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28th Annual Community Worship Service Honors the Life of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Sunday, January 20, 7:00 pm, Plymouth will once again host the Annual Community Worship Service honoring the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The speaker for this year's celebration is Dr. Timothy Lake. A reception in the Folsom Room immediately follows the service.

Help Support Nebraska Elementary School – Our “FWCS Rising Stars” Partner

In order to provide needed support for Nebraska, our partner elementary school, the Peace and Justice Committee (PJs) will collect socks for ages 5-12 and underwear for sizes XS-medium. When the weather is cold, children often come to school without socks. Many young children have accidents during the day which require a change of clothing and particularly, underwear. Please take advantage of sales during January. Bring the items to church and place them in the bin next to the grocery box in the hall. PJs will collect the items through the first week in February. Thank you Plymouth members and friends for your continuing generosity.

Ash Wednesday Worship, February 13, 7:00 pm

Imposition of Ashes and Sacrament of Communion

IHN Opportunities

Plymouth's next opportunity to host IHN is coming up **January 27 through February 2**. Please look at your calendars and see if you have an hour or two to help support families in need of shelter here in Fort Wayne.

Dinner is served at 5:30 pm, and we ask that each dish you provide feeds 24 hungry adults. When lots of people each take a small part in providing a meal, it becomes such an easy thing to do.

To help, please use the sign up sheet posted outside the office, or you can email Laura Rudolph at rudyfw@yahoo.com, or call 485-2285.

WELCOMING GROUP

**Sunday, February 3
11:30 am to 2:30 pm**

Are you curious about what it would mean to become a member of Plymouth Church? Come explore, share, and discover most everything you need to know about Plymouth and the UCC. Rev. Ruth E. Phillips leads this orientation and discussion where we share our personal stories of how we came to Plymouth and learn about belonging together as Plymouth. Please contact Rev. Ruth to confirm your participation. A light lunch will be provided.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

February 12, 5:30-7:00 pm

Come, celebrate Mardi Gras!

The Congregational Life Board invites all ages to enjoy pancakes and sausage for supper, and games, balloons, and face painting. Donations of “water only” pancake mix, and syrup are requested and need to be at church by **Sunday, February 10**.



Traditionally, Shrove Tuesday is the feast before the fasting of Lent.

In Our Prayers

Plymouth people in our prayers:

A.J. Calkins, Gary Crowell, Beth Dickerson, Janice Furtner, Ed Gomez, Loretta Henderson, Helen Hill, Lynn Huber, Judy Kuelling, Jeffrey Lohse, Carlton "CJ" Mable, Jr., Jennifer Mable, Gordon Miller, Timothy Price, Anne Rowland, Abigail Shepherd, Ervin Walter, Kay Walter, and Tina Worthman.

New Life is welcomed in the birth of Asher James Gibson, December 14, to parents Greg and Emily Gibson and big brother, Gavin Patrick. Proud grandparents are Jan and Tom Gibson.

New Life is welcomed in the birth of William John Roemer, December 15, to parents John and Jody Meredith Romer. Proud grandparents are Jane and Jack Meredith.

New Life is welcomed in the birth of Carlton "CJ" Mable, Jr., December 22, to parents Jennifer and Carlton Mable, and to big sisters Izabelle and Avery. Proud grandparents are Joyce and Eric Black.

New Life is welcomed in the birth of Abigail Grace Hunter on January 8, to parents Sarah and Jeremy Hunter and big sister Hannah, in Indianapolis. Proud grandparents are Judy and Dan Kaufman.

Sympathy is extended to Allen Haynes on the death of his father, Wayne E. Haynes, on January 1.

Sympathy is extended to Becky Hollingsworth and family on the death of her father, Marvin Berron, on January 6.

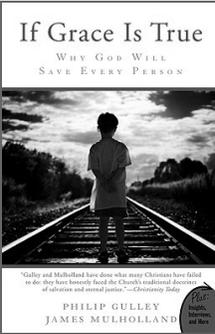
Sympathy is extended to Rev. Clare Walter and family on the death of her sister, Judy O'Connell, on January 13, in California.

Sympathy is extended to Ted and Betty Barry on the death of his mother, Elsa Barry, at age 104, on January 14, in North Dakota.

Adult Christian Education

Rev. John P. Gardner leads Adult Christian Education classes on **January 20 and 27; February 3 and 10**, in the Chapel. This is a book-study using, *Faith Matters: Six Vital Themes for UCC Identity*. Please join us.

Small Group Studies Announced

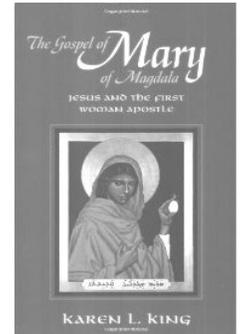


A Small Group Study, led by Rev. Ruth E. Phillips, is being held **Wednesdays through February 6, at 6:45 pm**, in the **Amistad Room**. This study is using the book, *If Grace Is True*, by Philip Gulley and James Mulholland.

A second Small Group Study, also led by Rev. Ruth E. Phillips, will be held **Wednesdays, February 20 – March 20**, using

the book, *The Gospel of Mary of Magdala*, by Dr. Karen L. King.

All are welcome to join the studies and discussions.



Our Whole Lives "OWL" Sexuality and Our Faith Educational Sessions for Grades K-2

Our Whole Lives (OWL) is a program, for people of all ages, that promotes sexuality education as a life-long process of acquiring direct and honest information and forming attitudes and values in age appropriate ways.

OWL programs are grounded in the assumptions that parents are the primary educators of their children and that sexuality education takes place primarily in the home. OWL is an opportunity for parents to work with the materials provided in the OWL sessions with the goal of increasing communication about sexuality issues.

Our Whole Lives sexuality classes for children in grades K-2 will be offered for six weeks on the following dates: **February 17, 24; March 3, 10, 17, and 24 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 pm** after Sunday worship. The classes will be taught by trained OWL leaders and Plymouth members, Cher Jackson and Sandy Moliere. A parent orientation meeting is required; please choose from one of these sessions: **Wednesday, January 30, 6:45 pm, or Sunday, February 3, 11:30 am**. Either meeting will be in the Mayflower Room.

Please email or call Rev. Ruth E. Phillips, rep@plymouthfw.org or 423-9424, ext. 322, to register for the parent orientation you plan to attend. Questions may be addressed to Cher Jackson (744-3023) or Sandy Moliere (485-9862).

Indiana Center for Middle East Peace (ICMEP) To Sponsor Two Events

The Indiana Center for Middle East Peace will sponsor Louise Pascale's presentation, "The Afghan Children's Songbook Project," at the Allen County Public Library theater, downtown, **January 24, 7:00 pm**. Come and see how music changes the lives of children, as Louise Pascale preserves traditional Afghan children's songs that are disappearing from their culture, and returns them to the children of Afghanistan. A period for Q&A will follow the presentation. This program is free and open to the public. For additional information: please visit online: www.afghansongbook.org.

The Indiana Center for Middle East Peace will host Liela Buck, **Wednesday, February 28, 5:00 pm**, at Plymouth Church. Buck is an actress, writer, and teaching artist, a "Usual Suspect with NYTW," a member of the Public Theater's 2008 Emerging Writers Group, and a recipient of the Middle East America Special Jury Prize. Watch for more information!

Next Bell Deadline

The next deadline for submission of material for *The Bell* is:

**Wednesday,
February 13**

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

IHN Thanks

Many, many thanks to these volunteers who provided hearty, healthy meals, entertainment and support to Interfaith Hospitality Network of Fort Wayne during Plymouth's rotation **December 2 – 8**: Dan Hamblin, Josie Dunlap-Smith, Mary and Roy Gilliom, Mary Ann and Jim Sidell, Sandy Moliere, Anne Hughes, Dee Smith, Mary Spath, Gale Cunningham, Cher Jackson, Steve and Becky Hollingsworth, Lucy Hess, Ginny and Joe Laudidaio, Karen Nesius-Roeger, Kris Connerly and Friends, Cathy Nicholson, Jan Gibson, and Ahnee Conner and her daughter-in-law.

During this week of hosting IHN, we also were fortunate to have the support of the St. Francis Ceramics Club. Students came each evening to help set up, serve dinner, and provide entertainment for the guests. Books were read, games were played, Christmas tree ornaments were made, cookies were decorated, and fingernails were painted bright colors.

Thank you for the continued support of IHN!

Plymouth IHN Coordinators: Laura and Rhys Rudolph, Diana Swayze and Cher Jackson

Annual Business Meeting Sunday, January 27

Immediately following worship, **Sunday, January 27**, our Plymouth youth will be serving the traditional Casa d'Plymouth lunch as a fundraiser (To-Go Meals will be available!). The Business Meeting will begin after lunch. Please come and support our youth, enjoy a good meal, and stay to hear about and approve the Annual Report and Operating Budget.

Women's Breakfast Club January 29

The Women's Breakfast Club will meet **January 29, 9:00 am**, at the downtown Hilton Bistro. Please call Carol Shedd, 492-9500, for reservations.

Knit & Kibitz February 7

Knit & Kibitz will meet **February 7, 6:30 pm**, at Laura Rudolph's home. Sara Sprunger, our newest member, will show us how she makes fingerless gloves from old wool sweaters. If you have old sweaters that you don't wear anymore but are too good to toss, this might be an idea for you! Plan to attend to see if this a project for you.

If you have never been to a Knit & Kibitz meeting and this interests you, please come to the meeting; you might decide that this is a group you would like to join. We always welcome new members, no matter what your skills are, and we will help you get started on a knit or crochet project. For more information or to let us know you are planning to be at the meeting, call Riet Zwiep at 485-1676, or email her at: janandrietzwiep@frontier.com.

From the Senior Pastor

On December 31, 2012, there was news out of North Carolina that brought completion to a long struggle for justice that is of particular interest in the United Church of Christ. Beverly Purdue, as one of her final acts as North Carolina's outgoing governor, issued a formal pardon for the group known as the "Wilmington 10." The pardon came forty years after eight young black men, one white woman, and a representative of the UCC's Commission for Racial Justice, Benjamin Chavis, were convicted by jury of "arson and conspiracy to commit violence" in the firebombing of a Wilmington grocery store.

In issuing the pardon, Governor Purdue noted, [the] "convictions were tainted by naked racism and represent an ugly stain on North Carolina's criminal justice system that cannot be allowed to stand any longer. Justice demands that this stain finally be removed."

The story goes back to the early 1970s, when North Carolina was said to be a "bubbling cauldron" of racial strife. Benjamin Chavis, a North Carolina native, was sent to assist local leaders meeting at Gregory Congregational UCC in Wilmington, who were working to achieve just and fair school desegregation. The firebombing, which occurred in February, 1971, was followed by the arrest of ten, including Chavis. Despite pleas of innocence, the Wilmington 10 were charged, convicted, and collectively sentenced to 282 years in prison.

The UCC stood with the Wilmington 10 defendants from the beginning, helping with their defense and the lengthy process of appeal. The 1973 General Synod helped post bail. The cost: over \$1 million.

Church involvement with the legal defense of the Wilmington 10 continued throughout the 1970s. In 1978, with help from an exposé by CBS's "60 Minutes" that uncovered perjury and prosecutorial misconduct, there was a reduction of sentence. In 1980, the convictions were overturned in federal court; but there was never a pardon acknowledging innocence.

In May, 2012, Governor Purdue was presented with a petition seeking a formal pardon for the Wilmington 10. The petition was supported by the Rev. Geoffrey A. Black, General Minister and President of the UCC, as well as by the Rev. Linda Jaramillo, Executive Minister of our UCC Justice and Witness Ministries. The petition urged declaration of innocence for the surviving members, including Benjamin Chavis, Wayne Moore, Marvin Eugene Patrick, James Matthew McKoy, Willie Earl Verren, and Reginald Epps, as well as the four deceased members: Connie Tindall, Ann Shepherd-Turner, Willam "Joe" Wright, and Jerry Gerald Jacobs.

The UCC commitment to justice was once described by the Rev. Jeremiah A. Wright, Jr. as "**a story of courage, dignity, and integrity.**" It surely is. But is also much more. The story of the Wilmington 10 serves to remind that persistence and patience also are required of a justice seeking people of faith.

The story of the Wilmington 10 may not count as headline news in these cliff-hanging days. Yet it poignantly illustrates what we dare proclaim — faith practice is a struggle. Ours is no fugitive faith, diverging from the Jesus way. We are at our best when engaged. Saints, I sense, are most becoming when stubborn and holding fast to the good, when praying and working together for a more just and benevolent world.

A favorite quote of Martin Luther King, Jr. is that of the Rev. Theodore Parker, the 19th century abolitionist and Unitarian cleric who said, "**the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice.**" We don't always see what the heart believes. So it is good news when long sagas, like that of the Wilmington 10, come to closure. Finally, justice prevails. The stain is removed. In the pardon, there is peace.

Thank God!

Rev. John P. Gardner



IHN Family sheltering families in crisis

Quarterly Happenings

November 2012

www.ihnfamily.org

Second Annual Empty Bowls Fundraiser A Success!



*"Believe that we here on earth
can learn to feed one another."*

Thanks to our congregational partners (Trinity Episcopal, Taylor Chapel, First Christian, Resurrection, Plymouth, Beacon Heights, First Presbyterian, St. Jude, First Assembly and Emmanuel) for hosting Empty Bowls events and raising money for IHN's emergency shelter totaling approximately \$10,000. And a special thank you to the University of Saint Francis, IPFW, Carroll High School, and Blackhawk Christian High School and their very talented art directors and students for designing and making the more than 450 beautiful ceramic and decorative bowls that were sold at the events. We truly are blessed to have such wonderful volunteers. In addition to raising money for the shelter, we are raising the awareness about the issues of hunger and bringing about an attitude that will not allow hunger to exist.

Another IHN Success Story!

Kathy was a guest at IHN's emergency shelter on two separate occasions over the past year. During her time at IHN, Kathy was not able to work due to a physical disability but that didn't prevent her from filing for and gaining custody of her 8 and 6 year old nephew and niece who were in desperate need of a loving and caring home. While at IHN, our staff worked with Kathy on parenting skills, budgeting, financial management, and connecting her with other services available to her and the children including the Pathways to Success program. Today, Kathy and her "children" are in their own home and learning to be a family. Becoming a mother in her early 50's is quite unique and exceptional, but she is very excited and encouraged at the new life she is starting. This is one of many success stories that IHN and its staff are so very proud to share with you. Your ongoing support, whether through volunteering, financial contributions, or prayers, to IHN is making a difference in the lives of many people here in Fort Wayne.

Dollhouse Auction to Raise Money for IHN

A very special thank you to former Board Member, Al Hyman, for constructing and donating three beautiful, life-size dollhouses that will be used as fundraisers over the next three years for IHN. The first dollhouse will be displayed and up for bid at Glenbrook Mall between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Watch and listen for more information about this truly unique opportunity to own one of these dollhouses and support IHN. All proceeds will benefit IHN's emergency shelter.



Wish List

How Can You Help?

Conduct a supply drive at your workplace, school, church, or community service project and donate items to IHN. The shelter and our guests can always use:

Donations, Gift Cards, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Soap, Shampoo, Bath Towels, Paper Towels, Toilet Tissue, Diapers, Baby Formula, Non-perishable Food

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The IHN Mission: To serve
homeless families by providing
emergency shelter, meals and
comprehensive, compassionate
and ongoing support.

September YTD 2012 Stats at a Glance

Individuals Served 165
Avg. Length of Stay 90 days

February 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>IHN</i>	2 <i>IHN</i>
3 <i>Share Your Shopping</i> 8:00a Chapel Communion 8:30a Hospitality 9:00a Christian Education 10:00a Worship & Communion 11:30a Welcoming Group 11:30a Youth Group	4 <i>Office Closed</i> 5:45p Yoga 6:00p Sophie's Café	5 10:30a Staff meeting 11:45a Women's Book Study 6:00p Executive Council	6 <i>WNL</i> 8:30 a Retired Men's Breakfast 3:30p Study Connection 5:30p Children's Choir 6:00p Dinner 6:30p Bell choir 6:45p Small Group Study 7:15p Sanctuary Singers	7 6:30p Standish Knit & Kibitz @ Rudolph home	8	9 9:00a Boar's Head Costume Work
10 8:00a Chapel Communion 8:30a Hospitality 9:00a Christian Education 10:00a Worship 11:30a Youth Group 11:30a Amazing Grays	11 <i>Office Closed</i> 5:45p Yoga 6:00p Sophie's Cafe	12 <i>Shrove Tuesday</i> 10:30a Staff meeting 4:45p Benevolence 5:30p Pancakes & Sausage Dinner 7:00p PFLAG	13 <i>WNL</i> <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 2:30p Moderator's Meeting 3:30p Study Connection 5:30p Child. Choir 6:00p Dinner 7:00p We the Living 7:00p Ash Wednesday Service	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15 <i>Scholarship applications due</i>	16
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February Amazing Grays

The Amazing Grays will feature Plymouth's take on the '50s Art Linkletter show, "Kids Say the Darndest Things."

David Grim, Plymouth's own child advocate and resident specialist will be asking children leading questions about love and marriage, appropriate for the month of love. Join us for lunch and this very special "thought-provoking" program for all ages, **Sunday, February 10, 11:30 am**, in the Folsom Room.

Rhonda Eitsert will be preparing a kid-friendly meal at \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for kids 12-and-under. We also hope to have a vegetarian option. **Please sign-up on the bulletin board by the office before Friday, February 8.**

Knife & Fork February 18

Knife & Fork, a group of seniors who enjoy getting together once a month to share a meal, will meet at Hall's Tavern at Coventry, off West Jefferson, on **Monday, February 18, at 11:30 am**. If you would like to join the group, please contact February Coordinator, Helen Hill, at 484-3005.

Women's Retreat: March 23, 9:00 am. to 4:00 pm You've Got Personality!

Women of Plymouth: You've got personality! Many of us have learned that certain of our personality traits are "hard wired" and are an integral part of our unique nature. When we learn how we are we are better able to be fully who we are in the most positive and beneficial way to ourselves and for others around us.

You are invited to spend a day with one another as you:

- Discover your personality type – perfect melancholy, popular sanguine, peaceful phlegmatic, or powerful choleric, using the personality profile tool "Wired That Way."
- Discern your areas of growing and maturing in relationships and faith.
- De-stress with time to be, or to walk, or to experience the labyrinth, or to relax and talk.

Guest presenter and guide will be Donna J. Hankey, longtime member of Leo United Methodist Church, a lover of teaching and skilled small group leader. Donna is experienced as a practitioner using the "Wired That Way" personality profile based on the teachings of Marita Littauer & Florence Littauer.

March 13 is registration deadline, at which time you will be given the "Wired That Way" profile tool to complete prior to the retreat. Bring it with you to the retreat when Donna Hankey will interpret and explore with us the meanings and nuances of the four personality types.

Cost per person is \$20 which covers a full lunch in the dining room, morning and afternoon snacks, and use of the retreat center. Carpooling will be arranged to the Victory Noll Center. Some scholarship is available; please direct confidential scholarship requests to Rev. Ruth E. Phillips.

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	3	Jakob Feasel
		Theo Garcia 
B	5	Jim Eitsert Dick Hill
R	7	Ginny Laudadio
	8	Jim Graham
U		Dee Harding
	11	Nicholas Brattain
		Jeff Moore
a	12	Ruth E. Phillips
	13	Robin Grissom
r	14	Colette Legg
		Dulanna Rothert
y	15	Gale Cunningham
		Sara Hodges
	16	Allyn Beifus
		Christopher Butler
B	18	Wally Bonham
		Kris Jensen
i		Halley Woehner
	19	Andrew Spath
r	20	Donna Childs
		Chuck Knox
t		Blaine Schroeder
	21	Nick Eitsert
h	22	Brian Augspurger
		Riley Kuhns
		Ren Moore
D	23	Elle Hollingsworth
		Verne Mitchell
a	24	John Escosa
		Linda Balthaser
y	27	Martha Cummings
	28	Claire A. Roney
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JANUARY WELLSPRING FOOD BANK NEEDS:

- beef stew
- saltine crackers
- hot cereal
- Hamburger/Tuna Helper
- bar soap

Youth Calendar

January

- 1/20 Senior High Youth Group
11:30 am -1:30 pm
1/27 Casa d' Plymouth (spaghetti
lunch fundraiser—All Youth)

February

- 2/3 Middle School Youth Group
11:30 am -1:30 pm
2/10 Senior High Youth Group
11:30 am -1:30pm
2/15 PLYMOUTH ROCKS!
Burgers, Fries & Rock 'n
Roll
2/17 Middle School Youth Group
11:30 am -1:30 pm
2/24 Senior High Youth Group
11:30 am -1:30 pm

Boar's Head-Thanks!

The sounds and sights of the 38th Annual Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival, dedicated to Joan Stanger, have faded. The sets and props have been stored for another year; costumes are being cleaned, and repair work has begun.

Thank you to all of the members of the cast, crews, choirs, orchestra, production staff, and Plymouth staff, for their time and efforts in making this yet another memorable festival!

Thank you, also, to the 184 patrons, who contributed more than **\$17,920**, and to an audience totaling more than 2,260 who contributed an additional **\$7,000** in the free-will offerings. The Festival continues to draw new faces who are moved by those sights and sounds of the special story Plymouth offers to the community. See you next season for the 39th festival!

Jim Schmidt, Chairperson,
Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival
Committee

Casa d' Plymouth—Spaghetti Lunch

All sixth through twelfth graders are invited and encouraged to join in for some Casa d' Plymouth fun on **Sunday, January 27**. This spaghetti lunch is an annual youth fundraiser.

The kitchen crew will begin at **9:00 am**, while the kids/teens are in Sunday school. Then the youth will gather in the kitchen to work and prepare the meal so it's ready immediately following worship. We will serve pasta, Casa salad, and bread cafeteria style to allow folks to get their lunches before the Annual Meeting starts.

The Youth and adult helpers will be in charge of removing dirty dishes and cleaning up after the meal, with the hopes of being done by **1:00 pm**. Parents may pick up their youth at that time. Thank you in advance for supporting our young people — all profits go to the Youth Fund which helps pay for our summer trips.

Plymouth Rocks!

Mark your calendars now! *Plymouth Rocks* is **Friday, February 22!** This is a night you won't want to miss! Burgers, fries, milkshakes, and a live band, right in our Folsom Room!

Once again, the band "Endgame," featuring our own rockers, John Escosa and Tom Gibson, will be on hand to rock the night away with their awesome tunes! Diner-style food, combo meals, and beverages will be available for purchase from **6:00-7:30 pm**.

So, grab some friends and come on down for some yummy food. Then you can dance off all the calories to some fantastic music! Hope to see you there!

YOUTH: Please plan to arrive as close to 4:00 pm as possible to help with set up! See Kara for more details!

Annual Talent Show

Do you sing? Dance? Juggle? Play an instrument? Write poetry? Balance a spoon on your nose? No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, your talent is welcome here!

Our annual Talent Show will take place on **Sunday, March 17, 11:30 am**. All Plymouth members and friends are welcome to join in on the fun and share their talents!

See Kara Jaurigue to reserve your place in this venue. You may also email her at kkjaurigue@frontier.com So mark your calendars — it's easy to remember, because it's also St. Patrick's Day!!

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Grants and Scholarships Committee has the pleasant responsibility of awarding scholarship grants from the earnings generated by several endowed funds. ***Completed applications with all supporting materials must be received in the church office by the stated deadline(s) below. Incomplete applications are ineligible for consideration. To request application packets, call the church office (423-9424) and leave your name, phone number, and e-mail address. One of the members of the Committee may respond to your request.***

The Richard Nelson Kent Memorial Fund

Educational grants for tuition and fees for members of the United Church of Christ in the Northeast [Indiana] Association and other qualified applicants who are at least 16 years of age and entering into or continuing ecological studies, conservation biology, or other environmentally related studies. **Deadline: February 15.**

The R. Donald and Genevieve M. Sinish Memorial Fund

Awards for tuition and fees for 16-to-24-year-old members of Plymouth Church. **Deadline: February 15.**

The Van Gorder Scholarship

Tuition and fees for post-secondary education leading to a degree, certificate, or license, for a graduating senior who is a member of Plymouth Church. **Deadline: February 15.**

The Richard C. Hess Peace Studies Scholarship

A \$1,000 tuition and fees scholarship for a college student majoring in peace studies or a related program. **Deadline: April 15.**

Plymouth Music Series Presents Second Annual *Festival of Hymns*

Plymouth Music Series presents the third concert of the 2012-2013 season. "A Festival of Hymns" is a program of great hymns of faith in various arrangements presented on **Sunday, March 3, at 2:00 pm.** The concert, conducted by Maestro Robert Nance, will include brass, hand bells, organ, and more, with multiple opportunities for the congregation to join the choirs in singing the familiar words and melodies.

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," "Great Is Thy Faithfulness," "Holy, Holy, Holy," and "The Day of Resurrection" are among the titles you can expect to hear, presented in uplifting festival-style arrangements. This concert is open to the public at no charge – a gift to the community from Plymouth Church. A freewill offering will be accepted from those who wish to contribute.

Proceeds of this concert will go to support Plymouth's Peace and Justice Scholarship Fund, which annually awards scholarships to those whose planned college or post-college study is focused on creating and nurturing efforts for justice and peace in our divided world.

84 Backpacks!

Hats off to our Sunday School kids! This past fall, we introduced a weekly practice of collecting an offering in Sunday School and little-by-little our kids raised \$295!

Our goal was to collect money for the Backpack Program at Community Harvest Food Bank. This program supports children in Fort Wayne who may go hungry over the weekends, when they don't have school meals to rely on. On Friday afternoons, each is given a backpack stocked with basic food, enough for themselves and perhaps some siblings. The \$295 raised is enough to supply 84 backpacks!

To wrap up the project, many of the Sunday School children, from pre-schoolers through high-schoolers, went to the Food Bank in early January and got to see first-hand how the project works. The kids created an amazing assembly line, and prepared 200 food bags! Everyone seemed to have a great time working together for a wonderful cause. Thank you to all the kids, to all the parents, and to the other involved adults for supporting this project along the way.

Cammy Sutter
Sunday School Coordinator

Mothers of Young Children (MOYC) Schedule Alternates

Thursday	February 21	6:30 pm
Saturday	March 16	10:00 am
Thursday	April 18	6:30 pm
Saturday	May 18	10:00 am
Thursday	June 20	6:30 pm
Saturday	July 20	10:00 am



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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.