

SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am Sunday, January 28, 2024

Worship In the Sanctuary or Online

All who are able are encouraged to attend worship in person, then join the Annual Meeting in Hildebrand Hall. Please know the temperature will be cool, and dress appropriately. The Horizon House bus will run this Sunday for the service and will return at 1:30 pm for residents attending the meeting.

Third Sunday After Epiphany

2 Kings 5:1-4, 9-14

Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

12 pm Annual Meeting, Hildebrand Hall

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.

The Plymouth Herald is published every week.

Deadline is **Monday, 10 am**, for Wednesday publication.

Stay current with Plymouth happenings on our website.

Join us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram!



SHARE AND CARE



A simple gesture can mean so much.

The former sign boards outside our building are now small pantries for the community, filled with food, hand warmers and other items. You are invited to support this ministry! Add bottled water, protein bars, or even notes that remind the reader that they are beloved.

CLOTHES AND SHOES NEEDED

Plymouth Church, UCC is a sponsor of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Puget Sound. You can help by dropping off clothing and shoes at the church in the grey bin located by the elevator on the 1st floor. Gently used clothing and shoes of any size are appreciated. Read more about the mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Puget Sound at InspireBig.org.



Bring gently used clothing and shoes.



1217 Sixth Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98101-3199

Return Service Requested

OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH...

Afghan Family (Supported by Plymouth), Michelle J. Bennett (Sister of Dawn Bennett), Walter Bethel (Friend of Karen Clark), Susan Carter (Mother of Heather Banks & Kathleen Bernard), Bruce Chittick & family (Friend of Karen Clark), Mike Correy (Friend of Karen Clark), Sue Ellen Daniel (Friend of Barb Laski), Mark & JT Edwards, Diane Folkert (Mother-in-law of Ara Lawrence), Sally Galliher (Cousin of Doug Stultz), Marni Good (Friend of Ricky Powell), Floyd Gossett, Carrie Gossett (Mother of Floyd Gossett), El Harp (Friend of Bill & Marilyn Bumpas), Allie James (Friend of Dawn Bennett), Janice Knight (Sister of Jerome Robinson), Joanna Lemly and Family (Sister of Hayden McManus), James McDowell (Cousin of Jerry Rice), Barbara Miller (Friend of Barb Laski), Dr. Maxine Mimms, Ian Nelson (Son of Diane Nelson), Paula Orrego, Mary Margaret Pruitt, Jose Robles and Family, Kathy Rood, Shirley K. Shelley (Aunt of Ricky Powell), Jamie Shilling, Jaime Rubio Sulficio, Beta Utu Malae (Sister of Robert Malae), Irene Wall (Friend of Ruth Williamson), Charon Washington (Sister of Michael and Elizabeth Gordon)

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



January 24, 2024

ANNUAL MEETING THIS SUNDAY



After worship January 28 in person and online.

Plan to attend Plymouth's 154th Annual Meeting Sunday, January 28, after worship in Hildebrand Hall. Light lunch provided. Your vote is needed to install new lay leadership and approve the 2024 budget for our church family.

Celebrate 2023 and look ahead to 2024. This meeting will take place in person and live online (for link to join online via Zoom, email Rev. Kevin Bechtold, KBechtold@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

Please join us for this important meeting and to gather with our beloved community.

MARCH TO STAY ALIVE

The Washington State Poor People's Campaign, in conjunction with our sibling campaigns across the nation, will gather in our state capital on Saturday, March 2 for a Mass Poor People's & Low Wage Workers' State House Assembly to shift the narrative and demand public policies that fully address the interlocking injustices of systemic poverty, systemic racism, militarism, and ecological devastation. More than 2.5 million Washingtonians experience poverty or low wealth here in one of the wealthiest states of the nation and we cannot and will not be silent Bring family, friends and neighbors and make ourselves heard!

Details on the exact timing and location of the Assembly will be posted in the weeks to come, following coordinated organizing with our sibling state campaigns across the nation. Learn more and review our Covenant of Nonviolence prior to joining us on March 2 by visiting PoorPeoplesCampaign.org.



THE HUMAN FAMILY

"I'm for truth, no matter who tells it. I'm for justice, no matter who it is for or against. I'm a human being first and foremost, and as such I'm for whoever and whatever benefits humanity as a whole." —Malcolm X

Enjoy a recital featuring cast members from *X: The Life of Times of Malcolm X*. Joshua Conyers' (Blue) tender baritone will be joined by frequent Seattle Opera collaborators and chorus members sopranos Ibidunni Ojikutu (*A Thousand Splendid Suns*, *Porgy and Bess*), and Ellaina Lewis (*Blue*, *Porgy and Bess*, *From His Heart's Deep Core*) for an evening of music from across the ages.

- Saturday, January 27, 2024 7:30 pm Opera Center (363 Mercer Street, Seattle)
- Thursday, February 29, 2024 7 pm Langston Hughes Performing Arts Institute (104 17th Ave S, Seattle)

Read more and purchase tickets at SeattleOpera.org.

HEAR DR. WILLIAM CHAPMAN NYAHO FEBRUARY 11

On February 11 at noon, Plymouth Church invites internationally esteemed scholar and pianist Dr. William Chapman Nyaho to present a recital featuring piano works of the African diaspora. Suggested donation: \$20. Please join us for an afternoon of special music in the Sanctuary with this acclaimed artist.



Dr. William Chapman Nyaho

NOTE FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

We continue to work on heating problems in the church building. Service resumes in the Sanctuary this Sunday and we encourage all who are able to attend worship in person, then join the Annual Meeting in Hildebrand Hall. Please know the temperature will be cool, and dress appropriately. The Horizon House bus will run this Sunday for the service and will return at 1:30 pm for residents attending the meeting.

MEET LEADERSHIP CANDIDATES

The Nominating Committee is pleased to introduce these nominees to boards and the council for 2024. Their nominations will be voted on at the Annual Meeting, January 28. Below are brief summaries of their full introductions that can be found in the news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.
—*Michael Gordon, chair; Judy Bentley, Carol Mooney, Jamie Shilling*



Alex Korahais, Council

Alex Korahais, his wife Kathleen and son Nate joined Plymouth about eight years ago after an invitation from Sari Breznau to sing in the choir. As things change and parts of Plymouth that have been important to him are lost, he is reflecting on all the important parts that are still here and has decided that's a reason to double down in his involvement. This is a challenging and exciting time as building decisions need to be made. Rev. Kelle Brown is calling us to move in powerful and important ways which he wants to support on Council. He is happy to be part of the future.

Robyne Curry, Community and Care Board

Robyne Curry grew up in Cleveland, Ohio and came to Seattle for the mountains and ocean in 1984. She foolishly left in 1989 but returned in 1994 because it's the best place in the U.S to enjoy the wonders of nature. She has joined the knitting group and the Bible study. She bakes bread for food banks twice a month. Robyne looks forward to serving on the Community & Care Board because she wants to give of herself to help others and as a way to get to know the congregation.



Darlene and Kerry Krenzke, Community and Care Board

We moved to Seattle from Hawaii 6 years ago. Over the past 44 years, we served our UCC church in Honolulu on the Membership & Fellowship Committee, the World



Missions Committee, the Board of Deacons/Deaconesses, and as head ushers. We joined Plymouth Church in 2018, but have not been active, except for ushering/greeting prior to the pandemic. By serving on the Community and Care Board as residents of Horizon House, we hope to reach out to Horizon House residents, especially those living in Assisted Living, on behalf of Plymouth Church.

Anne Kiemle, Community and Care Board

Plymouth has been my faith family since my birth in 1959. It is where I first experienced the power of fellowship as a teen, led by Bob and Marcia Almquist and also where I first learned about issues of poverty and homelessness with involvement at the First Avenue Service Center. I was a Sunday School for 35 years. As a member of the Community and Care Board, I hope to reach out in ways that help foster connections, build a greater awareness of the power of a faith community and offer comfort and care.



Mike Stanley, Council

Mike Stanley and Britt Barran-Stanley have been members of Plymouth for 6 years. Mike grew up Catholic; Britt was from a non-denominational background and they found a fit in Congregationalism. He looks forward to getting to know people and understanding the church's mission as a new council member.

Kate Forrester, Council

I am a retired clinical social worker, who continues to look for ways to serve the greater good. I am working with recovering alcoholics and addicts in the 12 Step programs, and seasonally/part time as an election worker. I am on the Companion Team at Plymouth and on Plymouth's CSSA Board. What I hope to do in leadership and service at Plymouth is to be a servant and listener. My position of privilege means that I am absolutely NOT the boss, and I am honored to be asked to join the Council.



Mari Mitchell, Community and Care Board

I've been a member of Plymouth since 1984. I have long wanted to get back into the leadership of the church (was on the Worship & Arts Committee for several years) but given that I work as Church Administrator at University Lutheran I didn't want to do the

same sort of thing. Being asked to be on the Community & Care Board was a God-send! I'm looking forward to contributing more to my home church.

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Dr. Melissa Barnes, Community Service and Social Action Board

Dr. Melissa L. Barnes is a Graduate (Clinical) Psychologist at the Seattle VA. In her day job, she provides individual and group PTSD and substance use treatment, as well as couple therapy. Dr. Barnes values community and has spent the past three years serving those who have served our nation. She is excited to engage in the broader Seattle community, and the Plymouth community, with the Plymouth Community Service and Social Action Board.



PUT FAITH IN ACTION



Visit FanWa.org to register. Registration deadline is January 29. We are limited to 200 participants due to regulations at The United Churches of Olympia. We encourage you to sign up early so that we can guarantee you a spot. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, there is no cost to participate. You are welcome to donate anytime to keep our advocacy moving forward in 2024.

After you register, you will receive information via e-mail as February 8 approaches, with details on the agenda, workshop topics, and times of your legislative appointments. We're excited to have you in the halls of power on this great day!

SOUND MEDICINE MEDITATION

Tory Trujillo offers a deeply healing Sound Medicine Meditation. Tory will center the group with breath work and embodiment practices, helping anchor and amplify each participant's intentions. Participants are encouraged to bring yoga mats, blankets, pillows and other items of comfort. Some yoga mats and blankets will be available to borrow. Sessions last between 60 and 75 minutes.

Next session is February 4, 12:30 pm in Hildebrand Hall. Suggested Donation \$20.



Join Tory at 12:30 pm January 21

CONFERENCE MEN'S RETREAT

How do men (persons socialized/ identifying as male) of varying generations view 'manhood'? What are some of the things each generation can contribute to the whole of 'mankind'? Can men of faith/spirituality make a unique contribution? Join us to share insights and discuss changing roles and experiences in a safe and welcoming environment.



Men's Retreat at Pilgrim Firs February 1-4

Retreat leader Rev. Dan Stern will share recorded interviews with men of various generations to spark our conversations as we explore the theme "Evolving Masculinities: Inter-Generational Perspectives & Conversations." We welcome ALL to join us and share your views, insights and experiences.

The retreat begins Friday evening, February 2, and runs through Sunday morning, February 4, with the optional one-day silent retreat beginning Thursday evening, February 1.

The committee explored adding a Zoom option for remote attendance but that's not yet feasible. We understand the risk of illness is ever present. Please don't attend if you are uncomfortable with the risk. Feel free to wear a mask to lessen your exposure. We hope for safe travels and look forward to a fun and meaningful retreat.

Link to register in the news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. Conference Men's Retreat Planning Committee: *Charlie Torres, Don Jenkins, Hans Dankers, Jim Gaudino, Larry Kiriluk, Paul Withington and Rick Russell*

JOIN THE FESTIVITIES

Lunar New Year celebrates the beginning of a new year on the traditional lunar calendar. The first day of the festival begins on the first new moon of the lunar calendar, which varies year to year, depending on the cycles of the moon.

Join Wing Luke Museum in the **International District February 3** as we ring in the Year of the Dragon with a day full of festive art activities for the family, community booths, story time, and more! We will be joined by Mak Fai Kung Fu Dragon and Lion Dance Association for our special Lion Dance celebration beginning at 10 am.

This event is free and open to the public! More details at WingLuke.org/LNY.



Celebrate Lunar New Year February 3.