ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Gifts Team Update

The Special Gifts team is grateful to have been able to approve the following grants at our October meeting.

Nativity / Creche	$ 3,200.00
Spring Landscaping	$ 1,800.00
SCIO	$ 1,000.00
Zoar Cemetery	$ 1,000.00
Wisconsin Conference	$ 5,000.00

The Wisconsin Conference gift was made to help out with our shortfall in insurance payments.

We have also distributed our earlier scholarship gifts to Barb Hengst, Tara Meinnert and Elsa Blad.

PLEASE NOTE: Scholarship grant requests for the Spring semester are **due December 31,** 2019. Applications are available in the Narthex or through the church office.

We are truly blessed by this congregation and the team members who are a part of this team. They include Rev. Hoppert, Lorena McKerrow, Mary Mullen, Michelle Mauk, Richard Jarosch and Rachel Risse.

Mission Options for the Holidays

The Mission & Stewardship team would like to thank you for all of your support in 2019.

As we head toward the end of the year, the team invites you to consider donating to our Adopt A Family tree, through the Family Resource Center this holiday season. The tree will be in the gathering area, and our goal is to have all gifts received by the week of December 9 so that they can be shared before the holidays.

We are also looking at ways to help out the families of Fairview School this holiday season, with more details to come.

We will not be doing the Mitten Tree or Tree of Hope this holiday season, as we are looking for ways to provide more ongoing support to the Plymouth Food Pantry.

Also, in December we will be distributing the Christmas Fund envelopes, which is the last of our annual 5 for 5 missions from the UCC. The Christmas Fund helps provide pension and health premium supplements to lower-income retired clergy or lay employees in need. As a congregation our goal is to contribute $700 to the Christmas Fund in 2019.

If you are interested in becoming more involved in our church's missions and ministries, please let one of our team members know. Mission & Stewardship team currently includes Faye Hughes, Josh Bender, Mary Bender, Jennifer Schoenefeld and Mary Mullen.

TRAIN UP A CHILD MINISTRY

Train up a Child has been focusing on our faith community's young children and families for a number of years. Our current team includes Angie Hartmann, Rachel Schwantes, Ashley Krueger and Mary Mullen.

Train Up a Child hosts our annual Birthday Party for Baby Jesus, following our All Church Christmas Program. Our group continues to look for new ways to connect with families of small children in our church community and in the Plymouth community at large.

If you're interested in becoming part of this ministry team, please reach out to Mary Mullen or Angie Hartmann.

Thank you!

THESE DAYS

The January/February/March issue of the daily devotional "These Days" is available in the Literature Rack



THE UPPER ROOM

The January/February issue of the daily devotional "The Upper Room" is available in the Literature Rack.



LIVING NATIVITY

The Living Nativity is on sabbatical and hopes to return in 2020.
If you want to be involved in 2020 planning, please contact Anne Hernandez or Scott Bunyea.

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