OH.

Indiana-Kentucky Conference UCC COVID-19 Guidance



Rev. Murphy received updated guidance from our Conference Minister, Rev. Chad Abbott, on May 14 in light of the CDC's evolving guidelines on

mask wearing. It comes from the Wisconsin Council of Churches, released May 13, entitled "Love Builds Up."

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to be a significant factor in our lives for when and how we gather together. The current abatement and the hope associated with vaccines, however, does not yet mean a return to "normal." The broad guidance, for now, is to follow a "two out of three" approach: masks, social distancing, and outdoors. Drop one of them but keep the other two for the time being.

Click [here](#) to view the full guidance.

COVID-19 Vaccination Eligibility

The state of Indiana recently expanded the age range of who is eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccination.

As of May 13, anyone 12 and older can schedule to receive a vaccine.

If you are eligible, you can schedule an appointment [here](#). If you have difficulty registering online, you can dial 211 from any phone for assistance.





June Birthdays



1	John Silcox	11	Kris Conner	24	Laura Ramsey
3	Amanda Minchski	11	Lois Teders-Horn	25	Diane Bauer
4	Sally Felger	12	Dwight James	25	Ranelle Melton
4	Susan Jarvis	12	David Meriwether	25	Gordon Walter
4	Roger Meneely	13	Mariellen Beitman	26	Jan Modesitt
4	Curt Smith	14	Pamela Pfrang	27	Harriet Siples
5	Bryce Western	15	Laura Filler	28	Beth Lauer
7	Julie Davidson	15	Karen Holdeman	28	Kyra Mendenhall
7	Trevor Harkenrider	15	Melody Sutter	30	Jon Allmandinger
8	Rick Schilb	19	David Weber	30	James Arata
9	Tim Chronister	20	Kirby Volz	30	Roberta Braunlin
10	Elizabeth Carter	22	Michele Dollarhite	30	Joann McDonald
10	Marty Kabisch	23	Steven Price		
10	Dick Stumpf	23	Cammy Sutter		

Financial Report April 2021

	Month	Month	Month	YTD	YTD	YTD
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
Total Income	\$ 64,737	\$ 70,491	\$ (5,754)	\$ 262,457	\$ 261, 114	\$ 1,343
Total Expenses	\$ 82,269	\$ 91,458	\$ (9,189)	\$ 244,624	\$ 278,717	\$ (34,093)
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (17,532)	\$ (20,967)	\$ 3,435	\$ 17,833	\$ (17,603)	\$ 35,436

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