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# the BELL

## Birthday Party for the Christian Church—May 31

Please come and join your Plymouth friends for a Birthday Party! After the 10:00 am Festival Worship Service on Pentecost, May 31, we are planning a birthday party for the Christian Church. Cake and ice cream sundaes will be offered as well as good fellowship and discus-

sion. This gala event is sponsored by the Congregational Life Committee. We encourage everyone to wear your reds and yellows for Pentecost and plan to be joyful!

Springtime and Pentecost ... CELEBRATE!

## “Immerse Yourself in Prayer” General Synod 27 Candle Cloth Project

Plymouth is participating in the General Synod (GS) “Immerse Yourself in Prayer” Candle Cloth Project, in which each congregation that sends a quilted candle cloth, with accompanying prayer, to General Synod 27 will receive a quilted candle cloth and prayer from a UCC sister congregation.

Pictured is our candle cloth, which was pieced and quilted by our own Marge Cornwell, using the UCC colors of red, black, and white.



are distributed among the participating congregations, Plymouth’s GS representative will be given a cloth to bring home for us to use. It is hoped that this project will connect pairs of UCC churches to be prayer partners for one another. Each congregation will also receive a booklet that contains all the prayers submitted with the cloths.

We look forward to being partnered with another UCC congrega-

tion and to creating sacred space with the candle cloth quilt that represents our sister congregation.

We are grateful to Linda Balthaser who brought this project to our attention, and to Marge and Steve for their creative contributions.

Printed on a small block on the back of the quilt is a prayer written by our own Steve Hollingsworth. "We pray that God's love laces through your congregation, a warm quilt of faith in which safety and peace abide." All Candle Cloths will be displayed at General Synod. When the cloths

### 2009

## Summer Worship at Plymouth Church One Service—10:00 am each Sunday

Hospitality—9:30 am to 10:00 am  
*Infants thru K Childcare available 9:30 am-11:30 am*

### May

31-Pentecost Festival Service

### June

7-Communion  
14-Word  
21-Communion  
28-Word

### July

5-Communion  
12-Word  
19-Communion  
26-Word

### August

2-Communion  
9-Word  
16-Communion  
23-Word  
30-Communion

### September

6-Communion



# In Our Prayers ...

## **Conditions of Special Need:**

Karen Anderson, Juliana Bordner, Helen Bross, Tom Hambrock, Beth Konger, Emma Nienaber, Sharon Pflueger, Richard Payne, Jim Watson, and Lisa Worrell.

## ***In the UCC every day is a day of prayer for peace.***

SSgt. Nathan Glassley, Rick Foster, SPC Matthew Johnson, and David Worcester; and chaplains from the UCC, Bruce Farrell, and Anthony Taylor.

***New Life*** is celebrated with the birth of Henry (Hank) Leo Stayte, born to Melissa and Jeff Stayte, on April 12. Proud grandparents are Becky and Steve Hollingsworth.

***Sympathy*** is extended to Julie Davidson, Barry Dupen, and Elena Dupen on the unexpected death of mother/grandmother, Aileen Dupen, on Monday, April 20.

***Sympathy*** is extended to JoAn Butler and family on the death of her father, Irwin Bentzen of South Bend, who died on April 25.

***Sympathy*** is extended to Kerry Mills on the death of his brother, Kim Mills, in Louisiana on April 30.

***Sympathy*** is extended to Sharon Edwards, and Erin and David Ley, on the death of husband/father, Al Edwards, on May 9.

***Congratulations*** to Laura Walda and David Meek II who were married in Plymouth Church on May 9.

***New Life*** is welcomed in the birth of Nadia Esther Patton, May 13, to proud parents Lisa Worrell and Jason Patton, and big sisters Kiah Myers and Mia Patton.

***Sympathy*** is extended to the friends of Al Mitchell, who died on May 16.

***Sympathy*** is extended to Judson and Becky Chasey and family on the death of his mother, Vivian Chasey, on May 17.

## **Come and Grow with Us! 2009 FRB Project**

In 2005 we at Plymouth entered into a partnership with Salem UCC, Magley, in an effort to provide assistance to people in special need in various parts of our world. The coordination and distribution of that assistance is the mission of Foods Resource Bank (FRB). FRB is not an emergency or disaster relief organization, but rather it helps people help themselves, and supports the creation of sustainable food production systems in whatever way will help hungry villagers produce their own food. Foods Resource Bank is a partnership on a wide scale, including the support of 19 different Christian denominations and partner organizations!

Our financial support for the four years of our efforts is slightly under \$90,000 – including over \$50,500 in contributions from members and friends of Plymouth! The programs we have designated for our support have been in Nicaragua, Kenya, Uganda, Zambia, and Cambodia. The sale of corn crops, separate fund-raising efforts, contributions from Salem UCC members and friends, and corporate contributions constitute the remainder of our annual support.

Several of us were privileged to go to Salem the first Saturday in May to hear a presentation by Tim and Andrea Bootsma, who have devoted the last several years of their lives to supporting the efforts of FRB in Zambia – one of the programs we have supported during the past two

years. Tim shared photos and comments about the families with whom they had worked on a personal level to increase their resources and abilities to become self-sufficient. The Phiri family in Songwe village had been given agricultural training in irrigation processes, weed control, composting, improved crop storage procedures, crop diversification, and insect control, among other practices, to enable them to develop self-sufficiency in food production – and also to be able to teach their neighbors and neighboring villagers these skills. The Phiri family and their neighbors were able to sell some of their improved crops and the increased income helped start a community school, provide better health programs, and improve child care. The financial support we provide for such programs is a valid response to the question “Who needs it more?”

Our 2009 FRB project will officially begin May 31. Hopefully the fields will be dry and the seed corn will be planted in the field provided by the Fruechte family of Salem UCC by that time. This project is undertaken in memory of Doug Cunningham, who along with his wife Gale, led the first FRB project at Plymouth in 2005. Pledge forms will be available for you to support this very special project and a bulletin board with FRB information will be adjacent to the office window.

FRB Task Force  
Gale Cunningham, Dan Kaufman,  
and Laura Rudolph

## **Peanut Butter Sunday**

The next opportunity to collect our 100 jars of Peanut Butter for the Wellspring Food Bank is Sunday, June 21. You can contribute jars of Peanut Butter on any Sunday by put-

ting them in the box near the front office. The demands on our community food banks continue to increase, so your support in providing the staple food item is greatly appreciated!

## Ending Marriage, Keeping Faith: Support Group for Divorced and Divorcing Persons

A fourth support group session is about to begin. No matter who you are, or where you are on the journey of divorcing, you are welcome here. Whether you are, or someone you know is

- struggling with whether to initiate a separation and move out;
- experiencing the anger or depression associated with the divorcing process;
- finding that emotional, spiritual, financial survival is threatened in divorce;
- trying to protect children from the harshness and hardship divorcing causes;
- discovering glimpses of new self confidence;
- recovering in stages that is taking longer than expected;
- explaining oneself to family and

friends who can't understand;

- needing a safe place, among non-judgmental people, who promise confidentiality, and can offer a measure of wisdom, guidance, and empathetic support,

we hope you will plan to attend.

Please join us for this Summer Session of eight weeks: Sundays from 5:30 to 7:00 pm; June 7, 14, 21, 28; July 5, 12, 19, 26.

Dave Jolliff, Mary McArdle-Bir, and Jeanette Boerger are the therapists continuing to volunteer their time to facilitate the group. Plymouth UCC is pleased to offer this support group as an outreach into the community. If you wish to refer someone, and/or have questions, please contact Rev. Ruth E. Phillips, 423-9424.

## Plymouth Night at Tin Caps

You can still join us on Saturday, June 13 for Plymouth Night at the Tin Caps. We have reserved seats directly behind home plate for the 7:05 pm game against Dayton. Saturday is also a Fireworks Night, and entertainment will be provided by the *ZOOperstars*, fresh from a recent appearance on NBC's "America's Got Talent."

Tickets are \$9 per person of any age, and you can purchase food on your own at one of the many concession

stands inside the ballpark. Also available at Parkview Field is the Kid Zone of games including a climbing wall and batting tunnels on the concourse, where you can watch the teams warm up and take shot at batting yourself later. Kids can also run the bases like the pros following the game. Best of all, we can park in Plymouth's lot for free.

Reserve your seats by contacting John Whitebread at the church, 423-9424 or at [jrw@plymouthfw.org](mailto:jrw@plymouthfw.org).

## Interfaith Hospitality Network Opportunity

Plymouth's next opportunity to help with Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) families at the new facility at 2925 E. State St. will be June 14 through June 20. Please check your calendar and make plans to help. They are in need of dinner preps and evening hosts.

If you haven't participated in this wonderful outreach to the homeless families in Fort Wayne and have questions or would like more information, please contact Diana Swayze, Rhys Rudolph, or Tim Brabbs. A signup sheet is posted outside the church office.

## Knife and Fork

Knife and Fork is a group of Senior Citizens who enjoy getting together once a month to share a meal and fellowship. Their next gathering is Wednesday, June 17, 11:30 am, at Spyros on W. Jefferson. Please call your reservation in to the church office by Tuesday, June 16. Transportation can be arranged if needed.

## Bus Trip to River City Saturday

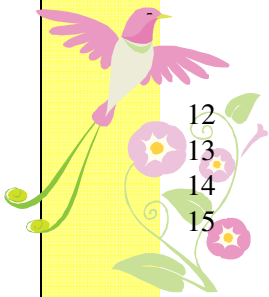
Our UCC Northeast Association is organizing a bus trip to Grand Rapids, Michigan, on Friday and Saturday, June 26 and 27, to visit the United Church of Christ General Synod 27, and the River City Saturday day-long event of workshops, speakers, musicians, activities, and projects planned to share the heart of our beloved United Church of Christ through its people.

You can join us on this overnight trip by registering with Rev. Ruth E. Phillips through the church office by June 1. The bus transport cost is \$29. Make \$29 check payable to "Synod 27 Bus" and give to Rev. Phillips.

You must register for River City Saturday online at the UCC website, [www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org), for \$60. We can help you register at the church if you are not computer savvy. We'll be staying overnight on Friday at the Best Western Hotel. You must call direct and make your room reservation at our group rate of \$69 for one to four people in a room, group name "UCC Ft. Wayne," at 616-974-0929.

Immerse yourself in the renewed spirit of the UCC through sharing these workshops and presentations with people just like you from UCC churches all over the country.

# J u n e



# B i r t h d a y s

3	Nathan Siples
4	Joanne Huber Curt Smith
5	Cassidy Bradley Joseph Sanchez
7	Julie Davidson
8	William Hall Betty Henning Rick Schilb
9	Veronica Biesiada
10	Elizabeth Escosa Marcia Howard Marty Kabisch Judy Kuelling Dick Stumpf
11	Alice Bixler Kris Conner Lois Horn Ashlee Vanderbosch
12	Dwight James
13	Mariellen Beitman
14	Polly Lipscomb
15	Chris Colclessor Laura Filler Karen Holdeman Melody Sutter Gabriel Walden
17	Barb Rigdon
19	Jim Gilliom Megan Hughes David Weber
20	Seth Beltz Kirby Volz
22	Carrie Callaghan Courtney Davies
23	Jill Rae Sackash Cammy Sutter
24	Laura Ramsey
25	Edward Eberhardt Ranelle Melton Gordon Walter
27	Virginia Nance Harriet Siples
28	Millie Dove Jeanette Kent Kyra Mendenhall
29	Lisa Filler Robert Logan
30	Jon Allmandinger Roberta Braunlin

## June Music Series Events

Plymouth's Music Ministry is pleased to present two very special concerts in June. Please mark your calendars now, and be sure to tell your friends and neighbors!

**June 6:** The Youth Choir and Shalom Bells groups from the First United Methodist Church in Normal, Illinois, will be presenting a concert in our sanctuary as part of their "Shaped to Serve" tour through Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois. The 7:00 pm music program will be preceded by a potluck supper in the Folsom Room at 5:30 pm. The Music Subcommittee will provide the meat and drinks; we are asking

you to bring a salad, vegetable, or dessert to share. This is a great opportunity for our church members of all ages to support these young people in this, their inaugural Youth Music Tour. Please sign up on the sheet outside the church office.

**June 18:** Jodie DeSalvo and Robert Nance will be presenting "The Dynamic Duo Strikes Again" at 7:30 pm. Jodie and Bob are outstanding pianists whose musical presentations are always delightful as well as inspiring. Ron and Joan Venderly are sponsoring this annual event, which we all eagerly anticipate. See you there!

## Bits and Pieces From Our Community

The *American Red Cross* is launching a "Faith Leaders Blood Donation Awareness Campaign" in area church congregations this June and July. Summer months typically experience blood shortages, and hopes are that a heightened awareness of this problem among churches will increase donations during these months. For more information or to schedule a blood donation, call 800-GIVE-LIFE (800-448-3843).

*St. Joseph Hospital* recently celebrated it's 140th anniversary. Plymouth Church was among 140 local partners who received an honorary "birthday cake" in celebration. We offer our sincere congratulations!

The *SCAN Duck Race* is Saturday, June 20. **Rev. John P. Gardner has duck tickets available**, so please contact him ASAP! Duck tickets are \$5 each.

## Please, Plant One!

The "Dirty People" of Plymouth have been hard at work preparing the soil, planting, and moving rocks around in order to beautify the grounds. We have a lot more work to do and need your help in order to complete our tasks.

We are so grateful that a large number of the plants have been donated by many generous Plymouth people. If you have not had a chance to do so, please take a moment and look at the book in the Folsom Room that accompanies the land-

scape designs and select a plant(s) that you may want to subscribe to. Plants can be dedicated in honor or in memory of someone or a special event.

Soon there will be a Phase II design and list of plants that will go along the Berry Street side of the church for you to also choose your favorite.

Your donation will make Plymouth a sight to behold!



## End of the Year Youth Cook Out

Join Kara on Sunday, May 31, at her home for a smokin' Cook Out! Food, fun, volleyball is the plan! Please RSVP to Kara if you plan to attend, as she will want to have enough grub for everyone, plus enough veggie burgers for you non-meat eating folk! Email [kkjuarigue@verizon.net](mailto:kkjuarigue@verizon.net) or call Kara for directions if you need them. We can also arrange a

carpool from church following the 10:00 am worship. The cookout starts at 12 noon and ends at 3:00 pm. Parents, please plan to pick up your youth at Kara's at 3:00 pm, unless, of course, you'd like to stay for the fun, or be our Grill Master, perhaps? We hope to see you there for our last Sunday afternoon together of the season!

## Lost and Found Concert

Some of our youth and young adults have had the opportunity to hear the band, *Lost and Found*, at some of our national and regional youth events in years past. Saturday, June 6, the band will be in concert at Praise Lutheran Church, 1115 W. Dupont Rd. The concert will begin at

7:30 pm and tickets are \$12 at the door, \$10 in advance, and \$8 for groups. If you would like to go, please talk to Kara, as she is organizing a group to attend. To learn more about the band, please visit their website at [www.speedwood.com](http://www.speedwood.com).

## Plymouth Youth at General Synod 2009

This summer, a group of our youth will spend a week in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to experience General Synod 2009. Tim Price, Cher Jackson, and Kara Jaurigue will keep this group of young bucks in line all week. Please pray for them. The youth and their leaders will enjoy concerts, workshops, and work camp opportunities with other UCC

youth. The youth from Plymouth attending General Synod are Jackie Brabbs, George Gardner, Stephen Stachofsky, Paige Yarman and Kenosha Phillips. Please keep the group in your thoughts and prayers. You can plan on, and look forward to the youth reporting back to the congregation in the fall.

## What's New on the UCC Website?

Synod Resolutions Address Single Governance Plan  
<http://www.ucc.org/news/synod-resolutions-address.html>

The Church of Now: Latest UCC News Online  
<http://www.ucc.org/ucnews/>

United Church News Garners Three ACP Honors  
<http://www.ucc.org/news/united-church-news-garners.html>

Pilgrim Press and United Church Press Release Spring Titles  
<http://www.ucc.org/news/pilgrim-press-and-united-1.html>

Conservative Groups Nervous as Hate Crimes Bill Advances  
<http://www.ucc.org/news/conservative-groups-nervous.html>

## Youth Group Events

### May

- 24 No Youth Group  
*Memorial Day Weekend*
- 31 All Youth Cookout at  
Casa Jaurigue  
*Lunch, Volleyball, FUN!*  
*12:00-3:00 pm*  
*(no Breakfast Club at*  
*9:30 am)*

### June

- 6 *Lost and Found* in Concert,  
*7:30 pm at Praise Lutheran*  
*Church (speak with Kara for*  
*details)*
- 13 Plymouth UCC Night at the  
Tin Caps
- 14 General Synod Trip Meeting,  
*following 10:00 am worship.*  
*(for youth, parents, and*  
*leaders.)*
- 24-30 Youth to General Synod,  
Grand Rapids, MI

## Summer Church School

Beginning on Sunday, May 31, as we move into our summer worship schedule, we'll begin a weekly activity time for elementary children during the 10:00 am worship time. Children will be able to pursue personalized activities on biblical topics of their choice with the guidance of an adult facilitator each week.

The summer schedule will run through Sunday, September 6.

## Torture Awareness Month—June 2009

Dear Friends,

Torture. It is not topic suited for polite, social conversation. Yet it is a sticking point in the current war, and a concern of conscience that refuses to quietly exit. Did we? Do we? Should we? Could we? These are the central questions that swirl and haunt.

The debate took a weird turn a couple of weeks ago when two competing newscasters, Sean Hannity (Fox News) and Keith Olbermann (MSNBC) started sparring. In an act of bravado, Hannity volunteered to undergo water boarding for charity benefiting U.S. soldiers. Olbermann called the Hannity bluff, announcing he would pay \$1,000 for every second Hannity could withstand the recognized torture technique. The challenge met with mute response.

More recently a stranger twist occurred. The Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life has just released data indicating American church goers are more likely to support torture than non-church attendees. The group most supportive were white evangelical protestants, with more than 60% indicating torture is “often” or “sometimes” justified. People identified as religiously unaffiliated were least accepting, with only 40% affirming a justifiable use of torture. This is a rather bizarre divide of sentiment. The results appear to feed the contention of our recent Parry Lecturer, Rita Nakashima Brock, that traditional Christian atonement theology (God willed the torment and planned the death) induces passivity and resignation in the face of evil.

The irony of the Pew research is that it is quite at odds with the church’s public witness on the subject of tor-

ture, which has been uncharacteristically clear and concise. Courts, if pushed and if resolute, will need to sort out the clouded legal issues. But the moral question has attained consensus: torture is wrong. Period. No comma.

Religious consensus on the subject is most evident in the National Religious Coalition Against Torture (NRCAT). NRCAT includes a wide array of interfaith religious representation, including the UCC through Justice and Witness Ministries. Even the Southern Baptist Convention, not prone to sharing a stage with interfaith coalitions, has weighed in with a declaration from its Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission. Just this week the Rev. Richard Land of the SBC stated torture “violates everything we believe in as a country.” The Pew research, though, gives pause to the Rev. Land’s assertion. It is evidently not clear what we believe in as a country, at least with regard to torture.

Christians know something about torture, for Christ was so tormented in his passion unto death. This is one reason the subject is so repugnant. And sadly, too, we recognize an “**indifference of conscience**,” to which we are susceptible. Possibly we are all in need of a timely reminder: the call of God is for resistance, not resignation, in the face of evil.

I doubt the talk of torture or its euphemisms (“robust, enhanced interrogation techniques”) will not soon subside. Nor will the debate be easily resolved. Yet I sense it is necessary conversation, a cruelty we as Christians should not hesitate to disavow.

NRCAT, as part of its anti-torture

witness, is promoting June of 2009 as Torture Awareness Month. The “interfaithful” are encouraged to pray: “**Help us, gracious God, to teach our children and grandchildren to live together in peace and without fear. May they, like we, be passionate and persistent in ensuring that all forms of torture and cruel, inhumane, or degrading treatment are prohibited by law, and that our nation consistently upholds its deepest values.**” (full text of the NRCAT prayer is at [www.torturneisamoralissue.org](http://www.torturneisamoralissue.org))

I find it a good prayer, suited for the struggle that is ours, as a church and as a nation. May we all be so inclined, for our good no less than for the glory of God.

Rev. John P. Gardner

### Staff Notes

Congratulations to **Rev. Ruth E. Phillips** on the 35th anniversary of her ordination on May 9, 1974.

Congratulations and thank you to **Rev. Carole Green** on her 2nd anniversary as Associate in Pastoral Care. Carole joined the staff on May 1, 2007.

Congratulations and thank you to **Kara Jaurigue** for her 13 years in the position of Youth Director. Kara joined the Plymouth staff on June 11, 1996.

Congratulations and thank you to **Tim Cunningham** for his volunteer work the past 26 years as Associate Director of Music—Handbells.

*Thank You*

## Paradise, by Steve Hollingsworth

I own a hat, a baseball style hat, which I bought in a tiny café in a tiny three-corner town in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The café is called the Blueberry Patch, if my memory is accurate, and the town is named Paradise. The hat is a medium shade of blue, with a large calligraphy styled upper case "P" embroidered in a subtle combination of gold and dark blue thread, giving it a very slight green tint. Then, embroidered across this scripted P is the name of the town, Paradise, in thick print letters of white thread. It is one of my favorite hats.

Paradise sits on the western shoreline of Whitefish Bay, which is on the eastern end of Lake Superior and the Upper Peninsula. This is a sparsely populated area of the UP, and there wasn't much to catch our attention in Paradise as we drove through on our way to Tahquamenon Falls. But, we were hungry, and one of the couples we were with knew there was nothing beyond Paradise, so even though the Blueberry Patch didn't seem very interesting, it was all there was other than a local tavern that was dark and smelled of stale beer and smoke.

Sometimes circumstances rather than rational human thinking direct our decisions, so to make-do in Paradise, we entered the Blueberry Patch. As it turned out, Paradise and the Blueberry Patch have more to offer than meets a cursory perspective. We had a delightful lunch of well prepared food served by flavorful, informative locals, and I found my hat in the little souvenir shop they maintain.

Dr. Rita Nakashima Brock, our Parry Lecturer and speaker for our recent Peace Weekend, spoke to us about paradise and personal choices. As I listened to her, I drifted back to Paradise, MI, the Blueberry Patch

and my hat. As I mentioned above, not all our choices are rational human decisions, but rather are simply dictated by circumstances. My encounter with Paradise, MI and the Blueberry Patch was purely circumstantial and yet has become a moment that lives on through my hat and my fond memories. Dr. Brock told us the early Church thought paradise existed in the peace and love Jesus preached while he walked this earth. In other words, paradise was not an elaborate place one entered after this earthly life if one earned entry by living a "correct" life. Rather, paradise resided in the day-to-day existence of these early Christians; in their love, their work, their laughter and tears, and their faith. Well, Paradise, MI and the Blueberry Patch are definitely at the opposite end of the spectrum from elaborate, and all one needs to do to reach them is drive there. I love having the opportunity to tell people who might desire to go to Tahquamenon Falls, that all you do is drive to Paradise and turn left.

Paradise then, may be right where we are. It may be a tiny town with one main intersection that has only three options (well, it does have a fourth if you want to drive across sand into Lake Superior!) but yet options that are all heavenly: turn west to Tahquamenon Falls, continue north to Whitefish Point, or turn around and go home. Paradise could be Plymouth Church or a part of Plymouth Church. I still feel a sense of immersion in beauty when I sit in worship in our remodeled sanctuary and enjoy the excellent acoustics, while marveling at our ceiling. I love to visit the Amistad Room and reminisce on the birth of that place, or take a walk around the renovated parking lot and remember Kenneth Rudolph and then through Shedd

Park. I look at the faces of Plymouth Church and marvel at the diversity and the wonderful difficult ministry we pursue as we walk this road we call our Christian faith. I kiss Becky or look in the eyes of our children or grandchildren, or listen to the din of one of our gatherings of family and friends and know I'm already in paradise. I know I can be in paradise wherever I may be because wherever I may be God and Jesus are with me, my memories are with me, my loves are with me, my senses are with me – the wonder and joy of life are with me.

I am the fortunate lover of Becky, a father and grandfather, a son and brother, a friend and a poet – and paradise always accompanies me.

**P**aradise, God's oasis of love in our lives;

**A**wash in busyness mystery calls as we

**R**ush ahead holding trinkets of the fall

**A**nd look upon the garden fleetingly.

**D**o desires of God, to love and to care

**I**ncarnate in my flesh and word and deed?

**S**ojourner that I am, steward while my breath lasts,

**E**ternity abides me in the embrace of memories.

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## Next Bell Deadline

The next deadline for submission of material for the Bell is **Wednesday, June 10**. The deadline is always the 2nd Wednesday of each month, with publication the 3rd Wednesday of the month. We appreciate your prompt submission of articles!

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# June 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 5:30p Nominating Committee-CR 5:45p Yoga	<b>2</b> 9:30a Calender Meeting 11:45a Women's Study Group-AR 5:30p Sitters-C 6:00p EC-FR 7:00p Bob Nance Recital-S	<b>3</b> 8:00a Women's Prayer Breakfast 8:30a Retired Men's Breakfast@ Atz 6:00p Family Service of Remembrance-S	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Indiana-Kentucky Conference Annual Meeting	<b>6</b> Indiana-Kentucky Conference 7:00p Methodist Church Touring Choir-S,K,FR
<b>7</b> Share Your Shopping 9:30a BKFC 9:30a Adult Fellowship-MR 10:00a Worship 12:00p MSYG 5:30p Divorcing Support Group	<b>8</b> 9:00a East Side West Side-YC 5:30p Property 5:45p Yoga 7:00p PFLAG-MR	<b>9</b> 9:00a East Side West Side-YC 10:00a Staff Meeting 4:45p Benevolence-AR 5:00p E&M-CR 5:30p Sitters-C 5:30p Congregational Life-Rm. 201	<b>10</b> Bell Deadline 9:00a East Side West Side-YC 7:00p We the Living-MR	<b>11</b> 9:00a East Side West Side-YC 6:30p MOYC@Henry's	<b>12</b> Hildenbrand/MacSorley Rehearsal? 9:00a East Side West Side-YC	<b>13</b> 7:00p Union Ceremony Hildenbrand/MacSorley 7:05p Tin Caps Night
<b>14</b> Flag Day 9:30a BKFC 10:00a Worship 12:00p MSYG 5:30p Divorcing Support Group	<b>15</b> 9:00a East Side West Side-YC 5:45p Yoga	<b>16</b> 9:00a East Side West Side-YC 10:00a Staff Meeting 11:45a Women's Study Group-AR 5:30p Personnel Committee-AR 5:30p Sitters-C 5:45p S&F-CR 6:00p CE-201	<b>17</b> 9:00a East Side West Side-YC 11:30a Knife&Fork@S pyros West Jefferson	<b>18</b> 9:00a East Side West Side-YC 7:30p Music Series-The Dynamic Duo Strikes Again-S,K,FR	<b>19</b> 9:00a East Side West Side-YC 5:00p Baumgartner/Weber Rehearsal	<b>20</b> Baumgartner/ Weber Wedding
<b>21</b> Father's Day Summer Begins Peanut Butter Sunday 9:30a BKFC 10:00a Worship 5:30p Divorcing Support Group	<b>22</b> 9:00a East Side West Side-YC 5:45p Yoga	<b>23</b> 9:00a East Side West Side-YC 10:00a Staff Meeting 5:30p Sitters-C	<b>24</b> Youth leaves for General Synod 9:00a East Side West Side-YC	<b>25</b> 27th UCC General Synod 9:00a East Side West Side-YC 5:30p East Wayne St. Graduation-FR,MR,Chapel, Kitchen	<b>26</b> 27th UCC General Synod 9:00a East Side West Side-YC 3:00p River City Saturday Bus Departs From Peace UCC	<b>27</b> 27th UCC General Synod River City Saturday
<b>28</b> 27th UCC General Synod 9:30a BKFC 10:00a Worship 5:30p Divorcing Support Group	<b>29</b> 27th UCC General Synod 9:00a East Side West Side-YC 5:45p Yoga	<b>30</b> 27th UCC General Synod 9:00a East Side West Side-YC 10:00a Staff Meeting 11:45a Women's Study Group-AR 5:30p Sitters-C	<p><b>Abbreviations:</b>            BKFC—Senior High Breakfast Club            EC—Executive Council            MSYG—Middle School Youth Group            MSX—Middle School Explorers            P&amp;J—Peace/Justice Subcommittee            S&amp;F—Stewardship &amp; Finance Comm.            WNL—Wednesday Night Live</p>			

## Senior Fellowship Group Survey

A Senior Fellowship Group (yet unnamed) is an idea in the works. We are exploring ways for this 60+ segment of our congregation to connect and build community. To make this work we need your input that will launch the group's direction. All single, married, and partnered members and friends are welcome!

Send or drop off your response to the church office by June 7.

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**General Organization:** Identify your preferences with #1 as top choice, etc.

Frequency    \_\_\_ monthly    \_\_\_ bi-monthly    \_\_\_ Quarterly

Day            \_\_\_ weekday    \_\_\_ weekend

Preference for a certain day \_\_\_\_\_

Time of day    \_\_\_ evening    \_\_\_ afternoon    \_\_\_ breakfast

Location:      \_\_\_ private    \_\_\_ church        \_\_\_ other venue \_\_\_\_\_

**Suggested venues:** Check preferences:

\_\_\_ Potluck dinner                    \_\_\_ Catered dinner

\_\_\_ Potluck lunch                     \_\_\_ Catered lunch

\_\_\_ Potluck breakfast                \_\_\_ Catered breakfast

\_\_\_ Coffee/tea and dessert         \_\_\_ Wine and nibbles

**Out and About:** Check interest: (any or all)

\_\_\_ new restaurant    \_\_\_ Art show or gallery    \_\_\_ lecture or program            \_\_\_ concert

\_\_\_ dance performance    \_\_\_ ballgame                \_\_\_ special museum exhibit

\_\_\_ bus excursion        \_\_\_ live theater            \_\_\_ sky diving (?)    Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Informational Focus:** Check interest (any or all)

\_\_\_ topical speakers    \_\_\_ book study/review    \_\_\_ movie and discussion    \_\_\_ travelogue

Other ideas \_\_\_\_\_

**Suggested name for this group** \_\_\_\_\_

### Communication:

Email is the most efficient and expedient method for communications. Some may not have email, so a calling network could be set up to share information. Regular meetings will be announced in *the Bell* and in Sunday's bulletin. An informational meeting will be held after the 10:00 am service June 7. We will set the date for the first gathering at that time. Hope to see you there!

Questions: Call Carol Shedd, 492-9500, or Dee Smith, 482-1185. We will be hosting the first few meetings. Then we will ask for volunteers to host and co-host. Hosting does not necessarily mean hosting in your own home. Hosts will help with planning and communications.



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### Plymouth Outreach Statement

We welcome all who are seeking God's presence in their lives to join in our common mission through participation and leadership in this communion of faith. We recognize each individual as a child of God, believing that we are called to be one reconciled body of Christ with many members.

As Christians and members of Plymouth Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, we are a diverse group of people. We are persons of various ages, races, accomplishments and goals, abilities, sexual orientations, theological and political beliefs, socio-economic and ethnic backgrounds. In our diversity, we find strength and a way to understand the inclusiveness of God.

**No Matter Who You Are, or Where You Are on Life's Journey, You Are Welcome Here.**