

SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

Worship In Person or Live Online

10:30 am Sunday, October 2, 2022

World Communion Sunday

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 13:1-16, 21-22

“Hating What One Creates”

Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

11:30 am Coffee Hour, Patio

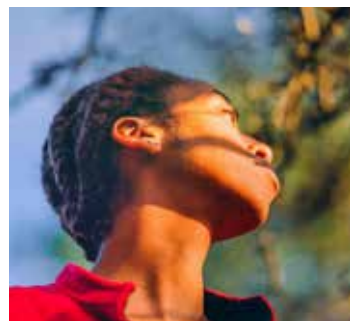
(no online coffee hour)

SAY CHEESE!

All are invited to stop by our photo booth this Sunday and take a snapshot. Someone from the Community and Care Board will be on hand to assist you. We'll use a copy of your photo in our Simple Church database to help us all keep in touch.

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.

WOMEN'S WEEKEND OCT. 7-9



At Pilgrim Firs October 7-9.

In a time when everything is in flux, how do we continue? Using inspiration from Maya Angelou's poem *Continue*, we will consider ways each of us would like to continue to be who we are and how we are.

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*.

Cost is \$165 for the weekend which includes 5 meals and linens or \$75 Saturday only — 3 meals

This retreat is designed for all who identify as women.

Sign up now using the link in the news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

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



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Return Service Requested

OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH...

Afghan Family (Supported by Plymouth), 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), **Dawn Mason**, 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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FAITH LEADERS CALL ON CONGRESS



Dr. William Barber and Dr. Kelle Brown call on congress to end poverty in the US.

Plymouth's Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown, joined a diverse group of faith leaders for an urgent congressional briefing to make a moral demand that Congress vote — up or down, before the November midterm elections — on living wages, voting rights and federal policies that “can immediately lift millions of families out of poverty.” The call came at a September 22 press briefing and news conference in Washington, D.C., led by the Poor People's Campaign. Several members of Congress stopped by the event in the Russell Senate Office Building to hear pleas from Christian, Jewish and Muslim leaders.

The Rev. Dr. William Barber III, Poor People's Campaign co-chair and leader of the Capitol Hill gathering, called the current situation a “moral emergency.” He said floor votes before November would put senators and representatives on public record, so voters “can see where people stand.”

Sandy Sorensen, who heads the United Church of Christ's Office of Public Policy and Advocacy, called the “emergency” language “no exaggeration.” The UCC is a longtime supporter of the Poor People's Campaign and its policy proposals. “Over 700 people die from poverty every day in the United States, even with our abundance of resources,” she said.

Dr. Barber called poverty the result of a “public policy failure,” and he said the votes should include:

- Increasing the federal minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$15 per hour. “Fifty million people work every day without a living wage,” he said.
- Restoration of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which was gutted by a 2013 Supreme Court decision, and passage of the For the People Act (H.R. 1), which includes provisions on voter access and election integrity.
- Restoration of pandemic relief measures that Congress allowed to expire, but that “we know worked” to relieve poverty. These include Child Income Tax Credit, a ban on evictions and others.

Because of expiring relief, “20 million people, including children, are being thrown back into poverty,” Barber said. “The pain didn't expire. The poverty didn't expire. The hurt didn't expire. The hunger didn't expire. ... So we need a vote to make those things permanent.” Restoring the expanded Child Income Tax Credit “would immediately lift 4 million children out of poverty,” he said.

Dr. Barber said he wanted Congress to listen regularly to religious voices such as those present at the briefing. “We don't

want to be invited to pray anymore,” he said. “We want to be invited to speak at hearings.” He said the religious leaders were “here to bring a moral force that can be backed up by millions of congregants.”

Dr. Barber said the effects of poverty and low wealth kill nearly 250,000 people a year. “The very soul of democracy could implode if we don't deal with these issues. When poor people lose hope and fall into despair, Hitlers arise,” he said. Thus, Jan. 6 could become just “a precursor” to the emergence of autocratic leadership in the US. “None of us want to be on the side of not calling the names of the poor from the floor of the Congress and from the pulpits of this nation.”

Join the UCC Webinar on Economic Justice, 3:30 pm (ET) Monday, October 3. Read more about the webinar on page 3. ✨

WORLD COMMUNION OFFERING



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

Neighbors in Need special mission supports organizations and projects serving economic justice. UCC Justice and Witness Ministries provide grants

to churches and organizations supporting a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

The Plymouth UCC Scholarship Fund supports members and friends in financial hardship take part in opportunities offered by and through Plymouth UCC. ✨

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 with four weeks of faith formation around the challenges that may seem to break us and the bold faith that can come out of such challenges. Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Gordon leads discussions each Thursday in October, 7-8:30 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..

HEAR THE ESOTERICS AT PLYMOUTH



4 pm Sunday, Oct. 16, Plymouth Sanctuary

At Plymouth 4 pm Sunday, October 16, The Esoterics will present a world-premiere commission by Forrest Farhad Pierce: *The Atlas of the Way*, a concert-length a cappella choral work based on the epic Sufi poem, *The Conference of the Birds*, by Farid ud-Din Attar (1145-1221). As both poet and composer, Pierce has distilled

nearly five thousand couplets of this ancient poem into a nine-movement work, with eight interludes. Pierce’s piece describes the journey of curious birds who are led by their teacher to learn of their origin. Read more and get tickets at TheEsoterics.org. ✨

SHOW WE CARE

It’s that time of year again — the Plymouth tradition of sending “We Care Packages” to our graduated high school seniors remains intact, as we continue to face these difficult times of a lingering global pandemic. We want to ensure these youth of our Plymouth Family that we stand by them along their journey of transitioning into adulthood, which can be challenging.

Please join us in sending love and uplifting messages to our graduated seniors by contributing cards, notes, and small items (snacks, tea or coffee, gift cards, school supplies, etc.). Contributions can be sent to June Hayakawa-Fung at Plymouth Church UCC, 1217 Sixth Ave, Seattle WA 98101, by October 15.

Our 2022 graduated seniors are: **Stella Christopherson, Nathan Matthews, Leo Neer, Ann Ogle, Michaela Robins.**

Your help with reaching out to our graduated youth with love and support is greatly appreciated. —Community & Care Board ✨



Send items for care packages by October 15.

CREATE CLIMATE HOPE CARDS

Kids of all ages can join in the United Church of Christ’s Climate Hope Cards art contest. Participating children will design postcards that highlight hope for, and love of, the earth. Any child can enter, but church youth especially are encouraged to participate.

Participating artists can get a template and info at UCC.org/ClimateHopeCards.

Beginning October 4, families can submit their children’s earth-loving drawings, doodles and sketches. Then, UCC environmental justice leaders will print the winning art on postcards. An online award ceremony will be held in January. UCC churches everywhere can help send these postcards to elected officials, calling for action now on climate change. ✨



ALL ABOARD!

Horizon House residents can ride the charter bus to Plymouth the first Sunday of every month. The bus will pick you up at Horizon House and bring you to Plymouth in time for the 10:30 am service and return you to Horizon House afterward. Contact Faith Community Nurse June Hayakawa-Fung, JHayakawaFung@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org with questions. ✨

RUINS OF MEMORY: WOMEN’S VOICES OF THE HOLOCAUST

You are invited to experience The Ruins of Memory: Women’s Voices of the Holocaust, by Tales of the Alchemysts Theatre 3 pm October 23, Wallingford United Methodist Church (2115 N. 42nd St., Seattle, WA 98103). Free-will donations at the door.



Ghetto Fighters’ House Museum Photo Archive

This theatrical performance piece, adapted and directed by Laura Ferri, features inspiring selections of resistance and resilience from fiction, poetry, and oral histories by survivors and victims of the Holocaust, spotlighting the stories of women from both the Ashkenazi and Sephardic communities. Combining live music, sound and movement with spoken word and song, the production captures emotional snapshots of the time, delineating the mounting tension and fear that swept throughout Europe as Jews were led inexorably to their fates.

For full information on this performance, please visit Alchemysts.org.

Tales of the Alchemysts Theatre is a performance company committed to bringing provocative and entertaining Jewish literature, Jewish writers, and live music to those who have an interest in good storytelling and a desire to explore ideas relevant to humanity. ✨

WELCOMING THE STRANGER



Preparing to help siblings seeking asylum.

Buses of migrants from the US border may be coming to a city near you. And the new arrivals will need help from local churches, says The Rev. Irene Willis Hassan, UCC minister for refugee and migration services. She is urging communities to prepare humanitarian aid to assist these asylum seekers.

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.” These relocations will continue — and grow, according to Willis Hassan.

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. ✨

ECONOMIC JUSTICE FOR ALL

The United Church of Christ is focusing on workers and their rights. This fall, UCC leaders are asking congregations to participate in this cultural shift, too.

“Unfortunately, our economic system and cultural values often do not align with the dignity and worth that God gives all of creation,” said Rev. Sekinah Hamlin, UCC minister for economic justice. “For workers, it looks like not having a livable wage, inadequate health insurance, poor work conditions, wage theft, insurmountable debt from education to help in earning a higher wage, lack of paid family and medical leave, and barriers to collective bargaining and union participation, among other things.

At 3:30 pm (ET) October 3, the UCC will host a webinar about ongoing labor issues involving the agricultural industry. The online event will address farmworker justice with the Florida-based Coalition of Immokalee Workers. Members will share updates on the Fair Food Program and the Wendy’s Boycott.

Visit UCC.org to register for the October 3 webinar. ✨



Join the webinar 3:30 pm (ET) October 3..

OUR FAITH, OUR VOTE



Visit UCC.org to help get out the 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.

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.

“In this critical 2022 election season, many key policy challenges loom on the horizon for the US and the world,” said Sandy Sorensen, director of the UCC’s Office of Public Policy & Advocacy. Visit UCC.org for volunteer opportunities, information and resources, and advocacy and awareness campaigns. ✨