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## Plymouth Carnival: Wednesday, August 26



Pony rides, carriage rides, games--and burgers and hot dogs will be provided! Bring a cold-dish to share! Please use the signup sheet on the bulletin board outside the office.

## September Amazing Grays To Discuss Downtown Riverfront Development Plans



On **Sunday, September 13, 11:30 am**, the Amazing Grays will welcome Dr. Bruce Kingsbury, professor of Biology at IPFW and the Director of the Environmental Resource Center, to speak about his involvement with Fort Wayne Riverfront Development project. He is advocating the Environmental Resource Center be located on the river.

Come hear Dr. Kingsbury, and catch the excitement of this new city project.

Lunch will be served; cost is \$6.00 each. Reservations are needed by **5:00 pm, Thursday, September 10**. Please use the signup sheet on the bulletin board outside the office.

## Indiana Center for Middle East Peace Hosts Iran/ISIS Discussion

Indiana Center for Middle East Peace is hosting Dr. Stephen Walt, prominent author and Professor of International Relations at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, **Thursday, August 27, 6:30 pm**, in the Folsom Room, at Plymouth.

Dr. Walt's presentation is "Can the U.S. 'Manage' the Middle East? Should It Try?" He will cover a wide variety of timely issues including the "Iran Deal," ISIS, and more.

Dr. Walt serves on the editorial boards of "Foreign Policy," "Security Studies," and "Journal of Cold War Studies." Among his books are: "Revolution and War" (1996), "Taming American Power: The Global Response to U.S. Primacy"(2005), and with John Mearshimer, and "The Israel Lobby and U.S. Foreign Policy"(2007).

### Interfaith Prayers For Our City—2015 We Pray for a

**Caring Community  
Sunday, August 30,  
4:00 pm**

**North Campus Auditorium  
University of St. Francis  
2701 Spring Street, Fort Wayne**



## In Our Prayers

*During the month of August*, we pray for **Vincent Village**, and for **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, Elizabeth Bayle, Wally Bonham, A.J. Calkins, Lisa Worthman Chiddister, Evan Conner, Roger and Tony Crouch, Elizabeth Dube, Gail Escosa, Valerie Pelz, Steve Riethmiller, Dulanna Rothert, Cathy Seymoure, Ruth Smith, Marilyn Sprengel, Ardella Wing.

***Members and friends serving overseas:*** Major Marc Lovelace; LCpl Jesse Chapman.

***UCC Chaplains serving overseas:***

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

***New Life*** is welcomed in the birth of Michaela O'Neal, born August 7. to parents Karen and Nada O'Neal.

***New Life*** is welcomed in the birth of Jackson Thomas Dunham, born August 17, to parents Jennifer and Matt Dunham. Proud great-grandmother is Carol Lehman.

***Sympathy*** is extended to Harriet Siples, David (Erin) Siples, Nancy (Joe) Brumbeloe, and Nathan Siples, on the death of husband, father, and grandfather, Russell H. Siples, who died July 25.

***Sympathy*** is extended to Sharon Conrad and family, on the death of her husband, Curt Conrad, July 31.

***Sympathy*** is extended to Rena (Frank) Zirille, on the loss of her mother, and to Joe (Virginia) Laudadio, on the death of his sister, Rafilda "Raye" Boone, for whom a memorial was held at Plymouth on Sunday, August 16.



## Free Film "Boy I Am" Discusses Trans Issues

The Center for Nonviolence will be hosting a screening and discussion of the documentary film "*Boy I Am*," on **Saturday, August 22, 2:00 pm**, at the Downtown Allen County Public Library Theater.

The film explores the intersection of transgender issues, feminism, race, and class. The event is free and open to the public.

For additional info and to RSVP for free tickets, please go to: [www.eventbrite.com/e/boy-i-am-film-screening-discussion-tickets](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/boy-i-am-film-screening-discussion-tickets) (or simply type in "Boy I Am" in the Eventbrite search box).

## Wednesday Night Live "StillSpeaking" Bible Study. September 2, 6:45 pm

Beginning on **Wednesday, September 2**, you are invited to explore the Gospel of Mark, with the help of a "StillSpeaking" guide from the UCC. Together we will read the Bible text and look for how the stories are still speaking to us today. Laura Filler and Katie Watson will be coordinating this class.

Mark's gospel is the shortest, and most direct account of Jesus' life. It paints a picture of a fully human Jesus, who taught of a God more powerful than the Roman Empire, and who was raised from the dead. As such, it is a great first step into Bible study for those who are new to the stories, and a sparse but powerful statement of faith for those more accustomed to Bible study.

## Help Support Matthew 25 Healthy Cities Day

If you can use scissors and tie knots, we need YOU on **September 11 & 12, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm!** The Knit & Kibitz group has been asked to support Matthew 25 Healthy Cities Day **in October** by creating hat and scarf sets that can be given out with each winter coat to individuals who need them. We have found several patterns for both hats and scarves that take very little sewing, but do require cutting out and putting together. Volunteers are needed to cut pattern pieces out of fleece and then assemble them. The fabric and thread will be provided, as will the patterns and assembly instructions. Light snacks and beverages will be available during the work time as well.

The plan is to have several portable sewing machines available in the Folsom Room, and to set up an "assembly line" to create the hats and scarves in a quick and efficient manner. Katherine Caldwell has agreed to coordinate the work and will provide sewing machines from the Boar's Head costume room.

All we need is a dozen or more willing people of any age and ability to help with this short-term project. Do bring good fabric scissors if you have them! And come join in the fun!

To RSVP, or if you have questions, please contact either Katherine Caldwell at 602-1127 [gabpat32@yahoo.com](mailto:gabpat32@yahoo.com), or Laura Rudolph at 485-2285, or [rudyfw@yahoo.com](mailto:rudyfw@yahoo.com).

## Chapel Communion Service Resumes

The **8:00 am** Sunday morning worship service will resume on **Sunday, September 13**. The service takes place in the Plymouth Chapel and is patterned after the “**Brief Order for the Service of Word and Sacrament**” as found in the UCC Book of Worship.

The chapel service is an intimate and meaningful experience for those who prefer an early hour of worship. Special attention is given to prayer and the sacrament of Holy Communion. The service lasts about 30 minutes.

## Preach-Off At Plymouth—CORD Event: “Conquering Our Racial Divisions”

On **Sunday, September 13**, Plymouth Church will host a “preach-off” worship service featuring the Rev. Bill McGill of Imani Baptist Temple, and the Rev. John P. Gardner. The preaching will focus upon Luke 4:16-19

In the early summer of this year, the Rev. Bill McGill announced the formation of a group called CORD – Conquering Our Racial Divisions. The “preach-off” is a CORD event, a sample of two preachers, two churches, two traditions, working together to creatively model the Christian ministry of reconciliation.

Beginning at **4:00 pm**, the event will be open to the public and will feature special music from both Plymouth Church and Imani Baptist Temple. This is a first time ever event (at least for Rev. Gardner!) and it promises to be an afternoon of inspiration and edification. You won’t want to miss it! A reception will follow in the Folsom Room providing time for fellowship, the renewing of ties, and making new friends!

## Bowling For Wellspring 2015



**Friday, September 18, 9:00 pm and  
Sunday, September 20, 1:00 pm and  
3:30 pm**

With your support, Wellspring can continue to provide free programming and services to Fort Wayne’s central city families through our Youth Ser-

vices, Older Adult Program, Food Bank, and Wellspring (clothing) Shoppe.

- **Step 1:** Grab some friends (teams of up to 5 bowlers) and set your goal! (\$100 per bowler in pledges to support Wellspring).
- **Step 2:** Choose a time from above to fit your schedule and register your team online at [www.wellspringbowlathon.com](http://www.wellspringbowlathon.com), or call 422-6618 and ask for “Jen.”
- **Step 3:** Arrive early to check-in, and have fun with Wellspring!

*Prizes will be awarded for: (1) most money raised by team; (2) most money raised by individual, (3) highest-scoring male and female, and (4) highest-scoring team.*

## Youth Pool Party Set For September 13



Plymouth’s Youth is *DIVING* into a New Program Year!

**Sunday, September 13**, the Youth of Plymouth Church will swim, splash, and play at our Youth Kick-Off Party!

We will caravan at **11:30 am** to the home of Miles and Kennon Nicholson for a time of re-connecting and re-hydrating in their beautiful pool! We’ll have lunch, fellowship time, and plenty of water-fun games for everyone!

All Youth in grades 6-12 are invited! The members of our new Youth Advisory Committee will be present to meet the Youth and enjoy some time with them as well! Bring your suit, a towel, and be ready for some fun!

If you’re coming, please RSVP Youth Director Kara Jaurigue, at [kkjaurigue@gmail.com](mailto:kkjaurigue@gmail.com). Parents may pick up their young people at **3:00 pm**.

If anyone is interested in heading back to Plymouth at **4:00 pm** to see Rev. John Gardner in the Preach-Off, we can arrange a carpool back to church for that, too! See Kara for more details!

## Pepper Jelly Time

Plymouth’s own made-from-scratch Sweet Pepper Jelly is once again available for sale!

The jelly is available in 8-ounce and 12-ounce jars—perfect sizes for gift baskets. To order, please contact Joyce Augspurger, at (260) 625-3222, or email [jema7749@comcast.net](mailto:jema7749@comcast.net).

### Program Year Begins September 13

**8:00 am:** Chapel Communion  
**9:00 am:** Christian Education  
**9:00 am:** Sanctuary Singers  
**9:00 am:** Hospitality  
**9:00 am:** OWL classes  
**10:00 am:** Worship  
**11:30 am:** Amazing Grays  
**11:30 am:** Youth Group  
**4:00 pm:** Preach-Off

### Heritage Sunday September 20

The history of Plymouth Church dates from **September 20, 1870**, when 26 people gathered together with the Rev. N.A. Hyde. The stated purpose of the meeting was “to perfect our organization and receive the first members.” The meeting was held at the northeast corner of Washington and Fulton Streets, just a couple blocks from Plymouth’s present location on Berry Street. After receiving 26 charter members, a constitution was approved and a church covenant was adopted.

This year, 145 years later to the day (**September 20, 2015**), Plymouth Church will celebrate its annual observance of Heritage Sunday. As part of our Heritage service the following members will be honored for their faithful church membership:

50 years - Betsy (Keck) Graham  
60 years - Barbara Powell  
70 years - Gene Pyle  
75 years - Robert Pugh  
80 years - Mary DeWald  
June Enoch  
90 years - Laura Benya

We salute these Plymouth members and thank God for the constancy of their support and commitment.

#### AUGUST ART

During the month of August, our elementary students are decorating the Sunday School classrooms. After the Peace Candle lighting, the children will be escorted upstairs to work in the rooms. We will be painting and using messy supplies, so please dress accordingly. Because of the distance, we will not be returning the students to worship after the sermon. Please pick up your young artists upstairs in Room 205 after worship.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF

Sunday School begins on **September 13, 9:00 am!** This fall, we will host three classes for youth – (1) Ages 3 to first grade, (2) second to fifth grades, and (3) Youth Class for Middle and High School students. Please join us upstairs for a new year of learning and fun!

Students in grades 10-12 may choose to enroll in the OWL class that will meet during the Sunday school time. OWL students must have a signed permission form ahead of time.

There are still some slots open for teachers, particularly in the Middle School and Preschool classes. If you are interested in working with our Sunday School, please contact Katie Watson.

#### BIBLES

On **September 13**, Plymouth will present Bibles to Kindergarteners and second graders. Kindergarteners receive a picture Bible with read-aloud versions of favorite stories. Second graders receive a NRSV Bible with the same text used in our pew Bibles and additional study information related to our Sunday school curriculum. If you know a child entering either grade who would like to receive a Bible, please contact Katie Watson.

#### OUR WHOLE LIVES (OWL): SEXUALITY EDUCATION

For over a decade, Plymouth has offered OWL classes in Sexuality Education to all ages of children and youth. These classes provide not only facts about anatomy and safety, but also help participants clarify their values, build interpersonal skills, and understand the social, emotional, and spiritual aspects of sexuality.

The parents’ meeting for grades 7-9 and 10-12 classes already has passed, but we don’t want that to keep any families from participating. If you are still interested in signing up, you can complete the parent information individually with one of the instructors. The grades 7-9 class begins after worship on **October 11**, and the grades 10-12 class begins during the **9:00 am Sunday School hour on September 13**.

The required parent meeting for the grades 4 to 6 class will be held at **11:30 am on Sunday, September 27**. That class will meet from **11:30 am to 12:30 pm** for 8 weeks between **October 11 and December 6**.

A class for Kindergarteners and first graders will be offered in the Spring, and dates will be announced this winter.

These classes are open to the wider community as space allows. If you have more questions about the OWL program, or would like to sign up, please contact Katie Watson.

## Neighbors In Need Offering Sunday, October 4

The Neighbors in Need offering, which we will receive on **Sunday, October 4**, supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.



Through [UCCTakeAction.org](http://UCCTakeAction.org), our national Justice and Witness Ministries office offers resources, news updates, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues. Working with members of the UCC Justice and Peace Action Network (a network of thousands of UCC justice

and peace advocates), Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues and environmental justice.

Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian neighbors Ministries (CAIM). Historically, forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidasta, Arickara, and Hocak in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, and northern Nebraska. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minn. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM. CAIM is also an invaluable resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and actions who are members of other UCC congregations in the U.S.

**Neighbors in Need helps make another world possible. It needs your support.** Please give generously. And remember, contributions to Neighbors in Need can be made on-line at any time at: [www.icc.org/nin](http://www.icc.org/nin). Then click on the box that says, "Support this worthy cause. Donate Now!"

## Items Being Collected For Nebraska School

Nebraska Elementary, our partner school through Associated Churches, needs items for the coming school year. By providing these materials, teachers do not have to purchase them for their students. Any amount we collect will be appreciated. Our congregation has been very generous in the past by collecting these items. Please put them in the bin marked "Nebraska" in the Folsom Room. We will collect these items through the middle of September.

Disinfectant Wipes	250 containers	Hand Sanitizer	53 bottles
Tissues	350 boxes	Hand Soap	80 individual bottles
Paper Towels	60 rolls	Gift cards for Art Supplies	from United Art Supply Store on N. Clinton.

## Faith Formation Workshops in October

Save the dates: On **Friday and Saturday, October 9 and 10**, the Faith Formation Workshop will be presented by Dr. Marian Plant, from Defiance College.

Watch for more details to come.

## Annual Fall Festival Scheduled October 24

Congregational Life Board is hosting Plymouth's annual Fall Festival, scheduled for **Saturday, October 24, 5:00—8:00 pm**, at the Southwest Conservation Club, 5703 Bluffton Road, Fort Wayne.

The event will include a hayride, bonfire, hot dogs, s'mores, pumpkin carving, and fun and fellowship for all ages! Please use the signup sheet on the bulletin board, and indicate if you want to participate in the pumpkin-carving event.

## Election Meeting Sunday, October 25

Plymouth members are asked to remain in the sanctuary following worship on **Sunday, October 25**, for the annual Congregational Election Meeting.

The business of the church at this time is to vote on the slate of officers for 2015 as presented by the Nominating Committee. The status of the recent and future building construction also will be discussed.

**NOTE: Due to this important event, the Plymouth Brunch Bunch, usually scheduled on the fourth Sunday of the month, will not meet.**

## The Summer Break—Highlights From The Senior Minister

Dear Friends,

Summer vacation this year included a considerable amount of family time spent at Lakeside, Ohio (the Lakeside Chautauqua on the Marblehead peninsula). Vida continued a tradition of hosting a few of her family for a week. Guests included two sisters, one niece, and six grandnieces. The place was so packed and energized with youth, I came back to Fort Wayne for a night (and got to see a dress rehearsal of the *Godspell* production!). The following week, our son, daughter-in-law, and granddaughter, Gertrude, visited from California. It was good time well spent.

Prior to the family visits, Vida and I traveled to the northern suburbs of Chicago for two plays: *Doubt – a Parable*, by John Patrick Shanely, and *The Diary of Anne Frank*, produced by the Writer’s Theatre. We were attracted by Terry Teachout, drama critic for the Wall Street Journal, who called *Doubt* one of the great plays of the 21st Century, and the Writer’s Theatre production one of the best efforts to date. *Doubt* was worth the drive, but my “viewer’s choice” went to *The Diary of Anne Frank*. The familiar, tragic story of the Frank family forced into hiding from Holocaust horror was made fresh in the Writer’s Theater production. It was deeply moving to hear the eloquence of what Anne composed in her diary:

“In spite of everything I still believe that people are really good at heart. I simply can’t build up my hopes on a foundation consisting of confusion, misery, and death. I see the world gradually being turned into a wilderness, I hear the ever-approaching thunder, which will destroy us, too. I can feel the sufferings of millions and yet, if I look up into the heavens, I think that it will all come right, that this cruelty too will end, and that peace and tranquility will return again.”

My summer reading has included the following.

Primo Levy’s, [Survival in Auschwitz](#).

This really was a re-read for me of Levy’s recollection of arrest and ten-month incarceration in the Auschwitz concentration camp. There was an unexpected connection between reading Levy’s book and seeing the play, *The Diary of Anne Frank*. Levy and Otto Frank, Anne’s father and sole family survivor of the Holocaust, were both Auschwitz prisoners when the camp was liberated by Russian troops in January of 1945.

Mary Karr’s, [The Liar’s Club](#) and [Lit](#).

I was first introduced to Mary Karr by way of her poetry (Descending Theology: The Nativity). The two works above are memoirs. [The Liar’s Club](#), first released in 1995, tells of her early years, a turbulent upbringing in a family besotted with addiction. [Lit](#) chronicles Karr’s life as an adult, and narrates her recovery from her own life of addiction, as well as her conversion to faith in the Roman Catholic Church. Karr is currently a professor of English at Syracuse University in New York. Her brutal candor in speaking of heart-wrenching life episodes is balanced with humor, grace, and wit.

Toni Morrison, [God Help the Child](#).

Winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1993, Morrison, now 84 years old, continues to write compelling fiction. The story turns around the main character of Bride (a.k.a. Lulu Ann), who as a child falsely testified against a teacher accused of sexual misconduct. Bride lives with the lie well into her adult life. While successful as a business woman, Bride’s attempt to find love, honor and respect, meets with repeated failure. Bride’s mother speaks a truth she doesn’t totally comprehend: “What you do to children matters. And they might never forget.”

Billy Lynn’s [Long Halftime Walk](#), by Ben Fountain.

A bizarre story. The main character is Billy Lynn, part of Bravo Company, whose eight surviving members are given two-weeks leave from Iraq for a hero’s welcome, a “Victory Tour,” at home. The troops gained fame when the video of an embedded Fox News reporter went viral. The culmination of their furlough is a half time salute at a Thanksgiving Day Dallas Cowboys football game. Will the troops strike it rich if the story of Bravo Company is made into a movie? Will the movie work if Billy Lynn’s character is played by Hilary Swank? Will the boys of Bravo get to dance and sing with Destiny’s Child, the featured act during the halftime ceremonies? Will Billy Lynn marry the Dallas Cowboy cheerleader who steals his heart? Billy Lynn’s Long Halftime Walk is said by some to be great satire. I found it all too plausible to reach that height. But it was an engaging read.

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Plutocrats – The Rise of the New Global Super-Rich and the Fall of Everyone Else, by Chrystia Freeland.

Freeland turned an article first published in the Atlantic Monthly into this book. She examines the lives a new global elite, and accounts for the rise of wealth disparity and income inequality. According to Freeland the biggest income gap today is not that between the 1% and the 99%. Far greater is that between the 1% and the 0.1%. The 0.1% are the super rich, as opposed to the merely rich. And who are the super rich? In a Global Wealth Report published by Credit Suisse (2011), high net-worth people (HNW) have investable income between \$1-\$50 million; this is a step below ultra high net-worth individuals (UHNW) with incomes of at least \$50 million. Freeman’s work is not an attack meant to topple those at the heights. It does provide insight into a mindset of the super rich, and the increasing influence plutocrats exert over our democratic institutions. Freeland concludes with a cautionary notation of plutocratic “political myopia.” Super rich self-interest can sabotage the system that made prosperity possible. Without vision for long term sustainability, the “plutocratic bubble” now cresting in our world can burst.

I hope your summer has provided time for a good read. Whatever your favorite subject material or genre may be, I trust your outlook on life has been enlarged.

Blessings,  
John P. Gardner

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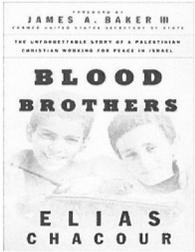
**TICKETS: \$65**

**Saturday, September 19, 5:30-9:30pm**

*Courtyard by Marriott, downtown Fort Wayne*

**Dinner   Silent Auction   Cash Bar**

**Contact Joan Coslow – 260.424.2430**





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Website – indianacmep.org



Jesus Seminar On The Road:

## “Bringing the Historical Jesus to Church”

October 30 & 31, 2015  
With Facilitators David Galston and Hal Taussig

The First Century saw a creative explosion of new, experimental faith communities. Many were early Christians, many were not. Christianity was born in the context of wide diversity. Today, too, there is a passionate longing for community and many bold new experiments in community formation. This Seminar introduces the 1st and 21st-century landscapes, looking for parallels and differences for inspiration.

- **Curious George, the Historical Jesus, and 21st-Century Meaning Making**
- **Jesus and History in a New, New Testament**
- **What would Jesus think about Church?**
- **How can a church be a home for the historical Jesus?**
- **Thinking about Jesus and the Church**

All events at Plymouth Church. You may register online at <http://www.westarinstitute.org/upcoming-events-calendar/fort-wayne-2015/> or ask for a hardcopy of the registration form at the church office. Credit Cards, checks, or money orders are accepted. Costs are:

### ALL Sessions

Individual Rate	\$75
Pre-Registration Rate (by Oct. 16, 2015)	\$60
Additional Family members	\$50

### Single Sessions

Friday evening session	\$20
Saturday morning session	\$30
Saturday afternoon session	\$30

Please contact David Grim at [davidbradlee@yahoo.com](mailto:davidbradlee@yahoo.com), for more information.

## Foods Resource Bank

For the past 10 years, Plymouth Church has joined with Salem-Magley UCC to support the goal of Foods Resource Bank (FRB). The FRB mission is to assist people in developing nations to grow their own food. Our involvement in this program was initiated by Doug and Gale Cunningham and has been continually supported by you, our Plymouth friends. Your generosity in giving to FRB has directly improved the lives of thousands of people, moving them from subsistence to surplus agriculture.

The FRB organization was founded in 1999, and has positively and dramatically impacted over one million people. FRB’s success has been achieved by focusing on the objectives: long-term food security, serving people where they live, and working in tandem to organize and identify local needs/priorities, and assets. This approach has been highly successful and has yielded such life changing projects as building water storage facilities, development of new, improved seeds and crops as well as improved farming techniques and animal husbandry efforts. FRB also grants micro-loans to fund improvement and start-up projects at the local level. FRB provides partnerships and resources to help people help themselves, resulting in a dramatic improvement in communities and lives often mired in poverty.

So, what is to come as Plymouth and Salem UCC enter our 11th year of supporting Foods Resource and this important global mission? We, the FRB committee want to continue to share stories and highlights from countries and communities where FRB has made a difference in the lives of our brother and sisters. We hope you will continue the caring and giving of the past 10 years, (\$120,538) that has made FRB the successful mission it has become.

We would ask that you prayerfully consider a contribution to continue what has become a very real “global mission” at Plymouth. Complete the form below and place in the collection plate or deliver to the church office.

### For the Foods Resource Bank—2015 I would like to contribute: (please check below)

<input type="checkbox"/> 1 bushel of soybean seeds - \$200.00	<input type="checkbox"/> ½ bushel soybean seeds - \$100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> ¼ bushel of soybean seeds - \$50.00	<input type="checkbox"/> other amount = \$ _____

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**The 2015 Harvest Dinner at Salem-Magley is October 18, 10:00 am.**

## Boar's Head 2015 – Celebrating 41 years! *Join the celebration by being involved.*

That's right—it's time again to prepare for the 41st Annual Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival!

This year the services will be dedicated to the memories of Joan Stanger, Polly Lipscomb, and Russ Siples for their contributions to the Festival.

We hope that all Plymouth folk may start to plan now to support the 2015 Festival! We would love to have all of you participate in some way in this year's celebration of this Plymouth tradition.

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 could 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 by leaving a message on the Boar's Head line, 432-9424, ext. 328.

Please consider offering your time to one of these production needs.

- Kara Jaurigue will be casting starting **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, ext 328) or contact her by e-mail ([kkjaurigue@gmail.com](mailto:kkjaurigue@gmail.com)) or cell phone; 260-341-1032. It makes her job easier!
- Jim and Kara will co-direct again this season. This year, the ALL CAST meeting is **Sunday, November 1, at 1:00 pm**, 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 per-family, and six per-patron, as last year. Extra tickets can be arranged; please call and leave a message on the Boar's Head line, at 423-9424, ext. 328.
- 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 is just one weekend of rehearsals for the majority of parts in the Boar's Head (**December 19 and 20, 2015**) and the dress rehearsal and services on **December 27-30**. We always need lords-'n-ladies couples, and beefeaters!!
- **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+ 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 41st Annual Boar's Head & Yule Log Festival?

Thanks!

Jim Schmidt and Kara Jaurigue, Co-Directors



## Knit & Kibitz Announces Annual Sale Dates In November

Knit & Kibitz's Annual Sale is being planned this year for **Sundays, November 15 and 22**. Sale hours will be before and after the worship services.

We will have some scarves and hats again, and some other interesting items. Plan to check us out during our sale time, please. It's a great way to start your Christmas shopping!



## Re-Discover The Plymouth Library!

The Louise Folsom Memorial Library has been reorganized and is ready for reading. Skim, borrow, and dive into books on a variety of topics including Spiritual Practice, Church and Religious History, World Religions, and more.

Beginning in September, a selection of recommended books will be on display and available for checkout during the fellowship hour, prior to the 10:00 am worship service.



## Volunteer Opportunities

### Study Connection Needs Tutors & Subs

Anyone interested in being a tutor or a substitute tutor for Study Connection at Plymouth Church, for the next school year, should contact Lucy Hess, at [lrh22@frontier.com](mailto:lrh22@frontier.com) or 484-4430.

Study Connection meets in the Folsom Room Wednesday afternoons **3:00 - 4:30 pm**, beginning in early October and ending late May.

### Help With Coffee And Donuts On Sundays

Congregational Life is in need of hosts for the Sunday morning hospitality hour. Minimal work is required, simply refilling the donut tray, water and coffee from **8:30 to 9:40 am, each Sunday**. Hosts are encouraged to commit to a month at a time or alternate Sundays with other hosts.

Interested? Contact Joyce Black, [joyceblack11@yahoo.com](mailto:joyceblack11@yahoo.com), or call her at 260-797-3036.

## Civic Theatre Presents



Fort Wayne Civic Theatre presents the musical, "The Marvelous Wonderettes,"

**September 19 to September 27**, at the Arts United Center.

Featured songs include: "Mr. Sandman," "Lollipop," "Sincerely," "You Don't Own Me," "It's My Party," "RESPECT," and many more!

Tickets are available at the Arts United Center Box Office, 424-5220.

## Remember When?



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## Newsletter Guidelines

Please continue sending your information for the printed *Bell* to Suzanne at: [sls@plymouthfw.org](mailto:sls@plymouthfw.org) by the second Wednesday of the months it is printed.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> <b>11:45a</b> Women's Book Study <b>1:00p</b> Staff meeting <b>5:00p</b> ESC-Oasis Rm <b>6:00p</b> Executive Council <b>6:30p</b> Civic rehearsal	<b>2</b> <b>8:30a</b> Retired Men's breakfast <b>8:30a</b> Women's breakfast <b>5:15p</b> Bible Study <b>5:45p</b> Potluck dinner <b>6:30p</b> Evening Music activities <b>6:30p</b> Civic rehearsal	<b>3</b> <b>9:00a</b> Library Task Force <b>5:00p</b> HCC Board meeting <b>6:30p</b> Civic rehearsal	<b>4</b> <b>6:30p</b> Civic rehearsal	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> <i>Share Your Shopping</i> <b>8:30a</b> Hospitality <b>10:00a</b> Worship & Communion <b>11:30a</b> HCC Board meeting	<b>7</b> <b>LABOR DAY OBSERVED</b> <i>Office Closed</i> <b>5:45p</b> Yoga <b>5:45p</b> Sophie's Caf� <b>6:30p</b> Civic rehearsal	<b>8</b> <b>11:30a</b> Knife & Fork <b>1:00p</b> Staff meeting <b>4:45p</b> Benevolence <b>5:00p</b> FW Children's Choir <b>5:30p</b> Youth Advisory Council <b>6:30p</b> Civic rehearsal <b>7:00p</b> PFLAG	<b>9</b> <i>e-Bell deadline WNL Begins</i> <b>5:15p</b> Bible Study <b>5:45p</b> Dinner <b>6:30p</b> Evening Music activities <b>6:30p</b> Civic rehearsal	<b>10</b> <b>9:00a</b> Library Task Force <b>6:30p</b> Civic rehearsal <b>7:30p</b> JSOR discussion	<b>11</b> <b>9:00a</b> Knit & Kibitz hat & scarf project <b>1:30p</b> Memorial Gifts Committee <b>6:30p</b> Civic rehearsal	<b>12</b> <b>9:00a</b> Boar's Head sewing <b>9:00a</b> Knit & Kibitz hat & scarf project
<b>13</b> <b>8:00a</b> Chapel Communion <b>9:00a</b> Hospitality <b>9:00a</b> Christ. Educ. <b>9:00a</b> Sanc. Singers <b>9:00a</b> OWL classes <b>10:00a</b> Worship <b>11:30a</b> Amazing Grays <b>11:30a</b> Youth Swim party @Nicholsons <b>4:00p</b> Preach-Off	<b>14</b> <i>Office Closed</i> <b>5:45p</b> Yoga <b>5:45p</b> Sophie's Caf�	<b>15</b> <b>11:45a</b> Women's Book Study <b>12:00p</b> HCC Board luncheon <b>1:00p</b> Staff meeting <b>2:00p</b> N.A.M.I. Room 201 <b>4:00p</b> Moderators mtg. <b>5:00p</b> FW Children's Choir <b>5:30p</b> Board meetings	<b>16</b> <i>WNL</i> <b>5:15p</b> Bible Study <b>5:45p</b> Dinner <b>6:30p</b> Evening Music activities	<b>17</b> <b>9:00a</b> Parking Lot: Senior Information Fair <b>9:00a</b> Library Task Force <b>5:30p</b> PJs	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> <i>Heritage Sunday</i> <b>8:00a</b> Chapel Communion <b>9:00a</b> Hospitality <b>9:00a</b> Christ. Educ. <b>9:00a</b> Sanc. Singers <b>9:00a</b> OWL classes <b>10:00a</b> Worship & Communion <b>11:30a</b> Youth Group <b>4:00p</b> Music Series	<b>21</b> <i>Office Closed</i> <b>5:45p</b> Yoga <b>5:45p</b> Sophie's Caf�	<b>22</b> <b>1:00p</b> Staff meeting <b>2:00p</b> N.A.M.I. Room 201 <b>5:00p</b> FW Children's Choir	<b>23</b> <i>e-Bell deadline WNL</i> <b>5:15p</b> Bible Study <b>5:45p</b> Dinner <b>6:30p</b> Evening Music activities	<b>24</b> <b>9:00a</b> Library Task Force	<b>25</b> <b>5:00p</b> Wedding rehearsal	<b>26</b> Wedding
<b>27</b> <b>8:00a</b> Chapel Communion <b>9:00a</b> Hospitality <b>9:00a</b> Christ. Educ. <b>9:00a</b> Sanc. Singers <b>9:00a</b> OWL parent meeting (grades 4-6) <b>10:00a</b> Worship <b>11:30a</b> Youth Group <b>11:30a</b> Fourth Sunday Brunch Bunch	<b>28</b> <i>Office Closed</i> <b>5:45p</b> Yoga <b>5:45p</b> Sophie's Caf�	<b>29</b> <b>1:00p</b> Staff meeting <b>2:00p</b> N.A.M.I. Room 201 <b>5:00p</b> FW Children's Choir <b>6:00p</b> B. H. production meeting	<b>30</b> <i>WNL</i> <b>5:15p</b> Bible Study <b>5:45p</b> Dinner <b>6:30p</b> Evening Music activities			



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### Vision Statement

*Adopted October 2011*

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



### Mission Statement

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

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