

## SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am Sunday, January 26, 2025  
Worship in the Sanctuary or Online

*Third Sunday after Epiphany*

Isaiah 2:1-5

“We Act Our Way into Hope”

Rev. Dr. Mark Smutny

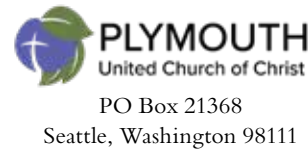
9 am Choir Rehearsal, Hildebrand Hall

12 pm American Mosaic Series, Hildebrand Hall

Members and Visitors in the church building can access Plymouth Guest wi-fi network using password: peaceonearth.

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

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## OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH...

Afghan Family (Siblings of Plymouth), Ahmed Black (Nephew of Michael & Elizabeth Gordon), Wendy Carpenter (Friend of Jocelyn Coit-Durland), William Chapman Nyaho, Gevan Woodke (Friend of Karen Clark), Diane Folkert (Mother and Mother-in-Law of Alex & Ara Lawrence), Louis Ford (Friend of Karen Clark), Elvis Gordon (Brother of Michael and Elizabeth Gordon), Floyd Gossett, Carrie Gossett (Mother of Floyd Gossett), Kay Heekin (Mother-in-Law of Kate Forrester), Allie James (Friend of Dawn Bennett), Julie (Friend of Karen Clark), Shaniece (Friend of Karen Clark), Jaime Rubio Sulficio

We grieve with the Weller family on the one-year anniversary of the passing of Donna Weller.

**bold=newly added.** Names will remain on list for 6 weeks unless requested.

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.



“We must use time creatively,  
in the knowledge that the time  
is always right to do right.”

—Martin Luther King, Jr.



*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*

# PLYMOUTH CHURCH HERALD

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## ADVOCATE FOR JUSTICE



Join Interfaith Advocacy Day February 20

Gather in Olympia and Online for Faith Action Network's Annual Interfaith Advocacy Day to promote FAN's legislative agenda with state legislators, 9 am-3 pm Thursday, February 20. Interfaith Advocacy Day 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!

On Interfaith Advocacy Day, you will be able to:

- Join plenaries and workshops that will explore the issues on FAN's 2024 Legislative Agenda.
- Meet with advocates from your legislative district to prepare for your legislative visits.
- Meet with your legislator or their legislative assistant! If you register by February 3, FAN will set up an appointment for you and others from your district.

Visit [Fanwa.org/Event/Interfaith-Advocacy-Day-2025](http://Fanwa.org/Event/Interfaith-Advocacy-Day-2025) to register to be part of this important day in Olympia. **Registration deadline is February 3.** Sign up early to be guaranteed a spot. This year we are limited to 200 participants due to regulations at our gathering place, The United Churches of Olympia (110 11th Ave SE Olympia, 98501). Thanks to the generosity of our donors, there is no cost to participate.

Lunch will be provided. If you need child care please let us know one week in advance so we can arrange for adequate staffing. After you register, you will receive more information via e-mail as February 20 approaches, including details on the agenda, workshop topics, times of your legislative appointments and other logistical details.

Faith Action Network is a statewide, multifait partnership striving for just, compassionate, and sustainable communities through courageous advocacy and public action.

Read FAN's 2025 Legislative Agenda and learn more at [Fanwa.org](http://Fanwa.org).

## FIVE EVILS: OUR DEMANDS AND PRIORITIES

Over the past decade, The Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival has reached out to communities in more than 40 states across this nation. We have met with tens of thousands of people, witnessing the strength of their moral courage in trying times. We have gathered testimonies from hundreds of poor people and we have chronicled their demands for a better society. The following moral agenda expressed in these priorities is drawn from this deep engagement and commitment to these struggles of the poor and dispossessed.



**The Five Evils: Our Demands and Priorities:**  
(Read detailed analysis at [WashingtonPPC.org](http://WashingtonPPC.org))

- **Systemic Racism** There are fewer voting rights today than there were 50 years ago when the Civil Rights Act and Voting Rights Act were passed.
- **Poverty** As the U.S. economy has grown, wealth inequality has expanded, the costs of living have increased, and social programs have been cut dramatically.
- **Ecological Devastation** 3.8 million U.S. households cannot afford clean water.
- **The War Economy** Currently 53 cents of every federal discretionary dollar goes to military spending and only 15 cents is spent on anti-poverty programs.
- **Our Distorted National Morality** Many people die every year from anti-poor policies, while religious and “Christian” agendas deliberately divert attention from key issues and challenges.

Visit [WashingtonPPC.org](http://WashingtonPPC.org) to learn more about these priorities and strategies to address them.

## PICK UP YOUR CALENDARS

Plymouth's 2025 Calendar featuring families of choice are available to pick up on Sunday for those who pre-ordered. Please stop by the office for your copy. The press run is limited, but copies are still for sale at \$25 each.

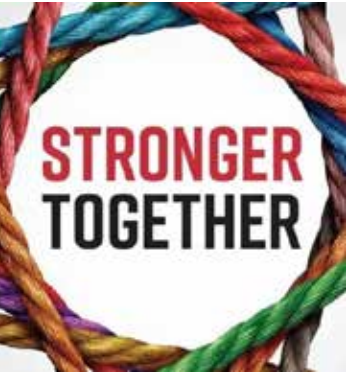


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## STRONGER TOGETHER



Immigrant justice means creating a state where everyone—no matter where they come from—can live with dignity, access opportunity, and feel a sense of belonging. Now more than ever, the Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network is determined to provide unwavering support and resources to immigrant and refugee communities.

During Trump’s first term, everyone from allies to everyday people showed up, donating, volunteering, and organizing against a rise in anti-immigrant hate and white supremacy. This time, we know what we’re up against, and together, we will channel that energy into the programs and deportation defense infrastructure we’ve been building since 2016 to fight back against the anti-immigrant agenda.

The urgency of this work is all around us. Harmful policies, systemic inequities, detentions, deportations, and everyday injustices impact individuals, families, and entire communities. But when we come together, we can transform these challenges into opportunities for change. Acting together is how we protect what matters most: our shared humanity, our communities, and our collective future.

This moment demands that every movement fighting for justice comes together to strengthen our collective power, combat inhumane policies, and protect the rights of all communities under attack. That’s why we’re joining Casa Latina, Church Council of Greater Seattle, Jewish Coalition for Immigrant Justice, Kitsap Immigrant Assistance Center, Northwest Immigrant Rights Project, and OneAmerica to launch a collective fundraising campaign.

Every gift you contribute fuels this fight for justice and helps ensure no one falls through the cracks. Thank you for showing up for immigrants in this critical moment.

Visit [Waisn.org](https://Waisn.org) to learn more and make a donation. 🌐

## WORKSHOP SERIES CONTINUES

Engage in *American Mosaic*, an experiential, life-transforming workshop series. Gain new insights and practical tools to build respect, inclusion and belonging in organizations and communities. Sundays January 26 and February 2, 12–1:30 pm in Hildebrand Hall, led by Dr. Mark Smutny. 🌐



After worship every Sunday through Feb. 2.

## MEETING THE NEED

When someone moves into a Plymouth Housing apartment, having a permanent home is just the beginning. With residents’ annual income averaging under \$9,000, not needing to worry about the cost of essential goods goes a long way in helping someone find stability. Plymouth Housing Supply Center in Belltown provides personal care items, household goods, pet food and other essentials, free of charge, to help Plymouth Housing’s 1,400 formerly homeless residents rebuild their lives. The center also provides residents with a sense of agency in choosing which products and supplies fit their needs best.

Occupying the street-level commercial space of Sylvia Odom’s Place—one of Plymouth’s 17 permanent supportive housing buildings across the region—the PSC provides a critical service. Learn about donating new and used items or volunteering at [PlymouthHousing.org](https://PlymouthHousing.org). 🌐



Help by providing goods or your time.

## COME IN FROM THE COLD



Access resources to stay warm at [Kcrha.org](https://Kcrha.org).

King County is expecting freezing temperatures. If you or someone you know is in need of a place to get and stay warm, overnight and daytime shelters are open around the county. Visit [Kcrha.org](https://Kcrha.org) for a list and links to resources and information about work being done to help end homelessness. 🌐

## BRING ITEMS FOR COMFORT BAGS

The Community and Care Board requests your help to provide items for comfort bags to be distributed to visitors in need. Please bring gloves, socks, tissues, hand sanitizer, hand warmers, granola bars and other shelf-stable foods that don’t require a can opener. Items can be left in the bin by the Welcome Table in the Lounge on Sundays. Thank you for helping us reach out in care and compassion to the most vulnerable in our community. 🌐



Bring your contributions on Sundays.

## TRANS LIFELINE

Trans Lifeline is a trans-led organization that connects trans people to community support, and resources needed to survive and thrive. For 10 years, we have been building community-based alternatives to the ways trans people have been policed, pathologized, and targeted by oppressive systems at every turn. With the current presidential administration, much looms in the air regarding the rights, dignity, and well-being of trans people and our families.

Fear and anxiety are running high. But as one of the largest trans-led direct service provider to trans folks in North America, we are determined to remain steadfast in our politics of care. Community support has always sustained our work. Learn more about Trans Lifeline and how you can get involved at [TransLifeline.org](https://TransLifeline.org). Together, we will continue to offer life-affirming care for trans and non-binary people. 🌐



## PLANTING SEEDS OF HOPE



For the third straight year, the United Church of Christ is conducting a Climate Hope Art Contest. The theme this year is “Planting Seeds of Hope.” UCC children and youth are invited to draw, paint, or color works of art that bring this theme to life.

A fitting scripture to spark the imagination is Matthew 13:31–32 in which Jesus declares, “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in the field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

Art submissions will be accepted from February 2 to March 14. Visit [UCC.org](https://UCC.org) to learn more and submit artwork. 🌐

## SOUND MEDICINE MEDITATION

Tory Trujillo offers a monthly deep healing Sound Medicine Meditation. The next session is Sunday, February 9, after worship in Hildebrand Hall (start time is determined by the length of Sunday service). Participants are encouraged to bring mats, blankets, or pillows. Sessions last between 60 and 75 minutes. Suggested Donation \$20. 🌐



Next session is Sunday, February 9.

## ANNUAL MEETING FEBRUARY 16

Plan to attend Plymouth’s 155th Annual Meeting Sunday, February 16, after worship in Hildebrand Hall and live online (the link to join online via Zoom will be shared closer to the meeting date.). Light lunch provided. The Annual Report will be reviewed, and your vote is needed to install new lay leadership and approve the 2025 budget for our church family. Celebrate 2024 and look ahead to 2025. Please join us for this important time to gather with our beloved community. 🌐



155th Annual Meeting Sunday, February 16.

## BE THE CHURCH



Covenant giving includes your time and talents. There are many tasks that you can do. Training provided if needed. Below are a few volunteer opportunities. We are thankful for any and all gifts you’d like to share. Contact Toni Arthur, [TArthur@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:TArthur@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org), to get started:

- Help count the offering after worship
- Prepare communion (first Sundays)
- Become a greeter on Sundays and at special events
- Answer phones 2 days a week from 10 am–2 pm
- Clean/declutter areas in the building
- Prepare and serve food on needed occasions
- Join the Companion Ministry 🌐

## CELEBRATE LUNAR NEW YEAR

Seattle’s Lunar New Year celebration in the historic Chinatown/International District marks the Year of the Snake, and will be publicly celebrated from 11 am–4 pm Saturday, February 22. Vendor booths will line up along South King St., dance performances and music will take place throughout the day. With a variety of food options, family-friendly activities and cultural exhibits, there’s something for everyone. Visit [SeattleChinatownID.com](https://SeattleChinatownID.com) to learn more. 🌐



Join the festivities February 22.