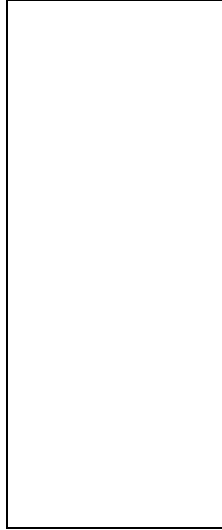


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SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2011

10:30 AM

REV. DAVID BANDFIELD

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2011

10:30 AM

REV. JOY BAUMGARTNER

THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 21, 2011

Ten-thirty O'clock

Liturgist.....Norma Chamberlin
Greeters..... Evelyn Van Kirk and Carolyn Wickham
Social Hour Hosts..... Plymouth Choir
Altar Guild Marcia Cornell

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

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 28, 2011

Ten-thirty O'clock

Liturgist.....Mary Robison
Greeters..... Betty Briggs, Sarah and David Love-Yager
Altar Guild Bunny McComb

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

Loose change making a difference in lives!

Ever have a feeling that you are carrying a lot of extra weight around in your purse or pants pocket? Well we have a deal for you!

The Benevolence Committee with full support of the Trustees are supporting a project that will help you with that extra weight (the loose change weight)!



Just drop that change into the offering plate each Sunday. That change will be put towards the outreaches that the young people are working to support.

Right now they are supporting a child in the Philippines and they are also supporting Heifer Project International.

Let's make this a joyful time when our loose change can make a difference in the lives of many!

REMEMBER IN PRAYER OUR PLYMOUTH CHURCH FAMILY

HOLT SENIOR CARE & REHAB CENTER, HOLT

Ruth Fransisco

BURCHAM HILLS

Erdine Phillips

Catherine Stow

Tom Tabler

TIMBER RIDGE SENIOR ASSISTANT LIVING

Charles and Joyce Schroeder

HOME

Rev. Joy Baumgartner

Jeanne Bolton

(Lisa Bolton-Hunt's step-mother)

Kathy Caulder (friend of Brynna Bolley)

Maritza Christle (Melynda Christle's aunt)

Mark Christle (Melynda Christle's cousin)

Bunny Gruhn (Marcia Anderson's sister)

Marilyn Hastings

Lisa Bolton-Hunt

(in care student, away on internship)

Linda Klikman (friend of Clayton Ropp)

Dawn Moore

Barbara O'Neal (Lisa Bolton-Hunt's aunt)

Marlene Patterson

Allen Ropp (Clayton Ropp's brother)

Royal Snyder (Clayton Ropp's cousin)

Eleanor Thede (friend of Marilyn Hastings)

Gary Thomas

Heather Weldon

(granddaughter of Marilyn Hastings)

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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Birthdays

SEPTEMBER 16—30

- 9/16 Christina Jones
- 9/16 Joyce Schroeder
- 9/17 Gay Cowels
- 9/18 Clyde Chamberlin
- 9/19 Cynthia Bierwagen
- 9/20 Kathy Farnum
- 9/21 Hannah Chappell
- 9/21 Myles Losey
- 9/22 Emerson Freburg
- 9/24 Gabriella Freburg
- 9/24 Brian Shanabrook
- 9/25 Nancy Cayo
- 9/25 Tamara Corrie
- 9/25 Robert C. Posey, Jr.
- 9/25 Deborah Stuart
- 9/27 Jaden Fransisco
- 9/27 Catherine Stow

With Sympathy



We are saddened by the death of our friend and member Marshall Ruhno on August 4, 2011. We extend our sympathy to his son, Jerry Ruhno, and family.



THE CHURCH STAFF

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



REV. DAVID BANDFIELD

PASTOR'S PASSAGE

When I was asked to provide something for this edition of Church Life while Rev. Joy recuperates from her knee surgery, my first thought was, "what would it be?" One idea was to do a seasonal kind of thing – reflections on the beauty and pending end of summer. Put that way, it seemed far too depressing a topic! Instead, I thought that I might offer some of my first thoughts behind a couple of Sundays that I'll be filling in for Rev. Joy. Call it a preview – hopefully enough to make you curious but not so much that you think you already know it all and don't need to come.

This coming Sunday includes some of the further adventures of Rev. Jacob R. Bunson. I think it was in 1999 when I first introduced "Pastor Jake" on a summer Sunday. Part of my thinking at the time

was to take advantage of the somewhat easier-going, less-formal and laid-back attitude of a summer Sunday and, frankly, push the envelope a bit. Someone made the comment at the time that I was demonstrating some hidden aspiration to be a standup comic. To a large extent, the tale of Pastor Bunson's life as a Congregational minister is a vehicle to take advantage of the oh-so-funny collection of church humor. It's good to laugh; it's especially good to laugh at ourselves. (And then, it's important for you to laugh this Sunday or I'll feel like quite an idiot in the pulpit.) Beyond that, there is also a very serious side to laughter. That sounds either ironic or perhaps like an oxymoron. But it's true. We need to laugh and for very good reasons. Rummage around and find a Bible with the Apocrypha; look up Sirach 19:29-30. It's what I'll be using Sunday.

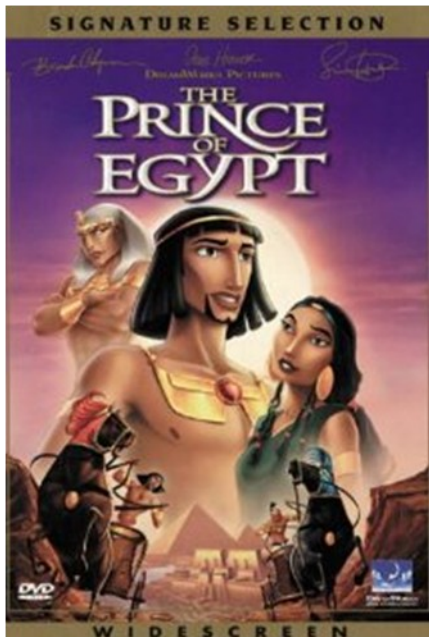
On another Sunday early in the fall, I'll be telling another of my so-called story-sermons. We're all probably familiar with Jesus' telling of the parable of the Good Samaritan.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 19 — 6:45 PM

JOIN US FOR PIZZA AND A MOVIE



This is the extraordinary tale of two brothers named Moses and Ramesses, one born of royal blood, and one an orphan with a secret past. Growing up the best of friends, they share a strong bond of free-spirited youth and good-natured rivalry. But the truth will ultimately set them at odds, as one becomes the ruler of the most powerful empire on earth, and the other the chosen leader of his people! Their final confrontation will forever change their lives and the world.



CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2011

- 9:30 AM Living the Questions
- 9:45 AM Youth Group Discussion
- 10:30 AM Worship
- 10:30 AM Sunday School
- 11:30 AM Social Hour
- 11:45 AM Board of Deacons
- 11:45 AM Bd. of Religious Ed
- 7:00 PM Capital City Brass Concert

MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2011

- 6:30 PM Mozart Requiem Rehearsal

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2011

- 4:30 PM Board of Music

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2011

- 12:30 PM No Day But Today (NA)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2011

- 7:00 PM Swing Dance Club

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 2011

- 10:30 AM Positive Vision Committee

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2011

- 9:30 AM Living the Questions
- 9:45 AM Youth Group Discussion
- 10:30 AM Worship
- 10:30 AM Sunday School
- 11:45 AM Social Hour
- 11:45 AM Board of Benevolences

MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 2011

- 6:30 PM Mozart Requiem Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2011

- 8:00 AM Men's Morning Manna



Thank You!

Dear Rev. Joy,

I want the committees of Plymouth, the Church, as well as everyone who has moved on to other Church committees to know what Plymouth means to our family. There is not enough room to name everyone, so as you see people let them know.

Suzanne Love

BOXES OF CRAYONS NEEDED

Since the Board of Benevolences is busy collecting backpacks and school supplies for back to school, your Sunday School is asking that you offer an extra box of crayons. We will be collecting boxes of crayons to be distributed to our Maplewood Women's Shelter for the children that may need something to do during their stay.



Crayons are at their least expensive cost right now, so please give us a helping hand with this outreach. We will collect boxes of crayons until August 28th.

Thank you,
Plymouth Sunday School

BI-WEEKLY CLOTHING CLOSET

AUGUST 24 — SEPTEMBER 7

Plymouth's Clothing Closet located on the lower level will be open Wednesdays, August 24 and September 7 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 SUMMER CONCERT ON THE LAWN



CAPITAL CITY BRASS BAND CONCERT

Plymouth Congregational Church
Sunday, August 21 — 7:00 PM

The Capital City Brass Band (CCBB) is an all-volunteer brass and percussion ensemble inspired by the traditional British-style brass band model. Members of the CCBB come from across Mid-Michigan and represent a cross section of the community at large.

From the Board of Benevolenc

UNDIES SUNDAYS — AUGUST



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



We are making a commitment to our friends at the Greater Lansing Food Bank. They have put out a call for help after one of their 3 refrigeration trucks was destroyed in a senseless act of vandalism. We are selling water and other refreshments at the Plymouth Concert Series. That \$1 you spend on a bottle of water is going directly to the Food Bank to help defray the costs associated with purchasing another vehicle. Our first concert saw us earning \$100! [the heat is good for SOME things!!!] So, keep coming to the concerts, tell your friends and keep drinking! [the water that is!]

These restaurants provided meals gratis or at a greatly discounted rate to City Rescue Mission during its kitchen renovations: Applebees [S Cedar], Amy's Catering, Fazoli's [W Saginaw], Sultan's [EL], Texas Roadhouse, Famous Taco, Spuds, Blimpies [E Michigan], South Church [Chef Randy], Turkey Man & Mary's Homestyle Catering. It's good to know some of the business that share the Benevolences load. And don't forget Meijer [Lake Lansing Road].

There is growing violence in the Sudan. Over 60,000 people have been displaced, many killed, churches burned. Japan continues to experience earthquakes. Samaritan's Purse is a constant and quiet presence wherever Christ is needed in our conflicted world. They are asking us to pray. We can do that.



WANTED!

Quality, Used Items for Plymouth's NEARLY NEW GARAGE SALE

FRIDAY, OCT. 21, 9 AM – 6 PM
SATURDAY, OCT. 22, 9 AM-NOON



Volunteer a little of your time. We need people to mark, sell, set-up, take-down, and much more.

Call the Church office at 484-9495 to volunteer.

What do we need?

Toys	Strollers	Cribs
Highchairs	Clothing (infant & Youth)	Fans
Radios	Toasters	Blenders
Irons	Bikes	Skates
Dishes	Glasses	Towels
Small Furniture	Lamps	Chairs
Rugs	Christmas Ornaments	Kitchen Items
Post, Pans	Flatware	Tools
Pictures	Home Decorations	Yard Tools
Baskets	Jewelry	Etc., etc., etc.

You may bring your jewelry now to the Church office.

PASTOR'S PASSAGE

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It's another of those that I don't feel too bad about making stuff up since it starts from something that Jesus was making up, anyway. If it was good enough for him...

There are two sets of thoughts that especially rattle about in my mind as I think of this story. One has to do with Plymouth's recent selection as Christian Service's Church of the Year. While humility is certainly a best attitude, we can be proud of what we've accomplished as God's church in our community and the sermon is a celebration of that. It's also a reflection of my own personal struggle of "how much is enough?" How charitable, how "good" does a Samaritan need to be? As usual, I have far more questions than answers and the story tends to reflect that, too. Incidentally, if you read it beforehand, think about how the innkeeper might have seen things; that's what I'll be doing.

As I write this, I'm sitting at a picnic table in the woods, overlooking Halfmile Lake at a campground near Gowen, Michigan. It's a beautiful day and it offers all kinds of fodder for an article about the splendor of God's creation and the pending end of summer. Thinking again, I'm more than happy with the notion of the splendor of God's creation. Regarding the pending end of summer... not so much!

Blessings,
-Dave

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

**Wednesday, September 20, 2011
7:00 PM**

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 backpacks 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.

SEPTEMBER 2011

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