



The Bell

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From the Senior Pastor Preparing to Welcome Rev. Ofner-Seals

After the vote to call the Rev. Sara Ofner-Seals as our next Associate Pastor on Sunday, June 27, some people may be wondering, “Well, when does she start?” Answer: soon! Her first Sunday will be September 12, which coincides with the beginning of our program year and Sunday School kickoff.

A second question that follows the first might be, “Why has there been a gap between being called and starting?” Answer: when we called her, Rev. Sara was already serving as a co-pastor at First Congregational Church of New London, Connecticut. Her agreement with them was to give a 60-day notice before leaving. This is understandable. It takes time and consideration for a church to prepare for the departure of clergy. Rev. Phillips gave a year’s notice before departing, and those involved know that it is an intense process to call someone new! As a baseline, 60 days lead time is a basic courtesy for congregations.

The few weeks beyond that are simply a matter of preparing to move, moving, unpacking, and trying to get a bit settled before starting. I moved to Fort Wayne the first of July of 2018, starting only on August 1, so I had a full month of getting settled beforehand. I pray for both her and her husband Barrett as they make this transition to a new home, state, and congregation.

During this transition, it became clear that with Rev. Sara starting right when the program year begins, we had to make a choice. Planning for the fall happens throughout the summer, so I suggested to her two options: 1) She would need to do a few hours of uncompensated work here and there before beginning, with the two of us having periodic conversations over the summer to talk through the plans being made; or 2) Program staff would go ahead and make plans without her and she would begin implementing things she had no say in once she begins.

She chose the former option, which makes sense!

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Worship at Plymouth

Plymouth Church is currently offering an in-person worship service every Sunday at 10:00 am. Masks are required at this time. From 9:15 am to 9:45 am, we offer a time of fellowship, with coffee provided, in the Folsom Room.

Our services are also livestreamed every Sunday at 10:00 am. These will be available on our [YouTube Channel](#). A link to our YouTube Channel will be posted on our Facebook page every Sunday morning at 8:30 am and included in the Weekly Bulletin.

Plymouth also has a private Facebook group available to members called [Plymouth Generations](#). Join this Facebook group to communicate easily with other Plymouth people! You must already have a Facebook account to join this group.

Plymouth Church sends out the Weekly Bulletin to keep you up-to-date on things like online gatherings, ways to help others while social distancing, and other news. The Weekly Bulletin is sent out on Sundays at 8:30 am. If you are not receiving these messages, please check your spam folder first. If you still are not receiving them, please contact our Communications Specialist Elizabeth at edp@plymouthfw.org.

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So over this past summer, Rev. Sara and I have been communicating, mainly through email but also through some Zoom meetings, on the plans for fall programming. This includes things like changes to Wednesday Night Live, Chapel Class scheduling, Covenant Class for youth considering confirmation, scheduling preaching weeks through December, and notifying her of other significant events that are on the calendar through the fall.

There is a program being planned to help her get to know the congregation. Once she arrives, there will be multiple opportunities for small group meet-and-greets at members' homes, which the Moderators will help coordinate. These will be opportunities for her to hear from Plymouth folks and for those attending to learn a bit more about her and her faith journey and commitments. If you are interested in hosting one of these gatherings sometime in the next 9 months, let either Ahnee Conner or Rick Schilb, our Moderator and Assistant Moderator, respectively, know.

Besides eventually signing up for a future meet and greet, I invite you to pray about how you can prepare to welcome Rev. Sara into our midst once she arrives. Transitions are both stressful and exciting times. While it has been challenging to cover all the bases without an Associate Pastor to partner with this summer, I think this small summer gap has been overall a good thing. Once Rev. Sara is here, I know I will not be the only one who will want to celebrate and with a breath of relief say, "Welcome to Plymouth Church!"

Peace,

The Rev. Dr. Timothy C. Murphy
Senior Pastor and Teacher

Plymouth Women's Book Study

After an extended break, Plymouth's Book Study, open to anyone who self-identifies as a woman, will be resuming in a refreshed format this fall. We have decided to choose books related to one of our four covenants (Open and Affirming, Earthwise, Just Peace, and Global Mission Service). It is expected that most books will be discussed in just one session, which will allow persons to choose when a topic is of special interest to them.

We plan to meet on the third Tuesday of each month, and our first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 21, from 12:00 pm to 1:15 pm. Our first book will be *Flight Behavior*, a novel by Barbara Kingsolver.

We also hope to make plans for future books, so if you are interested in sharing a book – either fiction or non-fiction – we hope that you will be able to come. In any case, if you have a book to recommend but cannot attend, or have any questions, please contact Judith Beineke at jrbeineke@yahoo.co.uk.



Chapel Class Returns September 12

Plans are underway for an exciting year of interactive study and conversations, growing believers from wherever we are on life's journey toward paths of deeper spiritual understanding and service in our world. Questioning and wrestling welcome!

September 12 and 19 Rev. Timothy Murphy will be leading a discussion on addressing institutional racism and how it differs from responding to personal and systemic racism. The group will learn about projects Plymouth has been undertaking over the past year to address institutional racism within our structure, and attendees will explore next steps and possibilities of additional projects to be taken on in the future.

September 26 Lucy Hess and Peg Maginn from League of Women Voters Fort Wayne will present information about Redistricting in Indiana following the 2020 Census and the impacts on social justice for all who are eligible to vote. Increasing efforts to suppress voting rights of some could have grave consequences for our democracy. Learn ways we can become involved.

October brings the debut of Rev. Sara Ofner-Seals as she leads a study of Sister Joan Chittister's book, *The Time is Now – A Call to Uncommon Courage*. Order a copy of the book now from your favorite book seller. From the book jacket, readers are told it's "for the weary, the cranky, and the fearful, this energizing message invites us to participate in a vision for a world greater than the one we find ourselves in today."

Open Prayer in the Sanctuary

Per a number of requests, Plymouth has decided to open our sanctuary on Thursdays from 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm for a time of personal prayer. All are welcome and can come and go as they please. Please enter through the Berry Street office entrance and check in with our receptionist. If you have any questions, please email us at office@plymouthfw.org or call (260) 423-9424.

Plymouth's Community Garden

Plymouth's raised bed garden behind the church has been revived! In addition to herbs, we have kale ready to go, and other vegetables are starting to mature. John and Josh have been tending it. This was planted to share with the community, so please spread the word!

Rejoice and Renewal Celebration

“With Thanksgiving for the past, with joy in the present and with hope for the future we celebrate this renewal of Plymouth.” Plymouth Church presents the “Rejoice & Renewal Celebration” on **Saturday, September 18 at 5:30 pm** at the Mizpah Shrine Center Imperial Room located at 1015 Memorial Way, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46805.

The evening will include a free catered dinner and music. **A registration form can be found [here](#)** and will ask you to select your dinner choice: homestead chicken (rotisserie grilled half chicken), or vegan friendly pasta primavera (bow tie pasta with broccoli, carrots, red peppers, mushrooms, onions and ripe olives in an herbed olive oil). Please register for each individual person who will be in attendance and their dinner choice. Registration ends at 11:59 pm on September 7.

If you have any questions regarding the event, please contact Monty Millage at mlmillage@gmail.com or (260) 602-7209. If you have trouble completing the registration online or need to make a change to your registration, please contact our Communications Specialist Elizabeth Pruitt at edp@plymouthfw.org or (260) 423-9424.

Register today and help us celebrate our future with respect for the past!

Meet the New Receptionist



Hello everyone! I'm Jacob Slone and I'm the new Receptionist at Plymouth Church. I've been at Plymouth for two months, and I can honestly say it is the best job I've ever had. Allow me to introduce myself.

I live in Garrett, IN. Its ok if you don't know where that is: few people do. If you hop on Coldwater Rd. and start driving north for 33 minutes, you will eventually blink and miss the entire town and be on your way to Corunna. It has its collection of churches, two museums, a theatre that is famous in Norway but sadly closed, one of the few drive-in theatres in the area, and one of the best ice cream stands in the country. It's a place that's not so rural that you can't see the town, but with so little town it's hard to not see and smell the corn, soybeans, and cows that are raised there.

I graduated from Purdue University Fort Wayne in 2011 with a bachelor's degree in theatre and an emphasis in acting. I branched out to sound design and stage management. My father was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease the same year that I graduated, so instead of pursuing an acting career, I switched gears to clerical work to stay near him. I was the case manager of a group home, the assistant manager of a paintball arena, a library assistant for both Garrett Public Library & PFW, and you may have also seen me causing several controlled (and not at all accidental) explosions at Science Central. In 2020 I made the decision to do a lateral move for my health, and I stumbled upon Plymouth, which turned out to be an excellent fit.

Outside of my little glass box in the receptionist area you can find me spending time with my wife, playing board games and tabletop role playing games with friends, and doing some freelance writing. I love to travel and fill my life with whimsy and fun. It's too short to do anything less.

I'm excited to get to know all of you, and can't wait to see what Plymouth has in store.

Calling All Plymouth Musicians: We're Baaaack!

Hard to believe, but it's been well over 18 months since we had regular in-church activities! Having spent a lot of that time here in the mostly-empty building performing via livestream, making recordings for YouTube, and connecting with church members via Zoom in rehearsals or meetings, I for one am really happy to hear the sounds of people in the building again. And I look forward to welcoming all of Plymouth's musicians back to regular, in-person rehearsals and worship services!

Since there are still serious pandemic issues in the community, namely from the Delta variant of the COVID-19 virus, we will be regulating our time together based on the best COVID-19 information available. For now and for the foreseeable future, we will be masking while in the building and at rehearsals.

Wednesday Night Live kicks off at 6:00 pm on September 1 with a cookout at the church. Then, on Wednesday, September 8, our regular WNL activities schedule begins. Sanctuary Singers will begin singing for worship on September 12.

Below is a list of music activities and general schedule - please note these times and plan on attending. New participants are always welcome at anytime!

Peace,
Robert Nance
Director of Music

Wednesday Night Live Music Schedule

September 8, 2021 - May 25, 2022

5:15 pm Children's Choir (second floor classrooms)
Sanctuary Singers (music room)
6:00 pm Dinner (Folsom Room)
6:30 pm Church Announcements (Folsom Room)
6:45 pm Plymouth Bell Ensemble (Sanctuary Balcony)
Youth Hangout Time (Youth Center)
7:30 pm Wrap up

Sunday Morning Music Schedule

September 12, 2021 - May 22, 2022

9:00 am Worship Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
10:00 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Sanctuary Singers Schedule

Sanctuary Singers will participate in worship every Sunday between September and May. Director of Music Robert Nance will prepare the choir each week and will communicate with participants regarding schedule throughout the season. Contact Robert at robert@maestronance.com. All are welcome to participate!

Children's Choir Schedule

Children's Choir will participate in worship on the third Sunday of each month between September and May, with a few exceptions that will be noted at the beginning of the program year. Associate Director of Music Phil Slane will prepare the children every Wednesday night with the assistance of Anne Hughes. If you have any questions about participating with the Children's Choir this year, contact Phil at philip.m.slane@gmail.com. All are welcome to participate!

Plymouth Bell Ensemble Schedule

The Bell Ensemble will participate in worship on the fourth Sunday of each month between September and May, with a few exceptions. Associate Musician Tim Cunningham will prepare the ensemble each week and communicate specifics of their worship schedule throughout the season. Contact Timothy at timocunningham@yahoo.com. All are welcome to participate!

Youth Hangout

Every week from September through May, Youth Director Kara Jaurigue and Robert Nance will provide leadership and various activities for Youth. We will meet in the Youth Center to start and participants will choose from activities that include: conversation, homework, music, games, and special seasonal activities.

Sunday School is Returning September 12

Godly Play - a Playful Exploration of God's Story

Last year, we sent home six "Godly Play" stories with our Sunday school families. Each story box had a set of hands-on props to help children play with the big ideas in each story. This year, we are continuing with the same technique--in person! Instead of just six stories, we'll hear a new story every week. After the story is told, the kids will have time to continue to play with the props, or to respond to the story through art.



This fall's stories take us on a journey through the Hebrew Bible, following the Hebrew people first as desert nomads, then as they made a permanent home for God's presence in the city of Jerusalem, and as they were again pushed into the desert of exile. These stories about searching for God in a variety of settings have a lot to say to us as we figure out how to meet with God and each other amid ever-changing safety recommendations.

Our preschool and elementary class will meet outdoors, in the Shedd Park area (next to the Folsom Room doors) at 9:00 am every Sunday. In cases of inclement weather, we will meet inside, in the upstairs Sunday school rooms. Masks will be required when we are indoors.

Godly Play Sampler--for All Ages (September 8, 15, 22 and 29, 6:45 pm)

Each Sunday, after we hear the scripture in worship, we "play" with the story. As adults, our play often involves using our imagination to picture Biblical times, listening to our pastor mull over the passage, and responding through our quiet thoughts or our songs and prayers.

This year in Sunday school, our kids will also have a chance to "play" with Bible stories. Unlike adults, who often play in their thoughts, kids tend to play in tactile ways. They reenact the Bible stories, they draw pictures of Bible places, they add imaginative bits of their modern life into their play.



"Godly Play" is a system of storytelling and playful response. It's been used at Plymouth in the past, but it's been a while, and the best way to understand the process is to see it in action. **So on Wednesdays in September, all ages are invited to a Godly Play Sampler.** While we will follow the same structure as our children sessions, these Wednesday settings are set up for all ages. We won't ask adults to role-play that they are children -- along with the story props and play dough there will be space for adults to reflect through quiet space, journaling, and discussion.

Sunday school parents and teachers are strongly encouraged to attend at least one of these sessions to better understand how Sunday school will look this year. But even if you aren't involved in Sunday school, anyone who could use a little playfulness in the middle of the week is invited to join us.

Sunday School by Mail

One quarantine innovation that many families enjoyed last year was the Sunday school packets that we mailed out. Because everyone loves getting mail, we will continue a simpler version of the mailings this year. Be on the lookout for mailbox goodies once a quarter. If you know a kid or teen who would like to be included on our mailing list, please give their contact information to Katie Watson.

Youth Sunday School

On September 12, our Youth class returns! Middle and High School students will dive deeper into the Bible and some of the big questions of the Christian faith. We'll use short videos and doodling on journal pages to jump-start our discussion--as our youth learn to communicate their questions and their answers about some big topics. **The Youth Class meets on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am in Room 203.** Masks are required during indoor classes.

**Photos featured are two of seven creation cards made by Plymouth member Janice Furtner.*

Last Month for Donations to RIP Medical Debt Campaign

It is with great gratitude for the gifts given so far, and hopeful anticipation of gifts to come, that we enter the final weeks of our fundraiser for RIP Medical Debt. The campaign will end on Sunday, September 26, allowing those receiving relief to be notified during the Christmas season.

As of this writing we, along with the good folks of Peace UCC and First Congregational UCC in Angola, have raised \$15,303.88 to eliminate medical debt. This is **76%** of our \$20,000 goal, and enough to erase just over \$1.5 million dollars in medical debt. If we are able to reach our goal – just \$4,606.12 more – we will have raised enough money to forgive two million dollars in debt!

This will be an incredible and liberating gift for our neighbors crushed by the weight of unpayable medical debts. Please consider giving what you are able; just a \$5 donation is enough to erase \$500 in debt!

In Luke’s gospel, when Jesus returns from his 40 days in the wilderness, he begins his public ministry by going to the synagogue and reading from Isaiah 61, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me... to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” He told the people that this scripture was now fulfilled in their hearing. May we, the living body of Christ in our time, bring good news to the poor and proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor, and fulfill the scripture in the hearing of our neighbors who need it most.

New T-Shirts Coming Soon!

The Evangelism & Marketing Board has ordered new Plymouth t-shirts, and will have them available soon! The options are a navy with green lettering and a purple with gold lettering; we think you’ll agree that they are colorful and represent us well. There is no set price. Suggested donations are \$5 for children’s sizes and \$10 for adult sizes, to help offset the cost, but this as a “pay what you can” situation. Whether you are able to donate at the suggested level or a little more or less, it is important to us that anyone who wants a t-shirt can have one.

Should donations exceed the purchase price of the shirts, the extra money will be put toward more shirts (if needed) or used to buy items for E&M supply drives. When the shirts get here, we’ll set up shop in the Folsom Room, so be on the look out for updates – or a table full of t-shirts.



Stay Up to Date with Plymouth Church!

Are you following Plymouth on social media? If you aren’t, you may be missing important updates about special events. You can find us on Facebook and Instagram, where we post event reminders and updates, share photos from events and other happenings around the church, and more. [Like us on Facebook here](#) and [follow us on Instagram here](#). On our YouTube channel, you’ll find our past worship services and be able to tune in each Sunday morning for a livestream of our service. [Subscribe to our YouTube Channel here](#). You can also find links to all our social media channels [on our website](#).



Good and Faithful Servant Recognition



In 2005, the Board of Deacons created the Good and Faithful recognition as a “thank you” from the congregation. Thirty-nine members have their names placed on this plaque that hangs in the Narthex. This includes Mary and Roy Gilliom, who received the Good and Faithful Servant recognition on May 22.

The criteria the deacons use to select individuals include members who exemplify strong leadership on boards, task forces, special projects, church officers, and participate as a volunteer in a variety of church programs and opportunities including teaching Sunday School, music, special worship services, Boar’s Head Festival, Wednesday Night Live, Just Neighbors, Caring Team, Food Resource Bank, Chapel Class, Youth programming all of which support our Mission Statement and the Four Covenants of our church.

Mary Gilliom has long served our church in a variety of ways besides being a good friend, listener and supporter of her fellow members, to highlight a few, Mary serves on the Caring committee. Everyone knows that Mary will bring the most beautiful presentation of fruit, or desserts or whatever else she decides to contribute. These gifts are always ready to put on the table because of her effort to make them so appealing. She served many times as a Samaritan to call on shut-ins, she stayed overnight at the church when Plymouth hosted the families from Just Neighbors for a week in our building. Mary mentored a woman who was addicted to drugs and her family for a period of time while the family got back on its feet. Mary continues contact with the children. When the FWCS study connection program began at Plymouth, Mary was one of the first to sign on to tutor an elementary age child which she continued for several years. Perhaps her most memorable was serving on the Deacon’s Board. Serving communion was always a highlight and in fact she says, it changed her thinking about communion and its meaning to herself as well as for others. Mary has also faithfully served as a lector for several years.

Roy Gilliom’s talents led him to serve in a wide variety of ways using his financial and leadership skills early on the Trustees Board that became Executive Council during the restructuring of the leadership model. He led the task force that developed the formula we use to annually release monies from the endowment to help support our annual budgets. He is a stalwart defender of the endowment, but always open to discuss prudent use of it. Serving on the Stewardship and Finance Committees/Boards was one of his most important contributions. It is always difficult to say no to Roy when he asks. For example, Roy helped lead the successful capital campaign raising money for the sanctuary renovation. As others took on leadership roles, Roy was always one people turned to for policy insights and plans.

Mary, along with Roy’s support, faithfully served for over 10 years the needs of one of our members, Charmaine, on a weekly basis offering friendship, counsel and support for all of her personal and financial issues. Mary always went above and beyond what was expected of her especially with her care of Charmaine.

Both have a delightful sense of humor. Roy typically is one who always asked the interesting questions during Bible Study time. Their individual and collective efforts have made Plymouth church stronger and welcoming to all people. Congratulations Mary and Roy. Job well done!

Giving to Growing Hope Globally

As the 16th year of Plymouth’s involvement in Growing Hope (formerly FRB) continues, we want to remind those of you who want to and can give to do so. This program, which has to date assisted well over 2 million people raise their standard of living, needs our financial support. Your giving enriches the lives of so many in developing nations and enables us to accomplish our covenant of Global Mission. When you give, remember to write your check to Plymouth Church, and indicate on the memo line that it is directed to Growing Hope.

On behalf of those recipients of your generosity, we thank you and ask God’s blessing upon you and our collective efforts to help those much less fortunate than ourselves.

The GHG Task Force,
Gale Cunningham, Carol Patterson, Peg and Rick Schilb



Christmas Wreath Orders - Standish Women's Organization



Merry Christmas! Wait! It's only late summer, but orders need to be placed for wreaths now. St. Joe Tree Farm is graciously working with Standish Circle to keep the tradition of selling wreaths for you to order and receive in time for the Christmas holidays. The profits are used to assist the Christmas family that Standish/Knit & Kibitz adopts each year. Unfortunately, swags and roping will

not be available this year as the greenery comes from Oregon and Washington where fires and extreme heat have really damaged, if not wiped out, the crops. The pickup will be at Plymouth and handled in a noncontact manner. We plan to do the wreath pick up on Sunday, November 21 at the porte-cochere.

Orders and payment must be received before Sunday, September 12. To complete an order form, [click here](#) to print off the form and return it to the Plymouth office or pick up an order form at the front office on Sunday mornings. Checks should be made payable to Plymouth Church and include a notation stating "Standish Wreaths" on the memo line.

Tutors Needed for Study Connection

Last year, Plymouth hosted Study Connection via zoom for six children who attended Fairfield Elementary school. We plan to offer the Study Connection again beginning early to mid October in person in the Folsom Room, COVID permitting.

An orientation for new tutors is provided by Study Connection. In September there will be an organizational meeting for new and returning Plymouth tutors and subs. If interested, please apply this summer so we can have the tutors in place and assigned when the Study Connection begins in early to mid October. Everyone is welcome to be a special friend to an elementary age child. Providing support and encouragement is the main task for each tutor and sub. Being a tutor is a great way to make a difference in a child's life.

To apply, click [here](#) to complete the Volunteer Information Form. All volunteers must have a background check which is done by the FWCS and two references. If you would like to be a tutor or a substitute or have any questions about volunteering, please let Lucy Hess know by contacting her at lh22@frontier.com or (260) 484-4430.



Sanctuary Flower Donation Sign Ups

Now that we are back in our sanctuary for worship, we again offer the opportunity to sign up for a Sunday to sponsor the chancel flowers. Members have used this opportunity to remember family and friends, celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, graduations or other events.

After the service, members volunteer to divide up the flowers to take to those who are not able to attend church services. Your donation of the flowers serves two purposes: to beautify the sanctuary and bring joy to members who cannot be in church. If you wish to take some of your donated flowers home, go to the kitchen after the service to claim your bunch.

Those who want to sign up can do so by filling out the form, linked [here](#), or they can call/email the office. Payment can be made through the donation link on our website (included in the form) or by mailing cash/a check to the office. Donations for the selected Sunday(s) must be to the office by the prior Tuesday. The cost for one bouquet is \$50. If two members sign up for the same Sunday, we will have two bouquets that week.

Contact the office at (260) 423-9424 or office@plymouthfw.org with any questions.



Indiana Center for Middle East Peace Upcoming Programs

Following present CDC guidelines, all events taking place inside Plymouth Church and other indoor venues will require masks.

ICMEP HOMECOMING

Thursday, September 9, 6:30 pm
Plymouth Congregational Church, 501 W. Berry St, 46802

Our first in-person gathering in 18 months! Come see old friends, receive news updates about our friends in Palestine, dedicate our Peace Wheel, renew our commitment to our mission, hear about future plans.

RONNIE MALLEY – Ziryab: Songbird of Andalusia

Saturday, October 2, 6:30 pm
Plymouth Congregational Church, 501 W. Berry St, 46802

Take an enchanting musical journey from 9thc. Islamic Spain to present-day America. Arabic music & poetry tell the story of Ziryab, a former Baghdad slave whose musical talent with the oud brought him fame throughout the Middle East, North Africa, and al-Andalus, where Christians, Jews, & Muslims co-existed for centuries creating a diverse society. Ronnie weaves this story with his own story as a Muslim Palestinian-American growing up in Chicago. Free, open to the public. Supported with a grant from National Endowment of the Arts, Indiana Arts Commission, and Fort Wayne Arts United.

DR. MICHAEL SPATH – Kahlil Gibran: Troubadour of the Prophet, the Beloved

Thursday, October 14, 6:30 pm
Plymouth Congregational Church, 501 W. Berry St, 46802
Free and open to the public

Join Michael Spath for the first in his series exploring the life, poetry, and art of Lebanese-American author Kahlil Gibran. He ranks with Shakespeare, Lao Tzu, Homer, and Rumi, among the best-selling poets of all time, thanks to his masterpiece translated into 100+ languages, *The Prophet* (1923). He writes: “My entire being is in the Prophet.” His art and timeless verse marry East and West, revealing the universal Spirit.

HUWAIDA ARRAF – GALA 2021

Saturday, October 30, 5:00-9:00 pm
Orchard Ridge Country Club, 4531 Lower Huntington Rd, 46809

Heavy appetizers, Silent Auction, music, and more.
Contact Linda Kerr for Registration and Benefactor Levels
linda.kerr72@gmail.com; (260) 341-2796

Huwaida Arraf is a Palestinian-American activist-lawyer in Detroit, with US and Israeli citizenship. She is co-founder (with husband, Adam Shapiro, and others) of the International Solidarity Movement; Chair of the Free Gaza Movement, the organization behind the Gaza Freedom Flotillas (she was aboard 2008 and 2010 Free Gaza boats); and charter member of the Palestine Feminist Collective.



Walk the Talk: Prayer Walks

Join the Fort Wayne UNITED TenPoint Coalition Teams and pastors of Fort Wayne for prayer walks through the Oxford Community.

When: Tuesday, August 24
Thursday, August 26
5:30 pm - 6:45 pm

Where: Weisser Park Youth Center
802 Eckart St.
Fort Wayne, IN 46806

Who: All are welcome!

In case of rain, the August 24 date will be pushed to August 31 at 5:30 pm and the August 26 date will be pushed to September 2 at 5:30 pm.

“The Fort Wayne UNITED TenPoint Coalition is influencing the lives of young people, families, local businesses, and neighborhoods by implementing proactive strategies to reduce violence and emphasize the importance of education, employment and community partnerships.

Created in 2018, foot patrol members visit local neighborhoods to examine the areas of crime, education, health, and housing and how to improve conditions and the quality of life for residents and explore opportunities for growth and future success.”

For more information about the Fort Wayne UNITED TenPoint Coalition, visit their website by clicking [here](#).

Plymouth People In Our Prayers

Archer Family, Charlie Belch, Donna Belch, Nick and Carrie Calkins, Colleen Carteaux, Kris Conner, Judy Crooks, Brad Crowder, Lynda and Mike Eckard, Laura Ehrhardt, Ann Filler, Eric Glenn, Caroline Godsell, Robin Grimm, Joan Hartwig, Nancy Jordan, Nancy Kilduski, Elizabeth Klooze, Ginny Laudadio, Beth Lauer, Mary Joan Lauer, Brian Laurenz, Carol Lewark, Joan Lipscomb, Sheldon Lockwood, Janet McCoy, Mary McCoy family, Chris McDonough, Dave and James Alan Mendenhall, Jim Nelson, Bonnie Pennock, Cindy Pflueger, Tod Ramsey, Noel Resor, Anne Rowland, Jacqueline Sanders, Rick Schilb, Vivian Schilb, Barbara Senn, John Shannon, Maureen Shea, Travis Sheets, Shirley Slater, Johanna Smith, Caspian Throop– Voors, Marian Waltz, Stan Volz

New life is welcomed in the birth of a son, Corwin Mathis Minchski, May 24, to proud parents Amanda and Merideth Minchski. Delighted and excited big sister is Ryleigh Minchski.

New life is welcomed in the birth of Audrey Sharon Helder, born July 7 in Reading, Pennsylvania to parents Katherine and Daniel Helder. Grandparents Larry and Beth Walker and Aunts Emma Walker and Christine Archer are thrilled.

Sympathy is extended to parents Nick and Carrie Calkins on the unexpected death of their five-day-old infant son, Cole Gordon Calkins, April 18, MI. Sympathy also to great uncle A. J. Calkins and Cole's extended family.

Sympathy is extended to family and friends on the death of Mark D. Lenz, May 1, Fishers. Mark was keyboardist and vocalist for 45 years with the band Endgame, who played at Plymouth Church many times in past years. We extend sympathy to friends and bandmates John Escosa II, Tom Gibson, and Neil Federspiel.

Sympathy is extended to family and friends on the unexpected death of Rita Lechleitner, June 3, Angola. Rita was a UCC Licensed Minister with First Congregational, Angola, and our sympathies also extend to her church and community.

Sympathy is extended to Mary R. Voors and Laura Coon in the death of her mother, Mary Elizabeth Voors, June 8. Sympathy is also extended to Jessie, Ryan, and Caspian Throop-Voors in the death of their grandmother and great-grandmother.

Sympathy is extended to Nancy Kilduski and Beth Lauer on the death of Nancy's aunt, Lorraine Kilduski Nicholson, in Virginia, June 8.

Sympathy is extended to Michelle and Heather Dollarhite on the death of Michele's nephew, Travis D. Dollarhite, 30, June 9; and to Jordan Dollarhite on the death of her cousin.

Sympathy is extended to Pam Etheridge and family on the death of her mother, Dottie Snider, 89, on June 29, in North Manchester, IN

Sympathy is extended to Rebecca and Lowell Shearer in the death of their grandson, David "Cecil" Nunnally, age 19, July 15.



Indiana-Kentucky Conference UCC COVID-19 Guidance

Rev. Murphy received updated guidance from our Conference Minister, Rev. Chad Abbott, on May 14 in light of the CDC's evolving guidelines on mask wearing. It comes from the Wisconsin Council of Churches, released May 13, entitled "Love Builds Up."

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to be a significant factor in our lives for when and how we gather together. The current abatement and the hope associated with vaccines, however, does not yet mean a return to "normal."

Click [here](#) to view the full guidance.

COVID-19 Vaccination Eligibility

The state of Indiana has opened COVID-19 vaccination eligibility to **anyone 12 and older**.

If you are eligible, you can schedule an appointment [here](#). If you have difficulty registering online, you can dial 211 from any phone for assistance.



September Birthdays



1	Daniel Lewark	10	Mariah Western	23	Vicki Kruse
1	Eli Jarred Spath	14	Natasha Chemey	23	Samuel Melo
1	Shelley Woehnker	14	Linda Escosa	24	Donna Belch
2	Michael Spath	15	Roger Eversole	24	Mary Shultz
4	Phillip Colglazier	17	Owen Roney	25	Dee Hoffman
4	Traci Hamilton	19	Hannah Moore	25	Anne Kolb
4	Dawn Wiley	19	Anne Hughes	26	Emily Grim
6	Clyde Dively	22	Judith Beineke	27	Simon Coffeen
7	Kennon Nicholson	23	John Congdon	27	Emma Walker
8	Jayne Chasey	23	Shawn Conner	28	Dustin Ramsey
8	Karen Goss	23	Bonnie Doherty	29	Bonnie Pennock
8	Bob Nance	23	Linda Hite	30	Lyra Miller

Financial Report

July 2021

	Month	Month	Month	YTD	YTD	YTD
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
Total Income	\$ 46,590	\$ 63,541	\$ (16,951)	\$ 510,888	\$ 521,737	\$ (10,849)
Total Expenses	\$ 79,485	\$ 73,218	\$ 6,267	\$ 448,523	\$ 501,662	\$ (53,139)
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (32,895)	\$ (9,677)	\$ (23,218)	\$ 62,365	\$ 20,075	\$ 42,290

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