

# Announcements

for the week of August 13, 2017

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## TODAY

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**Caring for Creation meeting scheduled for today is cancelled.**

**Meditation:** Join this ancient spiritual practice, which includes three parts: opening meditation, walking meditation, closing meditation. Everyone is welcome! 9:30 a.m., Fireside Room.

**Today is SnapShot Sunday:** Please come to Guild Hall after the service to have your photo taken. The photos will go into our online directory.

**Young adult fellowship:** Come to trivia night at Lyn-Lake Brewery today at 6:45 p.m. For details, contact Collin Smith, [collinsmith106@gmail.com](mailto:collinsmith106@gmail.com). We hope to see you there!

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## MUSIC AND THE ARTS

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**Plymouth's Contemporary Art Forum:** Do you have an interest in learning about contemporary art? Are there questions that you were afraid to ask? Do you really not like it and can't imagine why anyone would? If you answer yes to any of those questions, consider joining Plymouth's Contemporary Art Forum which explores this world at the Walker Art Center, guided for more than 30 years by an exceptionally knowledgeable and most interesting docent. We will see four shows this year. For more information, contact Sue Dosal at [sue.dosal@gmail.com](mailto:sue.dosal@gmail.com).

**Best kept secret at Plymouth?** FREE Vivir Mi Vida Salsa classes every Thursday 7–9 p.m. in Guild Hall: sizzling hot fun! Join great people to learn this fantastic group dance. All ages; no dance experience or partner needed; walk-ins welcome! Co-sponsored by Vivir Mi Vida Dance and Cuba Connect.

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## LEARNING AND INVOLVEMENT

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**Help welcome people to Plymouth! Staff the Welcome Table.** Our Welcome Table in Guild Hall introduces people to Plymouth, and we need volunteers. Please stop by the Welcome Table today to volunteer! For more information, contact Bill Read, 651-769-7511, [wtrbus@comcast.net](mailto:wtrbus@comcast.net).

**One More Chair is a fellowship group** welcoming adult singles and couples to share fun, conversation and memorable times in a casual format. OMC organizes quarterly social events as well as special interest groups. For details, contact Kristine Mortensen, [kristinemortensen@gmail.com](mailto:kristinemortensen@gmail.com).

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## OUTREACH

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**The Plymouth Church Community Fund** responded quickly with help following two recent calamities in the Twin Cities. On Aug. 2, an explosion at Minnehaha Academy in Minneapolis killed two people, injured others and destroyed part of the building. A natural gas leak has been blamed for the explosion, which is being investigated. Early on Aug. 5, an explosive device was thrown into the office of the imam at Dar Al-Farooq Islamic Center in Bloomington. No one was hurt but the center was extensively damaged. The FBI is investigating the bombing. In both cases, our Plymouth Church Community Fund on behalf of the entire congregation sent contributions to these neighbors, one a Christian school, the other a Muslim Center. Thank you for your support of our Community Fund, which enables us to help those in need.

**Rivers of Racial Justice** will be Saturday, Sept. 30 at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities. Registration opens at 12:30 p.m. Workshops and fellowship (1:00–3:15 p.m.) will be followed by a special community worship service (3:30–5:00 p.m.) with the Rev. Danny Givens preaching and Robert Morris leading music. This event is organized by the Minnesota Conference Racial Justice Team and sponsored by the Minnesota Conference of the UCC, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities and the Kaleo Center. Free but registration is requested. (To register, go to [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) and search for "Rivers of Racial Justice" in Minneapolis.)

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## CARING AND SUPPORT

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**Grief Education and Support**—On Saturdays at 9:30 a.m., support for those who have lost loved ones. Aug. 19: Lizz Levang, *Different Styles of Grieving*. The group meets at First Christian Church, SpringHouse Ministry Center, 610 W. 28th St., Minneapolis. For more information, go to [www.mplsgriefsupport.com/schedule.htm](http://www.mplsgriefsupport.com/schedule.htm) or contact Tom Anderson (612/867-0932) or Nancy Albrecht (612/377-8030).

**Faith Partners in Recovery:** Am I alcoholic? If you are concerned, or if a friend or family member has expressed concern to you about your drinking, take a simple test: [ncadd.org/learn-about-alcohol/alcohol-abuse-self-test](http://ncadd.org/learn-about-alcohol/alcohol-abuse-self-test). Faith Partners is a group of Plymouth members in recovery. We are here to support you in your journey of self-discovery and growth. Contact Carla Bailey, [carlab@plymouth.org](mailto:carlab@plymouth.org), 612/871-7400, for more information or support.

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## SPIRITUAL EXPLORATION

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**Conversations from the Heart Practice Group meets on Wednesdays, 10 a.m.** Dr. Yvette Erasmus leads; open to anyone wanting to practice compassionate communication in community with others. \$10–\$25 requested per session. To R.S.V.P., email [yvette@yvetteerasmus.com](mailto:yvette@yvetteerasmus.com) or call 612/208-7216. Contact [anneseltz@aol.com](mailto:anneseltz@aol.com) for more information.

**Spiritual Yoga**—Bring \$10 and a mat or beach towel and come for a relaxing yoga experience on Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m., sponsored by the Spiritual Exploration Committee and led by YWCA yoga instructor Ben Lee.

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## AND MORE...

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**Our talented pianist on Aug. 6, Zhen Tu, won a Profiles in Courage essay award.** To read her essay, go to <http://tinyurl.com/yd9fhypf>.

**I-94 Road Construction:** The northbound I-35W ramp to westbound I-94 is closed. The eastbound lanes of the Lowry Hill Tunnel will be closed through early September; traffic in both directions will use the other side. Watch for other ramp closures and lane closures. For the latest updates, go to [www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/i94brooklyncntr/](http://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/i94brooklyncntr/)

**I-35W Road Construction:** A 4-year project to re-do northbound I-35W between Hwy. 62 and I-94 begins this month. Please watch for traffic alerts and traffic disruptions.

**Are you getting our Friday email?** Some 700 Plymouth households do. 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](mailto:churchinfo@plymouth.org) with “Friday” in the subject line.

**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, 612/977-1269.

**We are grateful for gifts of stock; we also need your help to track and to acknowledge these gifts.** 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](mailto:joyh@plymouth.org) with the name of the stock gifted, the number of shares, and how you would like them applied. 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.

**Paying Your Pledge is Easy! Giving is easy! Just Text to make pledge payments or to give to Plymouth's operating fund.** Text 612/999-2874. The first time only, you will see a form requesting contact and credit-card information. You may set up a recurring pledge payment. This gift 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](mailto:joyh@plymouth.org) or 612/977-1265.

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**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](mailto:publications@plymouth.org)), or drop it off at the Church Office (cleanly typed, if possible). Announcements are subject to approval, may be edited and must be Plymouth-related.



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