



## One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering, Sunday, March 10

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is the special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that carries God's message of love and hope to people in 138 countries around the world. By working with local, national, and international partners, the offering provides support for health, education, refugee, agricultural, and emergency relief initiatives.

Joining with many other denominations around our country, all gifts are distributed through the ministry of Church World Service (CWS). Based in Elkhart, Indiana, CWS provides disaster relief for victims overseas and here in the US. The funds we gather together and share become very real gifts of love, joy, and restoration: Families displaced by natural disaster or political unrest rejoice to receive food, shelter, and the comfort of a safe place to begin rebuilding their lives; the worried faces of mothers, whose children are threatened by food insecurity due to drought and famine, are transformed to deep peace when sustenance arrives; a woman who has had to walk miles for potable water for her family smiles as she draws water from a clean well near her home; children arrive excited for the first day of class at the village's new school.

When you give to One Great Hour of Sharing, you participate in a worldwide ministry of helping people change their lives ... a ministry of caring by and for God's treasured people. This year our gifts to OGHS will be received **Sunday, March 10**. Envelopes will be provided in upcoming worship bulletins, or you may place your check, made payable to Plymouth Church with "OGHS" in the memo line, in the offering plate.

## Good Friday Prayer Vigil Sign Up

The solemn day of Good Friday will be observed **March 29** at Plymouth Church with a 12-hour prayer vigil. One person is needed for each of the 15-minute intervals to form the continuous link of prayer from **7:00 am to 7:00 pm**. You will need your phone to receive a call when your prayer time begins and to place a call at the conclusion of your prayer time. It is our shared hope that the Good Friday Prayer Vigil will create new spiritual connections, deepen our faith, and have a profound impact on those who pray and on those for whom prayers are offered.

Prior to Good Friday, you will be contacted by a deacon who will give you the name of the person calling you and the name and phone number of the person you are to call. Please sign up soon on the bulletin board between the chapel and the office.

## Plymouth Music Series Presents Second Annual Festival of Hymns

Plymouth Music Series presents the third concert of the 2012-2013 season.



A Festival of Hymns is a program of great hymns of faith in various arrangements presented on **Sunday, March 3, 2:00 pm**.

The concert, conducted by Maestro Robert Nance, will include brass, hand bells, organ, and more, with multiple opportunities for the congregation to join the choirs in singing the familiar words and melodies.

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," "Great Is Thy Faithfulness," "Holy, Holy, Holy," and "The Day of Resurrection" are among the titles you can expect to hear, presented in uplifting festival-style arrangements. This concert is open to the public at no charge – a gift to the community from Plymouth Church. A freewill offering will be accepted from those who wish to contribute.

The Peace and Justice Committee has been given the opportunity to receive proceeds from the free will offering from this concert to go toward a second Peace Studies Scholarship. Last year the committee was able to award two scholarships, with the second scholarship supported through fundraising and last year's concert. Please come to enjoy the music and support this worthy cause.

# In Our Prayers

## *Plymouth people in our prayers:*

A.J. Calkins, Tony Crouch, Barbara Davidson, Bob Davidson, Beth Dickerson, Janice Furtner, Ed Gomez, RaeAnna Graff, Loretta Henderson, Helen Hill, Lynn Huber, Judy Kuelling, Joan Lipscomb, Gordon Miller, Timothy Price, Anne Rowland, Fran Schnizer, Bill Schnizer, Carol Shedd, Kay Walter, Max Watson, and Tina Worthman.

*New Life* is welcomed in the birth of Elliot "Ellie" June Degitz, January 17, to Megan and Joe Degitz and big brother, Maxwell. Proud grandparents are Anne Hughes and Janet and Terry Anderson.

*New Life* is welcomed in the birth of Max Hilmar Watson, January 21, to proud parents Katie and Christer Watson and big brother, Toby.

*Sympathy* is extended to Rev. Clare Walter and family on the death of her sister, Judy O'Connell, January 13, in California.

*Sympathy* is extended to Ted and Betty Barry on the death of his mother, Elsa Barry, at age 104, on January 14, in North Dakota.

*Sympathy* is extended to Anthony Niewyk and family on the death of his wife, Ruth Ann Niewyk, January 20, in Holmes Beach, Florida.

## Spring Forward!

Don't forget to set your clocks  
**ahead 1 hour**  
at 2:00 am,  
**Sunday, March 10**



## Book Studies to Enrich Your Lenten Journey

Sundays beginning February 17

**9:00 am** – *The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus, 40 Days of Reflection*, by Rev. Adam Hamilton

Dr. Erin Williams of the University of St. Francis leads this study of author Adam Hamilton's exploration of the life and ministry of Jesus, from his baptism to the parables he taught, and the healing he brought. **Six copies of the book are available for purchase at \$8.00 each, from Erin Williams or Kim Crowell. They also are available online at [Cokesbury.com](http://Cokesbury.com).**

Wednesdays beginning February 20

**5:15 pm** – *#Occupy the Bible*, by Dr. Susan Thistlethwaite

"Jesus of Nazareth said and did a lot about money and power in his own time. Jesus occupied the Temple in Jerusalem – effectively the national bank of His time – and threw out those who were exploiting the poor. His followers included powerful 'women of means,' (such as Mary Magdalene, who was last at the cross, first at the tomb), who went on to become missionaries. Jesus taught 'in the streets,' preaching that God's 'side' is not that of the wealthy and powerful; and that all believers need to confront inequality now." **#Occupy the Bible** is an eye-opening, no-holds barred look at the real message of Jesus, using the scriptures that are foundational for the Christian faith. Rev. John P. Gardner leads this study.

**6:45 pm** – *The Gospel of Mary*, by Dr. Karen L. King

Join Rev. Ruth E. Phillips in learning about this formerly lost gospel, and view a DVD of Dr. King's lecture. "Lost for more than 1500 hundred years, the **Gospel of Mary** is the only existing early-Christian gospel written in the name of a woman. Karen L. King tells the story of the recovery of this remarkable gospel and offers a new translation. This brief narrative presents a radical interpretation of Jesus' teachings as a path to inner spiritual knowledge. It rejects his suffering and death as a path to eternal life . . ." *The Gospel of Mary of Magdala* offers a fascinating glimpse into the conflicts and controversies that shaped earliest Christianity. **Purchase books online at [Polebridge Press](http://Polebridge Press).**

## Fine Arts Scholarship Drive Sponsored by Peace and Justice Committee

Last year, Plymouth support made it possible for the Peace and Justice Committee to award a \$600 fine arts scholarship for a Palestinian student to study at Dar al-Kalima College in Bethlehem. We would like a repeat performance.

From **February 17 through March 3**, photography, watercolors, and collages will be on display in the Folsom Room. There will be more than 20 pieces ranging in price from \$15 to \$75 with all profits going toward another fine arts scholarship. All have been professionally mounted, and several have been matted as well. They are ready to be framed and hung.

Using art to educate a future artist seems like a worthy project. If you remember the Diyar Dance Theater production that mesmerized us last May 7, then you have seen and met the kind of young people with whom we want to partner in education.

## From the Senior Pastor

Friends,

In Michigan, the church I once served was the proud sponsor of an active Boy Scout Troop. Dedicated adult leaders, one in particular, made deep impressions upon the lives of hundreds of boys coming of age. Dozens of those boys worked their way to the highest attainable rank, that of Eagle Scout.

The troop was active, well organized, committed to excellence. With church support, on church property, the troop constructed their own log cabin, which provided space for the Scoutmaster's office, troop meetings, and activities. It was named *Eagle's Nest*, an appropriate moniker, that recognized both past accomplishment and future hope.

The Boy Scout troop played a vital role in the life of my oldest son, Gabriel, who still fondly recalls Polar Bear overnights, with warm campfires to ward off the deep cold of winter. He participated in various camping expeditions: in nearby Metroparks, far off in the Michigan upper peninsula and Canada. There was also a troop trip to our nation's capital, which included an exhaustive hike of the storied battlefield at Gettysburg. Gabriel eventually attained the rank of Star Scout. His most memorable achievement, at least for me, was his "**totin chip**" card, personally signed by the scoutmaster, which was certification that he had received instruction in knife and ax handling, ensuring their proper use and safety. I thought that was just grand.

In my position as a cleric, I've worked with a few young scouts to attain their *God and Country Award*, which illustrates the scout's commitment to "**be reverent**." Given the religious diversity represented within scouts, there exists material appropriate for Protestant faith expression, as well as Catholic (Eastern and Roman), Eastern Orthodox, Mormon, Buddhist, Islamic, Jewish, Hindu or other religiously affiliated. Scouts have been quite adept at managing the reality of faith diversity within their ranks.

Regrettably, the same can't be said of accepting diversity of sexual orientation. In 1978, the BSA established a policy of not accepting gay scouts or gay scout leaders. Over the years, most recently this last summer, the policy has been reaffirmed. For congregations in the UCC who are committed to being inclusive, this has posed considerable consternation. It simply isn't fair and doesn't square with the best of scouting values that respect and uphold a broad spectrum of human difference. The policy denies gay youth the support and nurture of the scouting experience and prohibits youth leaders from sharing their skills. Simply put, the policy is an affront to those who find discrimination based upon sexual orientation to be repugnant (I've known at least one UCC Eagle Scout who surrendered his award in protest of the policy).

The UCC registered protest of the BSA policy of exclusion in 2003, calling for a lift of the ban, urging proclamation of welcome to gay youth and leaders, and reactivation of persons previously excluded due solely to the policy. More recently, early in 2013, BSA leadership announced the discriminating policy would be reconsidered, suggesting local determination of troop policy might be a more appropriate tactic. A vote scheduled for early February has subsequently been postponed until the BSA annual meeting in May.

This week I sent the following message to the BSA via its website:

*I write in hope the BSA will reconsider current policy that excludes gay members and leaders. I look forward to the day when the church I serve might again sponsor a troop that welcomes all. Please be bold and proclaim a welcome that does not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation.*

Religious types, or others bound by rigid or phobic faith, will no doubt vigorously pressure BSA leaders to tow the line and thwart any change. It is hopeful, though, that a window exists for revision of the policy. Churches such as Plymouth are uniquely poised to advocate for such change. I invite you to join me in urging the BSA to amend their policy. All boys, regardless of orientation, should have the opportunity to "**be prepared**" for life, to learn of honor, and to do their best, in meeting the formidable challenges life presents.

Sincerely,

John P. Gardner

## Journey of Hope 2013

**Speakers: Bill Pelke and  
George White**  
*journeyofhope.org*

**Sunday, March 10, 6:30 - 8:30 pm**  
**Plymouth Church**

Journey of Hope ... From Violence to Healing is an organization led by murder-victims' family members, originally founded in 1993 by SueZann Bosler, Marietta Jaeger-Lane, Sam Reese Sheppard, George White, and Bill Pelke.

These speakers share their stories about the process of healing through reconciliation. They call for alternatives to the death penalty and an end to the cycle of violence that capital punishment perpetuates in our society.

The organization promotes restorative justice, a new vision for the criminal justice system. It stresses the need for offender accountability and the opportunity for the offender to make things right with the victims of their crime, as much as possible. Restorative justice processes allow for greater healing in the lives of both victims and offenders, and peace in communities after crimes are committed.

Journey of Hope ... From Violence to Healing not only advocates for the abolition of the death penalty but offers a broad, universal message that addresses all forms of violence worldwide. It is their goal to federate and unite with international organizations and activists to raise awareness on a larger scale, to develop the appropriate tools to educate, and to support those who walk the same path.

Free Will Offerings Encouraged.



## Women's Book Group

The Women's Book Group will meet the first and third Tuesdays of the month, **March 5 and 19**. For more information about the group, please contact Patty Pendleton, 485-5188, or email: [ppendleton3@comcast.net](mailto:ppendleton3@comcast.net).

## Women's Breakfast Club Changes Schedule

The Women's Breakfast Club is changing the time and place of their monthly meetings. There will be **NO February 26 meeting**. They will be meeting the **first Wednesday of the month**, starting **March 6, 8:30 am**, at Atz's, North Anthony Boulevard.

## Amazing Grays Feature Music of Peter, Paul & Mary with Live Performers

The Amazing Grays will be featuring the music of Peter, Paul, and Mary, at their meeting on **Sunday, March 10**, immediately following a luncheon prepared by Rhonda Eitsert.

Three of Plymouth's own talented musicians, John Escosa, George Gardner, and Kara Jaurigue, will be performing for your listening pleasure and our participation in a sing-a-long. Please use the signup sheet on the bulletin board outside the office by **Friday, March 8**.

## Annual Talent Show

Do you sing? Dance? Juggle? Play an instrument? Write poetry? Balance a spoon on your nose? No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, your talent is welcome here!

Our annual Talent Show will take place on **Sunday, March 17, 11:30 am**. All Plymouth members and friends are welcome to join in on the fun and share their talents!

See Kara Jaurigue to reserve your place in this venue. You may also email her at [kkjaurigue@frontier.com](mailto:kkjaurigue@frontier.com) So mark your calendars — it's easy to remember, because it's also St. Patrick's Day!!

## 2013 Holy Week Schedule

### Palm Sunday, March 24

8:00 am Chapel Communion Service  
10:00 am Worship

### Maundy Thursday, March 28

7:00 pm Worship & Communion in Sanctuary

### Good Friday, March 29

7:00 am Prayer Vigil (*sign up on the Chapel bulletin board for 15-minute prayer times*)  
7:00 pm Service of Music and Tenebrae

### Easter Sunday, March 31

7:00 am Sunrise Service in Folsom Room  
8:30 am Easter Breakfast, sponsored by *Congregational Life*  
10:00 am Festival Worship- Celebration of Resurrection!

## Go Green for St. Patty's Day

You don't need to be Irish to **Go Green** this St. Patrick's Day!

On **Sunday, March 17**, Plymouth's Evangelism & Marketing Board invites you to donate your used plastic grocery bags (to be recycled), or gently used plastic food-containers (to be used in the kitchen), in exchange for a new reusable tote bag. The very large and expandable tote bag features the Plymouth logo, making it the perfect accessory for your next shopping trip. And that's no blarney!

If you already have one of the tote bags, you are welcome to another. Donation stations will be available in the Folsom room and the Narthex **before and after the 10:00 am service**. So gather up your plastic grocery bags and gently-used Tupperware-like containers, and don't forget to go green for the Sunday worship service on St. Patrick's Day!.

## Knit & Kibitz

Knit & Kibitz is going to meet on **March 14, the second Thursday**, a change from our normal meeting date, just for this month. Time and place are the same, at Laura Rudolph's and at **6:30 pm**.

Please bring your current project to work on and perhaps some interesting new ideas or patterns and bring a friend or neighbor, who might be interested in joining us. We always welcome new people and are willing to teach them to knit or crochet, or help someone who wants to learn some new stitching. Please email Riet Zwiep at [janandrietzwiep@frontier.com](mailto:janandrietzwiep@frontier.com) or call her (485-1676) for more information, and/or to let her know if you plan to attend the meeting.

## Breakfast on Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday Breakfast will be served **March 31, 8:30 am**. The event is sponsored by Congregational Life. All are welcome. Signup sheets are on the bulletin board outside the office.

## Friends of the Environment Needed

Do you consider yourself an environmentalist, tree hugger, or earth lover? Do you see yourself as "green" or ecologically sound? Are you interested in being a full-time committee member, or do you prefer time-limited projects that don't require regular meetings? Do you have a little time, a few good ideas, and a big interest in helping Plymouth's Environmental Stewardship Committee? If the answer is yes to any of the above, we need you!

The Environmental Stewardship Committee is looking for new members to join us as we work to care for God's creation. Regular meetings are **4:30 pm**, the **third Tuesdays** of January, March, May, July, September, and November.

## Spring Cleaning Contributions

Cleaning out closets and drawers during the dreary winter days? If you find any records pertaining to Plymouth Church, which are no longer of use to you, please attach a note explaining their significance and drop them off at the church office. Clerk Barbara Bugg and Archivist Dave Cornwell will gladly review them to make sure they are included in existing church documents.

M	2	Mary Jayne Gammelgaard
		Andrea Grim
A	4	Lucy Hess
	5	Diane Bratton
		Jeffrey Dellinger
P		Jacob Eitsert
		Matthew Mikesell
		Max Miller
C		Bob Pugh
	6	Barbara Duch
h	7	Bill Nicholson
	8	Ethan Conklin
		Carol Lewark
	9	Beth Walker
	11	Fred Augspurger
	12	Michael Cates
	14	Karen Fraser
	15	Ally Dove
		Anna Konger
		Jonathan McCoy
B	16	Kay Porter
		Melissa Wearley
	17	Patricia McDaniel
i	18	Peg Burrell
	19	Todd Jordan
		Kathy Kolb
P	21	David Childs
		Jennifer Ferguson
		Tegan Fultz
t		Myron Henderson
	22	Zoe Snow
h		Anthony Sutton
	24	Anne Rowland
		James Shields
d	25	Lucia Leal
	26	Zachary Tyndall
	27	Carol Kirsch
a	28	Grayson Pettit
	29	Ruth Bracht
y		Ed Crain-Shick
		Chuck Doenecke
		Janeen Lipscomb
		Jim Rinehart
S	30	Carol Roberts
		Matt Sutter
	31	Christine Archer
		Katherine Walker

## Thanks From Peace and Justice Committee

The Peace and Justice Committee wants to thank the members and friends of Plymouth for your generosity in providing socks and underwear for the students who attend Rising Stars school, Nebraska Elementary. The large bin was overflowing with these items, and they were greatly appreciated.

Two children, a brother and sister, who attend Nebraska Elementary School and participate in the Study Connection at Plymouth, had their home destroyed by fire the first of February. The Study Connection tutors and friends provided many toys to replace the children's favorite toys. Over \$435 was given to the family in food and gas cards. Again, the generosity of Plymouth members and friends is overwhelming! Thank you.

## Mothers of Young Children (MOYC) Schedule

Saturday	March 16	10:00 am
Thursday	April 18	6:30 pm
Saturday	May 18	10:00 am
Thursday	June 20	6:30 pm
Saturday	July 20	10:00 am

### Next Bell Deadline

The next deadline for submission of material for *The Bell* is:

**Wednesday,  
March 13**

Please submit your news items by **5:00 pm** on this date to Suzanne at: [sls@plymouthfw.org](mailto:sls@plymouthfw.org).

## Annual Hygiene Kits Project

The Deacons Worship Board is encouraging all members and friends of Plymouth to participate in our annual *Church World Service Hygiene Kits Project*.

Deadline for donating completed kits is **Sunday, April 14**. If you wish, monetary donations also are accepted as we need to cover shipping each kit to its destination at \$2.00 per kit. Each completed kit contains:

### All New Items

- One hand towel measuring approximately 16" x 28" (no fingertip or bath towels)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb
- One nail clipper
- One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- One toothbrush (in original packaging)
- Six standard size Band-Aids®



Place all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure, remove excess air from bag, and seal. Please do not add toothpaste to the Hygiene Kit. Cartons of toothpaste that have an extended expiration date will be added to Hygiene Kits just prior to shipment. Hygiene Kit value: \$11.

Last year, Plymouth completed 97 Hygiene Kits and collected \$85.00 in donations.

## Order Your Easter Flowers

It's time to order Easter flowers! This year we are offering you a choice of Easter lilies or daffodils (or feel free to order both!) The cost for the lilies is \$10.00. Daffodils are \$8.00. Please have your orders into the church office by no later than **Sunday, March 24** (Palm Sunday).

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Lilies @ \$10.00 ea.                      \_\_\_\_ Daffodils @ \$8.00 ea.

Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check payable to **PLYMOUTH CHURCH**.  
On the memo line, please mark **EASTER FLOWERS**.

**Thank you!**

## Moderator's Moment

Hello Plymouth!

It seems like yesterday that I was doing this very same thing, starting a term as the Moderator for Plymouth Church. This time I am following another wonderful leader in Plymouth's history, Eric Black. He served Plymouth well in his term as Moderator. I will try to follow his path and do the same for the next two years. Don't look for me to sing as he did. Eric is blessed with a beautiful musical voice and, sadly, I am not. I will try to communicate the happenings of the Executive Council and the Church, through these articles, and spare your ears.

For those of you in the congregation who may not know me well, let me give you some background: I have been a member of Plymouth for 27 years. Some of the areas I have been involved in over the years include the Board of Trustees, Christian Education Board, Deacons Standing Committee, Property Standing Committee, Memorial Gifts Committee, the Environmental Stewardship Committee, Foods Resource Bank Committee, and Interfaith Hospitality Network Coordinator. I have served as Assistant Moderator for three terms and a previous term as Moderator.

My family has been the recipient of the amazing support of Plymouth in times of sadness and in times of joy. I have been witness to many changes at Plymouth, both physical and spiritual, during the past 27 years, and I have welcomed many new members and friends to the congregation. I continue to learn new things about Plymouth all the time and cherish my experiences as a member of the congregation.

So now you know about me. How about a Plymouth update?

The Annual Business Meeting of the church took place **January 27**, following a wonderful Casa d'Plymouth fundraiser lunch cooked and served by the youth group. At this time, the annual report was received. Barbara Bugg requested that this document be reviewed and that any corrections or additions be sent to Lettie by **February 15**. The corrected annual report will be presented for approval to the Executive Council at the March meeting.

The 2013 budget was presented by Laura Coon. She expressed many thanks to John Escosa for leading an excellent stewardship campaign, which made the budget process an easy one. No board was asked to decrease their proposed budget for 2013, as has happened for the past several years. Laura Coon related that Plymouth received 38 new pledges and had 64 pledge units increase their giving. This is good news indeed!

At the January meeting, it was reported that Executive Council voted to support Property's motion to move forward with replacing the troubled lift with an elevator. Property is in the process of having CAD drawings of the building done, which is necessary prior to receiving bids for the work. These CAD drawings also are necessary for and will support the efforts of the HVAC Task Force as they move forward in identifying the needs for a new HVAC system.

A donor has offered \$40,000 toward the elevator project that currently has an estimated cost of \$125,000. As the discovery process continues, the congregation will be kept in the loop as to final costs, funding options and installation time frame.

Plymouth is an amazing place made possible by all those who serve on boards, committees, task forces, and those who volunteer whenever the call goes out. Any action you take, be it large or small, weekly, or once a year, contributes to making Plymouth the place that, "No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here." I thank each and every one of you for all you do.

Laura Rudolph

## Take Home Containers At Plymouth

If you forget to bring your own take home container and need something in which to take home those leftovers from that Plymouth event you attend, we have a solution for you.



A large storage bin has been placed in the pantry in the kitchen to store reusable food storage containers.

It is clearly labeled with a sign that reads:

**TAKE HOME CONTAINERS:  
BORROW ONE,  
RETURN IT,  
DONATE ONE.**

So please do just that when you need a take home container. It is asked that any donated storage containers be clean, in serviceable condition, and have lids that seal well.

This effort to help Plymouth be good stewards of our environment is sponsored by the Environmental Stewardship Committee (ESC).

Plymouth's Youth Group Presents



Saturday, April 27  
6:00 pm  
Watch for details!

## Join Us Sunday, March 24, for Preview of UCC's Mission 4/1 Earth: 50 Great Days

Program Preview Includes Potluck Lunch!

### MISSION 4/1 EARTH:

50 Great Days

EASTER MONDAY      PENTECOST SUNDAY  
April 1, 2013 – May 19, 2013



ONE UNITED CHURCH on a shared resurrection witness for Planet Earth during 50 great days of greening up, powering down, and shouting out for the environment!

**GOAL #1**  
1 MILLION HOURS  
of engaged earth care, including clean up, advocacy, and education.

**GOAL #2**  
100,000 TREES  
planted locally and globally.

**GOAL #3**  
100,000 LETTERS  
of environmental advocacy written and sent to elected officials and media.

 [ucc.org/earth](http://ucc.org/earth)

*God is still speaking.*  
**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST** 

The Environmental Stewardship Committee (ESC) invites you to preview UCC's *Mission 4/1 Earth: 50 Great Days*.

Join us **Sunday, March 24**, for a potluck lunch of salad, bread, and dessert. Sign up today on the bulletin board by the office.

Discover what we can do individually and together during *Mission 4/1 Earth: 50 Great Days* — of greening up, powering down, and shouting out for the environment!

## ANOTHER FANTASTIC WEEK AT IHN



Many thanks to the following who donated their time and cooking talents to provide meals and entertainment to the guests at Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN), the week of January 27 to February 2: Beth Smith, Michael Thomas, Linda Madsen, Gale Cunningham, Anne Hughes, Mary Giliom, Laura Kinner, Christine Leggett, Lucy Hess, Sandy Moliere, Karen Nesius-Roeger, Gail McKinnon, Becky Hollingsworth, Dan Hamblin, Josie

Dunlap-Smith, Lois Steere, Jane Meredith, Kris Connerly, Tim Chronister, Jim Conner, Cathy Nicholson, Carole Green, and Rhonda Eitsert.

Taking just a few hours of their time provided warm meals full of good nutrition and delivered with lots of Plymouth care and compassion.

**Another opportunity to volunteer to support families in need of shelter at IHN will be coming up the week of April 7 - 13.**

If you would like to learn more about what being an IHN volunteer takes, please contact one of Plymouth's volunteer coordinators.

**Laura and Rhys Rudolph, [rudylfw@yahoo.com](mailto:rudylfw@yahoo.com), 485-2285**  
**Cher Jackson and Diana Swayze, [d.swayze@hotmail.com](mailto:d.swayze@hotmail.com), 744-3023**



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<b>3 Share Your Shopping</b> <b>8:00a</b> Chapel Communion <b>8:30a</b> Hospitality <b>9:00a</b> Christian Educ. <b>10:00a</b> Worship & Communion <b>11:30a</b> Youth Group <b>11:30a</b> OWL: K—2 <b>2:00p</b> Music Series: <i>Festival of Hymns</i>	<b>4 Office Closed</b> <b>5:45p</b> Yoga <b>6:00p</b> Sophie's Cafe	<b>5</b> <b>10:30a</b> Staff meeting <b>11:45a</b> Women's Book Study <b>6:00p</b> Executive Council	<b>6 WNL</b> <b>8:30a</b> Retired Men's Breakfast <b>3:30p</b> Study Connection <b>5:15p</b> Bible Study <b>5:30p</b> Children's Choir <b>6:00p</b> Dinner 6:30p Children's Choir <b>6:30p</b> Bell Choir <b>6:45p</b> Small Group <b>7:15p</b> Sanct. Singers	<b>7</b> <b>1:30p</b> Memorial Gifts Committee <b>6:30p</b> Standish Knit & Kibitz at Rudolph home	<b>8 Amazing Grays lunch signup deadline</b>	<b>9</b> <b>9:00a</b> Boar's Head Costume work
<b>10 Time Changes—Spring Ahead! One Great Hour of Sharing</b> <b>8:00a</b> Chapel Communion <b>8:30a</b> Hospitality <b>9:00a</b> Christian Educ. <b>10:00a</b> Worship <b>11:30a</b> Youth Group <b>11:30a</b> OWL: K—2 <b>11:30a</b> Amazing Grays <b>6:30p</b> Journey of Hope presentation	<b>11 Office Closed</b> <b>5:45p</b> Yoga <b>6:00p</b> Sophie's Cafe	<b>12</b> <b>10:30a</b> Staff meeting <b>11:30a</b> Knife & Fork at Plymouth-BYO <b>4:45p</b> Benevolence Committee <b>7:00p</b> PFLAG	<b>13 WNL</b> <b>Bell deadline</b> <b>2:15p</b> Moderators <b>3:30p</b> Study Connection <b>5:15p</b> Bible Study <b>5:30p</b> Children's Choir <b>6:00p</b> Dinner 6:30p Children's Choir <b>6:30p</b> Bell Choir <b>6:45p</b> Small Group <b>7:00p</b> We the Living <b>7:15p</b> Sanct. Singers	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <b>10:00a</b> Mothers of Young Children (MOYC)
<b>17</b> <b>8:00a</b> Chapel Communion <b>8:30a</b> Hospitality <b>9:00a</b> Christian Educ. <b>10:00a</b> Worship & Communion <b>11:30a</b> OWL: K—2 <b>11:30a</b> Talent Show	<b>18 Office Closed</b> <b>5:45p</b> Yoga <b>6:00p</b> Sophie's Cafe	<b>19</b> <b>10:30a</b> Staff meeting <b>11:45a</b> Women's Book Study <b>4:30p</b> Environmental Stewardship Committee <b>5:30p</b> Board meetings	<b>20 WNL</b> <b>5:15p</b> Bible Study <b>5:30p</b> Children's Choir <b>6:00p</b> Dinner 6:30p Children's Choir <b>6:30p</b> Bell Choir <b>6:45p</b> Small Group <b>7:15p</b> Sanct. Singers  <i>First day of Spring!</i>	<b>21</b> <b>5:30p</b> Peace & Justice Committee <b>6:00p</b> Cedars Board	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>9:00a</b> Women's Retreat, Victory Noll, Huntington
<b>24 Palm Sunday</b> <b>8:00a</b> Chapel Communion <b>8:30a</b> Hospitality <b>9:00a</b> Christian Educ. <b>10:00a</b> Worship—Children's Choir <b>11:30a</b> Youth Group <b>11:30a</b> OWL: K—2 <b>11:30a</b> Mission 4/1 Earth preview	<b>25 Office Closed</b> <b>5:45p</b> Yoga <b>6:00p</b> Sophie's Cafe	<b>26</b> <b>10:30a</b> Staff meeting <b>5:30p</b> HVAC Committee	<b>27 NO WNL</b> <b>3:30p</b> Study Connection	<b>28 Maundy Thursday</b> <b>7:00p</b> Maundy Thursday Communion Service	<b>29 Good Friday</b> <b>7:00a—7:00 p</b> Prayer Vigil <b>7:00p</b> Good Friday Tenebrae Service	<b>30</b>
<b>31 Easter Sunday</b> <b>7:00a</b> Sunrise service <b>8:30a</b> Breakfast <b>10:00a</b> Festival Worship  <b>ALLELUIA!</b>						



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... Honoring the mystery of God

... Responding with spirits renewed

... Moving courageously toward wholeness.



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