



## CWS School Kits Needed

Once again, our Sunday school classes will be leading the congregation in collecting school supplies for Church World Service.

This year, CWS has an **urgent** need for school kits, so the UCC is offering matching grants to help churches collect and send more kits.

Each School Kit contains:

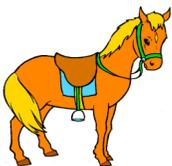
- One pair of rounded-tip metal scissors
- Three 70-page spiral notebooks
- One 12-inch/30-cm ruler
- One hand-held pencil sharpener
- One large eraser
- Six new pencils with erasers
- One box of (exactly) 24 crayons



All supplies will be packed in tote bags; patterns to sew the bags are available on the bulletin board in the Folsom Room, or on the CWS website. Because of the variety of cultures of recipients, please remember to purchase plain supplies without cartoons, pictures, or symbols.

Don't wait for school to start—bring in supplies NOW! **As soon as we collect \$250 in supplies, we can apply for a matching grant.** Help us reach this goal quickly so we can use the grant money at the back-to-school sales and complete as many kits as possible for children around the world.

## Wednesday Night Live Resumes



**POTLUCK & CARNIVAL, Wednesday, August 20, 5:45 pm.** Pony Rides, carriage rides, games, and food. Bring a dish to share! Meat for the cookout will be provided.

**COLD-DISH POTLUCK & JELL-O JUDGING CONTEST, Wednesday, August 27, 5:45 pm.** Bring your family-favorite, jolly, jiggling, jovial, jazzy Jell-O dish to win over the surprise judges!



**ALICIA LEAL RETURNS AS OUR CATERER, September 3.** As usual, menus and signup sheets will be posted on the bulletin board; dinner at **5:45 pm.**

## Get to Know the History Of Plymouth In A Fun And Meaningful Way!

Did you know that during the 1990's, there was an art wall that completely covered up the windows in the Folsom Room? Did you know that, at one time, the music director would run across the rooftop and through the education wing, to get from the organ in the balcony to the organ in the chancel, during the Sunday morning worship service? Did you know that, at one time in the church's early history, there was an open-air courtyard where the chapel and Amistad Room are currently located?

All of these interesting facts and more will be shared not only with our current Plymouth Church members, but also with the community, during the West Central Neighborhood Association Tour. Plymouth will be a participant in this event, **Saturday, September 6 and Sunday, September 7.**

We are asking that Plymouth members help serve as volunteers to greet and inform the tour visitors about our church, its architecture, and its history. "Talking points" will be provided for docents who will be stationed at six locations throughout our building.

Volunteers can sign up to serve three-hour shifts (from **10:45 am – 2:00 pm**, or from **1:45 – 5:00 pm**), either **Saturday or Sunday.** The sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board outside of the first floor office.

We welcome your help!

# In Our Prayers

During **August**, we pray for **Vincent Village and Associated Churches** (Baby's Closet, Food Bank), whose work is supported, in part, through Plymouth benevolence.

**Plymouth people in our prayers:** Jack Ade, Sally Ade, Laura Benya, A.J. Calkins, Audria Carter, Karen Carter, Matt Carter, Teresa Clingaman, Evan Conner, Roger and Tony Crouch, Bill Deans, Elizabeth Dube, Judy Dunahue, Gail Escosa, Ed Gomez, Martha McFadden-Hampel, Mary Lou Hartman, George James, Hannah Katinsky, Luanne Root Koenig, Gerald Lockwood, Sandy Lockwood, Sheldon Lockwood, Jim McFadden, Veronica McFadden, Dulanna Rotherth, Carol Shedd, Marilyn Sprengel, Ardella Wing, and Melody Worsham.

**Members and friends serving overseas:** Major Marc Lovelace; Chantel White.

**UCC Chaplains serving overseas:** Chaplain Albert Ghergich, Chaplain James Janecek, Chaplain Mark Roeder.

**Congratulations** to Janeen Lipscomb and Brandon Wilch on their marriage, May 18, in Indianapolis.

**Congratulations** to Luanne Root and Ed Koenig on their marriage, May 24.

**Congratulations** to Anne Katherine Sye Spath and Daniel Thomas Boyko on their marriage, June 28, at Plymouth.

**Congratulations** to Betsy Hart and Kavin Ley on their marriage, July 5.

**Congratulations** to Heather and Michele Dollarhite, ten years together, on gaining their legal marriage status July 22, in Newport, OR.

**New Life** is welcomed with the birth of Otto Christopher Kiep to Lissa Bandemer Kiep and Brad Kiep on May 15. Proud grandfather is Karl Bandemer.

**New Life** is welcomed in the birth of Harrison Matthew Dishong, July 15. Proud parents are Matthew and Cortney (Longardner) Dishong. Grandparents are Larry and Carla Longardner, and great-grandmother is Joann Schmidt.

**Sympathy** is extended to Barbara Bugg on the death of her nephew, John Cooper IV, age 46, May 14, in a snow avalanche north of Seattle. His parents, Marilyn (Bugg) and John Cooper III, were married at Plymouth in November, 1964.

**Sympathy** is extended to Roberta Braunlin and family on the death of her husband, Robert Braunlin, May 29.

**Sympathy** is extended to the family and friends of Irene Hiatt, who died May 30.

**Sympathy** is extended to Ann Filler, Laura Filler, and family, on the death of mother and grandmother, Wanda Cochran, June 22.

**Sympathy** is extended to the family and friends of Florence Redding, who died July 1.

**Sympathy** is extended to Colette, Alan, Eric and Lisa Legg, on the death of husband and father, David Legg, on July 5.

**Sympathy** is extended to daughter Karen Birkenbeul, family, and friends, on the death of Barbara Yager, July 5.

**Sympathy** is extended to Joyce Black and family on the death of her grandmother, Betty J. Roberts, July 23.

**Sympathy** is extended to Rick Stoerker and family on the death of his mother, Roberta Clair, July 25.

**Sympathy** is extended to Colette Legg on the unexpected death of her son, Eric Legg, 24 years old, July 28, and to Alan Legg and Lisa (Legg) Bregin, on the death of their brother.

## A Special Thanks ...

To my Plymouth family ...

A grateful "thank you" for all of the visits, calls, flowers, food, and especially the prayers and good wishes, from all of you, during my six weeks at Parkview and the Towne House Rehab Center.

Blessings,  
Carol Shedd



## From the Associate Pastor

Dear Friends,

On July 23, a letter to Plymouth Church arrived from the Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Programs at Christian Theological Seminary. It was a response to our grant proposal for funding from the 2014 Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Program for Indiana Congregations, and said, “Unfortunately, your proposal was not among those selected for funding this year. We receive far more quality proposals than we are able to fund, so please know that you are encouraged to apply again in future years.”

Our proposal requested a total of \$27,061 (out of a possible \$44,000). Our renewal plan costs were nearly equal between my activities, \$14,811, and the congregation’s activities, \$12,250.

While I am disappointed we did not receive the Lilly Grant to fund our renewal activities, I will be taking my sabbatical in May-July, 2015, focusing on my proposed theme, “Listening for God’s Laughter.” With the guidance of congregational leaders, it is my hope that Plymouth will fulfill some of the plans we proposed for its renewal activities.

Many members of the congregation participated in focus groups. I hope those insights and ideas will be brought to creative fruition in future programs.

I extend my deep appreciation to the Sabbatical Task Force (STF) of John Escosa, Steve Hollingsworth, Jan Gibson, and Terry Springer, who partnered with me over the course of two program seasons to explore, discern, and develop our grant proposal. This was the third STF in which John and Steve participated, and the first one for Jan and Terry. Our cold readers were two former STF members, Linda Balthaser and Barbara Bugg.

As a reminder, consider how very fortunate we are to have received two prior Lilly grants: 2005 for Rev. John P. Gardner’s sabbatical, and again in 2006 for my 2007 sabbatical.

Now to the near future of this fall and winter: this issue of the BELL reflects the myriad talents being offered to fill our new season with vitality and creativity, growth and new connections, among people from birth to 101. May our life together be a radiant expression of God’s grace, the love of Jesus, and the energy of the Spirit.

Peace be with you,  
Rev. Ruth E. Phillips

## Wellspring Interfaith Social Services

*From their “Thank you” letter of August 1*

*Dear Plymouth Church:*

*The donation of \$677.00 . . . through donations by congregants is much appreciated.*

*The gift is important as it helps us offset the cost of food expenses for Wellspring’s Summer Day Camp Program. Providing snacks initially and at mid-morning was especially important for youth in our Pre K, K and Grade 1 and Grade 2– 4 groupings. Unfortunately, too many of the kids arrived at camp in the morning without having a nutritious breakfast.*

*Our Summer Day Camp reached 529 youth, with a high percentage of those coming from the core of the city of Fort Wayne. Again, we made our camp accessible, offering participation at no cost, and also Wellspring provided free transportation to approximately 70% of the attendees.*

*Again, thanks for your support.*

*Sincerely,  
Francis M. Zirille, Exec. Director*

## Neighbors In Need

Neighbors In Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ (UCC) that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. The special offering will be received on **Sunday, October 5**.

One-third of the funds collected support the Council for American Indian Ministries, while two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC’s Justice and Witness Ministries to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects ([www.ucc.org/justice](http://www.ucc.org/justice)).

# Why Must We Embrace Just Peace?

By Julie McGinley

This segment of the Peace and Justice Committee’s exploration of just peace will focus on its emergence, definition, and the implications that have occurred to allow for a shift in thinking from just war to just peace. We will look at the historical realities that have made just war problematic and, at the same time, have helped foster the concept of just peace.

As societies became ever larger, more centralized, and more technologically advanced, the tenets used to justify and moralize war began to lose their validity. *Jus ad Bellum*<sup>1</sup>, or “the right to go to war,” increasingly became more blurred. “Might makes right” and other Machiavellian philosophies made no sense in a world where nuclear weapons could destroy whole cities in the blink of an eye. Rhetoric used by proponents of war did not change; however, the emergence of the Internet, global media, and global economic trade exposed individuals to the horrific realities of war, and the long-term negative implications that war can and does have on communities and national stabilities.

With modernity, came a feeling that the world was becoming smaller, and that the events taking place on one side of the globe could affect the well-being and security of nations across the world. If, as *Jus ad Bellum* states, the ultimate purpose of war is *peace*, than why was war creating more global instability than tranquility? It had become clear, with the evolution of our world, that *just war* no longer seemed moral or productive.

Not only did the reasons for going to war seem outdated in the 20th century, but the conduct of armies at war became ever more repugnant. War has never been a “pretty” endeavor; casualties are inevitable and, within the context of combat, civility seems nearly impossible. However, *Jus in Bello* set up guidelines for how soldiers were meant to behave while engaging in battle. These included not targeting civilians, using as little force as necessary, and making sure that their actions did not have long-term, devastating effects on a community. Yet, with new technology—plans, bombs, automatic weapons, chemical weapons, and nuclear bombs—none of the tenets of *Jus in Bello* could be guaranteed. Furthermore, because many of these weapons were used only after being tested for a brief period of time, no expert could predict what the long-term effects of their use would be. Thus, *Jus in Bello* cannot and does not apply in modernity.

The response to the discrepancies and unrealistic ideas that just war proposes is just peace. The theory of just peace is one rooted in the philosophy of transformation. Conflict is a normal and vital part the human experience. It allows us to see that other perspectives and ways of life exist that are different then our own. Through conflict, we can grow, develop, and constructively embrace diversity. Just peace proclaims that we leave behind archaic ways of handling conflict through force, and embrace a truly Christian philosophy of “loving thy neighbors as thyself.” This means that we define our communities, nations, and world, not as separate intents, but as an organic and connected unit. Just peace states that we can never have peace without justice. It proclaims that we cannot know God and ourselves without loving our neighbors. Just peace says that we must meet the physical, economic, social, and spiritual need of all people. We can no longer suppress those that oppose our views. Instead, we must embrace them, and collectively find a means of affirming their ideas. In this way, just peace is, by its very definition, transformative.

In the last part of the Peace and Justice Committee’s exploration of just peace, we will look into what just peace means from the personal, community, and national standpoints. We will also look at realistic ways to handle some of the more difficult aspects of the concept, and ways that Plymouth—and its congregants—can become better patrons of just peace.

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## Amazing Grays Host Discussion On Local Food, Sunday, September 14



The Amazing Grays will feature a talk by Jodee Ellett, Local Foods Coordinator for the state of Indiana, based at Purdue University. She will be discussing the importance of supporting local farms, and how it can affect jobs and health. This presentation will be part of the regular meeting time which will be the second **Sunday, September 14**, immediately following a tasty luncheon prepared by our Wednesday Night Live Chef, Alicia Leal, and will feature locally grown food!

We are hoping that this time also might be an opportunity for all of the gardeners of Plymouth Church to display, and/or share the harvests from their gardens! See Dee Smith about table space. **Reservations should be made no later than September 12!** Cost of the luncheon will be announced at a later date.

# Foods Resource Bank Needs YOU!



Millions in the world are not as blessed as we are at Plymouth Church.

As a global mission outreach, we have been providing money through Foods Resource Bank to make a small dent in food shortages in the world. This is now our tenth year partnering with Salem-Magley Church to support the FRB.

At present our giving is about \$7,500. Last year we gave almost \$11,500.

Thank you very much to those who have made a financial commitment to this project. Please remind those you know who still would like to contribute that it is not too late! Let's make our tenth year the very best!

--The FRB Committee.

*This effort is the one of several global mission projects in which Plymouth participates.*

## For the Foods Resource Bank—2014, I would like to contribute:

*(please check below)*

1 bushel of corn = \$200.00       ½ bushel corn = \$100.00  
 ¼ bushel of corn = \$50.00       other amount = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make checks payable to Plymouth Church,  
with **FRB** on the memo line.*

# Sign Up To Build The Interfaith Habitat House

Signup sheets are online, so everyone can select the dates that work best for them. It is recommended that you go with a friend or a person from Plymouth when you work. Fill out the time slots that fit your schedule, then print and sign the volunteer form. Youths (age 14 or older) and adults have separate forms.

The internet link is: <http://fortwaynehabitat.volunteerhub.com/Events/Index> Go to *event tab*, or type in event to find the interfaith build.

The home is on the northwest side of town, in the housing division off Cook and Huegenard Roads. Later, there will be dates for the final painting and finishing of the home, when the plumbing and electrical work is completed. The home dedication will be in October.



**NOTE: The Habitat Interfaith Build is delayed and will begin Saturday, September 6. By next week, the sign-up web page (same as the first one) should have the new times to volunteer. Those who already signed up were notified by Habitat that their time was cancelled.**

## Wellspring Food Bank

Currently, Wellspring needs: mac 'n cheese, pork 'n beans, and canned pasta.

The bin for Wellspring Food Bank is located in the Folsom Room, just inside the Porte-cochere (side) doors.

## Boar's Head 2014 – Celebrating 40 years!

### *Join The Celebration By Being Involved*

Where have forty years gone? It's difficult to believe that it was 40 years ago that Jim Clauser, the Herald, first sang the Boar's Head processional carol, arranged by Vincent Slater, in Plymouth's first Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival.

This year, the services will be dedicated to those four individuals who were there at the beginning, and who have continued to be involved in every festival since: **Jim Clauser, Louise Misgades, Michael Popp, and Shirley Slater**. We also hope to recognize so many others who have been a part of the festival in many capacities in those early decades. We invite as many *current* Plymouth members and friends to become involved in this year's festival; in fact, we hope that all Plymouth folks may start to plan now to support the 2014 festival !

**We would love to have all of you participate in some way in this year's celebration of this Plymouth tradition:**

- 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 use help in the kitchen, or with tickets, set crew, props, make-up and costumes. If you have organizational skills or design and sewing skills, please contact Katherine Caldwell by leaving a message with the office staff: (432-9424). Please consider offering your time to one of these production needs.
- Kara Jaurigue will be **casting September 1 through October 8**. 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 email: ([kkjaurigue@gmail.com](mailto:kkjaurigue@gmail.com)), or cell phone, 260-341-1032. It makes her job easier!

We would love to have different parts represented by each decade – a befeater, lord, lady, wassailer, etc. from the 70's, 80's, 90's, and the "ought's." We always need lords and ladies couples and befeaters! We **will not** hold tryouts this year for any of the dancing parts, but if you are interested, let Kara know. Directors will then contact those interested. Court dancers are high school age; pat-a-pans are middle school/high school age.

**Are you new to Plymouth?** This annual festival is a great way to meet so many members and friends of Plymouth. The cast consists of **200-plus roles**, so please consider being a part of this grand Plymouth Christmas tradition!

Jim and Kara will co-direct again this season. This year, the ALL CAST meeting will be held on **Sunday, November 2, 1:00 pm**, to distribute schedules, order tickets, and conclude any pre-rehearsal business. **Remember, there is just one weekend of rehearsals (December 20 and 21) for the majority of parts in the Boar's Head.**

Dress rehearsal is **Saturday, December 27**, and services are **5:30 and 8:00 pm, Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, December 28, 29, and 30.**

As in the past, ticketing is limited to six tickets per cast family, six for Plymouth members by family, and six per patron. Extra tickets can be arranged.

Questions? Contact Jim Schmidt or Kara Jaurigue. Won't you join us and be a part of this special celebration of the 40th Annual Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival?

—*Jim Schmidt and Kara Jaurigue*

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## It Takes A Village - Childcare During Worship

The summer has flown by, and soon the children will be back in school! So it is time to begin organizing for our church program year. One of our needs is to provide childcare for pre-school and elementary age children during the worship service. Preschool and elementary children start out in worship. After the lighting of Peace Candle, preschoolers go to Room 205, where parents claim them after worship. Elementary kids go to the Amistad Room and return to the sanctuary during the offering. If you are willing to help with this important ministry, there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board outside Room 11. We have amazing kids, and they are fun to be with—so come join in the fun!

—*Clare Walter, Volunteer Coordinator, and Michelle Grim, Childcare Director*

## Declaration of Interdependence

*Established June 27th, 2014 by*

*Plymouth Congregational Church of Fort Wayne*



We are called by God to care for Creation, for our world's well-being and our common good. We are connected in a great web of life that links us with the love of

**God** and neighbor with that of **God's** whole creation.

Therefore, we invite you to draw near and witness that we, members and friends of Plymouth Congregational Church of Fort Wayne, are joining a movement dedicated to using the gifts we have been given by prudently reducing our households' energy usage by at least 14% (from the baseline we established in our household surveys).

We understand that we do not act alone, but in concert with other faith communities and individuals. We embark on our journey with great thanksgiving, that together we can achieve a healthier environment, and a sustainable, and renewable source of energy that ensures the well-being of our world and future generations.

## Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

I promise to do everything I can to be a responsible and active care taker of the earth and all of its resources. I will help and encourage my family, friends, Plymouth Church, and my community, to reduce, reuse, and recycle our precious natural resources.



## Plymouth's Solar Panels Need Your Help

David Bayle is working tirelessly to direct this project and **NEEDS YOU** to take the survey! It is required that a certain number of Plymouth members take it; so if you haven't already, please go to:

[https://iucsr.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_8dWOX7oGRD4B35q](https://iucsr.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_8dWOX7oGRD4B35q).

Be sure to select Plymouth as the congregation you belong to when starting the survey. Part of this process is a petition for you to sign, which soon will be available in the Folsom Room. Please participate in this process!

## Caring Team Needs Help

The Plymouth Caring Team Task Force provides receptions for families and friends attending memorial services held at the church. If you wish to help by providing food supplies, OR by helping on the preparation, serving, or clean-up crews, we would love to have you on the caring list. Please email your name and email address to Jan Gibson, [gibsonjtjg@frontier.com](mailto:gibsonjtjg@frontier.com). Feel free to email if you have questions. (If you already have been receiving emails about receptions held during the last few months, you do not need to reply – you're already on our current email list).

*Thank you from the Caring Team Task Force*

## Pepper Jelly Fest

Plymouth's very own Pepper Jelly will be made in the church's kitchen on **Tuesday, August 19, and Thursday, August 21**. Volunteers will meet each of those days at **11:00 am** to clean, chop, cook, and process all the ingredients.

Sweet peppers, and jelly jars in all sizes (especially 8 & 12-ounce) also are needed. Please bring donations to the Plymouth kitchen. Orders currently are being taken; for more information, please call Joyce Augspurger, (260) 625-3222.

## Knit & Kibitz

The next meeting for Knit & Kibitz will be Thursday, **September 4, 6:30 pm**, at Laura Rudolph's home.

Bring finished projects, so members can see what has been done, or get ideas for something they can make between now and the time of our sale.

Also feel free to bring anybody who is interested in joining us. We welcome new people, and can always make room for more, whether you're just getting started, you need coaching, or you're an accomplished knitter. For more information, contact Riet Zwiep: [janandrietzwiép@frontier.com](mailto:janandrietzwiép@frontier.com)

## Youth Group Kickoff Sunday, September 7

Teens in middle school and high school will kick off the new season of youth group by gathering at the home of David and Michelle Grim and family. Fun begins at **noon**. Come eat a yummy lunch and play games. I can't wait to see everyone and catch up on summer-fun-family stories! Keep watching your email for details!

*Kara Jaurigue, Youth Director*

# JESUS SEMINAR ON THE ROAD



Fort Wayne, Indiana

September 19–20, 2014



## DOES GOD HAVE A FUTURE? WHY IT MATTERS NOW

JOSEPH A. BESSLER & DAVID GALSTON

The early church relied on Plato, not Jesus, to talk about God. How did this come about? Religious studies scholars Joe Bessler and David Galston will explain, and show how later generations came to challenge the classical model of God. Participants will learn about new language for God, assess recent attempts to accuse or defend God, and attempt to answer the pressing question, “Does God have a future?”



**Joseph A. Bessler** is the Robert Travis Peake Associate Professor of Theology at Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa, OK, where he also serves as Associate Dean. He is the author of *A Scandalous Jesus: How Three Historic Quests Changed Theology for the Better* (2013).



**David Galston** is a University Chaplain, Adjunct Professor of Philosophy at Brock University in St. Catharines, Ontario, and academic adviser to the SnowStar Institute in Canada. He is the author of *Embracing the Human Jesus: A Wisdom Path for Contemporary Christianity* (2012).

### Lecture

*The God of Our Ancestors*

◆ Friday evening, 7:30–9 P.M.

### Workshops

*The First Signs of Trouble*

◆ Saturday, 9:30–10:30 A.M.

*The God of our Modern Ways*

◆ Saturday, 11:00–noon

*The Post-Modern Critique of God*

◆ Saturday, 1:30–2:30 P.M.

### Conversation

◆ Saturday, 3:00–4:00 P.M.

### Sponsors

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All events at:

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Fort Wayne, IN 46802

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Salem, OR 97301  
(503) 375-5323  
events@westarinstitute.org

or

#### David Grim

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### REGISTRATION FEES

#### All Sessions

Pre-registration (by Sept 5, 2014)	\$60
Registration (after Sept 5, 2014)	\$75
Additional Family Member	\$50

#### Single Sessions

Friday Evening Lecture	\$20
Saturday Morning Workshop	\$30
Saturday Afternoon Workshop	\$30

## Christian Education Opportunities Not To Miss!

With students returning again to school this fall, I find myself thinking about my own personal learning—believing that learning *never* needs to end, whether in formal schooling or not. As Christians, of course, our faith journeys also continue throughout our lifetimes, and ideally, our faith deepens and matures. Sadly, I often find myself so busy with life, that my spiritual growth and learning takes a back-burner. I'm so grateful then to have Plymouth to help keep me enthused—whether by offering a class or by simply allowing me to borrow a great book from the church library!

I'm also quite excited to share with you all the great educational things going on this fall. The Christian Education Board has been hard at work to bring you opportunities for learning and growth. There's everything from special one-time events, to short studies, to ongoing come-when-you-can classes; and there's daytime, evening, weekday and weekend events, so we hope you can find something that works for you. Please join in as often as you can!

*Cammy Sutter, Christian Education Board Chair*

**Adult Chapel Class, Sundays, 9:00-9:50 am.** A great way to engage in discussion with other Plymouth folks about topics of faith! A little beyond the high school years? We still want you at Sunday School! Meeting in the chapel, adults will have an opportunity to listen and participate in a variety of lectures and teachings. We begin with **Zionism Unsettled, September 7, 14, & 21.** Brought to you by the Peace and Justice Committee, with Rev. John P. Gardner.

New this year, we will also host a few “coffee chats,” small-group Bible studies, units that encourage group discussion of scripture, sharing of Faith, and offerings of prayer in an informal table discussion. Coordinated by Laura Filler.

**Women's Book Group**, meets on the **first and third Tuesdays, at 11:45 am**, in the Amistad Room, for discussion of a featured book, and a light lunch. Contact Judith Beineke (471-7074) or Patty Pendleton (485-5188) for more information.

**Pastor's Bible Study**, with Rev. John P. Gardner, **5:15 pm, every Wednesday** in the Chapel. The focus of each week's study is the Lectionary scripture for the coming Sunday. The class resumes **August 20.**

**Adult Small Group Study**, with Rev. Ruth E. Phillips meets in six to eight week sessions on **Wednesdays, 6:45 to 7:30 pm**, in the Amistad Room. Beginning **September 3**, will be the powerful and progressive DVD course by John Dominic Crossan, “The Challenge of Jesus.”

### **Faith Formation Workshops with Dr. Marian Plant**

*Presented in memory of Judy Kuelling*

**Friday, October 3, 6:00—8:30 pm - Parents and Grandparents workshop** on best practices in the home and in the church, for nurturing faith in children and youth to meet their developmental stages.

**Saturday, October 4, 9:30 am to Noon, Adults of All Ages workshop** on how we, as individuals and as community, nurture our adult faith to keep developing, maturing, asking questions, being honest, and sharing the journey of faith.

## September 7 Kicks Off Sunday School Year

This year, Plymouth has Sunday school classes for three age-levels.

Our youngest class is for children 3-years-old through first grade, who will hear Bible stories through videos and storytelling.

Our elementary class, for kids in grades 2-5, covers similar themes, but lets the learners read the stories from their own Bibles.

Our youth class, for grades 5-8, will start the year exploring who they are as individuals and as a group. Later this fall, they'll learn alongside the adults about how we practice our faith throughout the week, at different ages.

The pastors will offer **Covenant Class**, preparing youth for Confirmation, for those in ninth grade or older. High-school students not participating in this year's Covenant Class, should **contact Katie Watson to find a place to volunteer or learn in our Sunday school program.**

Sunday school for all ages begins at **9:00 am each Sunday** morning. Please remember, all children in third grade or younger must be signed in-and-out by an adult, and will not be released to find their families on their own.

On **September 7**, in worship, we will be recognizing our newest Sunday-school students (pre-school students who will be 3 by August 1) and presenting Bibles to our Kindergarten, second and third graders. If you have a child who should be included in these recognitions, please submit their names to the church office.

*-Katie Watson  
Sunday School Director*

# SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Dan Lewark  
Eli Jarred Spath  
Shelley Woehner
- 4 Phillip Colglazier  
Thomas Felger  
Traci Hamilton  
Clair Kolkman  
Reagan Mikesell  
Mandy Rush  
Jarrod Weber
- 5 Richard S. Johnson
- 6 Clyde Dively  
Marie Elena Lyon  
Stella Hammond
- 7 Kennon Nicholson  
Lauren Spath
- 8 Jayme Chasey  
Karen Goss  
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### e-Bell and Printed Bell Distribution

The deadline for the next printed edition of *the Bell* is **October 8**; the one following is **November 5**.

In the months with no printed edition of *the Bell*, our electronic formatted *e-Bell* is distributed on the **second and fourth Fridays**; deadlines for the electronic newsletter are the **second and fourth Tuesdays** of those months.

Please note:

- If you have an email address but have not shared it with the church office, or if your email address has recently changed, and you ARE interested in receiving our electronic communications, please contact Suzanne, [sls@plymouthfw.org](mailto:sls@plymouthfw.org).
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Please continue sending your news articles to Suzanne in the church office, [sls@plymouthfw.org](mailto:sls@plymouthfw.org), *whenever you have the information available*. Event and activity information will be published based on registration timeframes and actual event dates. (Please do NOT use the office@plymouthfw.org email.)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Office Closed Labor Day</i>	2 11:45a Women's Book Study 1:00p Staff meeting 5:00p FWCC—parent meetings 6:00p Sitters 6:30p Executive Council 6:30p Civic rehearsal	3 <i>WNL Resumes</i> 8:30a Retired Men's Breakfast 8:30a Women's Breakfast 5:15p Bible study 5:45p WNL Dinner 6:30p Civic rehearsal 6:30p Handbells 6:30p Youth/Music 6:45p Small Group Study 7:15p Sanc. Singers	4 1:30p Memorial Gifts Committee 6:00p Knit & Kibitz 6:30p Civic rehearsal	5 6:30p Civic rehearsal	6 9:30a HCC 11:00a West Central Neighborhood Tours at Plymouth—E & M
7 <i>Share Your Shopping Sunday School Resumes</i> 8:00a Chapel Communion 8:30a Hospitality 9:00a Christ. Educ. 9:00a Chapel Class 9:00a Sanc. Singers 10:00a Worship & Communion 11:30a W. Central Neighborhood Tours—E & M 11:30a Youth Group	8 <i>Office Closed</i> 5:45p Yoga 6:00p Sophie's Café 7:00p HCC	9 1:00p Staff meeting 4:45p Benevolence Committee 5:00p FW Child. Chr. 6:00p Sitters 7:00p PFLAG	10 <i>eBell deadline WNL</i> 5:15p Bible study 5:45p WNL Dinner 6:30p Civic rehearsal 6:30p Handbells 6:30p Youth/Music 6:45p Small Group Study 7:15p Sanc. Singers	11 9:30a N.A.M.I. 5:30p ICMEP	12	13 9:00a B.H. Costumes
14 8:00a Chapel Communion 8:30a Hospitality 9:00a Christ. Educ. 9:00a Chapel Class 9:00a Sanc. Singers 10:00a Worship 11:30a Amazing Grays 11:30a Youth Group	15 <i>Office Closed</i> 5:45p Yoga 6:00p Sophie's Café 7:00p HCC	16 11:30a Knife & Fork 11:45a Women's Book Study 12:00p Heartland luncheon 1:00p Staff meeting 4:00p Moderators mtg. 4:30p ESC 5:00p FWCC 5:30p Board meetings 6:00p Sitters	17 <i>WNL</i> 3:30p Study Connection Tutors meeting 5:15p Bible study 6:00p WNL Dinner 6:30p Civic rehearsal 6:30p Handbells 6:30p Youth/Music 6:45p Small Group Study 7:15p Sanc. Singers	18 9:00a Senior Information Fair—parking only 9:30a N.A.M.I. 5:30p Peace & Justice Committee	19 <i>Nominating Slate Due</i> 7:30p Jesus Seminars On the Road	20 9:30a Jesus Seminars On the Road
21 <i>Heritage Sunday Int'l Peace Prayer Day</i> 8:00a Chapel Communion 8:30a Hospitality 9:00a Christ. Educ. 9:00a Chapel Class 9:00a Sanc. Singers 10:00a Worship & Communion 11:30a Youth Group	22 <i>Office Closed</i> 5:45p Yoga 6:00p Sophie's Café 7:00p HCC	23 1:00p Staff meeting 5:00p IHN - Just Neighbors Coordinators-Dinner 5:00p FWCC 6:00p Sitters	24 <i>eBell deadline Rosh Hashanah WNL</i> 5:15p Bible study 5:45p WNL Dinner 6:30p Civic rehearsal 6:30p Handbells 6:30p Youth/Music 6:45p Small Group Study 7:15p Sanc. Singers	25 Rosh Hashanah 9:30a N.A.M.I. 5:00p ICMEP Film Event 6:00p Cedars Board	26 7:00p HCC	27 10:00a HCC-Sanctuary
28 8:00a Chapel Communion 8:30a Hospitality 9:00a Christ. Educ. 9:00a Chapel Class 9:00a Sanc. Singers 10:00a Worship 11:30a Youth Group 2:00p HCC concert — Choral Masterpieces	29 <i>Office Closed</i> 5:45p Yoga 6:00p Sophie's Cafe	30 1:00p Staff meeting 5:00p FWCC 5:30p HVAC Committee 6:00p Sitters				



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- Check the seal on the refrigerator door: try closing it on a piece of paper. If you can pull the paper out easily, it's time to replace the gaskets. Repeat this process at several spots along the door to ensure that the entire seal is working.
- Don't over-fill the fridge. Allowing room for cool air to circulate keeps everything at the right temperature.

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*Adopted October 2011*

Praying for guidance for the journey  
... Honoring the mystery of God  
... Responding with spirits renewed  
... Moving courageously toward wholeness.



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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.**