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# Amazing Grays Feature, "I've Got A Secret"



Remember the '60's TV program, "I've Got a Secret?" The Amazing Grays will present a panel of contestants who will challenge the audience with their secrets at the **Sunday**, **September 8** meeting, immediately following a luncheon prepared by Rhonda Eitsert.

Eric Black will moderate the panel, following a twenty questions format with questions generated by the audience. Come and find out what you never even knew you needed to know!

If you have an unusual secret to share, please call Dee Smith, 482-1185, or email <u>cd5134@yahoo.com</u> to be a member of the panel. Make sure you sign up for the \$6.00 luncheon as well.

#### **CWS School Kit Items Needed**

The Christian Education Board is kicking off the church program season by asking everyone to help purchase school supplies for Church World Service (CWS) school kits. Items must be exactly as requested and will be packed in 12" x 14" tote bags. Please use the shopping list below and take advantage of "Back to School" sales.



\*If you wish to make a tote bag, please see sewing specifications for the school bag pattern, posted on the main hallway bulletin board. Clare Walter has material from the Bell players' dismantled table clothes that are the right weight and material for making bags. Canvas tote bags also may be purchased from a craft or discount store.

Please bring your contributions to the church office.

#### To assemble a School Kit you will need:

- One pair of round-tip metal scissors
- One hand-held pencil sharpener
- Six new pencils with erasers
- Three 70-count spiral notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (no loose-leaf or filler paper, please)
- One 30-centimeter ruler (12")
- One large eraser
- One box of 24 (*only*) crayons
- One 12" x 14" to 14" x 17" finished size cotton or light-weight canvas bag with cloth handles. (Please, no reusable shopping bags or backpacks.)

# Program Year Resumes Sunday, September 8

8:00 am	Chapel Communion
8:30 am	Hospitality
9:00 am	Christian Education
10:00 am	Worship
12:00 pm	Youth Group

# **Child Care For The Coming School Year**

Last year, Plymouth started a new group for pre-school children during the worship service. The little ones start out in worship, then leave after the Peace Candle is lit to go to Room 205 until after the service.

The parents of the children are the primary caregivers, but we still need a number of "non-parent" folks to help with this ministry. If interested, please use the signup on the office bulletin board, or contact Clare Walter (c2cftwayne@gmail.com).

## **Help Children Succeed**

Tutors and subs are needed for Fort Wayne Community Schools (FWCS) Study Connection tutoring at Plymouth, each **Wednesday**, **3:45 - 4:45 pm**.

Tutoring begins the first or second week of October and concludes the middle of May. If you are interested in making a difference in a young child's life, please contact Lucy Hess, <a href="mailto:lrh2@frointier.com">lrh2@frointier.com</a> or 484-4430.

# In Our Prayers

During the month of September we will pray for the East Wayne Street Center, a partner in mission and a recipient of Plymouth benevolence. The World Council of Churches urges that we observe an International Day of Prayer for Peace on September 21.

Plymouth people in our prayers:
Mary Bir, Roberta Braunlin, A.J.
Calkins, Roberta Claire, Barbara
Davidson, Betty Dickerson, Ed
Gomez, RaeAnna Graff, Joan
Hartwig, Karen Holdeman, Brian
Ingmire, David Legg, Joan
Lipscomb, Sandy Lockwood, Bob
Pugh, Marylynn Sloop, Kay Walter,
and Melody Worsham.

Members and friends serving overseas: Major Marc Lovelace, SSgt. Joe Luyben, SSgt. Christopher Hollingsworth; UCC Chaplains: Jon Bailey, Rebecca McMichael, Leticia Rouser, and Beth Stallinga.

**Congratulations** to Karen and Nada O'Neal on their union ceremony, July 30.

*New Life* is celebrated in the birth of Lilah Lynn Opal Silcox, daughter of Corrie and John Silcox, born July 31.

*Sympathy* is extended to the family, friends, and colleagues of Gregory J. Vey, who died July 26.

**Sympathy** is extended to Al Kuelling and family on the death of his wife, Judy Kuelling, on August 3.

The Next Bell Deadline for submission of material for October issue of *the Bell* is: Wednesday, October 2

Please submit your news items by 5:00 pm on this date to Suzanne at: sls@plymouthfw.org.

# 2013 Neighbors In Need Imagining A World Without Poverty

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 NIN special offering will be received on **Sunday, October 6**.

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).

## Foods Resource Bank (FRB)

The past eight years, members and friends of Plymouth have joined with the congregation of Salem Magley UCC to support the mission of Foods Resource Bank (FRB). The partnership effort continues in 2013!

New to this year's campaign is the crop substitution of soybeans rather than corn. The 20-acre crop for 2013 has been planted, and now provides Plymouth with the opportunity to share with Salem UCC in this important mission effort. Each of us can make a valuable contribution to this important and life changing mission called FRB.

We encourage you to complete the attached form and either place it in the collection plate or send to the church office, along with your contribution. Help us continue the mission of FRB as we continue to partner with Salem UCC in helping our neighbors around the world in need!

**FRB Task Force Members:** Gale Cunningham, Laura Rudolph, Carol Patterson, Rick and Peg Schilb.

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Please make checks payable to Plymouth Church and indicate "For FRB" in the memo line.

#### From the Senior Pastor

Friends.

In late June, after attending a portion of the 29th General Synod of the UCC in Long Beach, California, I headed north for a "reading week" on the campus of the San Francisco Theological Seminary. I sought the seclusion of the seminary, nestled in the tranquil village of San Anselmo, to whittle away at a few books I've deferred reading.

What follows is an itinerary of my reading this summer. It includes the books I read at the seminary, a few others from earlier in the year, and a couple that I'm currently reading. Over the years, I've learned that one book can lead to another. That certainly has been true with my reading in 2013. I hope the list is of interest to you.

The Hunger Games and Catching Fire, by Susanne Collins. The Hunger Games was published in 2008, the first part in a trilogy; it was followed by Catching Fire in 2009, and Mockingjay in 2010. The trilogy is young adult science-fiction successfully adapted to film. The two main characters are Katniss Everdeen and Peeta Mellark, whose lives entwine in an annual national ritual that features arena fighting on a grand operatic scale. Rules in the "game" dictate that only one youth from among many district youths can survive. Collins is a graduate of IU, where she majored in drama and telecommunications.

Wired for War by P.W. Singer. This is a fascinating, sobering, at times disturbing work that provides an encyclopedic look at the impact robotics technology is having upon the way we wage war in the 21st century. The development and deployment of robotics technology is a huge game-changer, every bit as revolutionary as when the tank replaced the horse as a battlefield means of transport. The issues addressed by Singer are complex and wide ranging. The cast of characters Singer interviews both intrigue and entertain. The general theme, deftly explored: the human "monopoly of warfare is being broken. We are entering the era of robots at war."

The Precarious Vision by Peter L. Berger. This is an early, provocative work (1961) by Berger, who is a highly regarded sociologist, well known for his interest in religion as a vital force in culture. Berger asks in this work, "can a truly contemporary person be a Christian?" He is disdainful of any trite or flippant answer. Berger posits that religion is an institutional force that works to reinforces social order; religion contributes to an "illusion of certainty" and conserves social fictions that belie "authentic existence." Berger warns, "Religion can become the supreme fiction that sanctifies all the other fictions." Berger does not equate Christian faith with its institutional embodiment. The gift of Christian faith, he argues, is authentic social perception. "Christian faith radically debunks ... social fictions."

Other readings, briefly noted:

The Collected Poems of Philip Larkin. Larkin was an English poet (1922-1985), and the recipient of many honors. In later life he declined the offer of being poet laureate. I became intrigued with his work after encountering his poem, Church Going. In this poem, he speaks of visiting an empty church and ponders its sporadic use. He walks within the church, "wondering what to look for; wondering, too, when churches fall completely out of use, what we shall turn them into ..." He addresses the question: "... what remains when disbelief has gone?"

Lincolnshire Links with the U.S.A. by A.M. Cook. This slim volume explores the early colonization of America, and a particular interest in the contributions made by people from Lincolnshire, England. There is delightful chapter of Captain John Smith, and a second on the Pilgrim Fathers. We often remember those carried by the Mayflower's crossing of the Atlantic. We recall less often the aborted efforts of the Speedwell (it didn't), and the needed help that arrived via the Fortune and the Anne. Reflecting upon the Pilgrims is a reminder that, once upon a time, we were all immigrants living in hope of a better life.

*The Language Police* by Diane Ravitch. Ravitch may be our nation's foremost educational expert. This work is a penetrating analysis of the way "pressure groups" restrict and control what knowledge is passed from generation to generation. Ravitch has chapters that expose censorship efforts from the biased camps of both conservatives and liberals. She draws a disturbing picture of political and religious forces that filter what can be said and read. The bowdlerizing of history and literature makes for bland instruction and boring classrooms. Of particular interest to me was "Appendix1 – A Glossary of Banned Words, Usages, Stereotypes, and Topics" (pgs. 183-218).

Sincerely, John P. Gardner



#### August 28

Potluck Dinner



#### September 4

Mixed Greens Salad with Shaved Parmesan and Sherry Vinaigrette on the side

Bracciole in a Mushroom, Tomato Sauce (flank steak roll with a Pecorino

Romano bread stuffing) or Breaded Eggplant (vegan) Linguine (vegan)

Roasted Asparagus (vegan) Dinner Rolls Fresh Fruit Platter

Panna Cotta with Raspberry Coulis (baked Italian style custard) Kids Korner: Meatballs In-Pockets

(dairy free)



#### September 11

Caribbean Slaw Jamaican Chicken or Jerk Tofu (vegan) Roasted Potatoes (vegan) Garlicky Zucchini (vegan) Dinner Rolls Fresh Melon Balls Tropical Banana Rum Cake (Note: alcohol cooks off during baking making it rated "G") Kids Korner: BBQ Drumsticks (dairy free)



Green Salad with Fresh Mango and Mango Vinaigrette on the Side Layered Tortilla Bake (vegetarian) Calabacitas (Mexican style summer squash) Fresh Grapes

Traditional Mexican Flan Kids Korner: Quesadillas



#### September 25

Romaine Salad with Lemon Poppy seed Dressing on the Side Stuffed Turkey Breast Creamy Mashed Potatoes (vegetarian) Sautéed Green Beans (vegan) Assorted Fresh Fruit Platter **Baby Carrot Cakes** Kids Korner: Mac 'N Cheese with Turkey Meatballs (dairy free)

## Time For Plymouth's Annual Jelly Fest!

The annual Standish Circle "Sweet Pepper Jelly Fest" is scheduled for Tuesday, August 20 and Thursday. August 22. Participants will gather at 11:00 am each of those days to clean, chop, cook, and process all the ingredients. Sweet peppers and jelly jars in all sizes (especially eight-ounce) also are needed. Please bring donations to the Plymouth kitchen.



To place your order, volunteer to help, or for more information, contact Joyce Augspurger, jema7749@comcast.net or 260-625-3222.

#### Knit & Kibitz

Knit & Kibitz next gather at 6:30 pm, Thursday, September 5, at Laura Rudolph's new home. If you need instruction about how to get there, contact Riet Zwiep at janandrietzwiep@frontier.com and it will be sent to you by email. During our August meeting we received a nice supply of finished products, but we can use more, so keep working on your projects.

If you are interested in joining us and want more information, contact Riet Zwiep or any of the other members. We welcome new people any time and will teach you to knit or crochet or help you if you are a beginner and still need some instructions. No matter where you are on your way to become an experienced needle worker, you are welcome.

# The Center for Nonviolence Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) Youth Group (CfN-GSA)

The Center for Nonviolence Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) offers a safe and supportive environment for LGBTQA youth who wish to build community; discuss issues affecting their lives without fear of censure, reprisal, or harassment; and join with others in promoting safety and respect for all people, regardless of gender identity or romantic orientation.

The group is facilitated by trained and certified professionals and is open to teen youth under 20 years old who identify as LGBTQ or are allies to LGBTQ people. Participation in the GSA is solely voluntary, and steps are taken to protect participants' privacy and confidentiality.

The CfN-GSA meets every second and fourth Thursday of each month. For more information on time and location, or for other inquiries, please contact Elka Jackson at 260-456-4112, x103.

# Parry Lecture Weekend at Plymouth Church **October 11 - 13**

"Confronting the Global War on Women: A Just Peace Theology" with Rev. Dr. Susan Brooks Thistlethwaite

> Lecture: Friday, Oct. 11, 7:00 pm Workshop: Saturday, Oct. 12, 9:00 am Preaching: Sunday, Oct. 13, 10:00 am



# **Indiana Center For Middle East Peace (ICMEP)**

Indiana Center for Middle East Peace is offering four exciting events to start their season this fall.

UPRISINGS IN THE ARAB WORLD: A TOUR OF THE NEIGHBOR-HOOD: Amid revolutionary times in the Arab world, what is the state of the region? The Indiana Center for Middle East Peace (ICMEP) presents speaker Andrew Spath to offer his perspective, Monday September 9, 7:00 pm, at First Presbyterian Church.

Andrew Spath is a PhD candidate in political science at Rutgers University specializing in the Middle East. As a Fulbright and Boren Scholar, he spent the last year in Jordan conducting research on leadership change and political activism. **This program is free and open to the public**. For additional information, please call 260-416-2516.

MIKO PELED: The first speaker in ICMEP's acclaimed free lecture series for 2013-2014 is Miko Peled, author of *The General's Son*. He will speak **Thursday, September 19, 6:30 pm**, at the main branch of the Allen County Library. Miko's journey is similar to that of his father, renowned Israeli General Matti Peled, 40 years earlier. In *The General's Son*, he recounts his military service and global travel. After his niece's killing by a suicide bomber in 1997, he is thrown back into the heart of Israel's conflict with the Palestinians. When he speaks, as in his book, he provides an intimate window into the fears haunting both peoples, but also the real courage of all those who, like Miko Peled, pursue a steadfast grassroots struggle for equality for all of the residents of the Holy Land. You owe it to yourself to hear this man's story.

**PETER YARROW** formerly of Peter, Paul and Mary, performs, "Don't Laugh at Me," (plus other PP&M classics). "Don't Laugh at Me" is the signature song of Peter's not-for-profit *Operation Respect*, which promotes an

anti-bullying message, and programs of tolerance, civility and respect in schools. Yarrow is performing as part of the Indiana Center for Middle East Peace (ICMEP) Annual Fund Raising Gala which will also include a silent auction and hors d'oeuvres, **Saturday, October 5, 6:00 - 9:30 pm**, Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne (IPFW) International Ballroom. Tickets are \$75 per person. For tickets (and to ask about being a benefactor), call (260) 416-2516, or go to www.indianacmep.org.



SOUL WISDOM: POETS FOR A NEW AGE: Join Dr. Michael Spath on retreat, October 26 - 27, at the Potawatmi Inn at Pokagon State Park. We'll share reflections on the following poets: Mary Oliver, Rabindranath Tagore, John Donne, as well as "Beat Poets" Allen Ginsburg, Jack Kerouac, Lawrence Ferlinghetti, Gary Snyder, Bob Dylan, and Jalal al-Din Rumi. The retreat begins at 8:30 am, Saturday, and will wrap up by noon, Sunday. The cost for the retreat, including a double room for one night, and three meals is \$190. A down payment of \$100 is due by Sunday, September 15. For more information, contact Joan Coslow, 424-2430, joancoslow@gmail.com; or Michael Spath, 416-2516, <a href="mailto:lmspath@msn.com">lmspath@msn.com</a>.

# Green Spotlight On





Plymouth has enrolled in an incentive program to help get more people to "go green." But the church needs YOUR help. For **each** household that completes a Home Energy Assessment from Energizing Indiana, Plymouth has the potential to receive \$25!

YOU benefit by receiving an Energizing Indiana Home Energy Assessment that can help raise your home's performance, lower your energy consumption, improve your in-home air quality, and increase your home's value. The home requirements are:

- Homes must be built prior to January 1, 2010
- Homes must be single family, duplex, triplex, quad, or mobile
- Homes must <u>not</u> have had a utilitysponsored assessment completed in the past 3 years
- Electric service must be provided through Vectren, Duke Energy, IMPA, NIPSCO, Indianapolis Power & Light, or Indiana Michigan Power.

To learn more, call 1-888-893-8218, or email <u>COE@energizingindiana.com</u>.

# **Creation Care Workshop**

Plymouth will host a Creation Care Workshop, **Saturday**, **September 28**, **8:30 am to 12:30 pm**, to bring faith groups together to promote stewardship of God's creation. The workshop is free, but advance registration is required. If you know of a faith-based organization that may be interested in sending a representative, contact Ahnee Conner, at 260-241-5613; or Joan Coslow, at 260-424-2430.

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#### First Call: Boar's Head Cast and Crews

Amazing! It's the end of summer and time to start the ball rolling for the 39th Annual Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival.

We hope that all Plymouth folk may start to plan now to support the 2013 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 and with tickets, set crew, props, make-up and COSTUMES. If you have organizational skills or design and sewing skills, please call Jim. Costume volunteers will be working with costume coordinator Katherine Caldwell again this year. 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) or <a href="kkjaurigue@frontier.com">kkjaurigue@frontier.com</a>! It makes her job easier!

Jim and Kara will co-direct again this season. We will hold an ALL CAST meeting on **Sunday**, **November 3**, **1:00 pm**, to distribute schedules, order tickets, and conclude any pre-rehearsal business. As it was last year, ticketing will be limited to six tickets per cast family, six for Plymouth members by family, and six per patron.

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 21 and 22**), and the dress rehearsal and services on **December 27-30**. We always need lord-and-lady 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? Please contact Jim Schmidt or Kara Jaurigue.

Won't you join us and be a part of the 39th Annual Boar's Head Festival?

Jim Schmidt Kara Jaurigue (260) 632-5392 (260) 423-9424

kkjaurigue@frontier.com

# **Boar's Head Costume Department Needs Helpers**

The Boars Head Costume Department is starting up again, and we would love to have you join us. We have many things that need to be done and you do not have to be experienced with a needle. If you have always wanted to be a part of the Costume Department, this is your chance. We will be meeting **Saturday**, **September 14, 9:00 am -1:00 pm**, in the costume room on the second floor.

Please feel free to stop by.

# **SEPTEMBER 2013**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00a Hospitality 10:00a Worship & Communion	2 LABOR DAY Office Closed	3 10:30a Staff meeting 11:45a Women's Book Study 6:00p Executive Council	4 WNL Kickoff 8:30a Women's Break- fast 8:30a Retired Men's Breakfast 5:15p Bible Study 5:30p Children's Choir 6:00p Dinner 6:30p Children's Choir 6:30p Bell choir 7:15p Sanctuary Singers	5 1:30p Memorial Gifts Committee 6:30p Standish Knit & Kibitz @ Rudolph's	6	7
8 PROGRAM RESUMES 8:00a Chapel Communion 8:30a Hospitality 9:00a Christian Education 10:00a Worship 11:30a Amazing Grays 11:30a Youth Group	9 Office Closed 5:45p Yoga 6:00p Sophie's Cafe	10 10:30a Staff meeting 4:45p Benevolence 5:00p IHN Volunteer Coordinators Dinner 7:00p PFLAG	11 2:15p Moderators' meeting 5:15p Bible Study 5:30p Children's Choir 6:00p Dinner 6:30p Children's Choir 6:30p Bell choir 7:00p We the Living 7:15p Sanctuary Singers	12	13	9:30a BH Costume work
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When using a public restroom: After washing your hands, shake them well, pull only one piece of paper towel from the dispenser, fold in half, and press between hands. You'll have used less paper and the facility also saves by using less!

#### Looking for our email addresses?

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Music Director

robert@maestronance.com

Youth Director

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#### **Vision Statement**

Adopted October 2011

Praying for guidance for the journey

... Honoring the mystery of God

... Responding with spirits renewed

... Moving courageously toward wholeness.

## **Mission Statement**

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