



BELL

June 21, 2017

Plymouth Music Series Summer Arts Festival July 7-16, 2017

Friday & Saturday, July 7 & 8 @ 7 p.m.
Sunday, July 9 @ 2:00 p.m.

SEUSSICAL THE MUSICAL "JR"

Experience your favorite Dr. Seuss stories in this delightful musical. The cast of 35 is directed by Heather Brackeen Moore and choreographed by Hannah Moore. Fun for the whole family!

Monday, July 10 @ 7:00 p.m.

HYMN SING AND HANDBELL RING

Hosted by the delightful and engaging Janice Furtner, with Robert Nance at the keyboard and starring the Plymouth Bell Ensemble under the direction of Tim Cunningham, this program features hymns for voices and hymn arrangements for bells.

Tuesday, July 11 @ 7:00 p.m.

MUSIC OF HOWARD TERRILL

Once again, we welcome Indiana composer Howard Terrill to present some of his unique chamber music and arrangements of original compositions. Now in his mid-90s, Mr. Terrill still composes and arranges daily! Don't miss this unique musical experience.

Wednesday, July 12 @ 7:00 p.m.

TRUMPET AND FLUTE RECITAL

This program presents IPFW music department chair Dr. Greg Jones (trumpet), Monica Jones (flute), and Robert Nance (piano and organ). A wide variety of music awaits you, featuring composers from Telemann to Ewazen, and Larson to Galway. Join this musical ensemble for a wonderful evening of music!

Thursday, July 13 @ 7:00 p.m.

HEARTLAND SINGS VOCAL ARTS INSTITUTE: A RECITAL

This recital features Fort Wayne's own up-and-coming vocal artists. Twenty-three students selected from over 120 applicants to participate in this summer's Heartland Sings Vocal Arts Institute will perform solos representing a wide array of genres and styles. Come prepared to be inspired by these exceptionally talented young singers!

Friday, July 14 @ 7:00 p.m.

HEARTLAND SINGS VOCAL ARTS INSTITUTE: A CHORAL CONCERT

Heartland Sings Vocal Arts Institute participants and faculty mentors join together to perform a variety of choral works and small ensemble selections. This concert is the concluding performance of the 2017 Heartland Sings Vocal Arts Institute.

Saturday, July 15 @ 7:30 p.m.

ROCK THE BLOCK: A PRE-FIREWORKS CONCERT

Rock the block in the parking lot behind the church featuring guitar, rock duo "The Snyders." The Congregational Life Board sponsors this concert. Bring your own lawn chair! (see page 2 for more)

Sunday, July 16 @ 2:00 p.m.

REEDS AND KEYS RECITAL

This final concert of the Summer Arts Festival stars Stephanie Patterson (oboe), Alex McCrory (bassoon), and Robert Nance (piano). The featured work is the Trio for piano, oboe and bassoon by Francis Poulenc.

Kalamazoo Ringers

Monday, June 26 @ 7:30 p.m.

One of the nation's most celebrated bell ensembles appears in concert at Plymouth Congregational Church on **Monday, June 26 at 7:30 p.m.**

Directed by founder Janet Van Valey, the Kalamazoo Ringers will present a varied program that runs approximately 90 minutes with an intermission. The concert is free and open to the public, with a freewill offering accepted.

Since their beginning in 1981, the choir has performed extensively in Michigan and throughout the Midwest states. They have also performed in Canada, toured England for two weeks, and attended an international symposium in Japan. Besides performing, the choir has released four recordings over the years and dedicates their time to serving the community through volunteer work and the collection of needed goods for area charities.

The fifteen ringers play six and a half octaves of Malmark handbells along with a matching set of Malmark Choirchimes. The choir is a member of the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo, and Handbell Musicians of America, formerly known as the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers. They have attended and served as featured artists at numerous workshops and festivals sponsored by the Guild, AGO, and other music organizations.

Sunday School Teachers Needed

It's not too soon to start thinking about fall. Our Sunday school is powered by volunteer teachers.

Classroom Teachers work in pairs guiding a class through our curriculum for a three-month term. **Visiting Artists** share their talents with classes and help us create a specific project, usually over one to three weeks. If you are interested in learning more about these opportunities, please contact Katie Watson

Celebrate Creation!

Summer is a great time to get outside and give thanks for God's creation! Where will your summer take you? Send Plymouth a picture or a postcard of your summer adventures, and we'll post it on the bulletin board near the nursery. Send or e-mail your pictures to the church office, or post them on the Plymouth Generations Facebook page.

Pepper Jelly Making

The annual pepper jelly making project is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 22, and Thursday, August 24**. We will begin mid-morning on both days and work (have fun, too!) until about 5 pm. Everyone is welcome — no previous experience necessary! Sale of pepper jelly will begin that Thursday. Contact Joyce Augspurger at (260) 466-5376 or jema7749@comcast.net. Joyce will take names of volunteers and/or orders/answers to any questions. Thank you for your continued support!

In Our Prayers

During the month of July, we pray for **Mustard Seed, Turnstone, and Easter Seal Arc of NE Indiana**, whose work is supported, in part, through Plymouth benevolence.

Plymouth people in our prayers:

A.J. Calkins, Jeanette Boerger, Tim Chronister, Kris Conner, David Cornwell, Marge Cornwell, Roger and Tony Crouch, Brad Crowder, Gail Escosa, Janie Feasel, Ann Filler, Darin Heavner, Maureen Heavner, Barbara Hill, Tom Ice, Sr., Ed Koenig, Sheldon Lockwood, Janet Markley, Carol Miller, Kerry Mills, Deb Cochran Mulherin, Allen Nance, Virginia Nance, Ian Rolland, Mimi Rolland, Jacqueline Sanders, Joan and Alan Simon, Marylynn Sloop, Ruth Smith, Marilyn Sprengel, Ruth Anne Sprunger, Sheryl Stallman, Carol Tyndall, Chris Week.

Members and friends serving overseas: Nick Brattain, US Navy.

UCC Chaplains serving overseas:

Chaplain Albert Ghergich, Chaplain James Janeczek, Chaplain Mark Roeder.

New life is welcomed in the birth of Isaiah Lee Atienzo-Fisher, April 14, son of proud parents Sonia Atienzo and Jennifer Fisher.

New Life is welcomed in the birth of Devin Loren Augspurger, born April 24 to happy parents Lindsay and Kyle Augspurger. Overjoyed grandparents are Joyce and Fred Augspurger.

Congratulations to Betsy Conklin-Kilian and Paul Kilian on their wedding April 30. Betsy is the daughter of Dick and Deb Conklin.

Sympathy is extended to Vida McCray-Gardner, Rev. John P. Gardner, and Gabe and George Gardner on the death of her father, Quentin McCray, on March 26 in Knoxville, TN.

Sympathy is extended to Elly Doenecke and sons on the death of husband and father, Chuck Doenecke, on May 11.

Sympathy is extended to Judy Crooks and Diana Bauer on the death of Judy's sister, Katherine Reyelts, on May 23, in Colorado.

Rock the Block: Saturday, July 15, TRF Finale

"The Snyders," a father/son duo from Fort Wayne, are volunteering their talent to play Rock the Block, sponsored by the Congregational Life Board. They play covers from all types of musical genres including classic rock, folk, and modern bands. Thank you to Congregational Life Board member Rhonda Eitsert for connecting us to her brother, Tim Winchester, who is providing the sound system and recruited The Snyders for this family friendly gig.

6:00 p.m.

Hot dogs, chips, soda, ice cream for sale. Bring your friends!

7:30 p.m.

"The Snyders" guitar duo

From the Senior Pastor

Friends,

In a rare show of interfaith cooperation, a “Declaration of Solidarity” has been forged, declaring the welcome of refugees and immigrants to Fort Wayne to be “an expression of core American values and founding principles.” The declaration, scheduled for release on Monday, June 19, coincides with the United Nations observance of World Refugee Day.

The Interfaith Declaration of Solidarity had its genesis in a series of meetings that took place in Plymouth Church beginning in March of this year. A small, diverse group of religious leaders, alarmed over presidential executive orders seeking to halt entry into the country of persons based upon religion and country of origin, and alarmed also over federal threats to punish self-declared “cities of sanctuary,” sought to lift up a clear voice of religious consensus signaling Fort Wayne as a city of welcome.

The Interfaith Declaration went through a number of draft stages. Slowly the circle of interest widened. Valuable input was received from Bishop Kevin Rhoades of the Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese of the Roman Catholic Church, as well as from Catholic Charities and the University of St. Francis. The final draft has earned the support of the Universal Education Foundation and Imam Nuhu Abdulai, Congregation Achduth Vesholom and Rabbi Lenny Sarko, Indiana Center for Middle East Peace, and an array of Christian congregations and clergy. Plymouth Church, at both the May and June meetings of the Executive Council, voiced its support.

It was disappointing to receive word that the governing Board of Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and Allen County withheld its support, opting instead to issue their own declaration. It is a reminder that building consensus in contentious times isn’t easy. It is also an embarrassment, a commentary on a Christian capacity to quibble in an hour of crisis that requires prophetic courage.

Just last year, Ban Ki-moon, then General Secretary of the United Nations, commented: “With anti-refugee rhetoric so loud, it is sometimes difficult to hear the voices of welcome. But these do exist, all around world.” Indeed, one such voice of compassion and solidarity can now be heard in Fort Wayne. Thank God!

I encourage you to read the full text of the Interfaith Declaration, which will be posted on the Plymouth Church Facebook page. I encourage you, also, to be supportive of local organizations who are working directly with families who have or who hope to resettle into our city and region, including Fort Wayne for Refugees, Catholic Charities, and Amani Family Services of Fort Wayne. All three of these are engaged in faith-defining work, demonstrating care for those who are caught in the extremities of war, violence, and poverty.

One portion of the declaration reads: **“We have the ability to assist the most vulnerable without sacrificing our American values or the safety and security of our nation. While we affirm the right of our country to regulate its borders and control immigration, we also believe this right must be based on justice, mercy, and the common good, not on mere self-interest.”** Our Christian faith is always challenging us to practice justice and mercy. Sadly, we too often have fallen short, living up to our fears, rather than to our faith. The hour is urgent for living up to our abilities. The Interfaith Declaration of Solidarity is a step in the right direction.

John P. Gardner

Hayley Johnson Joins Plymouth Staff

We are pleased to announce that Hayley Johnson has joined our staff as the new Secretary/Communications associate! She can be reached in the office, 423-9424 or by email at hjohnson@plymouthfw.org, for scheduling meetings, adding items to the weekly bulletins, articles for the Bell, and general office needs. Hayley has also taken on the challenge of our website maintenance. We look forward to her serving as our Facebook facilitator and greatly increasing our presence there, and also helping to launch some new ways for us to communicate with our Plymouth family.

Hayley comes to us with a wide spectrum of skills, including secretarial, administrative support, and social media management. She is also a comedian, director, and producer. In addition to serving as one of the driving forces behind the growth of the Fort Wayne comedy scene through Let's Comedy, she produces a series of readings and is a company member with local theatre company, Shakespearemachine.

Hayley spends most of her spare time, if she ever has any, with her best friend, a Maine Coon cat named Gilda Catner.

Be sure to stop in, introduce yourself to Hayley, and extend a warm Plymouth welcome!

Wellspring Camp Snacks

Thank you to all who made generous donations of snacks and toothbrushes to the Wellspring Day Camp. Together 639 individual snacks were gathered for the 4 and 5-year-old campers, who meet at Plymouth. Thanks also to Mary Ellen Argus, DDS, for donating additional toothbrushes and toothpaste for the 56 campers. The staff and campers are very grateful!

Lay Leadership Contact Information

At Plymouth Church, opportunities abound for church members to serve as lay leaders. You may want/need to ask a question of one of them. The following contact information is provided to allow you to do just that!

Moderator	Beth Walker	492-7243	bethwalker.fw@gmail.com
Assistant Moderator	John Escosa	422.-8625	gtrplr2@aol.com
Treasurer	Laura Coon	615-5400	lcoon@fwn.fortwayne.com
Assistant Treasurer	Roger Eversole	480-7031	red9pencil@aol.com
Clerk	Sara Sprunger	437-1077	sylviograce@gmail.com
Recorder	Joan Lipscomb	744-3946	jlipsinfw@frontier.com

Organizational Meeting for New NE Sierra Club

The NE Indiana Sierra Club group, about to be formed in the Fort Wayne region, will have its first organizational meeting on **Monday, June 26, 6:30-8:45 pm**, in the Large Meeting Room of the Dupont Branch Public Library, 536 E. Dupont Rd.

Two top Indiana Sierra Club leaders will drive up from Indianapolis to talk that evening. Bowden Quinn, Director of the statewide Hoosier Chapter, and Jesse Kirkham, Chair of Indianapolis' active Heartland Group, can offer advice and answer questions about how to get a local Sierra Club started and impactful here in our multi-county NE corner of Indiana.

The Sierra Club, founded in 1892 by the conservationist John Muir, is the oldest, largest, and most influential grassroots environmental organization in the United States, having more than two million members and supporters. In Indiana, there are over 8,000 Sierra Club members and supporters (with about 1,000 of those living in NE Indiana).

Nationwide, in addition to campaigns like Beyond Coal (where a Sierra Club organizer comes every two weeks for that specific campaign only), permanent local Sierra Club groups work on conservation-related issues, sponsor outdoor activities, and educate members on issues.

Currently, our state has four functioning local Sierra Club groups—in Indianapolis, SW Indiana, the Greater Columbus area, and NW Indiana.

Now, NE Indiana will be joining the Sierra Club's extremely essential environmental efforts.

Foods Resource Bank

For the past 12 years, Plymouth Church has joined with Salem-Magley Church to support the mission of Foods Resource Bank (FRB). This year, however, the way we will be raising funds has changed. We will not be partnering with Salem-Magley, but will be working on our own to continue the goal of FRB. Foods Resource Bank's overall goal is to assist people in developing nations to become more food secure and independent. This support also includes such things as building water storage facilities, the development of new seeds and crops, improvement of farming techniques, and animal husbandry efforts.

Through FRB, farmers are granted micro-loans for start-up and expansion of food-related endeavors that will help families to become more independent and food secure. Improved farming methods and the possibility of creating a crop surplus can provide an opportunity to access markets. The opportunity to sell crops increases money available to the family and the potential for improved quality of life in other areas.

Our involvement in this program was initiated by Doug and Gale Cunningham and has been faithfully and continually supported by our congregation for the past 12 years. Plymouth's faithful giving and generosity to the FRB mission has directly improved the lives of thousands of needy people by moving them from subsistence to surplus agriculture. Plymouth's Global Mission pillar calls us to support programs such as FRB that impact and improve the lives of our sisters and brothers around the world.

As we begin this year's campaign, we will be exploring the possibility of finding a new farming partner, but for this year, we will be asking for your support as Plymouth only. Your generous support to date totals slightly over \$143,927. We ask that you prayerfully consider a contribution to this year's campaign and the continuation of our FRB global mission, which means so much for so many around the world.

Thank You,
The FRB Committee

Foods Resource Bank—2017

I would like to contribute: *(please check below)*

____ 1 bushel of CORN seeds - \$200.00 ____ ½ bushel CORN seeds - \$100.00

____ ¼ bushel of CORN seeds - \$50.00 ____ other amount = \$ _____

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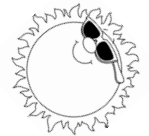
Phone _____

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- 1 Nessa Kreider
David Smith
- 2 Greg Eid
Ashley Stewart
- 3 Rob Getrost
- 4 Norma Eitsert
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- 5 Rev. Carole Green
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Richard C. Hess Peace Scholarship Winner

The Peace and Justice Committee (PJs) is happy to announce the recipient of the 2017-18 Peace Studies Scholarship.

David Grim, one of our own members, is the thirteenth recipient of a scholarship. This fall David continues work toward a Master's of Divinity from the Chicago Theological Seminary. The committee is pleased to support David as he seeks to enhance justice and peace through his studies from the Seminary. As David has demonstrated, peace and justice work are his passion, particularly when children are involved, too.

PJs are delighted to provide continued support for David, as we know that David's studies will guide him to lifelong work in promoting justice and peace.

Pride Festival

The evangelism and marketing board needs volunteers to host Plymouth's booth **11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, July 22**, at Headwaters Park. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the

Hollingsworth Anniversary Open House

Becky and Steve Hollingsworth will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house on **July 29** from **2-6 pm**. The open house will be held at their son Andy's house at **2109 Gump Road, Fort Wayne, 48645**. If you plan to attend, please, let either Becky or Steve know for food and refreshment planning. Your presence is our present: no gifts, please.

Congratulations, Graduates!

Jacob (Jake) Eitsert is proud to have played trumpet in the Homestead High School Band for 4 years. He will enter IPFW in the fall with the intention of studying engineering. His plans for the summer include customizing his Mazda Miata and continuing to teach himself how to weld. Jake is the son of Jim and Rhonda Eitsert and brother to Michaela and Nick Eitsert.

Ramie Kuhns is the daughter of Brad Kuhns and Lisa Dunnavan. She recently graduated from Snider High School, where she was involved in theatre, orchestra, choir, dance team, and marching band. She will be attending IPFW in the fall of 2017 to pursue a degree in Music Education.

Kyra Fiona Mendenhall has graduated from South Side High School. Her summer plans include the Fort Wayne Children's Choir tour to New York and Washington, DC, as well as enjoying FAME camp. Her interests are graphic design, general art, and traveling. She is the daughter of Dave Mendenhall and Janice Furtner and sister to Michael Mendenhall.

Youth Group Summer Missions Trip

The Youth will be traveling to St. Charles, Missouri, to work with the organization, Emmaus Homes, for our Summer Mission Trip. Our young people, along with their adult leaders, will be working with Emmaus Homes the week of July 31. Emmaus Homes is a faith-based organization that provides around-the-clock services to adults with developmental disabilities, with the goal of helping them live their best possible lives in the community of their choice. We will commission the group in worship on Sunday, July 30. We hope you will plan to be there to show your support!



What? Thinking of Christmas in July?

Yes, that's what we're thinking, as Standish Circle plans for the Christmas wreath sales this year. In order to maintain a more accurate inventory of the top-quality greenery, we will only be doing **pre-order sales of the wreaths, swags, and roping**. Orders and payments will be taken during the month of September and early October, with delivery of the wreaths on the Sunday after Thanksgiving, November 26, and Sunday, December 3.

The large and small decorated wreaths, large and small undecorated wreaths, and the white pine roping prices will remain the same as last year. The swags will have a \$0.25 increase. These wonderful, pine-scented greens will last well throughout the holiday season and make for beautiful decorations or gifts.

Watch for more details in the August and September communications!

Small Decorated Wreath	\$17.75
Small Undecorated Wreath	\$13.75
Large Decorated Wreath	\$21.50
Large Undecorated Wreath	\$17.75
White Pine Roping	\$12.00



Join Us for Our Annual PCC Tincaps Ball Game

Reserve your tickets today for **Sunday, August 13, at 1:00 pm!**

Nada O'Neal has reserved 30 seats in Home Run Front Porch. The Home Run Front Porch is located atop the outfield wall in leftfield. There is a food/drink rail in front of each wider, padded, comfortable seat and an overhead trellis for shade.

Tickets Only:

- **All Ages:** \$10 without food

Grand Slam Package (Includes ticket, food, and soft drinks):

- **Adults:** \$25
- **Children (age 7 & under):** \$20

Menu (Grand Slam Package):

- Hamburger • Hot Dogs • Brats with Sauerkraut
- Pasta Salad • Potato Salad • Macaroni & Cheese
- Complimentary Soft Drinks • Apple Crisp Dessert

Food is served **all-you-can-eat**, starting one hour before the game through the first half-hour of the game.

The sign-up sheet is on the main hallway bulletin board, Since this had to be paid for upfront, We need everyone who intends to go to sign up ASAP!!!



A Big Thank You To Just Neighbors IHN Volunteers!

A big thank you goes out to the following Plymouth members and friends who recently brought food, played games, played violins, told stories, and read books during Plymouth's time of hosting at Just Neighbors Interfaith Hospitality Network during the week of June 11 through June 16:

Kris Connerly and The Friends, Clare Walter and Carole Green, Jan Younger, Mary and Joe Bir, Donna Belch, Becky and Steve Hollingsworth, Diana Bauer, Jeanie Rhodes, Emily Redman, Linda Kerr, Gale Cunningham, Roger Eversole, Ruth Phillips, Steve Etheridge, Jim and Diane Lasley, Cathy Clifford Nicholson, Miles and Kennon Nicholson, and Riet Zwiep.

Nutritious food in a wide variety was brought every evening, along with fresh fruit, eggs, lemonade mix, milk, sandwich supplies, and even diapers! All of these items contribute to the health and well-being of the guests at Just Neighbors while they are temporarily in need of shelter.

We supported 9 families for a total of 28 guests. There were 15 adults, 2 children over the age of 15, 2 children ages 6-12, 6 children ages 2-5, and 3 children under the age of 1.

Plymouth has an opportunity to host at Just Neighbors IHN again **October 29 through November 3**. Mark your calendars now and set aside a few hours to support families here in Fort Wayne that are in need of temporary housing. You will find that you get as much out of the experience as the guests at Just Neighbors do!

If you would like more information about this community outreach or would like to be more involved in the organization of this volunteer effort by Plymouth friends and members, please contact Laura Rudolph at rudyfw@yahoo.com or 485-2285.

Standish Colony Circle/ Knit & Kibitz Funds Use

With gratitude to all who purchased pepper jelly, wreaths, and Knit and Kibitz projects, the Standish Colony Circle/Knit and Kibitz members present for the June 1 annual business meeting were able to allocate \$2,850 as shown below:

\$550	Wellspring Interfaith Social Services for camperships
\$350	Wellspring Interfaith Social Services for gifts for the Christmas family
\$450	Cedars HOPE for house repair and upkeep
\$350	Just Neighbors (Interfaith Homeless Network) for gas cards for guests to use as they do their job searches
\$250	Matthew 25 Health and Dental Clinic for expenditures from the General Fund
\$300	Foods Resource Bank for designated projects in the Dominican Republic and in Uganda
\$200	Senior Pastor and Teacher's Discretionary Fund*
\$200	Associate Pastor's Discretionary Fund*
	*for unanticipated expense that might not otherwise be met from other sources
\$200	Plymouth Church Capital Campaign as an additional contribution beyond the completed pledge

Special thanks to the donors who contribute time and materials so 100 percent of all income from Knit and Kibitz projects can be available for allocation.

All Plymouth members and friends are welcome to participate in any (better yet, ALL) of these activities.

Contact Riet Zwiep (janandrietzwiep@frontier.com) to have your email address added to the mailing list.

Report On “Here, For Good” Capital Campaign Fulfillment

By Steve Hollingsworth, Campaign Chair

The Continuity Committee of the "Here, for Good" Capital Campaign has the responsibility of tracking the fulfillment of pledges for the campaign. The committee is comprised of Eric Black (Chair), Laura Coon, Roger Eversole, Steve Hollingsworth, Reverend John P. Gardner and Reverend Ruth E. Phillips. As of May 31, we've received 137 pledges that total \$1,936,194. In addition, we've received contributions of \$30,326 from 26 individuals and organizations that did not formally make a pledge, and applied the grant from the NIPSCO Energy Efficiency Programs (\$6,595) and \$57 of miscellaneous income to the capital campaign account. The total of all of these commitments is \$1,973,172. As amazing as this total is, there is more!

Forty (40) individuals have already paid their pledge in full and fourteen of these individuals have paid a total of \$35,018 in addition to their pledged amounts! Consequently, if all pledges are fulfilled we will have had a total of \$2,008,190 committed to this campaign. Personally, I find this a stunning amount that speaks volumes of how committed this congregation is to the overall ministry we support from this grand facility and institution we know as Plymouth Congregational Church.

We have 23 months left in the fulfillment period, and a faithful attempt to pay our pledges in-full is required for this campaign to be successful. At this point, the members of the Continuity Committee feel very positive about our prospects, as 89% of the 137 pledge units have made payments toward those pledges. We thank you for your commitment to fulfill your pledge by April, 2019.

Following are some specific points of interest:

1. The new HVAC system has been operational since last fall. The total cost of the new HVAC system was nearly \$1,173,000. In addition to the costs of the new HVAC system, we had campaign expenses of \$49,750. All of these expenses are paid in full.
2. \$200,000 was borrowed from the Property Board's Major Maintenance Fund to help pay ongoing HVAC expenses, which helped limit the amount borrowed through the bridge loan from PNC. The bridge loan is now paid off and as of May 31, \$175,000 of amount borrowed from the Major Maintenance Fund has been repaid.
3. Stewardship and Finance Board committed the operational surpluses from 2014 and 2015, a total of \$165,000, to the campaign.
4. As has been reported, we do not need to replace the roof on the sanctuary at this time; however, since we had built the campaign on the supposition that we would need to replace this roof, we decided to leave the original goal of the campaign (\$2.5 million) in place. The pledge payments we continue to receive over the next 23 months will be placed in a special fund (once the remaining \$25,000 owed the Major Maintenance Fund is paid) that will then be available to cover the cost of the roof when it does need to be replaced.

It is obvious that if the total of \$2,008,190 is met, there will be significant funds built up in the Sanctuary Roof Special Fund. While we need to be cautious about thinking we may not need ALL of these funds for a new sanctuary roof (based on cost estimates received last year), we have asked our congregational leadership to begin some work of discernment by 1) creating a formula to estimate and track what this new roof might cost in five, ten, or even twenty years; 2) determining what other physical plant issues we might decide to address or mission/outreach work we might want to fund with those dollars we conservatively think could be available from the remaining pledges paid.

It is important that we complete our pledges to this campaign, and it is the responsibility of the Continuity Committee to monitor and encourage fulfillment of these pledges. Yet, we understand that there certainly could be circumstances in an individual's life that may preclude that fulfillment. What we sincerely hope is that no one withholds pledge payments based on the lower cost of the new HVAC system, and the lack of urgency to replace the sanctuary roof. The HVAC system is new, but the building remains old.

On behalf of those who will benefit from your generosity in future years – thank you. You have helped lay a foundation that helps secure the future of Plymouth Church and its important place in the faith community of Fort Wayne.



Darfur Women Network, Inc.
Charitable Giving Receipt

Date: 04/04/2017

Plymouth Congregational Church of Fort Wayne
United Church of Christ
501 W Berry St, Fort Wayne, IN 46802

Dear Jan Evrard,

We acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of \$100, which you have so generously contributed to Darfur Women Network, Inc. We are grateful for protecting and empowering the survivors of Darfur genocide in the refugee camp, women and girls. Your donation provided 10 families with safe stoves. You protected them from rape during collecting firewood to cook for their families, reduced smoke in the house, and made their home safe from fire. You also helped refugee women to generate income to care for their children and to change the men's mindset that devalued women's effort. You helped women and girls with gaining confidence and feeling better about themselves.

Donor: Plymouth Congregational Church of Fort Wayne
United Church of Christ
Donation Amount: One Hundred and 0/100 Dollars

With Gratitude,

Mastora Bakhiet
Executive Director

April 18, 2017

Jan Evrard
Peace and Justice Committee
Plymouth Church
501 W Berry St
Fort Wayne, IN 46802

Dear Committee Members:

Thank you so much for spearheading the recent collection drive for Just Neighbors Interfaith Homeless Network. We were thrilled to receive the following donations:

76 rolls of toilet paper
60 rolls of paper towels
4 boxes of Kleenex
50 children's books
Miscellaneous items such as hand soap

These items will be used by families in our shelter or may be given to families moving into independent living as helpful start-up items. The books will be used in our programming to encourage parents to read to their children or they may be given to children when they leave.

Through these generous donations, your concern for our families is communicated to our staff and to those who pass through our shelter. Thank you very much!

Sincerely,

Rev. Dr. Terry Anderson
Executive Director



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Vision Statement

Adopted October 2011

Praying for guidance for the journey

... Honoring the mystery of God

... Responding with spirits renewed

... Moving courageously toward wholeness.

Mission Statement

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Plymouth Church is an inclusive Christian Community welcoming you as you are, supporting you in your own Journey with God, and challenging you to live out the teachings of Jesus, individually, collectively, globally.

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