

Announcements

for the week of August 1, 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.

Blood pressure is being checked in the Library beginning at 9:30 a.m. and following worship.

This year's second week of **Habitat for Humanity** activity is tomorrow through Friday. 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.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

There are **openings in the orchestra** for the New Plymouth Players production of *Fiddler on the Roof* in September. Interested players should contact Sonja Thompson (sktaldrich@msn.com) right away. Rehearsals for the orchestra begin the third week of August.

"Waterborne Witness: Elegies for My New Orleans" - an exhibit of 15 paintings and a book by Shelley Holl that's been on view continuously since the third anniversary of Hurricane Katrina - is on display in the Fine Arts Gallery. This month marks the fifth anniversary of the hurricane. The exhibit at Plymouth will run until Sept. 8.

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.

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 to be preached 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; just come.

Knit-a-Bit - Do you want to learn how to knit or crochet? The Knit-a-Bit group invites you to join their Tuesday morning gatherings at 9:45 a.m. to share an hour of creative handwork. If you're already working on a handwork project of any kind, you're also welcome. For more information, contact Emily at 612/977-1281 or emilyv@plymouth.org.

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

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:** Anne Renstrom with her personal story on the loss of her brother. 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.

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).

Summer in the City – There are a lot of great things happening in and around the Plymouth neighborhood. * Saturday, Aug. 21, new this summer: Plymouth is sponsoring and hosting **FaNFair Neighborhood Music Festival**, a neighborhood celebration full of music, food and fun in our parking lot. (FaNFair stands for Franklin and Nicollet Fair.) 75 members are needed to volunteer for a few hours between 2 and 8 p.m. They need help with event set-up/tear down, registration, FaNFair Ambassadors, parking lot directors and security, children's activities, beverage assistants, recycling center, first aid station. Contact: John Maday, deefreez@hotmail.com or call 612/598-7538.

* Tuesday, Aug. 17, **Cook & serve a hot meal at Simpson Shelter** from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m. to 120 homeless adults. 12 volunteers are needed. Join John Edgerton and Spencer Moffatt: sp.moffatt@gmail.com

* This weekend Stevens Square Community Organization is hosting **Red Hot Art Festival** in the Stevens Square Park, a "showcase for emerging Twin Cities artists." Experience art in a park a few blocks from our church. www.sscoweb.org/documents/RedHotArt2010.pdf

* Next weekend is the **Loring Park Art Festival**: www.loringparkartfestival.com/

* Saturday, Aug. 28 **Whittier neighborhood** is sponsoring a "fun-filled afternoon of field games and contests at the Whittier Park." Volunteer with youth to have fun while supervising a basketball shoot, soccer dribble, jump rope race and more. Contact Becky at Whittier Alliance, becky@whittieralliance.org

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 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.