

SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

Worship In Person or Live Online

10:30 am Sunday, September 25, 2022

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 5: 21-26

Rev. Jennifer Castle

11:30 am Coffee Hour, Patio

(no online coffee hour)

SCHOOL SUPPLIES STILL WANTED

The Community and Care Board will again collect donations of school supplies this Sunday. See list of requested supplies in the September 7 *Herald* or at

PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

Supplies will be distributed between:

Tree House: We envision—and strive to create—a world where every child that has experienced foster care has the opportunities and support they need to pursue their dreams and launch successfully into adulthood.

Urban Impact: To break the cycle of social, material and spiritual poverty and build healthy communities.



OBSERVANCES IN OCTOBER

- **Clergy Appreciation Month**
- **World Hunger Awareness Month**
- **LGBTQ+ History Month**
- **Diversity Awareness Month**
- **Filipino American History Month**
- **Breast Cancer Awareness Month**
- **Diabetes Awareness Month**
- **National Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

- **10/1 International Day for the Elderly**
- **10/2 World Communion Sunday**
- **10/5 Yom Kippur**
- **10/1 International Day for the Elderly**
- **10/9 Access Sunday & Disabilities Awareness**
- **10/10 Indigenous Peoples' Day**
- **10/10 World Mental Health Day**
- **10/16 Children's Sabbath/Laity Sunday**
- **10/17 National Pastoral Care Week**
- **10/24 Diwali (Hindu Festival of Lights)**
- **10/24 United Nations Day**
- **10/30 UCC Higher Education Sunday**
- **10/31 Reformation/Reconciliation Day**



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Return Service Requested

OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH...

Afghan Family (Supported by Plymouth), Sharon Ahlquist (Sister of Vicki Schoettle), Toni Arthur, Bob Brennan (Brother of Diane Nelson), Charlie Coulter (Brother of Nancy Geller), Sue Ellen Daniel (Friend of Barb Laski), John Daniels, Mark and JT Edwards, Carmen Ramsey Ellington (Friend of Karen Clark), Susan Emerson (Mother of Kate Forrester), Todd Folkert (Father-in-law of Ara Lawrence), Lucian Guthrie, Jim Halfaker, Darline Jones (Aunt of Karen Clark), Michael Kaid, Concetta Lewis (Sister of Jo-Ann Guthrie), Connie Logothetis (Friend of Bill and Marilyn Bumpas), Barbara Miller (Friend of Barb Laski), Drake Mitchell (Brother of Mari), Montecino Family, Nancy Parker, Jeanne Reynolds, Jerome Robinson (Friend of Kathy Rood), Jose Robles and Family, Thomas Smith (Brother of Twanda Hill), Charon Washington (Sister of Michael Gordon)



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

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REGATHER AND RENEW



October 21-23. Register now!

Register now for All-Church Retreat, October 21-23, Pilgrim Firs Conference Center, Port Orchard.

After so much time apart, we are so happy to gather in October for our first All Church Retreat in many years. The retreat will start Friday evening with dinner and will conclude after worship on

Sunday morning. The retreat is for all ages; rates are as follows:

Attendees age 13+: \$150 • **Seniors age 65+:** \$140
• **Children ages 4-12:** \$125 • **Children ages 0-3:** Free

We do not want cost to be a barrier to attendance, so if you would like to come but need financial assistance, please contact Rev. Jennifer Castle to make arrangements.

Link to register at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. Please join us for a meaningful and enriching time together. ✨

JOIN THURSDAY ONLINE STUDY

Dr. Brown preached on 'Broken Hope, Bold Faith' for Homecoming Sunday. Follow up the sermon with four weeks of faith formation around the challenges in life that may seem to break us and the bold faith that can come out of such challenges. Rev.

Dr. Elizabeth Gordon will lead a discussion each Thursday in October from 7 pm to 8:30 pm on Zoom, beginning October 6. Link to register at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. Please register by October 3 to receive materials related to the class. ✨



Join a 4-week faith formation evening study..

READ SOME BANNED BOOKS!

Banned Books Week 2022 is September 18 – 24. By focusing on efforts across the country to remove or restrict access to books, Banned Books Week draws national attention to the harms of censorship. Stop by the library cart in the Lounge this Sunday, and BannedBooksWeek.org for this year's list of top banned books and more resources. ✨

WEAR ORANGE THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday, September 25, we encourage everyone to wear something orange in solidarity with Canada's National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

There were 140 federally run residential schools in Canada that operated between 1831 and 1998. The last school closed less than 25 years ago. Survivors advocated for recognition and reparations and demanded accountability for the intergenerational impacts of harms caused. September 30 is now National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, a day that honors the children who never returned home and survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process.

Orange Shirt Day is an Indigenous-led grassroots remembrance of the stripping away of culture, freedom and self-esteem experienced by Indigenous children over generations. ✨



Wear orange in solidarity this Sunday.

WORLD COMMUNION OFFERING

Our World Communion Sunday special offering on October 2 will be divided evenly between **Neighbors in Need** and **Plymouth Scholarship Fund**.

In 2022, the Neighbors in Need "BEHOLD!" special mission is focused on supporting organizations and projects that are serving economic justice. One-third of the offering supports Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds are used by Justice and Witness Ministries to provide grants to UCC churches and organizations as well as supporting a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. The Plymouth UCC Scholarship Fund will receive half of our annual special offering, ready to support members and friends in financial hardship take part in opportunities offered by and through Plymouth UCC. ✨



Thank you for your faithful support.

PREPARING TO HELP



Preparing to help siblings seeking asylum.

Humanitarian aid. The busing started this spring as a political statement by some state governors to show their displeasure with US border policy by relocating migrants to “sanctuary cities” such as Washington, D.C., New York and Chicago. These relocations will continue — and grow, according to Willis Hassan.

UCC members, congregations and other entities already are pitching in to welcome these “bus migrants.” More importantly, they are finding ways to help them begin the next step of their journeys.

The situation is further complicated by the fact that separate government entities are responsible for disaster relief and refugee resettlement — and the Federal Emergency Management Agency has not declared this situation a disaster. This, coupled with the political motivations behind the relocations, has caused some confusion about how, which and when federal agencies will respond.

Willis Hassan plans to offer a webinar to train churches for preparation and response to migrant arrivals. In the meantime, she invited any interested individual or church to reach out to her by email at Hassani@ucc.org for further information.

Read more and access resources at [UCC.org](https://ucc.org). ✦

ABOLISH NUCLEAR WEAPONS



Rally and march Saturday, September 24.

Help Seattle plant the seed of a growing movement throughout the world demanding the universal abolition of nuclear weapons! Learn more at AbolishNuclearWeapons.org. ✦

CELEBRATE HISPANIC HERITAGE

For over three decades, from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 the United States has celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month. The nationally-recognized celebration grew out of a desire to educate people all over the country about the many contributions the Hispanic community has made to U.S. culture.

Whether it be education, government, business, or the environment, ensuring that all voices are represented provide results in better and more thoughtful decisions. These improved decisions support the greater good and minimize any negative impacts to marginalized communities and people of color. We call on citizens of this nation from all walks of life to look around and welcome new voices to the table. This will help us build stronger communities and in turn, a stronger nation. ✦

STAND WITH THE DUWAMISH



Chief Si'ahl (Seattle) of the Duwamish and Suquamish Tribes was the first signer of the Point Elliott Treaty of 1855. Chief Si'ahl honored the treaty, but as has been the case throughout history, the United States has not. The Duwamish Tribe is no longer a federally recognized tribe despite being an

integral part and cultural influence in the Pacific Northwest for decades. Please visit RedRoadInstitute.org/Duwamish to learn how you can help spread the word and reverse this injustice! ✦

CONFERENCE WOMEN'S WEEKEND

Consider joining us for a joy-filled, nourishing women's weekend of music, creativity, sabbath and spiritual exploration at Pilgrim Firs, **October 7-9**. During full group gatherings, small group discussions, and mini-workshops, you will have an opportunity to consider how you would like to *Continue*.

This retreat is designed for all who identify as women.

Led by Marcia McLaughlin, Beth Seacord and Kaila Russell. Email Kaila (Russell.Kaila@gmail.com) with questions. ✦



At Pilgrim Firs October 7-9.

WHAT A NIGHT OF HOPE!

Around 140 people came together at Plymouth Church last Thursday evening, September 15, for a warm and wonderful gathering at Plymouth Healing Communities' 2022 Night of Hope. After time for connection and reconnection in the lounge and out on the terrace, with the Chamber Mates jazz trio playing in the background, attendees enjoyed a delicious dinner prepared by Kaspars Catering & Events, which also provided the food at Plymouth Church's 2019 150th Anniversary celebration.



PHC Board President Jane Dunkel

After opening prayer from Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown, the dinner program included comments by PHC Board President Jane Dunkel and Executive Director Stephanie Monroney, a video featuring reflections by PHC co-founders Nancy Smith and Catherine Walker — both also present to celebrate in person — and the capable and energetic MC'ing and fundraising work of Fred Northup, Jr. Among the attendees were members of the Hofmann and Eng families, whose names grace two of the PHC properties, and various persons involved in the beautiful renovation work on PHC's Eng House, which is located in Seattle's Beacon Hill neighborhood.

Nancy Parker spearheaded the organizing of the event, and Hildebrand Hall was transformed for the evening. Nancy's vision and attention to detail were key in making it a magical experience. Many thanks to all of the Plymouth Church members and others, including enthusiastic girls from Seattle Girl Scout Troops 40597 and 41025 who volunteered before, during, or after the event. The evening was a great success, both in raising money to support PHC residents and PHC's supportive housing mission and in many, many other impossible-to-measure ways. Much gratitude to all involved, and for all of the generous support! See more photos by Bob Turner at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. ✦



Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown greeted guests.



CHURCH IN LIMINAL SPACE

What is a “liminal space”? And what does it mean for churches in a world of online worship, global shifts and COVID-19? Identifying this was the central theme throughout the Sept. 19 opening worship of the United Church of Christ's virtual summit, “The Space Between: The Emerging Church in a Post-Pandemic World.”



News from National UCC Summit

Since March 2020, churches everywhere have dealt with the pandemic in different ways. Churchgoers have worshiped from couches and cars. They've tuned in for church via livestream or prerecorded video, on Facebook and YouTube. And they've participated in drive-through communion, outdoor Bible studies and Zoom-enabled choirs. Now, church leaders are examining what church looks like as the world tries to emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Rev. Lawrence T. Richardson, described the in-betweenness of this moment in history: “The liminal space is a ‘threshold’ space,” he said. “It's the space between ‘not now’ and ‘not yet.’ It's the space where things aren't familiar, and things are changing. And yet we don't know where exactly things are headed.”

Read more about the summit at [UCC.org](https://ucc.org). ✦

OUR FAITH, OUR VOTE

The United Church of Christ is calling on churches to get out the vote with its Our Faith Our Vote Campaign for the 2022 midterm elections. It's not just seats in Congress or city councils that are at stake, according to UCC leaders. Voting rights, access to polls and concerns about democracy itself are being highlighted.



Visit [UCC.org](https://ucc.org) to help get out the vote.

Politics is often taken to be a dirty word, but political processes are simply the way communities organize their common life. For people of faith, public policy is never merely politics. It is a way of living out the commandment to love our neighbor as ourselves. It is fitting for local congregations and church structures across the country to develop nonpartisan programs to help the faith community reflect upon the political order.

Visit [UCC.org](https://ucc.org) for volunteer opportunities, information and resources, and advocacy and awareness campaigns. ✦