

## SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am Sunday, August 11, 2024

Worship in the Sanctuary or Online

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Luke 12:13–21

Rev. Kevin Bechtold

11:30 am Coffee Hour, Lounge/Patio

**Tech Alert!** Simple Church Android users are receiving an error message when logging in. Simple Church is aware and working to fix it. Thank you for your patience while the issue is being resolved.

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**.

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.

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## OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH...

Afghan Family (Siblings of Plymouth), Susan and David Anderson Cousins of Jeanette Hagen (Cousins of Jeanette Hagen), Michelle J. Bennett (Sister of Dawn Bennett), Ahmed Black (Nephew of Michael & Elizabeth Gordon), Wendy Carpenter (Friend of Jocelyn Coit-Durland), Bruce Chittick & family (Friend of Karen Clark), Mike Correy (Friend of Karen Clark), Sue Ellen Daniel (Friend of Barb Laski), Sally Galliher (Cousin of Doug Stultz), Marni Good (Friend of Ricky Powell), 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), Concetta Lewis (Sister of Jo-Ann Guthrie), Beta Utu Malae (Sister of Robert Malae), David, Mary, Patrick & Amanda McGee, Barbara Miller (Friend of Barb Laski), Dr. Maxine Mimms, Shirley K. Shelley (Aunt of Ricky Powell), Jaime Rubio Sulficio.

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

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# PLYMOUTH CHURCH HERALD

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## PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE



Join online discussion 6 pm August 14

Please join the Developer Selection Committee (DSC) 6 pm Wednesday, August 14, via Zoom (link to join in news article at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](https://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org)) to learn more about current redevelopment status, and discuss possible futures for Plymouth. This event is online only, as part of our commitment to continue the conversation and include those who can't join in person. We've scheduled it at 6 pm in hopes it is convenient for most.

As previously shared, DSC was informed by our development partner that a redevelopment project on Plymouth property is not feasible at this time. This online conversation will review the process and provide time for discussion. DSC believes we're at the beginning of a new phase to collectively chart a path forward together. We'll answer what questions we can now. There will likely be future gatherings and discussion in person and online.

DSC: *Marcia Almquist; Tom Maul; Dorothy Woods; David Guthrie; Bing Tso; Ruth Williamson.* Ex officio: *Matthew Durland, Moderator; Rev Dr Kelle Brown, Senior Pastor; Rev Kevin Bechtold, Associate Pastor*

## JUSTICE JUBILEE

The Justice Leadership Jubilee is for adults who are interested in integrating faith and justice work into their lives in a meaningful and transformative way. In this online program participants will explore and deepen their understanding of theology, systemic injustice, and the methodologies of social change. The small group cohort meets weekly for skill and knowledge building workshops accompanied by discussion and spiritual reflection.

JLP and UCC Faith Education, Innovation, Formation Team (FaithINFO) invite you to participate in this 3-month program (October-December). Faith INFO is offering 50% scholarships for the first 12 UCC members to register. Cost after scholarship is \$150. Go to [JusticeLeadership.org/Project/Jubilee/](https://JusticeLeadership.org/Project/Jubilee/) to learn more and register.



Three-month program (Oct.-Dec.)

## DUWAMISH SOLIDARITY

Allies of the Duwamish are invited to join The Duwamish Solidarity Group (DSG), an all-volunteer group partnering with the Duwamish Tribe to coordinate Real Rent Duwamish and assist the Tribe as requested.

Volunteering with DSG offers a way to learn more about solidarity organizing, take action toward community education and social justice, and meet some amazing people. It requires an ongoing commitment to be part of at least one DSG workgroup, which involves one evening or weekend meeting every other week, with occasional work outside those meetings.

We prioritize authentic relationships and deep understanding of indigenous and Duwamish context so that we can best support Real Rent administration, community education and outreach, the Tribe's federal acknowledgement efforts, and other projects with the guidance of the Duwamish Tribe. Learn more at [RealRentDuwamish.org](https://RealRentDuwamish.org).



## PATHWAY TO THRIVING

Plymouth Housing's signature luncheon returns on Wednesday, September 25, bringing our region's forward-thinking community together to help end homelessness. Will you join us? Together we can create a brighter future—where everyone has access to the care and stability they need to thrive.

This year's keynote speaker is Esmey Jimenez, senior reporter for the *Boston Globe* and co-producer of *Lost Patients*, a podcast from KUOW, *The Seattle Times*, and NPR. *Lost Patients* explores the intersection of mental health and systemic inequities, providing valuable insights into improving behavioral health care for the most vulnerable—the people whom Plymouth also serves.

**Noon-1:30 pm Wednesday, September 25, at the Seattle Westin.** Registration is now open. More information and link to register at [PlymouthHousing.org](https://PlymouthHousing.org).



Esmey Jimenez



## THURSDAYS IN BLACK



In every country, gender-based violence is a tragic reality. This violence is frequently hidden, and victims are often silent, fearing stigma, and further violence. Globally, 30% of women experience physical or sexual violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime, according to data

from the World Health Organization. Such violence can increase during public health crises like the COVID-19 pandemic.

We all have a responsibility to speak out against violence, to ensure that everyone is safe from rape and violence in homes, schools, work, streets — in all places in our societies.

Thursdays in Black grew out of the World Council of Churches (WCC) Decade of Churches in Solidarity with Women (1988-1998), in which the stories of rape as a weapon of war, gender injustice, abuse, violence, and many tragedies that grow outward from such violence became all the more visible. But what also became visible was women’s resilience, agency, and personal efforts to resist such violations.

The campaign is simple but profound. Wear black on Thursdays. Wear a pin to declare you are part of the global movement resisting attitudes and practices that permit rape and violence. Show your respect for women who are resilient in the face of injustice and violence. Encourage others to join you. Often black has been used with negative racial connotations. In this campaign Black is used as a color of resistance and resilience.

Join Wider Church Ministries, and our partners, in the campaign by doing the following:

- **Pause** Pause for a moment of silence on Thursdays at noon your local time to remember and honor those who have died at the hand of sexualized or gender-based violence.
- **Pray** Pray with us: We stand with invisible victims of sexual and gender-based violence. We see you. We hear you. You are not forgotten.
- **Post** Post your prayers, photos, or inspirations on social media using the hashtags #ThursdaysinBlack, #UnitedChurchOfChrist, and tag us.
- **Pledge** Make the Thursdays in Black pledge here, and invite 5 friends, co-workers, or family members to do the same.

**If you or someone you know is in an abusive relationship, please seek help immediately. You can call the 24-hour National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233).**

## NIGHT OF HOPE

Register now to attend a special evening of philanthropy and community at Plymouth Healing Communities’ annual fundraising event, *Night of Hope*, 5:30–8:30 pm Thursday, September 12 at 415 Westlake Ave N. Seattle 98109.

Enjoy dinner, and an inspiring program that will leave you motivated to make a lasting impact. There will be a raffle, dessert dash, and more. All event proceeds support Plymouth Healing Communities’ housing and circles of support for people who live with mental illness and housing instability. To ensure your place, please purchase your ticket by August 28. The early bird special is \$50 through August 19, and tickets will cost \$65 thereafter. Visit [Plyhc.org](http://Plyhc.org) to get your tickets now.



5:30-8:30 pm Thursday, September 12.

## HELP MAKE COMFORT BAGS



Bring items and assemble bags.

The Community Care Board continues collecting donations to create Comfort Bags for our neighbors this summer. Please bring non-perishable snacks and basic toiletries and add them to the donation basket at the welcome desk.

On Sundays, we will have items at the back of the Sanctuary for you to assemble bags during worship. Thank you for helping this ministry of care.

## PUT FAITH IN ACTION TOGETHER

Faith Action Network invites you to join a Network of 100% Voting Faith Communities. The network is a community space to share ideas, tools, and peer support as we collectively build civically engaged multi-faith communities. We will offer monthly Zoom meetings through the summer to stay engaged as a network. We welcome individuals and communities interested and committed to getting out the vote in their faith community and beyond.



Make sure your voice is heard.

We are committed to voicing the values from multi-faith traditions in the electoral proces. Visit [Fanwa.org/Advocacy](http://Fanwa.org/Advocacy) to learn more and sign up.

## AN EASY WAY TO DONATE

CARS (Charitable Adult Rides & Services) is dedicated to helping non-profit organizations such as Plymouth Church United Church of Christ raise thousands of dollars in vehicle donations through successful car donation programs.



It's quick and easy! Visit [CarEasy.org](http://CarEasy.org)

CarEasy.org is just what it says — easy. As the staff person who activated Plymouth’s participation in the program and the donor of 2 work vans, I have experienced both ends of the spectrum. They handle everything from beginning to end of the donation process, including marketing, free pick-up, selling, mailing a thank-you letter with tax information to the donor and most importantly, mailing Plymouth a check!

If you would like to donate your used vehicle (includes car, motorcycle, boat, plane or RV), avoid the hassle of a private sale and benefit Plymouth UCC in the process, go to [CarEasy.org](http://CarEasy.org), or call CARS at 1.855.500.RIDE and they will do the rest.

—Diane Jacobsen

## YOU MAKE PLYMOUTH POSSIBLE



Your support is vital.

Thank you for your faithful support of the mission and ministries of Plymouth United Church of Christ. Listed below are a variety of ways for you to provide offerings and gifts.

Your support makes a difference.

**ONLINE GIVING THROUGH SIMPLE CHURCH** Click on the MAKE A GIFT box at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org). Choose to deduct directly from your bank account or credit/debit card to make a one-time offering, or schedule recurring offerings.

**TEXT TO GIVE** Simply text to 206.208.1442 and enter a dollar amount. You will receive prompts to complete the transaction. Once set up, you will be able to text offerings with one step.

**CASH APP** Download the Cash App mobile app from the Apple App Store or Google Play and follow the instructions to set up giving directly from your bank account. Our Cash App ID is \$PlymouthUCCSeattle. Questions? [DJacobsen@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:DJacobsen@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org)

**CHECK BY MAIL** Mail your offerings to the church: Plymouth Church, UCC / 1217 6th Ave / Seattle WA 98101

## SPEAKING OUT AGAINST CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM

This year’s elections will be a watershed moment for democracy. One factor in that turbulence — the rise of white Christian nationalism — now tests the church and challenges faith communities in every part of the world.



White Christian nationalism, the “belief in the idea that America was founded by Christians who modeled its laws and institutions after Protestant ideals with a mission to spread the religion and those ideals in the face of threats from non-whites, non-Christians, and immigrants” is a dangerous ideology and a threat to religious liberty.

It aims to erode, if not erase, the vital distinction between religion and state by infusing the government with punitive and perilous principles that creates a two-tiered society we have not seen since colonial times.

Further, white Christian nationalism seeks to grant its unique, unforgiving interpretation of Christianity a privileged role when enforcing policy for running schools, for making sexual and reproductive decisions, for administering border programs, for structuring our criminal justice system, and for (mis)using the military in foreign affairs.

White Christian Nationalism will be on every ballot in the fall, and the consequences for communities of faith — and for the practice of open government — have seldom been graver. The UCC has, like the Baptist Joint Committee and other religious agencies, joined in sounding the alarm about this idolatrous religious movement.

In such moments of crisis, the people of God are called to testify by word and deed not only to the harm that tyranny visits on a people but also to the curative potential of listening, responding with healing words, and speaking up on behalf of those who are oppressed, disheartened, or excluded. As people of faith, we must embrace the opportunity presented by this election. This November, let us take a stand against white Christian nationalism and choose to “Vote with Love.”

—David Langston, Deacon, First Congregational Church, Williamstown MA (excerpted)

Read more at [UCC.org/Our-Faith-Our-Vote](http://UCC.org/Our-Faith-Our-Vote).

## HOMEcoming SEPTEMBER 8

Plan now to attend worship **10:30 am Sunday, September 8**, as we begin our church program year. Enjoy a celebratory luncheon after the service. Let us move forward together to see what the Spirit has in store!