

Announcements

for the week of February 10, 2019

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TODAY

Child care is available from trained staff in the nursery, Room 209, 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Sundays @ 10! Join one of these educational/spiritual activities for people of all ages.

- Meditation, in the Chapel
- Nonviolent Communication for Parents and Grandparents, in the Fireside Room
- Theology of the Purposes of the Church, led by clergy and staff, in the Theater
- Sunday Forum, The Bible, Racism and Faith in the 21st Century, with Rev. Dr. Curtiss Paul DeYoung, CEO of the Minnesota Council of Churches, in Jackman
- Church School, in the Education Wing

DANIEL ROTH, the outstanding French organist at St. Sulpice in Paris will give a FREE organ recital TODAY at 4 p.m., in Plymouth's sanctuary. He will play music of Bach, Ritter, several French composers and conclude with an improvisation—something for which he is greatly renowned! This recital is part of the celebration of Philip Brunelle's 50 years at Plymouth Church as Organist-Choirmaster. Not to be missed!

Katy's Cafe: Soup and salad lunch will be served in Lenmark following the Second Service; \$6, free for children—and for visitors and their hosts (pick up free lunch cards at the Jones Commons desk).

Film Club: *The Power of Minnesota*, hosted by Caring for Creation, meets at 12:30 p.m., in Jackman.

You are invited to greet each other and help make Plymouth a friendly and welcoming community.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

A celebration of Robert Bly's *Collected Poems* will be held at Plymouth 7 p.m., Monday, Feb. 11. Bly's biographer, Dr. Mark Gustafson, will talk about Bly's achievements, followed by performances of Bly's poems by, among others, his children, grandchildren, friends old and new, and representatives of the Minnesota literary ecosystem Bly inspired and helped build over the past 60 years. Please come to this important event, co-sponsored by Rain Taxi Review of Books, and do invite your friends! Birchbark Books will have *Collected Poems* for purchase at the reading.

WITNESS – Don't miss the 29th annual concert of African American music presented by VocalEssence at Orchestra Hall,

4 p.m., Feb. 24. This year's theme, "Yet They Persist," will feature the Spelman College Glee Club from Atlanta, Georgia, the VocalEssence Chorus and Singers of This Age (SOTA) along with three local legends: Former Minneapolis Mayor Sharon Sayles Belton, Congresswoman Ilhan Omar and Minneapolis Council member Andrea Jenkins. Tickets are available from Orchestra Hall: 612/371-5656.

Youth Performance Company presents *Periphery: We Shall Not Be Moved—The Student Sit-ins of 1960*. It's 1960 in



North Carolina, and everyone knows that only white people can eat at lunch counters. But four young African-Americans change what "everybody knows" by taking the radical move of sitting at a lunch

counter and asking for a cup of coffee. What happened next changed history. Through Feb. 24; for details and tickets: <https://youthperformanceco.org/>

Art as Spiritual Practice: Come see works by artists Eric Ketelsen and Edwin Beylerian in the Conn Gallery.

Dance together: FREE Vivir Mi Vida Salsa classes every Thursday 7–9 p.m. in Guild Hall are for all ages; no dance experience or partner needed; walk-ins welcome! Co-sponsored by Vivir Mi Vida Dance and Cuba Connect.

LEARNING AND INVOLVEMENT

New member class continues Feb. 17: Our new member class offered Feb. 3 continues 10:00–10:50 a.m., Feb. 17. If you'd like to know more about this class or about membership at Plymouth, please contact Beth Faeth, Minister for Congregational Care; 612/871-7400. To register for a future class, please contact Emily Venell, emilyv@plymouth.org or 612/977-1281.

Seeking volunteers for Sunday Hospitality: You may join in set-up prior to Second Service, replenishing coffee, etc., during hospitality and clean-up afterwards. Each segment requires approximately 20 to 30 minutes. You will typically be asked to assist one Sunday each month and training is provided. Catch up with old friends and make new ones! Please contact Brad Wieman, 612/839-5532 or shca8264@gmail.com to volunteer or with questions.

Thanks to all who have pledged—more than 400 of us! If you have not pledged yet, please know that your support means church leaders can better predict budgets for Plymouth programs and outreach to our community. Our goal for 2019 is \$1.5 million: Let's go over the top! Please go to www.plymouth.org/act/give-2/.

One More Chair is an adult fellowship group that is ALWAYS OPEN to new members. We seek fun conversation and memorable times together. The OMC Planning Committee organizes large-group activities about four times per year. Numerous other activities are planned by smaller interest groups. For additional information and to receive invitations to upcoming OMC events, contact Kris Mortensen at kristinemortensen@gmail.com.

OUTREACH

Help us welcome Families Moving Forward! Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity? Are you committed to racial justice and wonder what more you could do? ***Come find out Tuesday, Feb. 19 at 6:30 p.m., during the FMF meeting in the Fireside Room.*** We will focus on experiences we have had as a church in hosting many families over the past several years. The meeting will be informal, we will have some wonderful chocolate chip cookies to share and we will end at 7:45 so folks can get home safely on a winter night. All are invited! Whether you have helped with FMF in the past or not, please come and learn more about this wonderful, important organization. Questions? Please feel free to call Fran or Jerry Davis (763/370-9806).

Show your support for common-sense gun legislation! Please come with our Gun Violence Prevention group to ***the Feb. 14 Protect MN and Parkland Commemoration event at the State Capitol!*** Participants will be trained to meet with their elected representatives to deliver “Broken Hearts Valentines” and encourage support for passing an expanded criminal background checks law and a Red Flag law. At 2:30 p.m., attendees will gather in the Capitol Rotunda with students from MN March For Our Lives to commemorate the tragic shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. Interested in joining a Plymouth group to ride together? Contact: Kathy Quick – kathyquickster@gmail.com. To register for the event: www.protectmn.org

Plymouth partners with Downtown Congregations Ending Homelessness (DCEH) with their rental assistance program: Volunteers are needed (training provided) to build relationships with clients and learn their situations, to support them as they complete the Emergency Rental Assistance application packet and to maintain confidentiality. Needed: sensitivity to persons experiencing a crisis and attention to detail and accuracy. We are asking for a time commitment of Monday and/or Tuesday evenings, 5:45–8:15 p.m. Contacts are Emily Venell, 612/977-1281, emilyv@plymouth.org, and Coordinator Becky Beerling, becky@dceh.org.

CARING AND SUPPORT

Grief Education and Support—On Saturdays at 9:30 a.m., support for those who have lost loved ones. **Next meeting: Feb. 16: Beryl Schewe, [From] Heartbreak to Wholeness.** Held at the Basilica of Saint Mary, 88 North 17th Street, Minneapolis. For more information, go to www.mplsgriefsupport.com/schedule/ or contact Tom Anderson (612/867-0932) or Nancy Albrecht (612/377-8030).

Faith Partners in Recovery: Do you have an addiction? Has your tolerance increased? If you or a family member or a friend needs help, resources are available. You are not alone. Contact Beth Faeth, bethf@plymouth.org or 612/977-1286, for more information or support.

SPIRITUAL EXPLORATION

We seek your help to create Plymouth’s Lenten Meditations booklet, published for the past 11 years. These reflections help connect us as a community of faith, and we hope the time you take to write and share one or two meditations is a blessing for you. Our format is simple: 1) a quote from scripture or another source; 2) your reflection; and 3) a prayer. ***Please submit your contribution(s) by Monday, Feb. 18 to jrabbers@comcast.net.***

Healing Touch and the Chakras, Feb. 12, is just one of the many Spiritual Exploration offerings this season! Look for opportunities linked to www.plymouth.org and in booklets.

AND MORE...

Are you getting our Friday email? Every Friday, the church office sends out a brief email message with upcoming events, worship highlights and more. To opt in, send an email to churchinfo@plymouth.org with “Friday” in the subject line.

Gifts of stock are wonderful—and we need your help to track and acknowledge them! To assure that your stock gifts have been received and you have been given credit for the gift, please email Joy Hansen at joyh@plymouth.org with the name of the stock gifted, the number of shares and how you would like them applied. So, if you have gifted stock in the last month and have yet to receive an acknowledgement letter, please contact Joy Hansen in the accounting office at 612/977-1265.

Texting to Give to Plymouth—Text the amount you want to give to 612/999-2874. The first time only, you will see a form requesting contact and credit-card information. You may give a one-time gift. Or you may set up a recurring pledge payment. Recurring gifts will continue as long as your credit card is valid and your phone is active; **NO MORE HAVING TO SET UP A RECURRING GIFT EACH YEAR TO PAY YOUR PLEDGE!** Or, whenever you have an urge to give to Plymouth, just text the amount to 612/999-2874. Questions? Contact Joy Hansen, joyh@plymouth.org or 612/977-1265.

Honor an occasion, a special person or the memory of a loved one by sponsoring flowers in the Sanctuary or Guild Hall. Sponsoring flowers costs \$75; sponsorship is noted in the bulletin. Contact Allison Campbell Jensen in the office, 612/977-1269.

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). Announcements are subject to approval, may be edited and must be Plymouth-related.