

Announcements

for the week of January 1, 2012

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TODAY

Happy New Year!

Children are invited to worship with their families.

There is no First Service today. Church School does not meet. Childcare will be provided for children 5 years old and younger in the Church Nursery—Room 209 in the Education Wing.

Regular Church School classes resume on January 8.

Today's greeters and coffee- and tea-pourers are courtesy of Plymouth's Board of Stewards

Next Sunday: Film Club, 12:15 p.m., Jackman: Philip Brunelle is guest host for the new BBC film, *Holst: In the Bleak Midwinter* (English, 2011, 136 min.). The film is the fascinating musical story, the first of feature length, of Gustav Holst, the extraordinary English composer of the beloved Christmas hymn in the title, the orchestral suite *The Planets* and much more.

Also on Jan. 8: Blood pressure screenings will take place in the library, before and after the 10:30 a.m. service.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Drawing for the Truly Terrified, a 5-session class offered by Spiritual Enrichment, begins Saturday, Jan. 14, 9:30 a.m.-12 noon; \$100 for the series. To register, go online to www.plymouth.org/learning/spiritual.php or contact Doug Freeman (dougf@plymouth.org, 612/870-7400).

Jan. 22 recital: Join Plymouth's soloists (Maria Jette, Jenny French, Lisa Drew, Dan Dressen, James Bohn) and Philip Brunelle for a program of English song at 3 p.m., in Guild Hall. Judith Bingham, whose music has often been heard at Plymouth Church (including at Christmas Eve), will be featured along with music to celebrate the New Year and the season of Epiphany. The concert is free—invite your friends to join you. It will be a delight and not to be missed!

Submit announcements (400 characters or fewer) to the Church Office for the following Sunday **by noon on Tuesday**. Tell us which Sundays you'd like the announcement to run and your name, phone number and e-mail address. Send it to Allison Campbell Jensen, Communication Director (publications@plymouth.org), or drop it off at the Church Office (cleanly typed, if possible). Announcements are subject to approval, may be edited and must be Plymouth-related.

LEARNING AND INVOLVEMENT

Sunday Supper and Book Discussion January 8: Join us at 5 p.m. for a delicious Mexican supper catered by Salsa a la Salsa (\$10/person) as we begin our book discussion of *Crossing Over* by Rubén Martínez in Jackman Hall. Whether you've read part or the entire book, or just want to learn more about the experiences of Mexican migrants and immigrants living in our community, we hope you'll join us for a stimulating evening. Bring your appetite and your thoughts and questions. Last year's Sunday Supper Kick-Off was the place to be on the second Sunday of January. R.S.V.P. to Mariana Shulstad (612/377-1288 or mrshulstad@msn.com) by Wednesday, January 4. Don't miss it.

New Testament Greek (no knowledge of Greek necessary) resumes Jan. 4 and continues Wednesdays, 5 p.m., through May 16.

Adult Forum, Spiritual Enrichment and Religious Exploration: Watch for a flyer in your mailbox or go online to www.plymouth.org/learning/adult.php

OLLI courses coming. *Plymouth church has an arrangement with the Osher Life-long Learning Institute: 10 individuals can participate in each of these classes at no cost. For registration or questions, please contact: olliregb@umn.edu*

—Film and Spirituality: Movies that wrestle with life's challenges. Five Wednesdays, beginning Jan. 11, 10 a.m.

—This year's WITNESS program will feature a new work by Hannibal Lokumbe, *In The Spirit Of Being*. On Jan. 30, 10 a.m., at Plymouth, VocalEssence founder and artistic director Philip Brunelle and his special guests jazz pianist Sanford Moore and vocalist Tonia Hughes will present a sample of the work. Tickets to the 4 p.m., Feb. 19 concert at the Ordway may be purchased at 651-224-4222 or www.vocalescence.org. Use the code OSHER to receive a discount. SP-Limit: 50

—Trish Herbert leads a class based on her book *Journeywell: A Guide to Quality Aging*. Five Thursdays, beginning Jan. 12, 12:30 p.m.

—*Pilgrimage: Normandy, Mont St. Michel, and Chartres*, presented by M. J. McGregor, Five Thursdays, beginning Jan. 12 2:15 p.m.

OUTREACH

Attorneys needed: People come to the Dignity Center for support, referrals and legal aid. To help them, the center seeks

volunteer attorneys with three or more years of civil legal experience, once a month from 9 to noon on a Wednesday or a Friday. Contact Muria Kruger muriak@yahoo.com. The center, at Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church, is a partner of Plymouth in serving clients needing support as well as receiving grant funding from the Benevolence Committee.

CARING AND SUPPORT

Meetings change in 2012: Compassionate Communication Practice Group is designed for people already familiar with the basic concepts and principles of Compassionate Communication/ Nonviolent Communication, who are looking to practice in community with others. Attend as many as you wish. Sessions resume Jan. 11, 2012, and will meet 10:30 a.m.-12 noon Wednesdays through April. \$10. To R.S.V.P. if you plan to attend, email yvette@littlebigthings.org or call 612/208-7216. Contact anneseltz@aol.com for additional information.

Say "Plymouth Cares" with Flowers – On most Sundays, the Sanctuary flowers are arranged into bouquets after worship. If you know someone who would appreciate a bouquet, go to the Flower Room after the postlude (turn left just after passing through the door on the left at the front of the Sanctuary). First come, first served.

Grief Education and Support – On Saturdays at 9:30 a.m., downtown congregations offer support for those who have lost loved ones. Currently being held at Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church. Next meeting, Saturday, Jan. 7: Mary Christopherson, *New Year, New You*. Contact Nancy Albrecht (612/377-8030) or Tom Anderson (952/927-7453).

Faith Partners in Recovery brings the hope of the joy of recovery from alcohol and other addictions to the attention of the congregation. The group's intention is to educate and provide resources for our community and support for those in recovery and their families. All are welcome at monthly meetings and anyone who's in recovery or has a spouse/partner in recovery is welcome to come to the Higher Power Potluck Fellowship Group. Contact Cathie Crooks, Minister of Member Care at cathiec@plymouth.org.

New online: Memorial Planning Packet developed by Plymouth ministers for those who would like to plan their future memorial service or funeral. This planning will be helpful to family and friends. Download the PDF packet from plymouth.org/caring/referrals.

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

Spiritual Yoga – Bring \$10, a mat or beach towel and come for a relaxing yoga experience on Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. in One Groveland, sponsored by the Spiritual Enrichment Committee and led by YWCA yoga instructor Ben Lee.

Explore spirituality from your laptop or home computer via the blog *PlymouthSpirit*. Visit plymouthspirit.wordpress.com each week to read and reflect on the liturgical reading for worship and the clergy's questions for discussion.

AND MORE...

Ordination notice: Shai Wise will be ordained at Plymouth on Sunday, January 8, at 4 p.m. All are invited to attend.

If you want to help plan or facilitate our **Jan. 15, 2012 Adult Forum event about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**, contact Hawona Janzen (Janze005@umn.edu or 651-644-8556) or Chuck Grose (chuckgrose@msn.com or 952-496-3812).

Honor an occasion, a special person or the memory of a loved one by sponsoring coffee hour. Cost is \$25. Sponsorship will be noted in the bulletin and with a sign on the serving table. Contact Ann Cole at 763/546-7483.

Give Real Change, instead of spare change: It's okay to politely say "No" or "Sorry" to someone asking for money. Instead, Plymouth suggests its members support organizations seeking long-term solutions for homelessness and poverty, such as Plymouth Church Neighborhood Foundation. If a person panhandling is aggressive, please consult our security or reception desk staff.

Are you getting our Friday e-mail? More than 670 Plymouth households do. Every Friday, the church office sends out a brief e-mail message with upcoming events, worship highlights and more. If you'd like to opt-in, send an empty e-mail to churchinfo@plymouth.org with "Friday" in the Subject line.

NOTE: 2012 Giving Envelopes for the first quarter were mailed directly to the address in our database around Dec. 28. If you did not receive your envelopes by the end of December, please contact Joy Hansen at 612/977-1265 or email joyh@plymouth.org.



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