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Interfaith Service at Temple Achduth Vesholom

Members and friends of Plymouth are invited to attend an interfaith Thanksgiving worship service on **Tuesday evening, November 25**, at Temple Achduth Vesholom, located at 5200 Old Mill Road, Fort Wayne. The Rev. Bill McGill, Senior Pastor of the Imani Baptist Temple, Fort Wayne, will deliver the sermon. Music will be led by Suellen Kipp and the Inter-religious Choir. The service begins at **7:00 pm**, with a reception to follow. Donations collected at the service will support SCAN, Inc.

Night of Lights Event: "Ring of the Bells"

The Night of Lights in Fort Wayne takes place **Wednesday, November 26**, the night before Thanksgiving. The event starts about **5:00 pm** and ends with fireworks at Parkview Field. At the conclusion of the fireworks, Plymouth will join in with seven other downtown churches in the unison "Ring of the Bells" for five minutes near the 8:00 pm hour. Thank you to Robert Nance, who will be Plymouth's official bell ringer that evening. The "Ring of the Bells" is a tradition in German towns and villages during the Christmas season, and this Fort Wayne effort was initiated by Rev. Jeff Lehn, senior pastor, First Presbyterian Church and is supported by the Downtown Improvement District (DID).

Thanksgiving Day Worship and Dinner

"Come, you thankful people, come" and gather in the chapel for **10:45 am worship on Thanksgiving Day, November 27**. After worship, you also are invited to gather for a splendid **Thanksgiving dinner at 11:45 am** in the Folsom Room. In memory of Jim Conner, Bill and Cathy Nicholson will be cooking the turkeys and stuffing. A signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside the office. Please indicate how many will attend, and what side dish you will contribute. Monetary contributions for turkeys are encouraged.

Music Series Features Christmas Carols

The Plymouth Music Series presents, "O Holy Night: A Christmas Collection for Flute and Piano," **Sunday, November 30, 2:00 pm**, in the sanctuary. Pianist David Snyder and flutist Janet McKay Galbraith perform a special concert featuring arrangements of favorite Christmas carols by David Snyder. Invite your family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues! It's a great way to start the holiday season!

Luminous Night Service Of Lament and Promise

Wednesday, December 3, 7:00 pm

A quiet service of Psalms, music, and candle lighting in memory of loved ones, in acknowledgement of the difficulties and sadness of life circumstances, and an expression of Hope and Promise in the Birth of the One who brings God's love and light to earth.

The Christmas season invites us to be gentle with one another and ourselves. During the darkening days of December, and because of unrealistic expectations in the cultural Christmas rush, many people suffer anxiety, depression, sadness, and loneliness. We need a safe place to lament, to complain, to grieve – without being told to "get over it." Our Luminous Night Service of Lament and Promise allows us to express our grief, anger, discouragement first, and then move to affirmations of God's love and compassion. We can listen and be reminded that God keeps the divine promise "never to leave or forsake" us.

The service will be interwoven with song, prayer, scripture, and readings. Candle lighting is included in the liturgy for those who wish to light a candle in remembrance, in hope, as an expression of searching for the "light in the darkness."

Come, gather with others who share an understanding of the need to replace pressure with peace. *"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light" (Isaiah 9:2).*

In Our Prayers

Plymouth people in our prayers:

Jack Ade, Sally Ade, A.J. Calkins, Audria Carter, Karen Carter, Matt Carter, Evan Conner, Curt Conrad, Roger and Tony Crouch, Brie Ellingwood, Gail Escosa, Stan Fahl, Lillian Gephart, Ed Gomez, Paul Hazelton, Loretta Henderson, George James, Beth Konger, Joe Laudadio, Gerald Lockwood, Sandy Lockwood, Sheldon Lockwood, Dulanna Rothert, Russ Siples, Marilyn Sprengel, Ardella Wing, and Melody Worsham.

Members and friends serving overseas:

Major Marc Lovelace; Chantel White; SSGT Christopher Black; LCpl Jesse Chapman; MSgt. Nathan Keller.

UCC Chaplains serving overseas:

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

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Judy Dunahue, who died October 23, in Fort Mill, SC.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Kenneth Athon whose nephew, Jonathan Athon, died November 7, in Savannah, GA, as a result of injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident.



From the Associate Pastor

Dear Friends,

Advent begins Sunday, November 30, and continues through the four weeks of waiting and preparing for the arrival again of Emmanuel, “God with Us” – the Holy Child of Bethlehem.

Advent is the first season of the Church year. It is meant to be a time of reflection and contemplation on the beginning of our Christian faith through the sacred story of Jesus’ birth. We are encouraged to see in this story glimpses of ourselves in the light of God’s love made real in human form on earth.

Each Sunday, we will light an Advent candle symbolizing our yearnings for HOPE, PEACE, JOY, LOVE. The Advent color of royal blue is seen in three of the candles, with the third Sunday of Joy being pink. Our Advent tapestries offer visual expression in color and in the symbols of manger and star.

This Advent season I am partnering two of my favorite artists to create our bulletin covers and Advent theme.

Hymn poet, Thomas H. Troeger, our 2004 Parry Lecturer, is Professor of Christian Communication at Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Connecticut. His Advent hymn “Startled By a Holy Humming,” based on the Annunciation story in Luke 1:26-38, will give us our text for each week of Advent Candle lighting.

As visual expression and interpretation to accompany the hymn poetry, I am drawn to the artwork of Sister Mary Southard, CSJ (Congregation of St. Joseph), LaGrange, Illinois. I have selected four of her paintings and paired each of them with a verse of the Troeger poem.

Together, may the poetry and images lead us into a sensory experience of the mystery and wonder of this Advent.

Rev. Ruth E. Phillips
Associate Pastor

Christmas Eve Services 2014

Wednesday, December 24

7:00 pm: Service of Communion and Candlelight

10:00 pm: Service of Carols and Candlelight



The church offices will be closed on Thursday, December 25, and on Thursday, January 1.

ICMEP Hosts Middle East Dinner Feast

Enjoy a homemade Middle East dinner feast, with Arab meats, sweets, and delicacies. For those who eat in, Middle Eastern music and dance performances will entertain. Prices are very affordable; family and children prices, too. Proceeds go to support partner ministries in Bethlehem.

Eat-in or carry-out:

Friday, November 21, 4:30-8:00 pm, in the Folsom Room.

MENU

Adults - \$10; Children under 12 - \$5

APPETIZERS – choose one

Hummos – Chickpea dip, with tahini

Baba ghannooj – Grilled eggplant dip, with tahini

SALAD – choose one

Salatet leban – Cucumber & yoghurt salad, with mint

Salatet khodar – Garden salad, mixed vegetables with dressing

GRAPE LEAVES – included

Yulangii – Grape leaves stuffed with rice & vegetables

MAIN COURSE – choose one

Mujadarah – Rice & brown lentil, with garlic & cinnamon

Biryanee – Rice, with chicken & special spices

DESSERT – choose one, extras \$1/each

Ghreybe – Butter cookies

Barazi – Sesame seed cookies

Harissa – Sweet bars with syrup and almond

COFFEE/TEA – included

Arabic coffee or tea with sage

SOUP – \$2

Shorabit adas – Red lentil soup, with onion, lemon, rice

Proceeds support the ministries of the Indiana Center for Middle East Peace, locally, nationally, and in Israel & Palestine.

Indiana Center for Middle East Peace is a 501(c)3, not-for-profit organization.

All contributions are tax deductible.

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L. Michael Spath, DMin, PhD, Executive Director

We educate, enlighten, and empower for justice, peace, and inter-cultural understanding

Knit & Kibitz Sale

The annual Knit & Kibitz sale will be **Sunday, November 16, and Sunday, November 23**, before the service, from **9:00-9:45 am**, and again after the service until about noon. Some items already are in the display case in the narthex, so you can see what we have to offer.

An afghan will be offered in a silent auction during the sales time on both Sundays. You can find some interesting Christmas gifts at our sale, so plan to check-out our sale tables!

Fresh Baked Bread Sale

The annual Fresh Baked Bread Sale, put together by Plymouth youth and adult leaders, will be held **Sunday, November 23**. 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!

Be A Missionary Without Leaving Home

What does a birch-bark basket from Minnesota have in common with a jute angel tree ornament from Bangladesh? Both are handmade by low-income people working to support their families. They are also some of the many items from over 35 countries on display immediately following worship service on **Sunday, November 30**, in the Folsom Room.

The display is provided by volunteers from the **Third World Shoppe**, a nonprofit ministry aiding the poor through employment programs and education. Take a few minutes to view these unique items and consider giving a gift that gives twice!

Doll House Raffle To Benefit Homeless

If you are looking for a unique gift for that very special person in your life, this one-of-a-kind doll house could be yours!

It's a handmade, completely furnished and lit doll house, including miniature people, and even items on the miniature table. The house is perched on a moveable platform that raises it above the ground for easy access and moving. Yes, it's a dream-come-true for anyone who loves make-believe play and miniatures!



A raffle for this amazing doll house is underway, with a limited number of tickets available for \$10/each! Only 200 tickets are being offered through the end of November, so your chance of winning is good!

The drawing will take place December 15, with the winner being notified immediately!

ALL of the proceeds from the raffle will go directly to the operating budget of *Just Neighbors Interfaith Homeless Network*, here in Fort Wayne. This is the **ONLY** shelter in Fort Wayne that provides shelter to families in need of temporary housing. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket, please contact Laura Rudolph at rudyfw@yahoo.com or 485-2285.

November Wellspring Food Pantry Needs

- Canned Vegetables & Fruits
- Instant Oatmeal
- Canned Tuna
- Laundry Soap

Help Needed At Just Neighbors Interfaith Homeless Network November 30 – December 6

Plymouth is responsible for providing the evening meals and activities for *Just Neighbors Interfaith Homeless Network*, **November 30 – December 6**. Volunteers are needed! **Online sign-ups are being conducted through *Sign-Up Genius*.**

Just neighbors IHN is in its fifteenth year of providing safe, comfortable housing to families in need of shelter. It is the **ONLY** shelter in Fort Wayne that keeps families together during a difficult time, while providing ongoing support in the areas of jobs, finances, and housing.

If you would like to help provide any part(s) of a meal, plan and supervise an evening activity, or have any questions, please contact Laura Rudolph at 485-2285, or rudyfw@yahoo.com.

If you have never participated before, it is very easy! You select a day, provide part(s) of a meal for 24 hungry adults, and then deliver it to the *Just Neighbors IHN* location at 2925 E. State Blvd., by **5:15 pm** on the day you selected. Don't like to cook? Evening activities can be reading to small children, singing songs with them, or doing a craft you provide, from **6:00 -7:00 pm**. Either way, it is a wonderful opportunity to give a little bit of your time to support families in need of shelter here in Fort Wayne.

Green Christmas: Advent Sunday School For Everyone!

As Christmas approaches, our families can feel under stress to do more, spend more, and celebrate more. Our church family, however, reminds us this is the time to await Christ's coming. Sunday school isn't just for kids – **ALL** members of the Plymouth Family are invited to our Green Christmas sessions on **November 30, December 7, December 14, and December 21!** From scripture passages, we will learn about "waiting," learn about nature, and encourage each other to care for the earth through our celebrations.

Our kids are in the habit of attending Sunday school, but why should YOU attend as an adult?

- Because we all need encouragement during the busy holidays to live out our faith.
- Because the prophets say a little child will lead the way into the peaceable kingdom (Isaiah 11:6) and Jesus said the kingdom of heaven belongs to children (Matthew 19:14). What better way to prepare for Christ's coming than to learn alongside our children?
- Because we spend so much time divided by age, this is our chance to be **ONE** body of Christ together.
- Because no matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you have something to teach and something to learn.

Join us downstairs in the Youth Lounge to plant a Christmas tree, paint some recycled gift wrap, and prayerfully listen as "heaven and nature sing" in anticipation of Christmas Day!

Reminder: No Sunday school on December 30. Classes resume January 4.

Attention Artists Of All Ages!

Artwork is needed for our 2014 Online Advent Calendar. Artwork will be paired with Advent quotes, and shared daily through Plymouth's Facebook page. Do you have something you've made -- a painting, a drawing, a photograph, even a picture of a craft you've made -- that we could use? Winter, nature, or abstract themes would all work well.

Please contact Katie Watson, kjwatson4@gmail.com with your submissions.

Knit & Kibitz December Meeting

The Christmas meeting for Standish Circle and Knit & Kibitz will be on Thursday **December 4, 6:00 pm**, at Laura Rudolph's home.

As usual, all members are asked to bring a snack or appetizer, and a wrapped present for the gift exchange. If you plan to attend, Riet Zwiep at janandrietzwiep@frontier.com or Laura Rudolph at: rudyfw@yahoo.com,

Jars of Pepper Jelly Still Available For Gifts

Many 8-oz. jars are still available at \$5.00 each. Great for gift baskets and host/hostess gifts! Please contact Joyce Augspurger at 625-3222, or email jema7749@comcast.net.



It's Time to Order Poinsettias!



It's time to order your Christmas poinsettias. Ordering poinsettias is an easy way to remember, honor, and celebrate loved ones and friends, while helping to decorate our church home for Christmas.

To order, please fill out this form and return it to the church office by **Friday, December 5**. Poinsettias are **\$10.00** each. Plants will be placed in the sanctuary the Sunday before Christmas. (We would appreciate your taking the plant home with you, following the 10:00 pm worship service on Christmas Eve.)

Name _____

In honor, celebration, memory (please circle which applies):

Number ordered _____ x \$10.00 ea. = \$ _____ Total Amount

\$ _____ Amount Enclosed

Please make checks payable to Plymouth Church.



Sunday November 16: Senior High youth group will gather for lunch, fellowship, and Bread Sale preparations from **11:30 am to 1:30 pm**.

Saturday November 22, 7:00 pm: Our annual youth group's lock-in/bread sale prep night. Please bring the following items: sleeping bag, pillow, personal items (showers are available in the youth center), toothbrush, pajamas, or casual sleep-clothing that is appropriate (skin covered), and a snack to share. This can be chips, fruit, a beverage, pretzels, cookies, etc. Please also bring clothes for service Sunday morning, as we will be up and present for worship! Friends are welcome, but please limit your invitation to one guest per person. Also, remember that we will be baking bread and getting ready for the sale--there will be plenty of time for fun, but we have a project to get ready for! **Please RSVP to Kara by Sunday, November 16.**

Sunday November 23: Annual Youth Bread Sale Fundraiser. We need to be set up and ready to sell bread at **9:00am**. We will sell bread throughout hospitality hour. Kara and an adult helper will cover the sale while youth are in Sunday School. Following worship, we will sell bread until it's all gone!

There will be NO Youth Group after service, as we will have just spent a really long time together the night before!

Sunday November 30: No Youth Group—enjoy your Thanksgiving time with family and friends!

Holiday Wreath Sale

Holiday wreaths will again be for sale by Stan-dish Circle. Thanksgiv-ing is late in the month this year, so the wreaths will be available for purchase on **Sunday, November 23** and on **Sunday, November 30** (Thanksgiving weekend).



We are fortunate that the St. Joe Tree Farm has not raised their prices to us, making the costs:

\$19 small, undecorated wreath
\$24 small, decorated wreath
\$24 large undecorated wreath
\$29 large, decorated wreath
\$15 white pine roping (20 ft.)

Decorated wreaths come with your choice of red or burgundy bows and natural or frosted berries. The sale will be located in the Folsom Room before and after church services.

World Aids Day: Monday, December 1



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Join the Boar's Head committee and the Amazing Grays in celebrating **40 YEARS** of services of the **Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival!**

At 11:30 am, on Sunday, December 14, 2014,
a delicious English lunch will be served by Rhonda
Make reservations now!! Space is limited.

Heartland Chamber Chorale Presents "Messiah"

Heartland, the University of St. Francis, and the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend will offer a Christmas-time performance of Handel's immortal work, "Messiah," **Sunday, December 7, 7:30 pm**, at the University of St. Francis Robert Goldstine Performing Arts Center.

This performance includes the unabridged traditional Messiah score, but it will sound different than previous years. This new-take-on-the-classic features digitally-enhanced voices and instruments, using today's technology.

Tickets are at Arts-Tix Community Box Office (ArtsTix.org or (260) 422-4226) or call the Heartland Office at (260) 436-8080.



Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Boar's Head Information For You!



By now, every member and friend of Plymouth should have received their Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival patron letter. Won't you please act immediately and contribute to this wonderful Plymouth tradition, if you haven't already done so. The festival relies totally on contributions from its patrons and the free will offering for all of its finances. **We cannot offer this special Plymouth gift without you!**

Last year once again, Plymouth faithful met the challenge. Please be a part of this Plymouth tradition by becoming a patron this season. In order to maintain the festival, PLEASE won't you contribute? We would especially invite our new members to become involved as patrons and as audience members. There is still room in the cast for you—all ages! Established members, please come and enjoy the festival again, and bring new friends.

Although one needs tickets to attend any of the six services on **December 28, 29 and 30, at 5:30 and 8:00 pm**, these tickets are free. Patrons receive first opportunity to obtain tickets. Each church member family may also have six tickets which will be distributed before and after church services, December 7 and 14. An additional six tickets may be obtained on **Box Office Day, Thursday, December 18, at the church, 4:30-7:30 pm**.

Cast members are reminded of the big rehearsal weekend December 20 and December 21, and the dress rehearsal on December 27.

Won't you please join us for this special 40th Festival celebration, which will be dedicated in honor of 40 years of participation by Michael Popp, Shirley Slater, Louise Misgades, and Jim Clauser! Come and enjoy the sights and sounds of the season of joy, peace, and love. "Oh, Come All Ye Faithful ..."

Kara Jaurigue, Director; Bob Nance, Music Director;
Jim Schmidt, Director

2014 Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival

Performances: December 28, 29, 30

(Saturday, Sunday, and Monday),

at 5:30 and 8:00 pm.



Crossroad Christmas Offering

Crossroad, with its mission relationship to the United Church of Christ, is in ministry to serve the "neediest of God's children." Crossroad creates promising futures for children in difficult circumstances by providing therapy, education, and family support services. The Intensive Residential program remains an important core program for the most seriously troubled youth.

We can help create promising futures for these children with our special Christmas offering.

Plymouth will receive offerings for Crossroad on Sunday, December 21, and on Christmas Eve.

Please help these children with your contribution.



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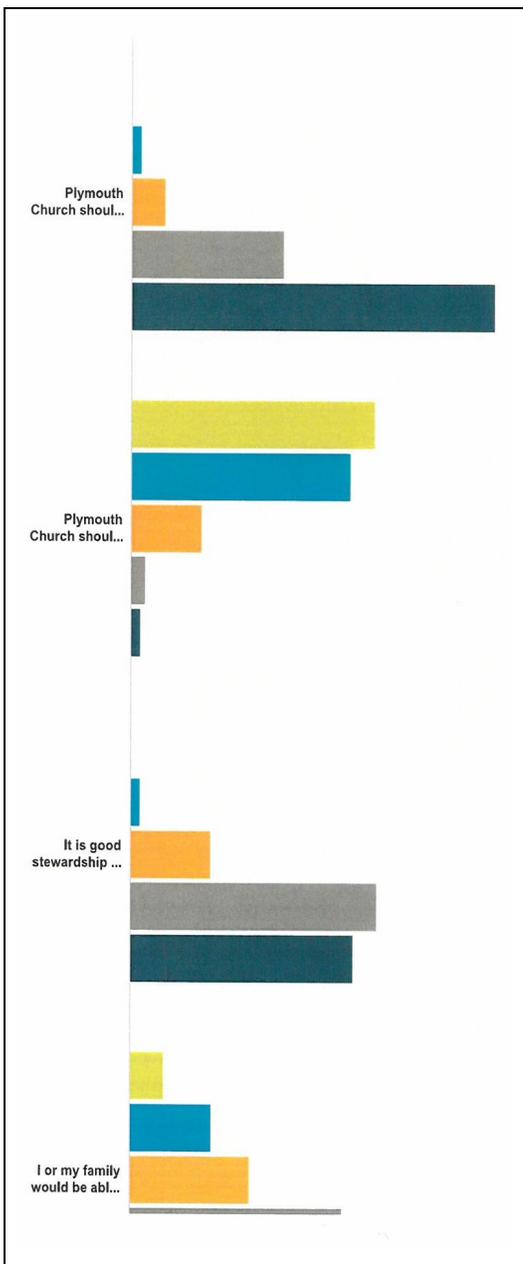
Congratulations To Our Chili Cook-off Winners!

By Popular Vote:

- 1st place – Steve Hollingsworth, white chili
- 2nd place tie – Laura Filler, butternut chili, and Bill Nicholson, vegetarian
- 3rd place – Kristen Miller, turkey chili mac

Plymouth Survey Results

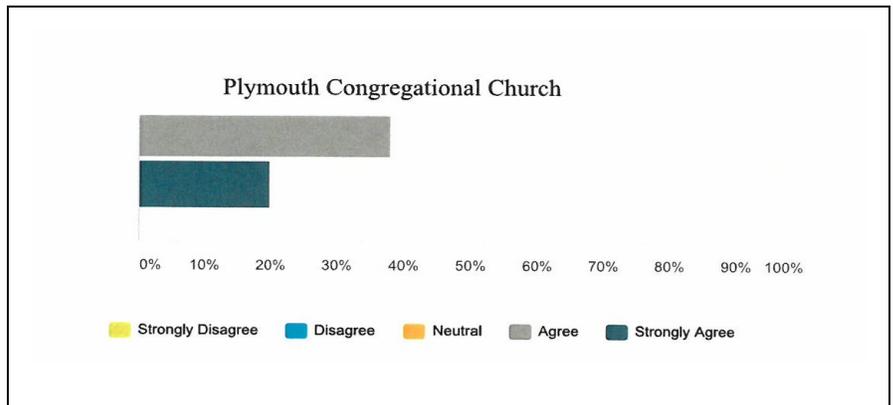
	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total
Plymouth Church should plan to remain in its current building for the foreseeable future.	0.00% 0	1.71% 2	5.98% 7	27.35% 32	64.96% 76	117
Plymouth Church should consider building a new facility to house all church activities.	43.59% 51	39.32% 46	12.82% 15	2.56% 3	1.71% 2	117
It is good stewardship of our resources to continue to maintain our current facilities.	0.00% 0	1.69% 2	14.41% 17	44.07% 52	39.83% 47	118
I or my family would be able and willing to give to a building campaign, over and above my/our current giving to the Church.	6.03% 7	14.66% 17	21.55% 25	37.93% 44	19.83% 23	116



Plymouth Congregational Church

Q1 Please respond to each item below regarding the current and future facility needs of Plymouth Church.

Answered: 118 Skipped: 1



Plymouth Survey—An Update

Plymouth’s heating, ventilating, and air-conditioning system is near the end of its life. Much of the roof will need replacing before long. These items will cost one-to-two million dollars to replace.

Before we decided to stay in our current location, we wanted to survey our congregation on our commitment to staying in our present building and paying for it.

One hundred and eighteen people returned the survey, and fifty people wrote helpful comments and suggestions. The results show a strong desire to stay in our historic central location. Our next step will be a capital campaign to pay for the needed upgrades. A special account has been established to receive funds.

Scholarship Opportunities

The Grants and Scholarships Committee has the pleasant responsibility of awarding scholarship grants for **tuition and fees** from the earnings generated by several endowed funds. Completed applications are due in the church office as noted below.

By February 15

The **Richard Nelson Kent Memorial Fund** provides 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.

The **R. Donald and Genevieve M. Sinish Fund** provides awards for tuition and fees for 16-to-24-year-old members of Plymouth Church.

The **Van Gorder Scholarship** is awarded annually for 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.

By April 15

The **Richard C. Hess Peace Studies Scholarship** will award a \$1,000 tuition and fees scholarship for a college student majoring in peace studies or a related program.

Completed applications with all supporting materials must be received in the church office by the stated deadline. Incomplete applications are ineligible for consideration.

To request application packets, or to receive additional information, call the church office (423-9424) and leave your name, phone number, and email address, so one of the members of the Grants and Scholarships Committee may respond to your request.

Honoring the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.

January 18, 6:00 pm, a community Martin Luther King commemoration will take place in the Sanctuary of Plymouth Church.

The hour-long dramatic-musical program features narrator Janice Furtner, along with an array of community speakers telling the story of the civil rights movement and Martin Luther King Jr, enhanced by various musical interludes that include the congregation, Heartland, University Singers of Saint Francis, and Los Angeles based singer and Indiana native, Carver Cossey. It is a wonderful tribute to a great man and an opportunity for the community to respond to the issues of justice, peace, and harmony in our community.

Representatives from the community participating in the planning of this event include Rev. John P. Gardner, Robert Nance, Janice Furtner, Rev. Terry Anderson, Rev. Bill McGill, Rabbi Javier Cattapan, Rev. Misty Dawn Shelly and Palermo Galindo. Through the media of music and drama, this commemoration is designed to call the community into service for the greater good of the community.

Annual Reports Due

The time is quickly approaching for submission of 2014 Annual Reports! The deadline for submission of material is **Friday, January 2**. Reports should be typed in 11-point, Times New Roman font and then emailed as an attachment to Lettie Eagar at: lme@plymouthfw.org.

Your help in getting these reports in on time is appreciated. For questions, please contact Lettie at 423-9424.

Annual Business Meeting, January 26

Please join us immediately following worship on **Sunday, January 25**, for Plymouth's Annual Business Meeting. The **2015 Annual Budget** and the **2014 Annual Report** will be presented, as well as other issues impacting our lives at Plymouth.

Lunch will be served by the Plymouth Youth as a fundraiser for Youth activities.

Hearing Assistance System At Plymouth

Plymouth is upgrading the hearing assistance devices in the building. Funds have been identified to install the loop system in the sanctuary, and we are in the process of providing it in the Folsom Room. To install the loop system in the Folsom Room, approximately **\$2,400 still is needed**.

If you are willing to help support this project, please send your contributions to the church and put "Hearing Loop" on the memo line, or designate the contribution so the funds can be placed in the proper account.

If you have questions about this upgrade, please contact Lucy Hess or John Escosa.

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- 1 Jim Schmidt
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- Brian Vanderbosch
- Tobias Watson
- 4 Tyler Fisher
- Alaina Gilliom
- Ray Lehman
- Brad Stinson
- 7 Veronica Beifus
- Peggy Grant
- Bill Hambrick
- Keyes McKeyes
- Nelson Spade
- 8 Mary Gilliom
- Bruce Keuneke
- Donna Rowe
- Shirley Slater
- 9 Bonnie Bortnichak
- Dylan Lewark
- 10 Laura McCoy
- Jake Price
- 11 Bill Beard
- Jan (Evrard) Millage
- Riley Grim
- Melissa Shaw
- 13 Doris Grandos
- Margaret Ann Sponhauer
- 14 George Blossom
- Linda Hambrick
- 16 Chance Berger
- Rhonda Eitsert
- Paul Lewark
- 17 Judy Dahl
- Kenton Neuhouser
- Virginia Zimmerman
- 18 Jared Chasey
- Lois Steere
- 19 Marena Lewark
- Jayne Staight
- 20 Brennen Callaghan
- Jan Gibson
- Jude Price
- Simon Price
- Samantha Tyndall
- Riet Zwiep
- 21 Ahnee Conner
- 22 Lanna Howe
- Connie McAfee
- Cheryl Rinehart
- 24 Elena Dupen
- 25 Michelle Bradley
- Carol Lehman
- Carol Tyndall
- 26 Adriene Foster
- Betsy Hart
- Steve Lauterberg
- 27 Joe Bir
- 28 Kathy Hartsch
- Steven Vorderman
- 29 Colton Ames
- Sharon Conrad
- 30 Suzanne Jontz
- 31 Paige Yarman



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For 144 years, loyal church members have remembered Plymouth Church in their estate plans. These visionary benefactors have helped our generation to have the resources to carry on the good work of Plymouth Congregational Church ...

Have you remembered Plymouth in your estate planning?

Contact Randy Roberts, Chair of Stewardship & Finance, if you have questions.

Bequest-giving is vital to Plymouth's ongoing financial health. Unless otherwise specified, gifts become a part of our endowment—earnings from which we depend for a large part of our budget each year: 10% goes to benevolent giving, 30% for building expenses, and 60% for operating expenses.

Thank you to all who have included Plymouth in your estate planning. For questions on your bequest-planning, please contact, Randy Roberts, Chair of Stewardship & Finance: runrandyrun@gmail.com

e-Bell and Printed Bell Distribution

The deadline for the next printed edition of *the Bell* is **January 7, 2015**.

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

Please continue sending your news articles to Suzanne at: sls@plymouthfw.org (Please **DO NOT USE** the office@plymouthfw.org email address for submissions). Event and activity information will be published based on registration timeframes and actual event dates.

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November	<i>December</i>

DECEMBER 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>World Aids Day</i> 5:45p Yoga 6:00p Sophie's Caf� 7:00p HCC-Messiah	2 11:45a Women's Book Study 1:00p Staff meeting 6:00p Sitters 6:30p Executive Council	3 <i>WNL</i> 8:30a Women's Breakfast 8:30a Retired Men's Breakfast 5:15p Bible Study 5:45p Dinner 7:00p Luminous Night	4 6:00 pm Knit & Kibitz and Standish Circle Christmas gathering	5 <i>Deadline for</i> <i>Poinsettia orders</i>	6
7 <i>Share Your</i> <i>Shopping</i> 8:30a Hospitality 9:00a Sanctuary Singers 9:00a Christian Education 10:00a Worship & Communion 11:30a Youth Group	8 <i>Office Closed</i> 5:45p Yoga 6:00p Sophie's Caf�	9 1:00p Staff meeting 4:34p Benevolence 6:00p Sitters 7:00p PFLAG	10 <i>WNL</i> 5:15p Bible Study 5:45p Dinner 6:30p Handbell Ensemble 6:30p Youth/Music 7:15p Sanctuary Singers	11 7:30p JSOR discus- sion	12	13 9:00a Boar's Head (BH) Costumes work
14 8:30a Hospitality 9:00a Sanctuary Singers 9:00a Christian Education 10:00a Worship 11:30a Youth Group 11:30a Amazing Grays BH luncheon	15 11:30a Knife & Fork @ Casa 5:45p Yoga 6:00p Sophie's Caf� <i>Dollhouse Raffle</i> <i>Winners Announced</i>	16 11:45a Women's Book Study 1:00p Staff meeting 4:00p Moderators meeting 5:30p Board meet- ings 6:00p Sitters	17 <i>WNL</i> 5:15p Bible Study 5:45p Dinner 6:30p Handbell Ensemble 6:30p Youth/Music 7:15p Sanctuary Singers	18 4:30p BH Box Office 5:30p Peace & Justice Committee	19 5:00p BH setup	20 8:00a BH rehearsal
21 <i>Crossroad</i> <i>Offering</i> 8:30a Hospitality 9:00a BH Costume work 9:00a Sanctuary Singers 9:00a Christian Education 10:00a Worship & Communion 12:00p BH Rehearsal	22 9:00a BH Costume work 5:45p Yoga 6:00p Sophie's Caf�	23 9:00a BH Costume work 1:00p Staff meeting 6:00p Sitters	24 CHRISTMAS EVE 7:00p Communion & Candlelight 10:00 p Candlelight Service	25 <i>Office Closed</i> MERRY CHRISTMAS!	26 9:00a BH Costume work	27 9:00a BH Costume work 5:00p BH dress rehearsal
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Instead of using expensive scented paraffin candles, potpourri, or chemically based air fresheners, try simmering cinnamon sticks on the stove or putting a few drops of pure essential oils on some stones, pine cones, or in a reed diffuser to place around the house. Or if you're inclined toward baking, the smell of gingerbread cookies or apple pie—fresh from the oven—is sure to delight anyone!

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Vision Statement

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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.