



Licensed Ministry Recognition October 25

This past summer two church members, **Eric Black** and David Grim, initiated the process of becoming Licensed Ministers in Plymouth Church and in the United Church of Christ. In August, Eric and David were interviewed by the Plymouth Church Executive Council, and formally requested the church's support in seeking authorization for Licensed Ministry. The Executive Council was enthusiastic and encouraging in recommending Eric and David for designation as Licensed Ministers.

On Saturday, September 26, I joined with Eric and David as they met with the NE Indiana Association Committee on Ministry, a necessary step in acquiring Licensed Ministry. The Committee on Ministry (COM) follows closely the steps outlined in the UCC Manual on Ministry, a document that offers "**Perspectives and Procedures for Ecclesiastical Authorization for Ministry.**" The COM requires the submission of certain materials - a personal faith journey, verification of Plymouth Church membership, documentation of Plymouth Church endorsement, and letters of recommendation. After yet another interview, which technically served as a "**licensing examination,**" the Committee on Ministry voted to accept Eric and David as Licensed Ministerial Associates serving in Plymouth Church.

There is a history to Licensed Ministry worth noting. The term first appeared when the Constitution and Bylaws of the UCC were amended in the early 1980's. The category for lay minister was replaced with that of Licensed Minister. The current edition of the UCC constitution and bylaws defines a licensed minister as a ...

"... lay minister whom God has called and who has been recognized and authorized by an Association to perform specified duties in a designated Local Church or within that Association...for a designated time...The license may be renewed."

The specified duties mentioned above can include teaching, preaching, and administering church rites and sacraments.

For quite some time Plymouth Church has been graced with the gifts and talents Eric and David have shared with us. I'm thrilled they have responded to the call of God, and have made themselves available to serve in our midst as Licensed Associates. I ask that you encourage them as they work to refine the skills for ministry we know exist.

On **Sunday, October 25, our 10 :00 am worship** will include an Order for Affirmation of Licensed Ministry. This will provide us with an opportunity to celebrate with Eric and David, to formally commission and pray for them, and to praise God for their willingness to serve.

Such a service of worship is evidence that God is still speaking, calling forth leaders to strengthen the church. This is very good news that promises to enrich the life we share together.

Rev. John P. Gardner

Annual Election Meeting October 25

Plymouth members are asked to remain in the sanctuary following worship on **Sunday, October 25**, for the annual meeting. *Plymouth's Brunch Bunch has been cancelled due to this event.*

Empty Bowls Event Sunday, October 25

On **Sunday, October 25**, following worship and the annual election meeting, a bread and soup lunch will be served to benefit the Just Neighbors Interfaith Homeless Network of Fort Wayne. A suggested donation of \$10 per person (over the age of 6) will give you the opportunity to share in this simple meal, reminding us that there are those in Fort Wayne who struggle daily to provide a meal for their family.

Unique, handmade ceramic bowls also are available for a suggested donation of \$10 each. Each donation is a very real and tangible way to support the ongoing mission of Just Neighbors Interfaith Homeless Network.

This is the sixteenth year that this organization has provided a safe, warm place to stay for families in need. Just Neighbors IHN is the only shelter in Fort Wayne where families are kept together when they are in need of temporary housing. Please come and support this very worthwhile community outreach and make a difference in the lives of families that are in need of temporary shelter right here in Fort Wayne.

In Our Prayers

During the month of October, we pray for the **Healthy Cities/Veterans Stand Down** (providing food and clothing to those most in need through various programs), and for the **Franciscan Center**, partners in mission and recipients of Plymouth benevolence.

Plymouth people in our prayers:

Tom Adams, Jack Ade, Sally Ade, Elizabeth Bayle, Wally Bonham, A.J. Calkins, Evan Conner, Roger and Tony Crouch, Elizabeth Dube, Gail Escosa, June Fletcher, Norman Grandos, Tyler Jackson, Tom Pitts, Timothy Price, Steve Riethmiller, Dulanna Rothert, Kelly Smith, 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 Janeczek, Chaplain Mark Roeder,

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

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

New Life is welcomed in the birth of Tegan Marie Sale, on September 29, to parents Courtney and Dustin Sale, St. Joseph, MO. Proud grandfathers are Reggie Trout and Timothy Price.

Sympathy is extended to Virginia and Joe Laudadio, and family, on the death of niece, Lisa Worthman Chiddister, August 31.

Sympathy is extended to David Bayle, Jr., on the death of his father, David Bayle, Sr., September 19, in Hayward, CA.

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Liliias Pat Oser Meyer who died September 21, in Charlotte, NC.

Sympathy is extended to Rebecca, Savannah, and Gabby Manns, on the death of husband and father, Jeff Manns, on October 12.

Sympathy is extended to Rev. John Gantt and family on the death of wife and mother, Nadine Gantt, on October 14.

Remember Loved Ones On All Saints Day

Plymouth will celebrate All Saints Day on **Sunday, November 1, during worship at 10:00 am.**

The service will include a Dedication of Memorial Gifts and Remembering the Saints, during which the name of each member who has died since November 1, 2014, will be read aloud, and the bell tolled .

Spiritual Gifts

Dates: **Sundays: Nov 1, 8, 15**

Time: **9:00am**

Where: Chapel Class

Leader: Rev. Clare Walter

What: Exploring our Spiritual Gifts – three class sessions

Because this is the season of Stewardship, it seems appropriate to explore the topic of Spiritual Gifts, and how we might use them. We all have occupational skills—things we can do because we use them in our everyday work lives. A homemaker knows how to cook, clean, and manage the family schedule. An accountant is good with numbers and keeping the books. A physician or nurse is a trained healer, and so forth.

Each of us also has natural talents: some have beautiful singing voices, others have athletic abilities, and some can more easily envision and build things. And then there are Spiritual Gifts, which have to do with the call of God, and how we respond to that call. Churches can get in trouble when they confuse these things and collapse them into the work of the church.

Maybe the church member, who already teaches all day, doesn't want to help in the nursery. Maybe the retired minister is happy to be involved in the life of the church, but doesn't want to preach when the pastor is gone. Maybe that trained accountant is more fulfilled by working with the youth of the church than handling the bookkeeping.

This series of adult education classes will be led by Rev. Clare Walter, and explore how we can identify our spiritual gifts, how we can share those gifts for our own personal spiritual growth, and for the welfare and growth of the community...in the church building and outside its walls. Come join us!

OWL Thank You!

Did you know that there are 27 students participating in Plymouth's *Our Whole Lives* classes this fall? Seven teachers are hosting our three classes: **Cher Jackson** and **Sandy Moliere** have grades 4-6, **Dave Joliff**, **Linda Eltzroth** and **Katie Watson** have grades 7-9, and **David Grim** and **Molly Jordan** are teaching grades 10-12. Fourteen students are regulars around Plymouth and 13 are members of our wider community.

One family is even driving from Ohio to be a part of our classes! Plymouth is unique in our area in offering comprehensive sexuality education that incorporates faith and values. Thanks to the volunteer work of our teachers and the support of our congregation we are able to offer these classes without charge. Thank you for being a part of this important service to our young people and our community.

From the Stewardship Campaign Chair

Hello Friends,

Let me take this opportunity again to welcome you to the 2015 Stewardship Campaign! This year we are working with the scripture Galatians 6:9-10: “**9** So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. **10** So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.”

In my initial letter kicking off the campaign, I asked readers if they could see Plymouth Church in that scripture. Without any work at all I know that I can. Who here grows weary of doing what is right? Who here is not always eager to work for the good of all? Yes, here in Plymouth Church I feel we are constantly seeking out ways to do good and to do good things better!

"Charity begins at home ..." Sir Thomas Browne wrote in 1642. We only have to look to our West next door where we will find "The Cedars." Here is an institution started by Plymouth people for the sole purpose of giving women dealing with mental illness a place to live. Another example of our charity beginning at home is with Study Connection through Fort Wayne Community Schools. We could go on to mention Pride Fest, The Positive Resource Center, Wellspring and Just Neighbors. Our benevolence dollars help to support all of these organizations. It is through your generosity that allows Plymouth Church to "not grow weary in doing what is right."

One of our four "identifiers" is as a "Global Mission Church." Our Benevolence dollars truly have a positive impact in places far away from Fort Wayne, Indiana. On October 18, many from Plymouth were at Salem-Magley UCC to celebrate the harvest that will eventually go to assist people in other parts of the world to become self sufficient in caring for themselves and their families. We are involved in efforts to bring peace to the Middle East through the Indiana Center for Middle East Peace, and with Bright Stars of Bethlehem which promotes outreach efforts of Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem. Other efforts are made through working with the greater UCC to reach even more places in feeding the hungry, providing clothes, and offering hope. Through your generous offerings, we are doing good whenever we have the opportunity.

All of this is only possible through the donation of your time, talent and money. It is a collective effort. Together we do what none of us could do alone. This year, as a congregation, we have been challenged to increase our giving by 5%. Why 5%? Currently the congregation supports about 55% of the overall Operational Budget for the church. Demographic literature from the UCC exists suggesting that a thriving healthy congregation should be supporting at least 60% of the Operational Budget. The Stewardship Committee has established this as a goal for this year's campaign. I believe that we are that thriving healthy congregation and that this goal is within reach. After all, we have a history of exceeding goals given to us. From hygiene kits to diapers to solar panel installation, we exceed goals given to us time and again. I believe that this time will not be different.

Friends, if you are in any way *touched* by the work going on here at Plymouth Church. If you are in anyway *excited* by work going on here at Plymouth Church. If you are in any way *engaged* with the work going on here at Plymouth Church, I ask that you prayerfully consider how much more of your time, talent and money that you can give in order to promote this part of Jesus Christ's mission on Earth.

Thank you and Take Care,
Eric Black
Stewardship Campaign Chair



Fall Festival October 24

Join us this **Saturday, 5:00 - 8:00 pm**, at the Southwest Conservation Club, 5703 Bluffton Road, Fort Wayne. The event will include a hayride, a bonfire, and pumpkin carving, complete with hot dogs and s'mores to cook over the open fire. Don't miss this great outdoor opportunity for fun and fellowship! *Sponsored by Congregational Life Board.*

Second Family Book Fair November 1

If you'll be buying presents for children this Christmas, take a look at the family resources available at our next book fair!



Peek through illustrated children's Bibles, playful story books, and amusing DVDs. Kids will recognize some of the characters from the curriculum they use in Sunday school—but these products are made to be enjoyed informally at home. Stop by our table in the Folsom Room on November 1, to join the raffle for a Whirl Story Bible! Bring your checkbook if you'd like to make an order, orders will be delivered in time for Christmas gifting.

Wellspring Needs

1. Plastic grocery bags (Food Bank)
2. Blankets (Clothing Bank)
3. Movies on DVD: Older Adult Programs and After School Programs (*anything appropriate for ages 6-86 that is rated G, PG, or PG-13*).

All of Plymouth's Share Your Shopping non-perishable food donations support Wellspring's Food Bank every month.

From The Senior Minister

Friends,

Our October 11th Sunday with the Rev. Patricia Tull, author of *Inhabiting Eden – Christians, the Bible, and the Ecological Crisis*, was wonderful. She was excellent in her Chapel Class teaching, and in the worship that followed, she stirred us with her preaching. Her work on Mark 10:17-31 (“Prospering in a Perilous World”) was an invitation to consider: what “riches” hold us, what “attachments” define us, denying us life in the adventure of following Jesus?

At Plymouth Church, we have most recently declared ourselves to be an “earthwise” congregation. We need be quick to assert this is first and foremost a hope and a prayer. As Tull has written in her book, “**The point is not where we are now, but in what direction we are heading ... It is a matter of priorities, a matter of joy, a matter of breaking away from broken systems that use us, into more vivid, vital lives.**”

To be earthwise is to confess that we have a creation deficit disorder; it is to acknowledge that we need to change our human course and that we intend to do so; it is to recognize that we are inseparably tied to the web of God's creation. Earthwise people pray to pay attention, like Isaiah paid attention: “**The whole earth is full of God's glory.**” (Is. 6:3).

Mary Oliver captures the spirit of being earthwise in her poem, *Praying*. She writes:

*It doesn't have to be the blue iris, it could be weeds in a vacant lot,
or a few small stones; just pay attention,
then Patch a few words together and
don't try to make them elaborate,
this isn't a contest but the doorway into thanks, and
a silence in which another voice may speak.*

I like the thought of earthwise being a doorway into thanks. May we all be so blessed. As recipients of such grace may we find ourselves full of wonder, generosity and gratitude.

Sincerely,
John P. Gardner

Hands-On Islam

What do Muslims do? Through what practices do Muslims express their faith? Stop by the Christian Education Lounge (the new space near elevator upstairs) to walk through a variety of self-directed stations to explore Islamic practices. Sound out the Arabic greeting of peace, calculate your charitable giving, step through the motions of daily prayers on a prayer mat, or copy an inspiring verse from the Qur'an.

New stations are available on **Sundays, November 1 and 8**, and the materials will remain out for anyone to use throughout the week. The Youth class will be working through the stations as a part of their Sunday school time. The stations are appropriate for all ages; younger children will need assistance reading the activities. As a Just Peace Church, we welcome opportunities to learn about our neighbors in faith. Please explore our *Hands on Islam* stations to appreciate differences within our community and to celebrate our common hopes.

Jesus Seminar On The Road: “Bringing the Historical Jesus to Church”

COMING SOON! October 30 & 31

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. **All events are at Plymouth Church.**

You may register online at <http://www.westarinstitute.org/upcoming-events-calendar/fort-wayne-2015/> with a credit card, or take a hardcopy of the registration form from the bulletin board outside the nursery and leave it with your check or money order in the office. 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, for more information.

New Transition Task Force (TTF) Focus Groups

If you haven't already, please attend one of the Focus Group sessions we've scheduled in November. We Need YOUR input to create a Plymouth Profile!

TTF Focus Groups Signup Form

NAME _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Choose two of the following sessions and rank them 1 - most desired to 2 - least desired.

Sunday, November 1, after worship _____ in the Amistad Room

Sunday, November 15, after worship _____ in the Amistad Room

Library Task Force Needs YOUR Ideas

In the near future, the Library Task Force will be purchasing a group of new books to add to the church's collection. In an effort to purchase books that will be meaningful and helpful to our members, we welcome your suggestions. We will be considering ideas for books that in some way speak to our faith, family, mission, worship, or any other topic that helps us explore a diverse array of thoughts and ideas.

You may suggest either a specific title, a specific author or a general category of literature that you feel might enhance our book collection.

You will have the opportunity to make your suggestions in two different ways. You may e-mail your suggestions to the church at sls@plymouthfw.org or you may write your suggestions on cards that will be provided during the service, **Sunday, November 1**. We thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration and suggestions.

We welcome having you stop by the library and see all the work that has been done to make it better-organized and more user-friendly. Check out a book while you're there!

Facebook Advent Artwork

Once again, we are collecting artwork to share through our Facebook Advent Calendar. Last year's digital calendar included fingerpainting from pre-schoolers, snapshots from cell phones, block prints made years ago, and digital designs created just for us.

Start thinking about how you and the artists in your family might contribute to the project this year. You may submit artwork to Katie Watson.



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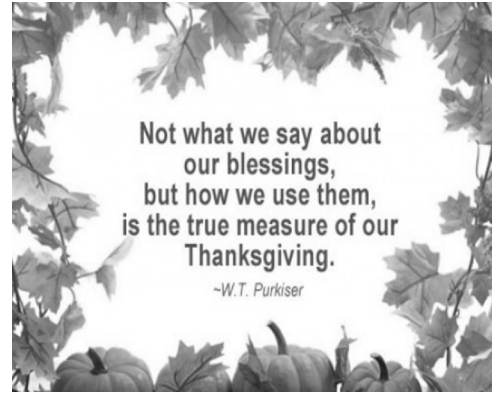
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William Spindler
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- 15 Ty Ratajczak
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Alex Cooper
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Joanne Brooks-Weber
Valerie Pelz
- 21 Joyce Briner
Darleen Schmidt
- 22 Ross Sunday
Deb Tuttle
- 23 Mary Bir
Kirstin Springer
Ruth Anne Sprunger
- 24 Loren Dove
Kathleen Simunek
- 25 Jessie Voors
- 27 Edythe Gordon
- 28 Eric Congdon
- 29 Ed Gomez
Jean Ross
- 30 Brent Blalock
Stan Holdeman
Rachel Tuttle

There IS More To Thanksgiving Than Black Friday!

The Amazing Grays invite everyone to a meeting, **11:30 am, Sunday, November 8.** Bill Deans will entertain us with a timely presentation of, **“There is more to Thanksgiving than Black Friday!”**

It is our desire to emphasize this lovely holiday and push back the commercial world’s frantic attempt to bury this holiday in a flurry of sales events.

Lunch will be available for \$6. An apple dessert from an old recipe will be served! **Reservations are needed by Wednesday, November 11.**



Benevolence Distributions for 2016

The **Benevolence Committee of Plymouth Church** will be distributing applications for Benevolence Funds in **early December.**

If you know of an organization that you would like to see receive an application, please complete the information below and return this form to the church office. (Please note that the organization must be nonprofit as defined by the IRS.) The Benevolence Committee seeks to include organizations that reflect Plymouth’s core values for Open and Affirming, Peace and Justice, Green and Global Mission. Need always exceeds our resources; **application is not a guarantee of funds.**

Please return this completed form to the church office by **Tuesday, November 10.** Thank you.

Your name _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Your email _____

Nominated Organization _____

Organization address _____

Contact person _____

Your connection to this organization: _____

Additional Comments: _____

Knit & Kibitz Meeting

Knit & Kibitz will meet on **Thursday, November 5**, at Laura Rudolph's home at **6:30 pm**. Members are asked to either take all their finished pieces to the closet in the church, or bring them to the meeting.

Northeast Association Meeting Rescheduled

The Northeast Association meeting, originally scheduled for Sunday, October 25 at Plymouth, has been postponed until **Sunday, November 8, 2:00 pm**, in the Folsom Room, at Plymouth.

Knit & Kibitz Annual Sale November 15 & 22

Knit & Kibitz's annual sale will be on **Sundays, November 15 and 22, 9:00 - 9:45 am and then after the service until about noon**.

Available for sale will be a variety of handmade items that would make nice presents, so plan to get some Christmas shopping done!

Annual Standish Wreath Sale

Large and small, decorated and not, Douglas Fir wreaths and swags, and white pine roping will be on sale before and after worship on **Sundays, November 22 and 29**, in the Folsom Room.

In addition to decorating your own sweet abode, these make great early gifts for family, friends, neighbors, co-workers—as well as a bit of seasonal cheer for people in the hospital or in nursing homes. Prices:

Small Decorated Wreath	\$17.75
Small Undecorated Wreath	\$13.75
Large Decorated Wreath	\$21.50
Large Undecorated Wreath	\$17.75
White Pine Roping	\$12.00

Annual Friends Of The Third World Sale

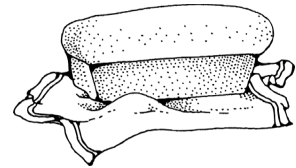


Friends of the Third World Shoppe will hold its annual sale at Plymouth on **Sunday, November 22, only**. This is a unique opportunity to find a gift such as a birch-bark basket from the upper Midwest and fill it with a jute angel-tree ornament from Bangladesh, fair-trade coffee from El Salvador, a bracelet from the Philippines, and many other items from the world over.

All items are provided by low-income people working to support their families. These items are provided by volunteers from Friends of the Third World, a non-profit ministry aiding the poor through employment and education programs. So take a few minutes and find a gift that gives TWICE!

Fresh Baked Bread Sale

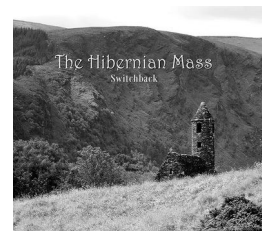
The annual Fresh Baked Bread Sale, put together by Plymouth youth and adult leaders, will be held **Sunday, November 22**. Breads of all kinds will be available for purchase before and after worship, including our traditional white and wheat loaves, the ever-so-popular Monkey Bread, as well as zucchini, cranberry-orange, and a few others. The bread sale comes just in time to help fill your Thanksgiving table!



Plymouth Music Series Concert November 22

Celebrate the beginning of the holiday season with a Plymouth Music Series concert, **Sunday, November 22, at 4:00 pm**.

The group *Switchback* features Brian FitzGerald (vocals, guitar, mandolin), and Martin McCormack (vocals, bass, guitar). The duo joins forces with the voices of Heartland Sings to present, "The Hibernian Mass." This work was written by Brian and Martin, created to play upon the words *hibernia* and *hibernate*. With the coming of Saint Patrick to the tribes of Ireland, the people awake from their winter of not knowing Christ and become one with the Lord. In addition to the Switchback Duo, we have the singers of Heartland and other guest instrumentals from the region to bring you a dynamic spiritual experience in the Celtic style!



Thanksgiving Day at Plymouth

Thursday, November 26, 2015

Chapel Worship at 11:00 am
Thanksgiving Dinner at 11:45 am

Friends, please take this time to reflect on this past year and to give thanks for all that God has provided.

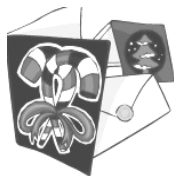


Please plan and gather around our Plymouth table for a Thanksgiving Day dinner. Your plates will be filled with warm greetings, caring smiles, and a gracious welcome. There will be plenty of turkey—both white and dark meat—as well as flavorful dressing, buttery mashed potatoes, a variety of vegetable dishes and desserts to delight your appetite.

A sign-up-sheet is available on the bulletin board outside the office to register how many people in your group will be attending. When signing up, there will be dishes you can choose to prepare and bring to share at this Thanksgiving Day Feast.

Once again, our chef will be Bill Nicholson.

Share Your Christmas Greetings



Congregational Life Board invites you to save postage and be green this Christmas. Share your Christmas greeting with the entire

Plymouth family! Bring your Christmas cards or letters to the designated mailbox in the Folsom Room **beginning November 29**. Cards will be displayed in the Folsom Room during the month of December.

Thank You from the Associate Pastor

Dear Friends,

Gratitude is my first word to you, to Personnel Board, to my original Covenant of Understanding with Plymouth Church that provided for my two-month sabbatical leave from July 25 to September 24, 2015.

I experienced renewal through the joy of extra time with my family: my daughter and grandchildren here, my sister and her family in Buffalo, NY, my son in New York City. Using genealogy research begun by my late father and continued by my sister, my son and I spent two days at the New York Public Library's Local History and Genealogy department. My great great-grandfather, Andrew Strong and family, had resided in New York from 1847 to 1855. Within original city directories, we discovered three addresses. With my son's knowledge of NYC public transportation and walking routes, we visited two of the addresses, one of which is the original red brick, five-story walk-up apartment building in what is now the West Village. Being of working class ancestry, Andrew's listed occupation of "carman" was described to us as one who worked with horses and wagons. We surmise that city life of that kind may have been too harsh, for the family moved within a year or two to northeast New Jersey where he became a farmer.

My sabbatical reading included three noteworthy books. Each elicited reflection and introspection in different ways:

First: Joan Chittister, Order of St. Benedict, has recently published *Between the Dark and the Daylight, Embracing the Contradictions of Life*. Each of the 32 chapters is a self-contained reflection. Her words are wise and inspiring as she delves into the chaos of concerns in modern life, of the questions that keep us awake at night, fretful and frustrated. Chapters include: "Insecurity of Certainty," "Emptiness of Accumulation," "Poverty of Plenty," "Energy that Comes from Exhaustion," "Productivity of Rest and Recreation," "Creativity of Confusion," "Liberation in Loss," "Loneliness of Love," "Noise within the Silent Self," "Certitude of Doubt," "Invitation of Finality."

Second: *Saving Simon, How a Rescue Donkey Taught Me the Meaning of Compassion*, by NY Times bestselling author, Jon Katz. You may meet Simon and Jon at bedlamfarm.com.

Third: *Sacred Stories, Spiritual Tribes: Finding Religion in Everyday Life*, by Nancy Tatom Ammerman, "the stories Americans tell of their everyday lives, from dinner table to office and shopping mall to doctor's office, about the things that matter most to them and the routines they take for granted, and the times and places where the everyday and ordinary meet the spiritual."

With a grateful heart,

Rev. Ruth E. Phillips, Associate Pastor



2015 Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival: December 28, 29, 30



YOU are invited to once again celebrate the 41st season of the Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival with us!

Forty years of services could not have been possible without the contributions and support of all of you. As we prepare for this year's Festival and celebration, we once again must ask for your generous support. Last year, your contributions allowed Plymouth to continue this Festival tradition and we thank you so much!

Our nearly **\$20,000/year costs to produce the Festival** continue each year. The entire funding must come from generous patrons and the contributions made by our audiences through the free-will offering. The bottom line is that **we need YOU** so that the Festival can continue again this season.

- This Plymouth gift to the community has grown since 1975 to include over 300 cast, crew, choir, and orchestra members, and has been enjoyed by over 129,160 audience members.
- Although tickets are required, they have been free to our patrons, congregational members, and the public for more than forty years now!
- Without the generosity of our patrons, this Festival tradition, sadly, will end.

**2015
Box Office Day:
Thursday,
December 17,
4:30—7:00 pm**

Patronage

If you have been a recent patron, we hope you know how grateful we are to you and hope that you will continue this year to support the Festival. We would invite those of you who have not chosen to support the Boar's Head in this way to consider becoming a patron this season and make it a part of your future Christmas traditions. We are offering the tax-deductible levels of patronage that have helped the Boar's Head Festival to continue to operate as a ministry of Plymouth Church.

The 2015 Patron levels are as follows:

FESTIVAL PATRON - \$50

MAGI PATRON - \$100

ANGEL PATRON- \$250

STAR OF THE EAST - \$500+

As a patron, you have first choice for a maximum of six tickets. We only ask that you order what you know you will use. You also have access to tickets prior to the distribution to Plymouth's members (December 6, 2015) and to the general

public. To insure the availability of tickets and to allow time for printing of the programs, **your participation as a patron should be received by Friday, December 4,** (although we will continue to receive contributions after those dates).

**Services this year are on
Monday, December 28,
Tuesday, December 29, &
Wednesday, December 30
at 5:30 and 8:00 pm.**

If you have any questions regarding ticket distribution, please call the church at 260-423-9424 and ask to leave a message on the Boar's Head line. A volunteer will return your call as soon as possible. Plymouth once again prepares for this community-gift in the season of joy, goodwill, and peace.

Our sincere thanks you for your contribution that helps to make this gift a reality for so many.

Jim Schmidt – Festival Artistic Director
Beth Walker – Festival Business Manager
Robert Nance – Festival Music Director

Kara Jaurigue – Festival Artistic Director
Kay Porter – Ticket Chairperson

Report of the Nominees for October Election

*Terms end December of the year indicated unless otherwise stated. () indicates 2nd or 3rd consecutive term; * indicates ineligible for additional consecutive term*

Officers (2016)

Moderator John Escosa * **Clerk** Sara Sprunger
Assistant Moderator Beth Walker **Recorder**..... Kathryn Diekhoff*
Treasurer Ahnee Conner*
Assistant Treasurer Laura Coon*

Other Elected Officials (2017)

At-Large Executive Council Member.....Kathy Kolb
Youth Member of Executive CouncilTheo Garcia*
Conference DelegatesDavid Bayle (2), Carol Patterson (2)

Boards (2017)

Nominating Committee

Barb Duch
 Jeff Markley
 Rick Stoerker

Christian Education

Charlie Belch
 Laura Filler

Congregational Life

Christine Leggett (2)

Deacons' Worship

David Bayle (3)*
 Eric Black (2)
 Carol Tyndall (3)*

Evangelism & Marketing

Ann Filler (2)
 Jennifer Fisher

Personnel

Jim Nelson (2)
 Dana Wichern (2)

Property

Karl Bandemer
 Jan Gibson
 Rebecca Hollingsworth (3)*
 Dwight James (3)*

Stewardship & Finance

Samuel Milo (2)

2015 Nominating Committee Members:

Patricia Adsit, Karl Bandemer, Katherine Caldwell, Roy Gilliom (Chair), Robert Pugh, Beth Walker. Staff advisors: Rev. John P. Gardner and Rev. Ruth E. Phillips.

NOTE: Nominations from the floor must be pre-arranged with the committee or one of the Officers (Moderator, Asst. Moderator, or Clerk) at least 48 hours prior to the election meeting.

Newsletter Guidelines

Please continue sending your information for the **printed Bell** and for the **eBell** to Suzanne at: sls@plymouthfw.org . **Deadline is the second Wednesday of the months** it is printed and/or emailed.

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<u>Printed Bell</u>	<u>E-Bell</u>
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November 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1 ALL SAINTS DAY 8:00a Chapel Communion 8:30a Hospitality 9:00a Sanc. Singers 9:00a Christian Educ. 9:00a OWL class 9:00a Family book sale 10:00a Worship & Communion 11:30a Youth Group 11:30a OWL gr.4-6, 7-9 11:30a TTF focus group 1:00p B.H. cast mtg. 3:30p Nicholson recitals	2 OFFICE CLOSED 5:45p Yoga 5:45p Sophie's Cafe	3 11:45a Women's book study 1:00p Staff meeting 5:00p ESC-Oasis Room 6:00p Executive Council	4 WNL 8:30a Women's bkfst. 8:30a Ret. Mens' bkfst. 5:00p Sanc. Singers & Child. Choir 5:15p Bible Study 6:00p Dinner 6:30p Handbell/Youth music	5 9:00a Library Task Force 1:00p Dyer KM group 1:30p Mem. Gifts Comm. 5:00p ICMEP 4:00p HCC development 5:00p HCC Board	6 B.H. mailings	7 9:00a B.H. costumes	
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22 8:00a Chapel Communion 8:00a Knit & Kibitz sale, Standish wreath sale, Third World sale 8:30a Hospitality 9:00a Sanc. Singers 9:00a Christian Educ. 9:00a OWL class 9:00a Family book sale 10:00a Worship 11:30a Youth bread sale 11:30a OWL gr.4-6, 7-9	23 OFFICE CLOSED 5:45p Yoga 5:45p Sophie's Cafe	24 1:00p Staff meeting 7:00p Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Achduth Vesholom	25	26 THANKSGIVING OFFICE CLOSED 11:00a Worship 11:45a Thanksgiving meal	27 OFFICE CLOSED	28 9:00a B.H. costumes	
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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.