

## Mark Your Calendar

### **Adult Forum, 9-10 a.m., Sunday, in Jackman Room unless noted**

Sunday, Jan. 8: 9 a.m.—Theater director Lear deBessonnet shares **her journey from fundamentalist to progressive Christianity**. 5 p.m.—Launch of **Plymouth READS** includes meal (\$10; register in advance) and book discussion of *Crossing Over* by Ruben Martinez in Jackman.

Sunday, Jan. 15: Commemorating the Life and Legacy of **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**; Hawona Sullivan Janzen and Chuck Grose.

Sunday, Jan. 22: **Plymouth READS** continues—Centro Campesino Interim Executive Director Ernesto Velez speaks about the Latino migrant and immigrant experience in Minnesota.

Sunday, Jan. 29: **Plymouth READS** continues—Executive Director of Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota John Keller talks about immigrant law and policy.

Sunday, Feb. 5: Heid Erdrich, director of Wiigwaas Press, speaks about **efforts to revitalize the Ojibwe language**.

Sunday, Feb. 12: Composer and trumpeter Hannibal Lokumbe introduces his piece ***In the Spirit of Being***, which premieres Feb. 19 in a WITNESS production. Location: Theater

Sunday, Feb. 19: OutFront Minnesota faith organizer Javen Swanson shares his conviction that **marriage matters personally, politically and spiritually**.

Sunday, Feb. 26: **Progressive theologian Joerg Rieger** on *Empire and Economics: The Difference Religion Makes*.

Sunday, March 4: ***Unarmed Peacekeeping***, Mel Duncan of NonViolent Peaceforce.

Sunday, March 11: 9 a.m.—**Labyrinth** experience with M.J. McGregor. 12:15—filmmaker Mara Pelecis shows her documentary ***Souvenirs: Healing After War***.

Sunday, March 18: Discussion of **current events**.

Sunday, March 25: ***Human Trafficking—Trading in Sex and Labor from Bangkok to Minneapolis***, presented by Ellen Kennedy.

Sunday, April 1: Barbara Arney addresses ***How's Your Inner Marriage?***

Sunday, April 8: Easter—no Adult Forum

Sunday, April 15: PBS NewsHour correspondent Fred de Sam Lazaro speaks about ***Under-Told Stories—Making the Foreign Less Foreign***.

Sunday, April 22: ***Living on a Shrinking Planet—Challenges and Opportunities for a Sustainable Future***; Jonathan Foley, director of

U of M's Institute on the Environment.

Sunday, April 29: ***True North Groups—Enhancing Personal and Leadership Development***, Bill George and Doug Baker, Sr.

Sunday, May 6: ***The Anti-Marriage Equality Amendment, A Pro-Marriage Equality Advocate's View from a Libertarian/Conservative Constitutional Scholar***, Dale Carpenter

Sunday, May 13: Ruth Bachman speaks on ***The Narrow Spot in the Hourglass*** and her journey with cancer.

***Spiritual Enrichment, some events require registration or fee; some are series***

Saturday Jan. 14 (five meetings): ***Drawing for the Truly Terrified***, 9:30 a.m.-noon, \$100 for series, register.

Saturday, Feb. 11: ***The Holocaust: Spiritual and Cultural Resistance***, workshop conducted by World Without Genocide, followed by a light dinner, and a 7 p.m. show by the Youth Performance Company, 3:00 p.m., \$20, students free, teachers six CEUs; register [www.worldwithout-genocide.org/RegisterFeb11](http://www.worldwithout-genocide.org/RegisterFeb11)

Saturday, Feb. 25: ***On Holy Ground—Exploring Your Spiritual Experiences through Writing***; Rev. Dr. Lanny Kuester, 9 a.m.-noon, \$25, register.

Sunday, Feb. 26 (continuing through Lent): **Contemplative Prayer**, Diane Boruff, 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, March 10: Sam King presents ***Dreamwork—Mining a Spiritual Resource***, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., \$35, register.

Saturday and Sunday, March 10-11: **Walk the Labyrinth** with M.J. MacGregor.

Saturday, April 28: Retreat led by Ivan Gregan (from Nova Scotia), ***Exploring Your Spirituality Anew—The Gifts of the Celts***, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., \$75, register.

Wednesdays (except holidays): **Spiritual Yoga**; Ben Lee, 6:45-8:00 p.m., \$10, One Groveland.

Weekly: **PlymouthSpirit blog** ([plymouthspirit.wordpress.com](http://plymouthspirit.wordpress.com)) explores Scripture with clergy's provocative questions and your comments.

***Religious Exploration, some events require registration or fee; some are series***

Monday, Jan 23 (five sessions): ***Having Men for Dinner***, Woman's Deadly Banquets. Bible study for women and men. Facilitators are Tara Bauer and Paula Northwood. 7 p.m. in Room 205.

Sundays, Feb.12, Mar. 11, Apr. 15 and May 13: **A monthly series on issues related to the so-called marriage amendment**. February 12: film *A Fish Out of Water* co-sponsored with the Film Club with Paula Northwood. March 11: session on Compassionate Communication with Yvette Erasmus. April 15: Old Testament passages with Shannon Kearns.

May 13: exploring New Testament passages on slavery with Karl Jones. Please pick up lunch at Katy's Cafe or bring your own and meet us at 12:15 p.m. in the Nancy Baltins room.

Saturday Feb. 18 & May 5: **Compassionate Communication Basic Training**; Yvette Erasmus, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., \$75, register.

Sunday, Feb. 26 (continuing through Lent): **Bible study, *Using Today's Progressive Theologians What Is Good Friday About?*** with Mary Kay Sauter and Paula Northwood, 9:30 a.m., Room 205.

Wednesdays, weekly through May 16, with holiday break: **New Testament Greek and Bible Study**; Don Burrows, 5-6 p.m., Room 204.

*For details on these events, see:*

[www.plymouth.org/learning/adult.php](http://www.plymouth.org/learning/adult.php)

## Registration & Fees

**Some events require registration and, a few, payment in advance to secure a spot.**

Register either by e-mail to the church office (dougf@plymouth.org), online at [www.plymouth.org](http://www.plymouth.org) (point to "Learning & Involvement" and click on "Spiritual Enrichment") or at the Spiritual Enrichment table in Guild Hall after worship. Scholarships may be available for some programs.

## Sponsors

### Adult Forum

On Sunday mornings during the church year, members and friends of Plymouth Church gather for continuing education—style opportunities to hear guest speakers from a broad range of backgrounds followed by questions and conversation.

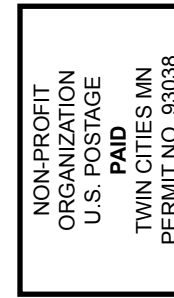
Representatives from the Board of Deacons sponsor Adult Forum. They welcome comments and suggestions for future topics; contact Ann Manning, [ann@anncmanning.com](mailto:ann@anncmanning.com) or 612-802-8513.

### Spiritual Enrichment

Spiritual Enrichment programs support, nurture and encourage "listening with the ear of the heart"\* while exploring questions, uncertainties and wisdom that such listening awakens in us on our spiritual journeys. (\*from The Rule of Saint Benedict) The Spiritual Enrichment Committee welcomes future programming proposals and concepts; please contact Francis Neir, [feneir@msn.com](mailto:feneir@msn.com) or 612-722-1662.

### Religious Exploration

The Religious Exploration Committee of the Board of Deacons provides educational opportunities for Plymouth members and friends in the areas of Bible study, interpersonal growth, contemporary theology and inter-faith dialogue. To offer suggestions for future topics, contact Carrie Sauter, [sau0005@umn.edu](mailto:sau0005@umn.edu), 651-231-0493.



PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
1900 Nicollet Avenue  
Minneapolis, MN 55403-3789  
[www.plymouth.org](http://www.plymouth.org)

Address Service Requested



# Cultivating Body, Mind & Spirit Winter-Spring 2012 Adult Forum Spiritual Enrichment Religious Exploration



PLYMOUTH  
CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH