



RALLY DAY

It's here, it's here, the start of our 163rd year!



Dear families,

September has always been my favorite time in our church calendar. I love the energy that fills the building as our calendar gets busier and the wonderful sounds of our kids and teens happily greeting each other on Sundays and Wednesdays. I love training our teachers and classroom friends, sparkling up bulletin boards and delivering markers, everything to make sure we are in for a great year. The key ingredient of a great year, though, is all of you. I can't wait to see your smiling faces this Sunday and beyond, and hear all about your summer adventures! Here is what you need to know for this Sunday:

9am--First service in a new location, the Sanctuary! Paula Northwood will preach "Have You Heard This One?," the Chapel Singers will bring us to *A River in Judea*, and there might even be some very familiar tunes (Baby Shark, perhaps?) given a cool new twist by Laura Caviani's jazz trio. The finished quilt from Peace Camp will also be on display!

10am--it is Party Time! Come to Jones Commons for treats, chatting, a bouncy slide (or alternate activity if it rains--which it won't), and some group karaoke. If you've ever wanted to sing We Are Family by Sister Sledge into a giant inflatable microphone with all your closest friends and church members, this is your chance!

11am--Second service, with Philip Brunelle and the Plymouth Choir, lifting our spirits with beloved pieces by Bach and Gigout, as

well as a newer piece, Recognition, by Timothy Takach. Paula Northwood will preach "Have You Heard This One?"

Infants, children and young people are always welcome at Plymouth, and in either service. Activity baskets with books, crayons, word finds and coloring sheets are available near the Sanctuary doors and in the balcony. We also have the Parsons Room (next to the library) and Guild Hall, where the worship service can be heard. Our nursery, room 209 in the education wing, is open from 8:45 until 12:15 every Sunday as well. Our young people are a vital, beloved component of our church community. If you have any questions or ideas about how to make our space more child and teen friendly, [please drop me a line!](#)

We have a lot going on in the next few weeks--please read the entire email so you don't miss out on the fun!

See you Sunday!
Nina



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are in need of a ride! One of our young

people who lives in Stillwater, would really like to attend church on Sundays in September, but needs a ride. We are looking for rides THIS Sunday the 8th, Sunday September 22nd, and potentially September 29th. People could split the ride too, with one family driving one way, and one family driving the other way. If anyone is willing to help this young person, please [email Nina!](#)

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We are in need of dinner servers and cash collectors! Due to our new partnership with K's Revolutionary Catering, we will be looking for assistance with serving food and collecting money on Wednesday evenings. K's is a small and mighty organization, and they will focus on cooking stellar food, while we provide stellar hospitality to one another. We are looking for 3 volunteers per Wednesday evening, and volunteers will get a free meal! Service is from 5pm-6:15 nightly. Please [contact Nina](#) if you can help. We are looking for volunteers starting September 18th.



Theater 45 (our newest Plymouth program) is starting a 6 week theatrical series called Step Back, Listen Up: Stories We All

Need to Hear. Each week, theater groups representing traditionally marginalized communities, including people of color, LGBTQ+ individuals, persons with disabilities, folx involved in the justice system, and more, will perform powerful works in our Chapel. These performances are free, but registration is vitally important, to ensure you get a seat. The first performance, from Blackout Improv, is September 9th! Please visit theater45.com to reserve your tickets! *Please note, performances are suggested for middle school and up.*

TRAINING TIME!

[Church School Teachers and Classroom Friends!](#)
[We have a teacher training available Tuesday September 10th at either 5:30-6:30 or 7:30-8:30.](#)
[This training will allow you to meet other teachers, see your classroom, familiarize yourself with our curriculum, classroom management techniques, security protocols, and more. Please **let me know** if you can attend one of these sessions! Many thanks! Nina](#)

Register your family for Sunday or Wednesday programming today!

Interested in learning more about our [Children and Youth Arts programming](#)? Want to build community and help make a difference by volunteering with 100 Hands? Ready to start on your confirmation journey? Excited to begin Youth Group again? Looking for some delicious food and wonderful conversation? Don't you worry! All of this and more can be yours WEDNESDAY September 11th with food starting at 5, and a special Children and Youth Arts presentation at 6. More detailed information will be available in paper form during Rally Sunday, as well as in an email that will be sent Sunday evening, but we hope to see lots of new faces this Wednesday!

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