

## SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am Sunday, January 22, 2023

**Worship In Person or Online**

*Second Sunday After Epiphany*

Matthew 4:12-17

Rev. Kevin Bechtold

Find links to video stream and worship bulletin and participate online at **PlymouthChurchSeattle.org**.

If you have personal concerns, you may contact a minister or member of the Pastoral Care Team by calling the pastoral care line, **206.639.7739**, checked daily.

View past services in our online worship center at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](https://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

You can also view past services, musical performances and guest speaker presentations on our Plymouth UCC YouTube channel.

*Whether you are a seeker, skeptic, believer or somewhere in between on life's journey, you are welcome here. We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in worship and service of Plymouth Church UCC.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Budget Presentation** You are invited to an online gathering to learn about the 2023 proposed budget ahead of the Annual Meeting. The gathering will begin at 7 pm on Zoom next Tuesday, January 24. Link to the presentation in the “Announcements” section of “Sunday at Plymouth” in the news page at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](https://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org). Use our usual passcode; please contact Diane Jacobsen, [DJacobsen@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:DJacobsen@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) if you need the passcode.

**Advocates Needed** Mary's Place is looking for Shelter Advocates to fill numerous roles in support of various sites across King County. Job seekers interested in being an advocate are invited to our hiring event 9 am-1 pm on January 26, at Mary's Place Family Center, 720 Blanchard Street, Seattle, for interviews on-site. Please pre-register, complete an application and learn more at [MarysPlaceSeattle.org](https://MarysPlaceSeattle.org).

**Please Return Library Books** There is a box at the entrance to the Sanctuary where you can deposit your library materials. If you are not planning to worship in person, please mail your items to Plymouth Church, 1217 6th Ave, Seattle WA 98101.



1217 Sixth Avenue, Seattle,  
Washington 98101-3199

Return Service Requested

## OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH...

Afghan Family (Supported by Plymouth), Emily Blaine-Davis, Sue Ellen Daniel (Friend of Barb Laski), John Daniels, Lauren Davis, Mark and JT Edwards, Susan Emerson (Mother of Kate Forrester), Diane Folkert & Family (Mother-in-law of Ara Lawrence), Megan French (niece of Sue Jones) & David Dixon & Family, Shirley K. Shelley, Mamadou Diakhate (Friend of Floyd Gossett), Barbara Miller (Friend of Barb Laski), Montecino Family, **Doug Ryan** (Brother of Mary Ryan), Jaime Rubio Sulficio, **Beta Utu Malae** (Sister of Robert Malae), Charon Washington (Sister of Michael Gordon)

Our hearts are with Mike and Britt Stanley on the passing of Mike's dad, Bill Stanley on January 2.

**bold=newly added.** Names will remain on list for six

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# PLYMOUTH CHURCH HERALD

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## TAKING THE NEXT STEP



Committee forming to continue exploring redevelopment.

take the baton from the Exploratory Development Committee.

As I'm sure you all are aware, on January 8, 2023, the congregation voted to approve the EDC's recommendation that we redevelop our property. Subsequently, the Council held a special meeting on January 11 to craft a plan for creating a committee charter and a process for forming the new committee. Two Council sub-committees were formed to draft the charter and the committee self-nomination tool. I am serving on both sub-committees to ensure that we are consistent across these efforts, but the two sub-committees are in frequent conversation with each other so there are multiple brains

and hearts focused on our inter-locking tasks. After the sub-committees finish their work, the materials will go to the rest of Council and to Clergy for editing and review, and then we will share them with our redevelopment consultants, Meriwether Partners, LLC for their feedback.

Both the charter and the committee self-nomination materials will be finished ahead of the January 29 Annual Meeting. We will share the materials and the related processes and timelines with the congregation at the meeting as well as in the February 1 edition of the *Herald*. This sharing will include a formal invitation for everyone who is in covenant with Plymouth Church to consider nominating themselves to serve on the committee if they wish.

Greetings My Dear Plymouth Family, This week's Moderator installment (I'm beginning to feel like I'm writing a Serial...!) is focused on the plan that Council arrived at for creating the charter and forming the committee that will

In the meantime, if you know of someone in covenant at Plymouth who you think would do a terrific job on this committee, please give them a call or drop them a note encouraging them to apply. Sometimes people don't see all of their own gifts and could use a kind nudge or a bit of encouragement to take on things outside their comfort zones.

Before closing, I will share that helping to craft these materials in the service of this exciting and quite humbling undertaking that our community has voted to pursue has been incredibly rewarding and inspiring. I am so looking forward to seeing how this huge, holy, audacious work unfolds!

Peace and love, Tracy Simpson, Plymouth Council Moderator ✨

## FINDING MEANING AND HOPE AND DYING WELL

This workshop is appropriate for anyone contemplating their mortality and curious about what a good death means. Explore these concepts in a community setting led by Rev. Lorraine Leist, a palliative care chaplain in Seattle. At Plymouth and online Saturday, February 4. Link to register at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](https://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

These workshops are focused on different aspects of the dying process. First, a three-hour retreat-style workshop, **9 am-12 pm**, called *Moments of Peace: Finding Meaning and Hope Toward the End of Life*, will focus on the spiritual journey and the limitations to completion of life's tasks near the end of life. Second, in a 90-minute forum-style workshop, **1 pm-2:30 pm**, called *Dying Well: An Open Conversation About a Good Death* will explore what a good death means.

Do these topics interest you? For some the answer may be a resounding yes. For others, the thought of spending time on topics related to death and dying may require deeper reflection. Wherever you are, you are encouraged to come engage in a meaningful time with others, journeying through the spiritual and emotional dimensions of completing life. Questions? Contact June Hayakawa-Fung, [JHayakawaFung@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:JHayakawaFung@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org). ✨



In person or online Saturday, Feb. 4



## LEARN AND ACT



Visit [DHS.gov/Blue-Campaign](https://DHS.gov/Blue-Campaign) to access resources and take action.

implies victims must be moved from one place to another to be a victim. Human trafficking does not require transportation to be considered a crime. It is a crime that can be committed against an individual who has never left his or her hometown. Human traffickers use various forms of force, fraud, and coercion to control and exploit victims including:

- Imposing of debt
- Fraudulent employment opportunities
- False promises of love or a better life
- Psychological coercion
- Violence or threats of violence

You can help play a role in ending human trafficking by learning key indicators of the crime, raising awareness of human trafficking within your community or industry, and reporting suspected trafficking incidents. Individuals working in particular industries or with specific audiences may be more likely to observe human trafficking by nature of their day-to-day job duties or surroundings.

Blue Campaign is a national public awareness campaign designed to educate the public, law enforcement, and other industry partners to recognize the indicators of human trafficking, and how to appropriately respond to possible cases.

Visit [DHS.gov/Blue-Campaign](https://DHS.gov/Blue-Campaign) to access a multitude of resources to educate and take action.

To report suspected human trafficking, call **1-866-347-2423**. To get help from the National Human Trafficking Hotline call **1-888-373-7888** or text **HELP** or **INFO** to **BeFree (233733)**. ✨

## JOIN 153<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL MEETING

Plan to attend Plymouth's 153rd Annual Meeting Sunday, January 29, 2023. The Annual Report will be reviewed, and your vote is needed to install new lay leadership and approve the 2023 budget for our church family. Celebrate 2022 and look ahead to 2023. This meeting will take place in person and live online. ✨

## BE THE CHURCH

As we begin a new year, you are invited to volunteer at Plymouth Church! Remember that covenant giving also includes your time and using your gifts. There are many tasks that you can do. Training provided if needed. Here are some available volunteer opportunities. Contact Toni Arthur, [TArthur@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:TArthur@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org), to get started:

- Participating in money counting after worship
- Preparing communion (first Sundays)
- Becoming a greeter on Sundays and special events
- Answering phones 2 days a week from 10 am-2 pm
- Cleaning/decluttering (short-term commitment)
- Food preparation and service on needed occasions
- Join the Companion Ministry

This is a partial list. If you have a talent you would like to share, please contact Toni ([TArthur@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:TArthur@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org)) and discuss how best to contribute your gift to our community. We are grateful for all you bring to Plymouth UCC. ✨

## PUT FAITH IN ACTION



Meet with legislators in Olympia February 9.

Interfaith Advocacy Day in Olympia, 9 am-3 pm Thursday, February 9, brings the voices of compassion and justice to our elected leaders. Meeting with your legislators and their staff on this day is putting your faith into action! Please register to attend

in person by January 29. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, there is no cost to attend this year. Visit [FanWa.org](https://FanWa.org) to register.

We will gather at The United Churches of Olympia (110 11th Ave SE Olympia, WA 98501) in the morning and meet with legislators in the afternoon. Lunch will be provided. We will provide updates about online participation and registration for online activities as more is known.

Join workshops on Faith Action Network's 2023 Legislative Agenda, meet with advocates from your district and then meet with your legislator!

We encourage you to sign up early so that we can guarantee you a spot. Please join us to raise voices of faith and conscience in our State Capitol! —Faith Action Network ✨



Share your time and talent!

## UNDO INSTITUTIONAL RACISM

The Undoing Institutionalized Racism workshop is offered by The People's Institute for Survival and Beyond (PISAB), a national multiracial, antiracist collective of veteran organizers and educators dedicated to building an effective movement for social change.

The UIR workshop is designed to educate, challenge and empower people to "undo" the racist structures that hinder effective social change. The training is based on the premise that racism has been systematically erected and that it can be "undone" if people understand where it comes from, how it functions and why it is perpetuated.

Cost is \$350 per person. Next workshop will be held **February 16-18**. Find full schedule and link to register at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](https://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) or [PinwSeattle.org](https://PinwSeattle.org). ✨

## IMMIGRANT RIGHTS 101



Online, 10 am-1 pm February 1

Busines of migrants from the U.S. border may be coming to our city, and the new arrivals will need help from local churches. The busing started last spring as a political statement by some state governors to show their displeasure with U.S. border policy by relocating migrants to "sanctuary cities."

Northwest Immigration Rights Project will host Immigration 101 training to support all responding to this humanitarian crisis. This virtual training is completely free to attend and is aimed at helping social service providers learn how to better serve and support immigrants in their work. The training will take place via Zoom, 10 am-1 pm PT February 1. Find link to register in news article at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](https://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org). ✨

## REGISTER FOR MEN'S RETREAT

Register now for the Conference Men's Retreat at Pilgrim Firs February 3-5, with optional silent retreat Thursday evening, February 2. Find link to the registration form in the news article at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](https://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org). This retreat welcomes all who identify as male. Read more at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](https://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org). ✨



Retreat February 3-5 at Pilgrim Firs.

## WELCOME TO TOFT TERRACE

We are thrilled to announce the grand opening of Plymouth Housing's newest building: Toft Terrace! In Old Norse, toft means "homestead" or "site of a house." Toft Terrace pays homage to the rich Scandinavian heritage of the Ballard neighborhood, where we join neighbors like Ballard Food Bank and Ethan Stowell Restaurants.

Toft Terrace is the fourth of six buildings to open as part of our PROOF Capital Campaign, following Bertha Pitts Campbell Place, Kristin Benson Place, and Bob and Marcia Almqvist Place. Located in Ballard, Toft is the first Plymouth Housing building located in northwestern Seattle.



Interior of Toft Terrace.



New Plymouth Housing building in Ballard

Toft Terrace is part of a new, innovative pilot program led by the City of Seattle Office of Housing. The program aims to expedite the construction and delivery of permanent supportive housing and reduce associated costs.

Toft Terrace will provide new homes for 81

people who have experienced homelessness in the Ballard neighborhood. These new residents will now have access to a fully furnished apartment, community room, communal computer room, and personalized case management. ✨

## COMPANIONS: FAITH IN ACTION

Plymouth's Companion Ministry exemplifies social justice in action. Companions learn to develop compassionate awareness for those struggling with mental illness, insecure housing or chemical dependency. Companions develop skills to listen with openness, understand an awareness of limits and boundaries and how to ease isolation. We stand at a crossroads, a place where both dire need and great opportunity exists. Become a Companion. Live out your faith and put social justice in action.

Contact June Hayakawa-Fung, Faith Community Nurse, [JHayakawaFung@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:JHayakawaFung@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org). ✨



Join this ministry of care and inclusion.