

PLYMOUTH CHURCH LIFE

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SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2011

10:30 AM

MARGARET WALLIN

“Truth, Doubt and Intimacy”

GOSPEL LESSON: John 20:19-31

EPISTLE LESSON: 1Peter 1:3-9

SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2011

10:30 AM

REV. JOY A. BAUMGARTNER

“It Keeps on Happening”

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 24:12-35

HEBREW SCRIPTURE: Psalm 116:1-9

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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 1, 2011

Ten-thirty O'clock

Liturgist..... Betty Briggs
Greeters..... Dorothy Rice and Evelyn Van Kirk
Social Hour Host.....Rev. David and Nancy Bandfield
Altar Guild..... Margaretta Freburg

The flowers at the altar are given in honor of those who founded Plymouth in February and April 1864 by their local descendants, Lille Foster, Susan Foster, Win Stebbins, and Jackie Stebbins.

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 8, 2011

Ten-thirty O'clock

Liturgist..... Catherine Hawkins
Greeters.....Jim and Joyce Earl
Altar Guild..... Bunny McComb

The flowers at the altar are given in loving memory of Ramele Myers Hieronymus by Marcia Myers and Mike McCarthy.

ANNUAL MEETING

PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2011, 11:45 A.M.

In accordance with the legal requirements of the Corporation of Plymouth Congregational Church of the City of Lansing, State of Michigan, I do hereby call the Annual Meeting of said Church to be held on Sunday, May 15, 2011, in the Centrum of the Church at 11:45 a.m. to hear reports, elect officers and transact any other business proper and legal for such a meeting.

Dorothy Rice, Church Clerk

REMEMBER IN PRAYER OUR PLYMOUTH CHURCH FAMILY

SPARROW HOSPITAL

Gary Beatty (roommate of Charles Gabler)
Ursula Love-Yager

FORSYTH MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, NC

Jeanne Bolton

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

Ruth Fransisco

BURCHAM HILLS

Erdine Phillips
Catherine Stow
Tom Tabler

INDEPENDENCE VILLAGE

Marshall Ruhno

HOME

Maritza Christle (Melynda Christle's aunt)	Allen Ropp (Clayton Ropp's brother)
Helen Draper	Royal Snyder (Clayton Ropp's cousin)
Mary Farnum	Eleanor Thede (friend of Marilyn Hastings)
Bunny Gruhn (Marcia Anderson's sister)	Gary Thomas
Marilyn Hastings	Ronald Thompson (Clayton Ropp's nephew)
Barbara O'Neal (Lisa Bolton-Hunt's aunt)	Heather Weldon
Marlene Patterson	(granddaughter of Marilyn Hastings)

SERVING IN THE MILITARY IN AFGHANISTAN

David Granger

SERVING IN THE MILITARY IN IRAQ

Ray Underwood (nephew of Glen & Marcia Anderson)

OTHER MILITARY SERVICE

John Chain, Jr. (nephew of David Chain) Coast Guard
Adam Hedlund (grandson of David & Margaret Hedlund) U.S. Air Force, Langley, VA
Noble Thomas, Fort Lee, VA

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Birthdays

MAY 16—31

- 5/18 Margaret Wallin
- 5/19 Jean Krause
- 5/19 Bobbi Rice
- 5/22 Ronald Clark
- 5/24 Tyler Curtis
- 5/25 Sarah Chappell
- 5/25 Shirley Tropf
- 5/27 James Johnson
- 5/28 Arianna Farnum
- 5/29 Tiesha Bunkley
- 5/29 Bruce Bunn
- 5/31 Suzanne Boone
- 5/31 Reggie Croffett
- 5/31 Kris Curtis

A NOTE OF



Many Thanks for the prayers, cards and flowers during my short illness. I recouped and am back to feeling good.
Jim Earl



Thank you for the flowers and cards I received following surgery.
Ursula Love-Yager



Thank you to the Women's Fellowship who sent cookies and fruit. The fruit part was so very nice and different.
Christine Kittleson

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
 Alayna Young, Organist
 Tina M. Thompson, Financial Secretary
 Ronald L. Silky, Sexton
 James J. Triantaflos, Ass't. Sexton



REV. JOY BAUMGARTNER

It started with the beautiful music of Palm Sunday where the choir and musicians brought the congregation to its knees with the passion of Christ. What an inspirational way to start our Holy Week journey.

Then Maundy Thursday Communion and Tenebrae Service, where we once again read the story and remembered the last days of Christ's life, sharing in the breaking of the bread and the drinking of the fruit of the vine. The quietness and darkness of that night hold for me, and for many others, an intuitive kind of memory that stays with us throughout the days leading to Easter Resurrection.

Of course, the beautiful music even before the service begins on Easter morning is a tradition that Plymouth holds dear with truly gifted musicians blessing us with their gifts. As the service begins and the hymn "Christ the Lord has Risen Today" resounds

throughout the room with choir, congregation and instruments all raised in praise of God's greatest gift to us, we find ourselves overwhelmed by the grandeur of it all. And yet, there is a simplicity in the story as well.

It is a story of those who followed and knew Jesus intimately, and yet became frightened and even denied their association with him to assure their own safety. That fear caused them to become immobilized until once again, with the breaking of the bread, they remembered – his words, his teachings, his example and his message.

Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen indeed! Those words are repeated throughout the centuries and generations until hopefully, with the raising of our spirits and the dancing of our children, we once again believe it. As we move into this spring time of newness, let us all become new – in our attitudes, our commitment to Christ and His church, and to one another. Let's always.....

BE THE CHURCH

My Love and Blessings,
Joy

*Special Potluck
In honor of Mother's Day
Sunday, May 8th Following Worship*



*Please bring a dish to pass.
China, silverware and
beverages will be furnished*

The PF group will be helping to serve.

GRADUATES TO BE HONORED

If someone in your family is graduating from high school, college or university, please call the Church office and let us know the individual's name, institution and degree earned.

Graduates will be recognized for their achievements during worship on Sunday, June 5, 2011.



What is that Dresser in the West Lounge for Anyway?

The dresser in the West Lounge is going to be filled with the basic needs for an expectant mother that is in need! We will be filling it with items that will help a struggling mother that needs a little help. Here are the items that we are trying to fill the dresser with. Mary Brewster Circle will be using the profits from the Cinnamon Rolls sales to help complete this project. We can use your help too!

Fill the drawers with love

Fill a dresser for an expectant mother in need with these recommended items:

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| 3 Onesies | 1 Baby wipes, baby shampoo, baby powder |
| 3 Sleepers | 3 Diapers |
| 3 Blanket sleepers | 1 Diaper bag |
| 3 Receiving blankets | 2 Baby food and cereal |
| 3 Crib blankets and sheets | 2 Formula |
| 3 Outfits for newborns, 3-6 months | 1 Plastic baby bottles |
| 3 Socks, 1 Pair of Shoes | 1 Parenting book and video |
| 2 Pacifiers | 1 Bible |

**Do you have these gently used item taking up space?
We can find a good home for them!:**

- Car seat**
- Crib**
- Playpen**
- Bassinet**
- High chair**
- Walker**
- Stroller**



Art Exhibit

Through May 5

Collection of Chemscaapes by artist Pam Gleave

Pam Gleave is an award-winning artist and photographer from Michigan. She first attended college in Wyoming where she studied bronze casting, then Olivet College in Michigan where she received a degree in Anthropology and Art. She is now adding a masters in entomology, preparing for projects using scientific illustration. Her work can be found in collections not only in Michigan, but also in 22 other states and Japan. Members of the faculty at Olivet College have her fine art insect portraits in their collections as well. She works in oil, pastel, gouache painting, photography, and carbon dust drawings. She is also a sculptor.



FROM THE TREASURER:

As all of you know, the pledges and miscellaneous income at Plymouth traditionally fall short of paying all of our expenses. For the first quarter of 2011, our financial reports showed a difference between receipts and expenditures of over \$45,000. As in the past, the difference is made up by transferring funds from our investment earnings.

Pledges are still approximately \$30,000 below budget. Last month, the Board of Trustees voted to make up the difference by dipping into the principal of our funds if need be.

What's going on with the position of Financial Secretary? Becky Reed continues to act as interim Financial Secretary as we continue our work with Accountemps to fill this position. The latest candidate, Tina M. Thompson, is very promising and has started training with Becky. If you get a chance, stop in and say, "Hi" to Tina.



BI-WEEKLY CLOTHING CLOSET

MAY 4—MAY 18—JUNE 1—JUNE 15—
JUNE 29



Plymouth's Clothing Closet located on the lower level will be open Wednesdays, May 4 and 18, June 1, 15 and 29 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.**

PLYMOUTH MEMORIALS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

A Plymouth Memorials Foundation Scholarship Fund was established by Wilbur Myers when he was a member of the foundation. In addition, the family of Delores Hinshaw has established funds in her memory to be used for scholarships.

Scholarships will be awarded again this year. These scholarships are available to Church members and their families.

Application forms are available in the Church office. Completed applications are due May 1st.

NEWEST LAY MINISTER

At the regular April Board of Deacons meeting a motion was made and passed to accept Glen Anderson as a Lay Minister of Plymouth Congregational Church.

Glen has the qualifications as stated in the church bylaws.

Congratulations, Glen!



Heavenly Plymouth Fudge

Pickup will be Sunday, May 1st

BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

At the meeting of the Church Council on March 15, 2011 amendments to the Bylaws proposed by the Bylaws Committee were approved to be voted on by the congregation at our Annual Meeting on May 14, 2011 .

Please pick up a copy of the proposed Bylaw changes in the Narthex.

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



ICES OPPORTUNITY AND NEEDS

Japan is suffering so horribly after the disastrous earthquake, tsunami and radiation leaks. Do you want to help? Financial contributions can be made directly to Samaritan's Purse International Relief, PO Box 3000, Boone NC 28607-3000. Their team is on the ground working alongside local churches to meet the needs of thousands of survivors who are cold, hungry, thirsty and distraught. They are immediately sending a 747 jumbo jet loaded with tons of emergency supplies, including blankets, hygiene kits, rolls of weatherproof plastic and water filter systems that can make sea water drinkable. Tight on money? Prayer can cross the distance.



The American Cancer Society is sponsoring a Relay For Life event at Lansing Catholic High School June 3-4, 2011. The event begins at 2pm, with survivor activities beginning around 6pm. This is a 24 hour event with lots of fun activities. Visit www.relayforlife.org/lansingmi for more info

or call 517-648-1798.

The Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization is a GREAT opportunity to help children in need. Want to know more? Want to help? See Phil Brown [he's one of our choir boys!]

Our clothes closet really needs men's and children's clothing. Are your neighbors doing any spring cleaning?

We are so very pleased to be hosting the Greater Lansing Food Pantry on May 21, 2011, from 7am to approximately 2pm. This will be a repeat of our very successful event last December. We need volunteers to help work the event—the more, the merrier!— and we need volunteer bakers of goodies to serve to our guests. We're looking for 12-15 batches of brownies or bar cookies. There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex on Sunday mornings or you can call Judy Evans at 927-8917 or Pat Carrow at 641-8710.



From the Board of Benevolence

PLYMOUTH OUTREACH 2010

This is a synopsis of the things that we have accomplished this past year...we are back on the map!

Westminster Presbyterian Personal Needs

Closet**Greater Lansing Food Bank**Prison Ministry**Mobile Food Pantry**Thanksgiving Baskets**Mitten Tree for Fairview School**Operation Santa**Tithe Baptist Church Personal Needs Collection**Biweekly Clothing Closet**Souper Bowl of Caring Collection [youth]**Crop Walk [youth]**LAAN Walk [youth]**Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Ministry**Mt. Hope UMC Small Household Items Closet**City Rescue Mission**Maplewood Women's Rescue Mission**Back Pack Drive**Shop With A Cop**Coat Drives**Grace UMC Christmas Share Store**7th Day Adventist Clothing Bank**Judson Memorial Baptist Clothe A Child For School**Hannah's House**Shared Pregnancy**Loaves and Fishes**Book donation to Grand Ledge Public Library**Pregnancy Services**Eastminster Presbyterian Women's Clothing Closet**Good Shepherd Lutheran Fabric Closet**Half Way House Blanket Drive



City Rescue Mission is looking for a strong Christian man to help in the kitchen ministry, and two women to oversee kitchen responsibilities at the women and children's shelter. You must have or be willing to work toward

receiving serve-safe certification. All positions are part-time. The cook will have flexible hours; Maplewood kitchen staff are needed nights and weekends. If interested, call 517-485-0145 or email info@lcrm.org.

GREATER LANSING FOOD PANTRY TO BE HOSTED BY PLYMOUTH CHURCH

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MAY 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:30 Living the Question 9:30 Youth Group 10:30 Worship 10:30 Sunday School 11:30 Social Hour 11:30 Jr. & Sr. High PF 11:45 Board of Music 11:45 Bd. of Rel. Ed.	2 9:30 Lansing Matinee Musicale Board 7:00 Lay Ministers	3 9:30 Matinee Musicale 12:15 Women's Fellowship Luncheon 3:00 Library Committee 7:00 Penny Draper's Piano Recital	4 10:00 Clothes Closet 11:00 Matinee Musicale Concert & Luncheon 12:30 No Day But Today 2:30 Pictorial Photography 7:00 Polio Survivors	5 2:00 Bylaws Committee 2:30 Pictorial Photography 4:00 Youth Music Gr. K-5 4:45 Youth Music Gr. 6-12 5:30 Youth Music Gr. K-5 6:30 Bell Choir 7:30 Plymouth Choir	6 Church Office Closed	7
8 Mother's Day 9:30 Living the Question 9:30 Youth Group 10:30 Worship 10:30 Sunday School 11:30 Potluck Luncheon 11:45 Nominating Comm.	9 9:00 Ing. Co. Health Dept. 7:00 Board of Trustees 7:00 Lansing Storytellers	10 9:00 Ing. Co. Health Dept. 9:30 Matinee Musicale 9:30 Capital Area Music Teachers 6:30 Rose Standish Circle Potluck	11 8:00 Men's Morning Manna 12:30 No Day But Today 1:00 Alzheimer Support Group 7:00 Mary Brewster Circle	12 4:00 Youth Music Gr. K-5 4:45 Youth Music Gr. 6-12 5:30 Youth Music Gr. K-5 6:30 Bell Choir 7:30 Plymouth Choir	13 Church Office Closed	14
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22 9:30 Living the Question 9:30 Youth Group 10:30 Worship 10:30 Sunday School 11:45 Social Hour 11:45 Board of Deacons 11:45 Bd. of Benevolences 11:45 Jr. & Sr. High PF	23 9:00 Ing. Co. Health Dept. 7:00 Lay Ministers	24 9:00 Ing. Co. Health Dept.	25 8:00 Men's Morning Manna 12:30 No Day But Today 5:00 Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society	26 12:00 DAR Luncheon 4:00 Youth Music Gr. K-5 4:45 Youth Music Gr. 6-12 5:30 Youth Music Gr. K-5 6:30 Bell Choir 7:30 Plymouth Choir	27 Church Office Closed	28 10:30 Long Range Planning Committee
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