

Announcements

for the week of July 25, 2010

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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.

This year's second week of **Habitat for Humanity** activity is Aug. 2-6. They'll be working on a reconstruction project at 2754 Thomas Ave. No. *Stop at the sign up table in Guild Hall after worship* to learn more about what they'll be doing and to sign up to help. They need volunteers for the work week, a day or more if you can, as well as people to help with the food detail. No building experience is necessary because they work closely with Habitat folks as well as Plymouth volunteers who have lots of experience. It's a great opportunity to learn some new skills, meet fellow church members and enjoy the community building that results from working together on a very worthwhile project. They're committed to Habitat for Humanity, working to bring affordable housing and eliminate poverty housing in our community.

Join Faith Partners in Recovery for a potluck lunch following worship at the home of Dan and Nancy Peterson. All Faith Partners members and anyone interested in learning more about spiritual recovery from addiction are welcome. For directions call 612/751-3657.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Plymouth's third annual Summer Concert Series concludes this Tuesday with *Monroe Crossing* in the Sanctuary at 7 p.m. Named in honor of the father of bluegrass, *Monroe Crossing* plays an upbeat blend of classic and traditional bluegrass, bluegrass gospel and heartfelt originals. Called "the Midwest's premier bluegrass and gospel quintet," the group has played at hundreds of venues across the nation. Tap your toes to the strummin', pickin' and fiddlin' this group serves up.

"Waterbourne Witness: Elegies for My New Orleans" - an exhibit of 15 paintings and a book by

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.

Shelley Holl that's been on view continuously since the third anniversary of Hurricane Katrina - is on display in the Fine Arts Gallery. Next month marks the fifth anniversary of the hurricane. The exhibit at Plymouth will run until Sept. 8.

LEARNING AND INVOLVEMENT

Plymouth's preachers are leading a summer Bible study on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. 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 Jackman Room. There's no need for pre-registration, but if you know you plan to attend, you can inform the minister. Spencer Moffatt, seminary intern (sp.moffatt@gmail.com) will lead next Sunday on Isaiah 43:15-21; 65:17-19 and Revelation 21:1-6.

The primary election is Tuesday, Aug. 10. It determines who will be on the general ballot on election day. By voting in the primary, you can be part of the crucial step in determining who will appear on the general election ballot.

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 through Sunday 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.

United Theological Seminary has announced its Fall 2010 **Academy for Vital Christianity** classes. Twin Cities classes are: *Christianity's Enduring Life: Contemporary Stories of Diversity, Renewal and Growth* (Mary Farrell Bednarowski); *Effective Caregiving* (Christie Cozad Neuger); *How the Congregation Can Empower Its Laity for Ministry* (Jean Morris Trumbauer); *Love Songs to Lament: Poetry and the Hebrew Bible* (Carolyn Pressler & Pamela Wynn); *Making Sense of Paul in a Global Village* (Neil Elliott); and *What Does the Bible Have To Do With Life Today?* (Neil Elliott). For details, see www.unitedseminary.edu/CommunityPrograms/academy.asp or contact Renee Flesner at rflesner@unitedseminary.edu or 651/255-6138. (Other classes are held in Alexandria, Duluth, Mankato and Rochester.)

More on the other side

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.

CARING AND SUPPORT

Blood pressure will be checked next Sunday in the Library beginning at 9:30 a.m. and following worship.

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: Brenda Demotte on *The Myths of Grief*. Contact Nancy Albrecht (612/377-8030) or Tom Anderson (952/927-7453).

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

Bingo Prizes Needed – The Third Wednesday every month is the big Plymouth Drop-In bingo event, and they're always thankful to Plymouth members for donated items for prizes. Drop-in members are all low-income, so prizes most appreciated include practical items like dish soap, laundry soap, paper towels, kleenex, deodorant, toothpaste, shaving cream and aftershave. Also prized are small picture frames, games, Christian books, snacks (like potato chips), coffee cups and t-shirts. Questions can be addressed to Larry

Johnson, Drop-In coordinator at 612/977-1282 or larryj@plymouth.org. Donations can be left in the church office, simply labeled “Drop-In.”

Panhandling: A Community Response with zAmya Theater presentation, Aug. 23, 6-8 p.m. at the Basilica of St. Mary. Free. Why do people panhandle? How can you best respond? This is a timely zAmya Theater presentation and community discussion about panhandling in Minneapolis. Sponsored by Downtown Congregations to End Homelessness (DCEH). Will include perspectives from previous panhandlers, persons who've experienced homelessness, downtown neighborhoods, businesses, police and leaders of the faith community. For more information, phone 612/242-4670 or visit www.dceh.org

Stevens Square Farmers' Market is Wednesdays, 2:00 to 6:30 p.m. in the Plymouth parking lot through October.

Stranger to Neighbor Training – Gain the knowledge base and skill set to become an interfaith leader on immigration. This training is open to staff and volunteers from local immigration organizations, religious leaders and student groups. Presented in partnership with the Interfaith Youth Core. Tuesday, Aug. 10, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Minnesota Church Center, 122 W. Franklin Ave., Minneapolis. For information, contact Gail Anderson (gail.anderson@mnchurches.org, 612/230-3210); for registration, contact Dejan Selimovic (dejan.selimovic@mnchurches.org).

AND MORE...

New “way-finding” coming – Several years ago, work began on a thorough process to add directional (“way-finding”) signage to our church buildings. The work began with the Board of Membership but expanded to other boards as well. A special “Way-finding Task Force” was appointed when our new education wing was completed. That task force developed a process that involved interviews with all boards, a careful study of the use of our space and analysis of who needs to find their way through our buildings. The task force also looked with great concern at the architectural impact signs will have as well as cost. Since the first of the year, the Building and Grounds Committee has been working to design new directional signage for the interior of Plymouth. Carrying on the work of the Wayfinding Committee, they've identified the need for 165 signs throughout the building. Before they make a final decision on sign placement, they'll be placing “paper” signs at all the locations that have been identified. These will have the exact wording and will be the exact size of the proposed signs. The “paper” signs will allow time to “live with” the proposal and help determine if any changes need to be made. The final signs will be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Your input is welcome. Contact Karen Hartz in the office at 612/977-1266 or karenh@plymouth.org with any comments. Plymouth can be a difficult place to find your way around, so they want to make sure they get this right.