October 2018

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST







### WE HAVE THIS TREASURE

... 2 Corinthians 4:7a ...

### SO GOD CAN USE US!

This is a phrase you will be hearing, seeing, and learning about over the coming month. It is the theme of our annual Stewardship Campaign. From now through November 11, you will have the opportunity to hear stewardship moments from a diverse selection of Plymouth Church members. They will share what makes Plymouth special in their lives. As they do, take some time to reflect on what Plymouth means to you and

to consider prayerfully what you can give in time, talent, and treasure.

Thanks in advance for your generous support of this special church and our mission here in Fort Wayne and reaching out beyond our city.

Karen Nesius Roeger and Scott Avery, Stewardship Campaign Co-Chairs

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## **Proposed Bylaws Change at Annual Meeting**

At our annual meeting on October 28, we will receive the report from the Nominating Committee to elect officers and board members who will begin service on January 1, 2019. Upon recommendation of the Nominating Committee, we will also be voting on a Bylaws change which, if passed, would change the name of the Personnel Board to the Human Resources Board. This change is supported by the Personnel Board. The Executive Council voted at their October meeting to bring this to the church membership for approval.

To allow for the conservation of resources, we will not circulate written copies of the proposed changes ahead of the meeting. If you wish to plan ahead, we suggest reading the current Bylaws to identify where these changes will occur (for those looking ahead of the meeting, there are 15 locations in the Bylaws where Personnel Board appears). We will have limited copies of the Bylaws at the annual meeting noting the proposed change for those who wish to view it on paper before voting. Please join us on October 28 following worship for this important meeting!

## **Tapping into Faith**

The Evangelism & Marketing Board (E&M) is hosting a new event, "Tapping into Faith," on Saturday, November 3, at 7:30 pm at the home of Mike and Kathryn Diekhoff.
Discussion, drink, food, and fellowship will be the focus of the event. Licensed Minister Eric Black will be presenting in a Bible study setting that will include small group discussion. There will be a focus on getting to know the other church members who are participating. Food will be provided, and participants are encouraged to bring any drink of their choice.

E&M is hoping to make this the first of many "Tapping into Faith" events, so we hope you will come. Email Kathryn at **kathrynrudolph@yahoo.com** if you would like to attend.

## **Plymouth Music Series**

Community Concerts that Entertain, Enrich and Inspire!

Sunday, November 18, 2018 2:00 p.m. A VOICE RECITAL Heartland Sings' Vocal Artists

This recital features art song, oratorio, opera and musical theater performed by the vocal artists of Heartland Sings.

Concerts are presented at Plymouth Congregational Church UCC, 501 W. Berry Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 46802

# In Our Prayers

### Plymouth people in our prayers:

Nicole Baldonadi, A.J. Calkins, Audrea Carter, Julie Creek, David Cornwell, Marge Cornwell, Brad Crowder, Elaine Drummond, Gail Escosa, Marcia Federspiel, Paul Furtner, Wayne Gerard, Joan Hartwig, Joanne Huber, Susan Jarvis, Jeannette Kent, Bernice Koutcher, Cheryl Leugring, Joan Lipscomb, Gerald Lockwood, Sheldon Lockwood, Kerry Mills, Michelle Pratt, Noel Resor, Jody (Meredith) Roemer, Anne Rowland, Jacqueline Sanders, John Shannon, Johanna Smith, Sheryl Stallman, Jim Stedman, Stan Volz, Ervin Walter and Joel Walter.

**Serving Overseas** Lt. Col. Kate Conkey is serving our country in Kuwait.

*New Life* is welcomed in the birth of Collette Jane Gibson, **September 5**, Louisville, KY. Daughter of delighted parents Emily and Greg Gibson, she joins big brothers Gavin, Asher, and Reid Gibson; proud grandparents are Jan and Tom Gibson.

**Congratulations** to Mariah Widmer and Bryce Western, who were married on **September 29** in Plymouth's sanctuary. Rev. Ruth E. Phillips officiated the ceremony.

**Sympathy** is extended to the family and friends of Edward Eberhardt who died **September 25**, Walnut Creek, CA.

*Sympathy* is extended to Cathy, Miles and Kennon Clifford-Nicholson on the tragic death of brother and uncle, Christopher Clifford, age 51, who was struck and killed by a vehicle on **September 11**, in Loraine, OH.

### From the Senior Pastor

Over the next five weeks, Plymouth Church is beginning our Fall Stewardship Campaign. The planning team has combined a portion of a passage from 2 Corinthians 4:7: "We have this treasure..." with a line from the gospel hymn "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me." The full verse from 2 Corinthians is "But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us."

What this passage means to me is that God can inspire us in ways that extend beyond what we could have imagined on our own. God takes our skill, our energy, our passions, and points us in directions and ministries that we couldn't see by ourselves. We may treasure this congregation for its distinctive stance for justice and inclusion. We may treasure the relationships and sense of belonging that we have received here, whether recently or for decades. But the treasure of the gospel we have received is one that is most worthwhile when we share it.

Our world is beset daily by bad news: of lives dismissed, of dignity denied, of compassion withheld. We have been entrusted by God to share the treasure of the good news of God's love and justice not just for ourselves, but for all our sisters and brothers who need to hear a word of hope to the challenges they face. We have this treasure... so God can use us!

November 11 is Commitment Sunday for Plymouth Church. I encourage you to be as generous with your support as God so leads you. Please pray about how your commitment can enhance the work that the Spirit is already doing here. Each of us can meaningfully contribute to the work of the gospel. Through our time, talent, and treasure, may we give in such a way that God can use us for God's glory!

Sincerely,

Timothy C. Murphy

## **New Name Tags Are Here!**

New nametags are ready in alphabetical order on the racks in the Narthex. Many thanks to Maressa Emile for making the nametags, and to Sharon Conrad, Sandy Moliere, and Jan Younger for arranging them on the display racks. Wearing your nametag means never again having someone say, "What is your name?"!

# Moved? Changed your phone number or email address?

If so, have you contacted the church office to let us know? Remember, our records are only as good as information YOU provide to us!

# Boar's Head 2018 – celebrating 44 years! Join the celebration by being involved.

Time to prepare for the 44<sup>th</sup> annual Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival!

We hope that all Plymouth folk may start to plan now to support the 2018 Festival! We would love to have all of you participate in some way in this year's celebration of this Plymouth tradition. We have a number of new members and we hope you will seriously consider being a part of the cast, choir, or crews. The primary commitment is compacted into the week between Christmas and New Years.

Each year at this time this first "reminder" appears in the Bell! If you'd like to serve as a co-chairperson of one of the production committees, or as part of the production crews, contact Jim Schmidt at 632-5392.

We can always use help in the kitchen, tickets, set crew, props, make-up and COSTUMES. If you have organizational skills or design and sewing skills, please call Katherine Caldwell leaving a message with the office – 432-9424. Please consider offering your time to one of these production needs.

Kara Jaurigue will be casting starting September 1st through October 25. If you'd like to be a part of this season's cast, please let Kara know before she contacts you **even if you filled out an interest form last December!** Leave a message for her at church 423-9424 or contact her by e-mail at **kkjaurigue@gmail.com** or cell phone; 341-1032. It makes her job easier! To be part of the cast, you will **need to be available for rehearsals and services on December 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30**—just five days primarily in the evenings. The weekend BEFORE Christmas will be free of Boar's Head rehearsals.

Jim and Kara will co-direct again this season. This year we will hold an ALL CAST meeting on Sunday, November 4 at 1:00 to distribute schedules, order tickets, and conclude any pre-rehearsal business. Ticketing will be limited to six tickets per cast family, six for Plymouth members by family, and six per patron as last year. Extra tickets can be arranged.

We WILL not hold tryouts this year for any of the dancing parts, but if you are interested, let Kara know---court dancers are high school age; pat-a-pans are middle school/high school age. The directors will then contact those interested.

Remember, there are just rehearsals on December 26, 27, 28, with services on December 29 and 30...five days to help continue this Plymouth tradition. **Are you new to Plymouth?** If so, we'd love to have you be a part of the Festival. No lines to learn, no solos to sing. We always need lords and ladies couples and beefeaters!! This annual festival is also a great way to meet so many members and friends of Plymouth. The cast consists of 200+ roles, so please consider being a part of this grand Plymouth Christmas tradition! Questions? Contact Jim Schmidt or Kara Jaurigue. Won't you join us and be a part of the 44<sup>th</sup> Boar's Head?

Jim Schmidt and Kara Jaurigue

# Peace & Justice Committee Members Attend Workshop

On September 12, 2018, several Plymouth Church members of the Peace and Justice Committee attended a workshop presented by Center for Congregations, Inc. here in Fort Wayne. In attendance were Jan Evrard, Monty Millage, Carol Patterson and Mary Bir.

The workshop was entitled "Racial Justice and Your Congregation." There were many denominations and also some organizations represented there. The very engaging guest speaker was Michael R. Twyman, PhD, who is an associate faculty member of the IU Lilly Family School of Philanthropy and teaches courses on race and social justice.

The workshop consisted of talks and video and a great deal of participant interaction which included opportunities for getting to know one another and our various affiliations. A notable example of one group represented there was an entire church whose members moved from Battle Creek, MI to Fort Wayne, IN in a major relocation.

The Center for Congregations, Inc. has a locally-present staff and a visitor-friendly location where church members can obtain support for our efforts in being proponents of racial justice in our churches in Fort Wayne and Indiana and surrounding areas.

## SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASS NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

Pam Etheridge, Linda Kerr, Vicki Kruse, and Cher Phelps-Griswold recently traveled with Dr. Michael Spath on his 14<sup>th</sup> "solidarity tour" to Palestine and Israel in which they met with the "Living Stones," Jewish, Christian, and Muslim religious, political, and NGO leaders working for a just peace and full human and political rights.

In Sunday morning Adult Class on November 4, 11, 18, and December 2 (no class on November 25), Pam, Linda, Vicki, Cher, and Michael will share what they learned, the people with whom they met, the issues they confronted, implications of US policies, and the up-to-the-minute news that was breaking while they traveled.

In the December 9 class, Rev. Graylan Hagler, Senior Minister at Plymouth Congregational Church UCC, Washington DC, will be present to talk about the intersection between the *Black Lives Movement* and the Palestinian liberation struggle (both of which he is a leader in Washington DC and throughout the United Church of Christ nationally).

Rev. Hagler is in Fort Wayne at the invitation of the *Indiana Center for Middle East Peace*. He will be the keynote speaker on Sunday evening, December 9, at ICMEP's "Service of Solidarity" commemorating the United Nations *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* at Plymouth Church 6:30 pm.



# TREE OF LIFE "CHAMPION OF JUSTICE"

Plymouth Congregational Church United Church of Christ 2018

*Indiana Center for Middle East Peace* presents its 2018 *Tree of Life* "Champion of Justice" award to Plymouth Congregational Church United Church of Christ.

Plymouth Church stands tall in northeast Indiana, built firmly on a foundation of its four identifying pillars: providing a safe, opening and affirming space for LGBTQ community members and their families; being a just-peace congregation; Earthwise, emphasizing the sustainability and care of the planet; and a missional church, intensely local, intentionally global. Plymouth models a progressive spiritual community, whose celebration of diversity, wide welcome, sacrificial service, and prophetic voice all model Martin Luther King, Jr.'s 'beloved community,' all based in the ethic of Jesus.

Plymouth Church has been a partner with ICMEP from our inception, hosting our first programs, and in the ensuring years, over half of our programs, more than 120 in all, including lectures, concerts, performances, and exhibits. Plymouth's generous hospitality has provided ICMEP a 'home' where intersectional liberative voices are valued. It has financially supported our work, held classes on liberation theology, justice, and human rights in Palestine and Israel, encouraged members to participate in ICMEP-sponsored 'solidarity tours,' and courageously stood firm in our support in the face of outside opposition.

Plymouth Church has also financially supported Christian ministries in Palestine, including *Mar Elias Educational Institutions, Wi'am Conflict Resolution and Transformation Center, Bright Stars of Bethlehem,* and others.

Finally, Plymouth Church is a leader within the United Church of Christ denomination in promoting resolutions supporting the *Kairos Palestine* document, the Palestinian *Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions Movement*, as well as protesting Israel's mistreatment of Palestinian children.

For these reasons, and more, *Indiana Center for Middle East Peace* expresses its gratitude for the partnership of Plymouth Congregational Church United Church of Christ and grants its *Tree of Life* "Champion of Justice" Award to it



invites you to a Jesus Seminar on the Road event:

# **Ancient Texts and the Spiritual Life**

October 26-27, 2018 in Fort Wayne, Indiana with Westar scholars Hal Taussig and Celene Lillie

How do fresh insights from recently recovered first-century documents such as the Gospel of Mary, the Odes of Solomon, and the Thunder: Perfect Mind from early Christ movements encourage new ways to explore religious life? Can they lead to a new awareness about spirituality and daily practice?

#### All Events at

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

### Sponsor

Plymouth Congregational Church

### Registration

#### All Sessions

Pre-registration (by Oct 12, 2018)	\$60	
Registration (after Oct 12, 2018)		
Student Registration		
Single Sessions		
Friday Evening, 7:30–9 pm Saturday	\$20	
Morning, 9:30 am-noon Saturday	\$30	

#### Contacts

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Farmington, Minnesota 55024 (651) 200-2372

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Afternoon, 1:30-4 pm

#### Local information

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westarinstitute.org/upcoming-events-calendar



Hal Taussig (Ph.D. The Union Institute) is a recently retired Professor of New Testament at Union Theological Seminary in New York. He lectures around the country and world. The editor of the award-winning A New New Testament (2013), United Methodist minister, and author of fourteen books, his mediography includes The New York Times, Time Magazine, The Daily Show, People Magazine, Newsweek Magazine, National Public Radio, and many more.



\$30

Celene Lillie (Ph.D., Union Theological Seminary) is the Director of the Tanho Center and on the pastoral staff at Boulder First United Methodist Church in Colorado. She is the author of several books, including The Rape of Eve: The Transformation of Roman Ideology in Three Early Christian Retellings of Genesis (2017).

#### Weekend Sessions include:

How ancient texts foster the spiritual life: Engage with over new texts and learn how to draw spiritual meaning from them.

An exercise from the Gospel of Mary: The only gospel written by a woman, this text is rich with opportunities for engagement.

Journey through Buddhism and Christianity: Explore connections between Buddhist, Christian, and Yogic practices.

Embracing complexity with The Thunder: Perfect Mind: Participate in exercises that help reveal ways to live through complexity.



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# **November Birthdays**

1	Isabelle Shockney	12	Brian Army	23	Mary Bir
2	Katherine Caldwell	12	Cooper Hackett	23	Matt Brown
2	Louise Misegades	12	Laura Kinner	23	Kirstin Springer
2	Jan Younger	12	Danielle South	23	Ruth Anne Sprunger
3	Scott Avery	13	Kate Hollingsworth	24	Loren Dove
4	Whitney Chambers	14	Carol Miller	24	Kathleen Simunek
6	Timothy Cunningham	15	Ty Ratajczak	25	Jessie Voors
7	Al Bohnstedt	16	Pam Etheridge	25	Christine Week
7	Avery Kruckeberg	16	Jacob Key	26	Chris Randolph
7	William Spindler	17	Kathryn Carboneau	27	Nancy Kilduski
8	Miles Nicholson	17	Alex Cooper	28	Eric J. Congdon
9	Rose Pyle	20	Lowell Beineke	29	Ed Gomez
10	Mary Ann Cree	20	Joanne Brooks-Weber	29	Jean Ross
10	Terry Green	20	Valerie Pelz	30	Brent Blalock
10	Michael McCoy	21	Joyce Briner	30	Stan Holdeman
10	Cindy Ottinger	22	Ross Sonday	30	Rachel Tuttle
11	Julie Creek	22	Deb Tuttle		

### Peace & Justice Taste of Faith Dinner Mahnin Asia Restaurant, 2701 S. Calhoun St., 46807

On the evening of September 21, 2018, several Peace & Justice Committee members visited Mahnin to sample the menu of Thai and Burmese food. Although best described as a quaint "hole in the wall" environment, this did not detract from the delicious food and good service. Here is a review as written by Jane Meredith:

"I ordered Som Tum, a spicy papaya and seafood salad with the papaya cut "shoestring" style and served in a vinaigrette style dressing. It also came with three batter-dipped chicken wings that were absolutely delicious—melt in the mouth deep fried batter, perfectly seasoned. I also ordered Gan Masaman with pork, a savory curry dinner with potatoes, onions, and peanuts in a thickened coconut milk soup. It too, was delicious. All was accompanied by a starter bowl of chicken broth and green onions and delicate jasmine tea. The portion sizes gave us all an extra lunch for the next day."



The S'Mores will be presenting
Zoe Moore, latest recipient of
Plymouth's Marcia K Hunt Scholarship
Grant, Sunday, November 11,
immediately after church. Zoe will be
relating her experiences while studying
the culture, people, art, and archaeology
in Oviedo, Spain.

# Thanksgiving Turkeys in Need of a Cook

On Thanksgiving Day for the past 16 years, Plymouth has hosted a noon dinner for those who do not want to be home or in a restaurant on this holiday. Everyone who wishes to share in this meal is welcome! Those who attend bring a dish to share that serves six or more.

Turkeys are purchased by the church with some donor contributions. VOLUNTEER COOKS are sought so that this year's dinner can include turkey! Looking back, our cooks have included couples, families, and individuals.

Volunteers for clean up are also needed. Please remember that anyone who wants to work in the church's kitchen MUST be trained first on the equipment.

Questions? Or to volunteer please contact Rev. Ruth E. Phillips, rep@plymouthfw.org.

# Recognition and Reception for Lettie Eagar

Lettie Eagar, who has faithfully served as our Office Manager at Plymouth for 15 years, is retiring at the beginning of November. We will recognize her in worship October 21, with a reception following worship in the Folsom Room.



# Parking Lot Hang Tags Available Through the Church Office During Office Hours

Due to the increased activity downtown and the limited parking available, all Plymouth members and staff are expected to display a yellow Parking Lot Hang Tag when parking in Plymouth's parking lots for Plymouth activities. This will clearly let the staff know that you are a Plymouth member parking on the Plymouth property.

You will need to provide your name and a phone number at the time of receiving a parking tag. This information will be associated with the tag number you are given and will be kept on file in the church office.

If you still have an old yellow parking hang tag, either write down the number or bring the tag number to the church office, or email it to Laura Rudolph, rudyfw@yahoo.com, along with your name and contact phone number, so that this information can be entered into the database.

Please take the opportunity to become familiar with the Plymouth Parking Lot Policy that was created by the Property Board and presented to the Executive Council in July 2018.

# **Plymouth Parking Lot Policy**

- 1. All members and staff of Plymouth church who desire a Parking Hang Tag will be issued one.
- 2. The Parking Hang Tag is to be displayed at all times on the rear-view mirror on the inside of the front windshield of the vehicle with the numbers facing out so they can be easily read.
- 3. This Parking Hang Tag is for the express use of parking during Plymouth Church activities or events in Plymouth's parking lot located on the NW corner of Berry St. and Fairfield Ave. and the parking area on the west side of the church.
- 4. Cars without Hang Tags displayed will have a notice placed on them reminding them to have the Hang Tag displayed or risk towing at the owner's expense.
- 5. Cars without Parking Hang Tags will be towed at the direction of the church staff.
- 6. Parking Hang Tags are available through the church office during business hours.
- 7. A master list of Parking Hang Tag numbers and the associated names will be maintained by the church office.
- 8. Should a Parking Hang Tag require replacement for any reason, a donation to Plymouth Church is requested.
- 9. Temporary Parking Hang Tags will be issued to contractors by the church office as needed.

Property Board June 21, 2018

### REPORT OF THE NOMINEES FOR OCTOBER ELECTION

Terms end December of the year indicated unless otherwise stated.

(\_) indicates 2nd or 3rd consecutive term

\* indicates ineligible for additional consecutive term

### **OFFICERS (2019)**

Moderators	Rick Schilb	Assistant Treasurer	Laura Coon
Assistant Moderator	Beth Walker	Clerk	Joan Lipscomb
Treasurer	Roger Eversole	Recorder	Sara Sprunger

### **OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS (2019)**

At-Large Member of Executive Council	Randy Roberts
Conference Delegate	Mariah Widmer

### **BOARDS (2019)**

#### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Mark Glassley Kathy Kolb Michal Miller

#### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Linda Kerr (1) Karen Nesius Roeger (1) Chris Randolph (1) Jeanie Rhoades (3)

### CONGREGATIONAL LIFE BOARD

Monty Millage (2) Cindy Ottinger (1) Greg Week (1) Nancy Kilduski (1)

#### **DEACON'S WORSHIP BOARD**

Jan Gibson (2) David Grim (2) Karen O'Neal (2)

#### **EVANGELISM & MARKETING BOARD**

Alan Chambers (1) Kathryn Diekhoff (2) Mariah Widmer (1) Jeff Kolkman (1)

#### PERSONNEL BOARD

Joyce Black (1) Tom Braun (2) Margie Dougherty (1) Laura Ramsey (2)

### PROPERTY BOARD

Diana Bauer (2) Gary Kerr (1) Barbara Duch (1) Gayle Newton (1) Michael Diekhoff (2)

#### STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE

Joann McDonald (1) Anne Boyko (1) Tony Kell (2) Ahnee Conner (2)

2019 Nominating Committee Members: *Allen Haynes, Katherine Caldwell, Kathy Kolb, Bill Lambert, Michal Miller, Sandy Moliere and Randy Roberts* 

Staff Advisors: Rev. Timothy C. Murphy and Rev. Ruth E. Phillips

**NOTE:** Nominations from the floor must be pre-arranged with the committee or one of the Officers (Moderators, Asst. Moderator or Clerk) at least 48 hours prior to election meeting.



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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**

Adopted October 2011



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.