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SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2011 — 10:30 AM

REV. JOY A. BAUMGARTNER

“THE PHONE IS RINGING”

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 6:12-23

SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2011 — 10:30 AM

REV. JOY A. BAUMGARTNER

“APPEARANCE OR EXPERIENCE”

EPISTLE LESSON: Galatians 5:22-26

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 24, 2011

Ten-thirty O'clock

Liturgist..... Clyde Chamberlin
Greeters..... Marian Korroch and Jackie Stebbins
Social Hour Hostesses..... Helen Elliott and Evelyn Van Kirk
Altar Guild..... Bunny McComb

The flowers at the altar are provided by the Rose Standish Circle.

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 31, 2011

Ten-thirty O'clock

Liturgist..... Dorothy Rice
Greeters..... Tiesha Bunkley, Catherine Hawkins, Virginia Hoyt
Social Hour Hosts..... Plymouth Choir
Altar Guild..... Jackie Stebbins

The flowers at the altar are provided by the Rose Standish Circle.



There are openings in July and August for flowers to be placed at the altar in memory or in honor of a loved one. Please call Marcia Olds at 336-0439 or the church office at 484-9495

Don't forget your loose change for the offering plate on Sundays. This loose change is for the Sunday School Missions outreach.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER OUR PLYMOUTH CHURCH FAMILY

HOLT SENIOR CARE & REHAB CENTER, ROOM D7, 5091 WILLOUGHBY RD, HOLT

Ruth Fransisco

BURCHAM HILLS

Erdine Phillips

Catherine Stow

Tom Tabler

TIMBER RIDGE SENIOR ASSISTANT LIVING

Marshall Ruhno

Charles and Joyce Schroeder

HOME

Gary Beatty (roommate of Charles Gabler)	Dawn Moore
Jeanne Bolton (Lisa Bolton-Hunt's step-mother)	Barbara O'Neal (Lisa Bolton-Hunt's aunt) Marlene Patterson
Kathy Caulder (friend of Brynna Bolley)	Allen Ropp (Clayton Ropp's brother)
Maritza Christle (Melynda Christle's aunt)	Royal Snyder (Clayton Ropp's cousin)
Mark Christle (Melynda Christle's cousin)	Eleanor Thede (friend of Marilyn Hastings)
Lucy Finkel	Gary Thomas
Bunny Gruhn (Marcia Anderson's sister)	Heather Weldon
Marilyn Hastings	(granddaughter of Marilyn Hastings)
Lindsay Hunt	Family of Dean Wierenga
Lisa Bolton-Hunt (in care student, away on internship)	(Brenda, Holly & Heather) (friend of Lisa Bolton-Hunt)
Linda Klikman (friend of Clayton Ropp)	

SERVING IN THE MILITARY IN AFGHANISTAN

Kenneth Smith, U.S. Air Force (cousin of Bonnie Rose)

OTHER MILITARY SERVICE

John Chain, Jr. (nephew of David Chain) Coast Guard
David Granger, Fort Campbell, KY—WELCOME HOME
Adam Hedlund (grandson of David & Margaret Hedlund) U.S. Air Force, Langley, VA
Jeffrey Rose-Fellows, U.S. Navy, Pensacola, FL (grandson of Bonnie Rose)
Ray Underwood (nephew of glen & Marcia Anderson) WELCOME HOME

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AUGUST 16—31

Birthdays

- 8/16 Margaret Strachan
- 8/17 Gretta Delaney
- 8/17 Marcia McCarthy
- 8/19 Julia Austin
- 8/20 Barbara Stuart
- 8/20 Alvida Whitman
- 8/21 Joel Mann
- 8/22 Rex Sessions
- 8/23 Dwight Diehm
- 8/24 Mary Bandfield
- 8/24 Pat Bednarz
- 8/24 Jim DeLine
- 8/24 Samantha Fitzgerald
- 8/24 Carole Fransisco
- 8/25 Victoria Campbell
- 8/26 George Campbell
- 8/26 Jessie Horvath
- 8/26 Deborah Melville
- 8/28 Patrick McSherry
- 8/28 Samual Spears
- 8/29 Jackie Stebbins
- 8/30 Catherine Hawkins

Dear Rev. Baumgartner,
On behalf of Fairview Elementary I would like to thank you for allowing us to use Plymouth Congregational Church for our 5th grade reception. It was very gracious of you.

I know our students, families and staff greatly appreciated it.

Thank you for supporting our school and programs.

Principal, Terry Baker

Dear People of Plymouth,
 The check awarded to me from the Wilbur Myers Scholarship Fund of the Plymouth Memorials Foundation will be so helpful this fall. I am continuing in Religious Studies and enjoying it immensely.

Once again, I thank you for your assistance.

Robert Van Kirk



REV. JOY BAUMGARTNER

PASTOR'S PASSAGE

This past week, while visiting with one of our members, he began to ask me questions about the sermons – how I chose a scripture, theme, etc. I began to explain the process to him and he commented, “I had no idea! People really ought to know what goes into making up a sermon.”

As the week progressed and I prepared for Sunday, I was reminded that as an Intentional Interim Minister, it is my task not only to bring healing and continuity, connect you with your Association and prepare you to welcome a new pastor, but also help you recognize the time and energy that a pastor gives in the name of Christ to a congregation through the “breaking open of the Word” each Sunday morning.

When I mentioned to this person that approximately twenty hours is spent preparing for every sermon delivered

from the pulpit on any Sunday morning, he was shocked. But think of it. From the very beginning with prayer and meditation, we consider the season of the year, approaching special events and holidays, and while planning months in advance, a pastor then begins to look at scripture readings. Or perhaps a theme comes to mind, even a series of thoughts within a theme, and scripture readings are sought to enlighten that theme.

Then of course, we begin the process of outlining the various ideas. We read commentaries, look for analogies, examples and stories that might enhance the understanding of the theme and scripture chosen. And then begin to put it all together, which takes hours and hours of time and prayer and editing.

A final draft is then put together and often ministers will take time to rehearse the sermon at home or in the church during the week. And don't forget, if some extraordinary happening develops in our church, city our country during that week, the entire focus may have to change and the sermon reworked or discarded.

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THE CHURCH STAFF

- Rev. Joy A. Baumgartner, Interim Minister
- Rev. David Bandfield, Associate Minister
- Lisa Bolton-Hunt, Assistant Minister
- Margaret Wallin, Assistant Minister
- Betty Briggs, Director of Rel. Ed.
- Joan Chandler, Administrative Assistant
- John Dale Smith, Dir. of Music/Comm./Events
- Dr. Penny Draper, Ass't Director of Music
- Tina M. Thompson, Financial Secretary
- Ronald L. Silky, Sexton
- James J. Triantaflos, Ass't. Sexton



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Our Organization number is: 934154.



ElKabong

Classic Rock Group Concert
Sunday, August 14, 2011 — 7:00 PM
Plymouth Congregational Church

ElKabong is a classic rock cover bands, covering tunes from the 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's. They are known for cover dance tunes, strong vocals and harmonies, and power driving guitars.

SHAKE IT UP CAFÉ COOKING FOR JESUS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AUGUST 8-12, 2011



**Monday Through Thursday
9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.**

**Friday
2:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.**

SAVE THE DATE!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Please call the church office
if you can help.



The Board of Trustees is in need of a Recording Secretary. Board meetings are scheduled for the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Library

Please call Joan in the Church office at 484-9495 if you can provide this very necessary service.

From the Board of Benevolenc

UNDIES SUNDAYS — JULY AND AUGUST



Please bring NEW t-shirts, underwear and socks for children on Sundays during July and August. These will be distributed through the social workers at school.



Hannah's House is in need of a part-time housemother. This position requires a dedicated Christian woman with a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. She must be able to take charge with strength and compassion. She should be mission minded and realize that the job is first of all a ministry. She'll work every other week from 3pm on Monday until 6pm on Wednesday. She would be required to spend the night on Monday and Tuesday. Her duties would include preparing a meal for the residents one evening, doing light cleaning as needed and leading daily devotions with the residents. Please contact Stephanie K. Johnson at 482-5856 or hannahhouse-lansing@gmail.com.

Volunteers are needed at the Maplewood Shelter. They are looking for a MORNING CHECKOUT ASSISTANT, 7:15-9:30am. This position is for a female volunteer who can multi-task and likes working with people. An EVENING CHILD-CARE ASSISTANT is needed from 7-8pm. She will provide support for the shelter staff with activities, lessons and child management. A background check is required. For more info call 485-0145 or email volunteers@lcrm.org.

Loaves and Fishes Ministries run Emergency Overnight Shelters and Transitional Housing Services. Please keep this valuable ministry in your prayers as they are facing increasing demand with the state's unemployment benefit cuts.



NURSERY ATTENDANT NEEDED

The Board of Religious Education is asking for your help in the Nursery through the month of August. Our current Nursery Attendant will return in September, meanwhile we would appreciate your assistance. Please sign up for one Sunday beginning Sunday, July 24th through August 28th. A signup sheet will be available at a table near the Vacation Bible School table.



If you are available for more than one Sunday, wonderful!! The duties of a Nursery Attendant are to be available from 10:15am – 11:45am Sundays and provide love and affection for any child 3 years of age or younger. Many toys are available for the children to play with! You are able to hear the service in the Nursery so you won't miss much at all! Thank you for your help these next few weeks.

Betty Briggs, Director of Religious Education.

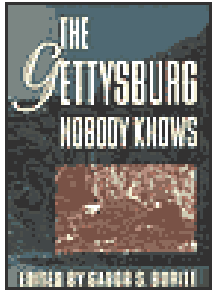
BI-WEEKLY CLOTHING CLOSET

JULY 27 — AUGUST 10

Plymouth's Clothing Closet located on the lower level will be open Wednesdays, July 27 and August 10 from 10 AM until 1 PM for anyone needing gently used clothing. Please come help yourself. Someone will be there to assist you.

You may bring clothing to be given to the Clothes Closet on Sundays or during regular church office hours—8 a.m.—5 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays. **There is a need of clothing for children and men.**

FROM YOUR LIBRARY COMMITTEE...



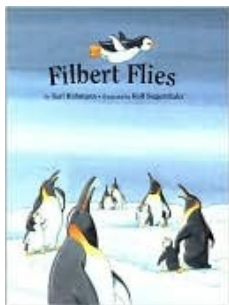
The Battle of Gettysburg is probably the most famous battle and considered the “turning point” of the Civil War.” **Gabor S. Boritt** has edited “**The Gettysburg Nobody Knows**”, and has asked nine leading authorities to shed new light on this “greatest battle in our history.” The contributors focus on the unknown, controversial and what might have been. Whether you are a “Civil War Buff” or know nothing of it’s defining moments, “**The Gettysburg Nobody Knows**”

with it’s vivid writing and stirring accounts will provide provocative summer reading pleasure.

Your Library has an ongoing subscription to the well known **Smithsonian** Magazine. In the latest issue, July/August 2011, the lead article is the account of the 150 year old anniversary of “**The First Battle of Bull Run.**” When reading this intriguing article, you will learn of the hourly account of lives lost, defensive moves and the outcome of one of the bloodiest battles of the Civil War. Photographs of the scars of the War and maps of the battle are intriguing to say the least. You will want to read both accounts of the Civil War’s defining moments in this country’s fight for freedom.



With “Mr. Popper’s Penguins” currently playing at our local theaters, the younger set will enjoy “**Filbert Flies**” by **Karl Rühmann**. Filbert, our penguin in the story, is enjoying flying, thank you very much, until he is told “penguins don’t fly!” How very depressed he becomes until he hears all the wonderful things he can do and finds how happy he can be when he sets his mind to doing anything he wants to do! This story is a wonderful “pick me up” and is good for any age!



es OPPORTUNITY AND NEEDS



It’s Backpack and School Supplies time again! This year the Lansing City Rescue Mission will not be collecting backpacks due to the expansion of their shelter programs. Christian Services will be handling the distribution of the backpacks to families who request help through the Clearinghouse. Churches are

asked to provide backpacks as **Gender Neutral** as possible (i.e only plain colored backpacks). They are also asking us to **Fill** the backpacks this year.

For **Pre-school – 4th Grade** the items needed to fill a backpack are: Folders, 2 Notebooks, 5 Pencils, Markers, Crayons, Glue Sticks, Scissors.

For **5th Grade – 12 Grade** the items needed to fill a backpack are: 3 Ring Binder, Folders, 6 Notebooks, 5 Pencils, 5 Pens, Colored Pencils.

A **New Backpack** is the most essential and most expensive item a family has trouble providing for their children. **We are hoping to reach a goal of 20 backpacks this year!** Please drop your filled backpack(s) off at the church by Sunday, August 28th. Delivery will be made on Monday, August 29th. Thank you for making a student happy on their first day of school!!



The 2011 Lansing Walk to End Alzheimer’s will be held on Sunday, September 18 at M.S.U.’s Auditorium Field. Register a team, join a team or sponsor a team. For more info call 999-3336 or email www.alz.org/mglc.

The Lansing Area Aids Network Walk will be held Sunday, September 25. See Chuck Gabler for more info.

AUGUST 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 6:30 Mozart Requiem Rehearsal	2	3 8:00 Men's Morning Manna 12:30 No Day But Today	4 2:00 Bylaws Committee 7:00 Swing Dancers Club	5 Church Office Closed	6
7 9:30 Living the Question 9:30 Youth Group 10:30 Worship 10:30 Sunday School 11:30 Jr. & Sr. High PF 11:30 Social Hour.	8 8:30 Greater Lansing Garden Club 9:00 Bible School 5:30 Board of Trustees 6:30 Mozart Requiem Rehearsal	9 9:00 Bible School	10 9:00 Bible School 10:00 Clothes Closet 12:30 No Day But Today 1:00 Alzheimer Support Group 7:00 Mary Brewster Circle	11 9:00 Bible School 7:00 Swing Dancers Club	12 Church Office Closed 2:00 Bible School	13
14 9:30 Living the Question 9:30 Youth Group 10:30 Glory Service 10:30 Sunday School 11:45 Potluck Luncheon 11:30 Jr. & Sr. High PF 7:00 El Kabong Classic Rock Concert	15 6:30 Mozart Requiem Rehearsal	16 12:00 Low Vision Support Group 12:30 Women's Fellowship Board 7:00 Church Council	17 8:00 Men's Morning Manna 10:00 Alzheimer Male Caregivers Support Gr 12:30 No Day But Today 1:00 Mich. Conf. Pastoral Relations Comm. 6:00 Girlfriends	18 7:00 Swing Dancers Club	19 Church Office Closed 6:00 Wedding Renewal Rehearsal 6:45 Movie Night	20 7:30 Wedding Renewal
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