

## SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am Sunday, February 25, 2024

Worship in the Sanctuary or Online

Second Sunday in Lent

1 Timothy 5: 8; Mark 7:1-9, 14-15

Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

11:30 am Coffee Hour, Lounge

12 pm Immigration Ministry Conversation  
In person and Online — All Welcome!

## HELP LEAD WORSHIP

The Plymouth Worship Team welcomes lay leaders to help with worship, both in person and online. Roles include leading litanies, reading Scripture and contemporary voices, and assisting as needed on Sundays. If you feel called to serve Plymouth and deepen your spiritual life by assisting in worship leadership, please contact Rev. Kevin Bechtold: [KBechtold@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:KBechtold@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org)

Find links to video stream and worship bulletin and participate online at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://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.

## MEMORIAL CONCERT FEB. 25



Celebrate the lives of Ann and Wayne Sandstrom

The Sandstrom family invites Plymouth friends to a chamber music concert at Horizon House Sunday, February 25, featuring works by Schubert and Mozart performed by a quintet led by Roberta Hansen Downey of the Seattle Symphony. A reception will follow. The concert

is in honor of Ann (February 1927-August 2023) and Wayne Sandstrom (February 1927-June 2020).

Arrive by 6:45 pm if coming from outside Horizon House. Pre-registration for Horizon House entry can be arranged by emailing: [sandstrom\\_memorial\\_feb2024@yahoo.com](mailto:sandstrom_memorial_feb2024@yahoo.com).

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## OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH...

*Afghan Family (Supported by Plymouth), Michelle J. Bennett (Sister of Dawn Bennett), Walter Bethel (Friend of Karen Clark), Wendy Carpenter (Friend of Jocelyn Coit-Durland), 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), Artrice Gordon (Brother of Michael and Elizabeth Gordon), Alvis Gordon (Brother of Michael and Elizabeth Gordon), Floyd Gossett, Carrie Gossett (Mother of Floyd Gossett), **Jo-Ann Guthrie**, Allie James (Friend of Dawn Bennett), Janice Knight (Sister of Jerome Robinson), **Vance McDill**, James McDowell (Cousin of Jerry Rice), Barbara Miller (Friend of Barb Laski), Dr. Maxine Mimms, Ian Nelson (Son of Diane Nelson), Paula Orrego, Jean and Richard Paul (Parents of Beth Paul-Russell), James Prater (Friend of Kathy Rood & Jerome Robinson), Mary Margaret Pruitt, Jose Robles and Family, Kathy Rood, Shirley K. Shelley (Aunt of Ricky Powell), Jaime Rubio Sulficio, Beta Utu Malae (Sister of Robert Malae), Irene Wall (Friend of Ruth Williamson), Charon Washington (Sister of Michael and Elizabeth Gordon)*

*We grieve with Tara Watts and family on the passing of her mother, Christine Watts, February 10*

# PLYMOUTH CHURCH HERALD

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## OPEN YOUR HEARTS AND LISTEN



Join the discussion February 25.

This Sunday, February 25, join Plymouth's Immigration Ministry Team 12-1 pm in Room 221 as we hear from Lidet Gezahegne and other staff from Seattle's International Rescue Committee and consider: What would it take for Plymouth to host another immigrant family or individual? What help is offered by the International Refugee Committee as a Co-Sponsor? What would a potential partnership with the IRC look like? What resources would be needed? What is your interest in, and energy for, helping another family find their way and establish roots in the US? Come, learn what is needed and consider what gifts you could bring to the table. You can also join via Zoom using the link in the news article at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org). (link requires usual Plymouth passcode; contact Rev. Kevin Bechtold if you need the code). Those joining in person can enjoy snacks provided by the Team. Please join the discussion.

## 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! Learn more and review our Covenant of Nonviolence prior to joining us on March 2 at [PoorPeoplesCampaign.org](http://PoorPeoplesCampaign.org).



## BRING GIFT CARDS DURING LENT

You probably don't know that 47% of US adults have at least one unspent gift card, averaging \$187, totalling as much as \$23 Million each year laying somewhere around their house. Indeed, Starbucks actually tallies these unspent cards into their income (called 'breakage'), and in 2022 alone, they reported \$212 million in 'revenue' from these unused cards.



Bring unused gift cards for migrant siblings.

During the coming weeks of Lent, the Immigration Ministry Team is conducting our first ever Gift Card Transformation Campaign. Unspent cards collected will be distributed to families in the immigration process that we are already helping. All cards will be accepted and we will find clever ways to use them. It is a great time to go on a search for unused gift cards in your junk drawer or on your desk somewhere.

There will be a special basket for the cards on the offering table each Sunday. We hope you will enthusiastically join us in this effort to offer our immigrant neighbors a bit of 'help'. Neighbors, friends and family members are welcome to participate! And, if you are inspired to purchase cards to contribute, consider gift cards for grocery stores, Target, local drug stores or Visa Cards.

It would help to have the amounts if you know them written on the cards. Also, if you worship online, please feel free to mail any gift cards to Plymouth (1217 6th Ave. Seattle, 98101) with a note inside indicating they are for the IMT. Thanks in advance for joining us in making our immigrant friends feel welcomed and supported.—*Vicki Shoettle, Immigration Ministry Team*

## RESPOND WITH COMPASSION

The former sign boards outside our building are now pantries for the community, filled with food, hand warmers and other items. The pantries provide an outward display of compassion and solidarity with those experiencing homelessness or who are under-resourced. Feel free to add bottled water, protein bars, or even notes that remind the reader that they are beloved. —*Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown*



THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY



“If we accept and acquiesce in the face of discrimination, we accept the responsibility ourselves and allow those responsible to salve their conscience by believing that they have our acceptance and concurrence. We should, therefore, protest openly everything that smacks of discrimination or slander.”  
—Mary McLeod Bethune

- February 18**
- First formal protest against slavery organized in English America made by Germantown Quakers at monthly meeting, 1688
  - An institution was founded at Augusta, Georgia which was later to become Morehouse College following its relocation to Atlanta, 1867
  - Toni Morrison (born Chloe Anthony Wofford), who won the Pulitzer Prize for her novel *Beloved*, born 1931
  - Palmer Hayden, Harlem Renaissance artist, dies, 1973
- February 19**
- First Pan-African Congress organized in Paris by WEB DuBois, 1919
  - Soul singer William “Smokey” Robinson born in Detroit, Michigan, 1940
- February 20**
- Death of Frederick Douglass (78), Anacostia Heights, District of Columbia, 1895
  - Katie Hall becomes first African American woman from Indiana elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, 1983
- February 21**
- Malcolm X assassinated, 1965
  - Singer Nina Simone born in North Carolina, 1933
  - Barbara Jordan, the first African American woman elected to the House of Representatives, born, 1936
- February 22**
- Poet, author, abolitionist and suffragist Frances Ellen Watkins Harper died, 1911
  - Frank E. Peterson Jr. named the first black general in the Marine Corps, 1979
- February 23**
- WEB DuBois, author and historian, born 1868
- February 24**
- Bishop Daniel A Payne, reformer and educator of AME Church, born 1811
  - Rebecca Lee became the first black woman to receive an M.D. degree, 1864

THE HUMAN FAMILY

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. Tickets at [SeattleOpera.org](http://SeattleOpera.org).

- Thursday, February 29, 2024 7 pm Langston Hughes Performing Arts Institute (104 17th Ave S, Seattle).



Performance on February 29.

WAYNE MARSHALL RETURNS TO PLYMOUTH MARCH 2



Wayne Marshall performs March 2.

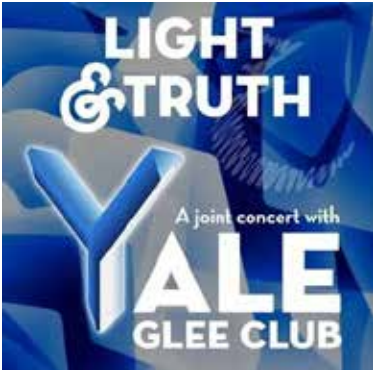
Come to Plymouth 8 pm Saturday, March 2, for a solo concert by virtuoso organist Wayne Marshall presenting the great *Passion Symphony* by French organist and composer Marcel Dupré. Pre-concert talk at 7:15 pm. Admission includes talk, performance, wine and appetizers.

British conductor, organist and pianist Wayne Marshall is world-renowned for his musicianship and versatility on the podium and at the keyboard. Please join us for an evening of unforgettable music. Tickets at [SeattleChamberOrchestra.org](http://SeattleChamberOrchestra.org).

LIGHT AND TRUTH

The Esoterics welcome the Yale Glee Club to the Pacific Northwest with concerts in both Seattle and Tacoma. Catch the performance at Plymouth 8 pm Saturday, March 9.

The choruses will each sing a set of their own music, and then combine forces, forming an ensemble of more than 100 voices! The Esoterics are truly honored to host one of the most celebrated undergraduate choral ensembles in the world, and we hope that you all will join us for this unforgettable concert! Tickets at [TheEsoterics.org](http://TheEsoterics.org).



REFUGEE ARTISAN INITIATIVE INAUGURAL GALA

Join Plymouth’s Sponsor Circle at Refugee Artisan Initiative’s Inaugural Gala, featuring a global meal, beverages, live auction, and dessert. During this multi-cultural celebration, you’ll have the opportunity to learn more about RAI’s work, meet the artisans, and support the mission.



Join the Gala 6 pm Friday, March 22

**Refugee Artisan Initiative Inaugural Gala**  
6 pm Friday, March 22  
Mercer Island Community Center  
8236 SE 24th St, Mercer Island

Our Afghan family has benefited greatly from the support of the Refugee Artisan Initiative. The mom sews projects at home to sell that are provided by RAI. She is able to contribute to her family income and also to learn new skills. Over time they can help her start her own business. The Sponsor Circle from Plymouth is buying a table at the fundraiser. We have one seat left, the cost is \$156. If that is a little much you can just buy an individual ticket for \$125. Please help us fill our table. Please contact Christine Hanson, [HansonChristineAnn@gmail.com](mailto:HansonChristineAnn@gmail.com) if you are interested.

HELP AMERICA VOTE



The *Our Faith Our Vote Campaign* — an initiative of the UCC’s Office of Public Policy and Advocacy in Washington, DC — formed a partnership in 2022 with *Power the Polls*, a nonpartisan organization launched in 2020 to address a nationwide poll worker shortage.

As the UCC’s nonpartisan election engagement campaign, *Our Faith Our Vote* offers resources for voter registration, issue education, voter mobilization and more. Since the partnership began, many UCC members have signed up to be poll workers through the UCC’s link with *Power the Polls*.

Organizers are hoping to engage even more poll volunteers for 2024, due to the increased turnout for presidential elections. Becoming a poll worker is one of the most important ways to engage in the election process. You can sign up to be a poll worker at [PowerThePolls.com/UCC](http://PowerThePolls.com/UCC).

A LENTEN LAMENT

On Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14, a mass shooting after Kansas City’s Super Bowl celebration took the life of one person and wounded more than 20 others. Meanwhile, political discourse and policy debate in the United States put at risk migrants and asylum seekers at the southern border. In other parts of the world, war and violence continue to escalate, threatening children and families. In the midst of this, United Church of Christ General Minister and President, the Rev. Karen Georgia Thompson, offers a Lenten lament for those who are suffering:

Turn your ear, Holy One, to the cries of your people as we join our hearts in lamentation and repentance. Ash and oil, bullets and bombs, but somehow not enough bread. For suffering is met with more suffering and compassion seems in short supply. Celebrations become nightmares in an instant, while — in twisted irony — guns, protected by laws, proliferate. Rivers and borders are turned into death traps. An eye for an eye has made the world short-sighted to children who are starved in body and starving for justice. Dust and rubble are everywhere. We know, O God, that we are created from dust — and given life by the breath of your Spirit. Yet so many forces are bent on violently reducing life to dust. Open our eyes to the spark of life contained in each dust-borne miracle. Move us together to name the pain in our world and to join our will against it.

In this season of Lent, lead us from lamentation to action as we repent of the violence against your children and work for the flourishing of all. Amen.—Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson General Minister and President, United Church of Christ

(Note: Dr. Thompson will be at Plymouth for the Annual Meeting of the Pacific Northwest Conference April 26-28)



Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson

CALL TO CONSCIENCE



Rainier Avenue Radio has converted the Columbia City Theater during the month of February into the “Call to Conscience Black History Museum,” featuring installations, exhibits, artifacts, interactive activities, and virtual experiences celebrating the achievements of Seattle’s Black community. Open Tuesdays – Sundays, 11 am–7 pm. Read more and get tickets at [CallToConscience.world](http://CallToConscience.world).