

Announcements

for the week of July 4, 2010

See www.plymouth.org for church calendar

TODAY

Child care is provided for children ages five and younger in Room 105 of the education wing. All children are welcome in worship and encouraged to worship with families.

Blood pressure will not be checked today. The service will resume Aug. 1 and continue the first Sunday of each month.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Plymouth's third annual Summer Concert Series kicks off this Tuesday with "An Evening of Operetta Favorites" at 7 p.m. in Guild Hall. Bask in beautiful melodies and chuckle at comic scenarios. Enjoy gems from the operetta repertoire - theatrically interpreted by local luminaries of song and stage. Plymouth musicians Maria Jette, Lisa Drew, Jim Bohn and Sonja Thompson will be joined by tenor and director extraordinaire Vern Sutton.

Plymouth's **Sacred Ground** juried art exhibition is on display in the Fine Arts Gallery through this Wednesday..

The **Plymouth Summer Choir** rehearses at 9 a.m. sharp in the choir loft for the 10 a.m. worship service. Join them for one or more Sundays during July. It is a wonderful opportunity to sing beautiful music, keep your sightreading skills honed and enjoy singing with others!

LEARNING AND INVOLVEMENT

Plymouth's preachers are leading a Bible study on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. during July and August. Study is on the scripture passage the preacher will preach on one week later. There's no need for advanced preparation. The class meets in the Fireside Room. There's no need for pre-registration, but if you

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 Ralph Henn, 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 be Plymouth-related.

know you plan to attend, you can inform the minister. Jeff Sartain (jeffs@plymouth.org) will lead next Sunday.

Turn your food scraps and yard clippings into soil - You're invited to join master gardener Sarah Green Toews for a free talk on home composting in the Jackman Room at 11:30 a.m. next Sunday. The event is sponsored by the Caring for Creation working group.

Cuban Salsa Thursdays - The Cuban Rueda classes have been a great success. Thrilled with the 30+ people dancing each Thursday, the owner of Tillie's Bean has invited the group to continue through the summer. Beginners meet from 7:00 to 7:40 p.m., with intermediates following. Folks who were overwhelmed by the first class when 80 squeezed into the space: the instructors are now more coordinated and the numbers manageable. No partner is needed. Hosted by Plymouth's Cuba Connect. Free.

Cuban food and drink, music, dancing and action for justice - Join Plymouth Cuba Connect and the Minnesota Cuba Committee this Wednesday from 6 to 9 p.m. in Lenmark to celebrate and send off the 2010 Pastors for Peace Friendshipment Caravan to Cuba. Support Pastors for Peace in their advocacy efforts to end the embargo and bring material aid to the Cuban people. Your donation at the door will help defray costs of the Friendshipment. For more information, look for "Pastors for Peace Friendshipment Sendoff Party" on the plymouth.org Home page.

Plymouth Family Camp on Labor Day Weekend - Looking for a great relaxing place to spend time with your family before school starts? Consider joining us at Pilgrim Point Camp on Lake Ida in Alexandria, Minnesota. There will be swimming, campfires, vespers, games and art activities. Arrive on Friday evening (Sept. 3) and stay until Monday or any days that fit your schedule. Brochures are available in the literature racks and on the church website. If you have questions, contact Paula Northwood at paulan@plymouth.org.

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

Spiritual Yoga - Bring \$7, your mat or a large 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.

More on the other side

CARING AND SUPPORT

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 St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral, Hennepin and Oak Grove (across from Loring Park). Next Saturday: Lowell Hawkins with his personal story about the death of his son. Contact Nancy Albrecht (612/377-8030) or Tom Anderson (952/927-7453).

Day of Recognition and Honoring for Birth Mothers – For mothers who have relinquished their children for adoption, Saturday, July 17, sponsored and funded by the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis and open to all. There is a minimal cost (\$10 lunch). Info also available at www.archspm.org or by contacting Plymouth's Penny Needham at 612/616-3139.

Say "Plymouth Cares" with Flowers – On most Sundays, the Sanctuary flowers are arranged into bouquets after worship for distribution to members and others who may be ill, grieving, going through a difficult time or celebrating a special event. If you know of someone who would appreciate a bouquet and you'd like to take one to them, 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.

The mission of Faith Partners in Recovery, a national organization, is to engage and assist people of faith in the development of caring communities that promote prevention of alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse and where recovery from addiction is valued and supported. "Healing places for individuals and families touched by addiction are successful when congregations learn facts, avoid judgment, practice love and apply firm supports." At Plymouth, Faith Partners in Recovery, part of the Board of Member Care, is a group of members of our congregation who are in recovery and available to answer your questions and offer you support. To contact one of them, contact Cathie Crooks.

OUTREACH

Volunteers Sought – This Tuesday, Plymouth members will prepare and serve a dinner meal for residents of Simpson Housing Shelter in Minneapolis. Starting at 5 p.m., you'll work in the kitchen of Simpson, serving at 7 p.m. and cleaning up by 8:30 p.m. This community event has proven to be enjoyable and meaningful. For information and to volunteer, contact Spencer Moffatt at sp.moffatt@gmail.com or 651/315-5157.

Stevens Square Farmers' Market starts this Wednesday, 2:00 to 6:30 p.m. in the Plymouth parking lot and continues every Wednesday through October.

AND MORE...

If you aren't taking them home, please **recycle your bulletin and inserts** in the blue recycling receptacles. They're located in the narthex, Guild Hall, Jones Commons and elsewhere throughout the building. Thank you for your help in keeping Plymouth clean and green.

Are you getting our Friday e-mail? About 560 Plymouth households do. Every Friday, the church office sends out a very brief e-mail message listing events of the coming weekend (including worship highlights) and the week ahead. The message includes links to details on the church website. If you'd like to opt-in to receive this message, send an empty e-mail to churchinfo@plymouth.org with "Friday" as the Subject.