Announcements for the week of November 15, 2026

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR: Sunday, November 22, 2026
Ezek 34:11-16, 20-24, Ps 100; Eph 1:15-23; Matt 25:31-46

Local and St. Paul's Happenings:
Sunday School Every Sunday; Confirmation Every Wednesday

Today	Women's Guild Meeting
Today	St. Paul's UCC Henderson – Pork Commercial Dinner 11a-1p
November 22	Totenfest
November 25	Joint UCC Thanksgiving Service at St. Paul's, Plato 7:00pm

- **Our Members Living in Long Term Care:**
  (Please keep them in your prayers. Addresses are posted on the bulletin board**.)**

Harmony River Living Center in Hutchinson:	Olive Pinske
The Haven in Norwood Young America:	Mavis Schuette.
Broadwell Senior Living, Plymouth:	Jim Jensen, Apt 228
Orchard Estates:	Donna Schmidt, Room 115
Cokato Manor:	Orville Schrupp, Rm 151
The Harbor, Norwood-Young America	Doris Schrupp; Apt 303

Greeter: *(Please be here 30 minutes before worship)*:

Nov 15	Dave & Dawn Prehn
Nov 22	Scott & Jean Nelson
Nov 29	Wendy Anderson

Scripture Readers

Fellowship Time

Nov 22	Lyle & Dana Engelmann, Lloyd & Sharon Graupmann

Altar / Communion

November	Sandra Frederickson

St. Paul's United Church of Christ
Plato, MN

Sunday, November 15, 2026
9:00 a.m.



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How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity![2] It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes. [3] It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.
Psalm 133

November 15, 2026 **Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost**

Prelude Diane Anderson
Ringing of the Bell

Opening Hymn: ***#138 "Holy Ground"***
We are standing on holy ground, and I know there are angels all around. Let us praise Jesus now; we are standing in His presence on holy ground.

***Passing God's Peace** **+Announcements – Joys – Concerns**

Proclamation of Praise (Responsively)
Pastor: Lift up your eyes, seeking to know your God. Attune your spirit to the One in whom we dwell.

Congregation: God's love surrounds us here today. God calls us to be children of light.

Pastor: We belong to the day when we have faith. We live confidently in the hope of salvation.

Congregation: We seek to be faithful to the best we know. We want to invest the talents God gives us.

Pastor: Faithfulness gives us a sense of greater abundance. Doing justice adds to our sense of worth and dignity.

Congregation: We are here to build up one another. May our worship encourage each of us today.

Prayer of Invocation (In Unison): Fill us, gracious God, with a sense of your abiding presence. Awaken our spirits to realities unseen. Turn us from the dullness of our fear-filled grasping for security and help us to live with trust in you. Expand among us such mutual regard and encouragement as we build up community, and lead all of us to live in the light. May faith and love dominate all our relationships as we enter into the joy of serving in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn: ***#548 "As The Deer"***

Prayer of Confession: We are reluctant to face your judgment, all-knowing God. We know we have not fully invested the talents you have entrusted to us. We hide them and hoard them, retreating into a false sense of security. We live in the nighttime of self-protection rather than in the light of full participation in loving, faithful service. We seek to escape your wrath by shrinking from life rather than investing ourselves in the tasks to which you call us. Have mercy on us, O God. We want to be children of the day-your day. Help us! Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Time with Younger Disciples

Scripture Lessons: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

Message: **"Talented & Gifted"** Pastor Brosz

UCC Statement of Faith 1981 (found in the front cover of the hymnal)

Prayer Hymn: ***#795 "We Are So Blessed"***

Prayer Hymn and Lord's Prayer

Offering (as you have given upon entering or as you leave) **Doxology #815**

Offertory Prayer (In Unison): There is no escape from your judgment, O Spirit of Holiness, but neither can we flee beyond your limitless love. We offer an accounting of our stewardship in and beyond the offering of this day. Reshape our lives for joyous, responsive participation in work that builds up the body of Christ. Use what we offer here to bring encouragement and hope to many who have lost a sense of meaning for their lives. Bless us and our offerings. Amen.

Response ***#816 "We Give Thee But Thine Own"***

Hymn: ***#237*** **"Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing"**

Benediction

Ringing of the Bell