

## SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am Sunday, October 5, 2025

Worship in Person or Online

**WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY WILL BE  
IN HILDEBRAND HALL**

*Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Isaiah 52:7–10; Psalm 118:14–26;

Peter 1:10–12; John 4:27–30, 39–42

Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

**11:30 am** Coffee Hour, Lounge

**5 pm** India Arie, Hildebrand Hall

## DISCOVERING VANPORT

The panel discussion on last summer's trip to Vanport led by Museum Without Walls has been rescheduled for after worship Sunday, October 12, in the Lounge.

Come hear what the group learned about the destruction of Oregon's second-largest city in 1948.

Members and visitors in the church building can access Plymouth Guest wi-fi network using password: peaceonearth

The Plymouth *Herald* is published every week.

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

## THIS MONTH WE CELEBRATE FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY



Since 2009, October has been recognized as Filipino American History Month in the United States.

Filipinos were the first documented Asian people to arrive in the United States. October 18, 1587, marked the first recorded arrival of Filipinos in the

continental US, when “*Luzones Indios*” came ashore from the Spanish galleon *Nuestra Senora de Esperanza* and landed at what is now Morro Bay, California. Filipino Americans today are the second-largest Asian American ethnic group in the nation, after Chinese Americans.

In acknowledging the many contributions of Filipino Americans across the nation, we are encouraged to reflect on the significant role Filipinos have played in American history.

Take time to explore the history, arts, and culture of our Filipino siblings. Learn more at Fanhs-National.org.



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## OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH...

All who live in fear of expedited removal, detention, or deportation., Monica Blume (Family of Kate Forrester), Wendy Carpenter (Friend of Jocelyn Coit-Durland), Lin Davis (Wife of Mo Longworth), JT Edwards, The Bagoyo Family (Family of Linda Rose Cook), Diane Folkert (Mother and Mother-in-Law of Alex & Ara Lawrence), Carrie Gossett (Mother of Floyd Gossett), Louis Ford (Friend of Karen Clark), Floyd Gossett, Jo-Ann Guthrie, Allie James (Friend of Dawn Bennett), Denise Johnson (Friend of Michael and Elizabeth Gordon), Julie (Friend of Karen Clark), Debbie Longworth (Sister of Mo Longworth), Robert Malae, Dale and Jinny Sewell, Shaniece (Friend of Karen Clark), Bing Tso, Rev. Harriet Walton (Friend of Dr. Maxine Mimms), Gevan Woodke (Friend of Karen Clark)

Our hearts are with the family and friends of Dr. Maxine Mimms on the one- year anniversary of her passing.

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

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.



## INDIA ARIE AT PLYMOUTH OCT. 5



India Arie invites you to the launch of a new movement: A Sacred Space. Starting at Plymouth Church Seattle, she will begin a Sound Healing and Meditation concert series. She will be joined in song with her friend Joel Cross at 5 pm Sunday, October 5, in Hildebrand Hall. Doors will open at 4 pm.

General admission tickets are sold out, but you can still purchase streaming access through the link on the home page of the Plymouth website, [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](https://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

## MAKE A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

World Communion

Sunday, October 5, is the day Christians worldwide celebrate Holy Communion, recognizing their unity in Christ and the global community of faith. Gifts received will be divided evenly between Neighbors in Need and Alain Locke Initiative.

### Neighbors in Need (NIN)

is a special mission of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion in the United States. One-third of the offering is given to the Council for American Indian Ministries), the voice for American Indian people in the UCC, and the remaining two-thirds supports UCC justice ministries. .

The other half of the October 5 special offering will support the **Alain Locke Initiative (ALI)**. Their Mission is committed to empowering young Black queer men in the Seattle area through mentorship and holistic support and to guide them in navigating life's challenges, completing their education, and accessing career opportunities and scholarships. ALI aims to inspire these young men to live authentically and achieve their fullest potential.

Read more at [AlainLockeInitiative.org](https://AlainLockeInitiative.org).

Your generous support truly makes a world of difference.



*Thank you for your faithful support.*

## READ FOR YOUR RIGHTS

Banned Books Week is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read. Launched in 1982 in response to a surge in challenges to books in schools, bookstores and libraries, Banned Books Week is a time to highlight the value of free and open access to information, bringing together librarians,

booksellers, publishers, journalists, teachers, and readers of all types in shared support of the freedom to seek and express ideas, even those some consider unorthodox or unpopular.

The theme for 2025 Banned Books Week is “Censorship Is So 1984: Read for Your Rights.” With the escalation in attempts to ban books in libraries, schools, and bookstores around the country, George Orwell’s cautionary tale 1984 serves a prescient warning about the dangers of censorship. This year’s theme reminds us that the right to read belongs to all of us, that censorship has no place in contemporary society, and that we must defend our rights.

During National Library Week, ALA released the Top 10 Most Challenged Books of 2024 list and the State of America’s Libraries report. The majority of book censorship attempts now originate from organized movements. Pressure groups and government entities that include elected officials, board members, and administrators initiated 72% of demands to censor books in school and public libraries. The 120 titles most frequently targeted for censorship during 2024 are all identified on partisan book rating sites, which provide tools for activists to demand the censorship of library books.

In a time of intense political polarization, library staff in every state are facing an unprecedented number of attempts to ban books. Titles representing the voices and lived experiences of LGBTQIA+ and BIPOC individuals made up 47% of those targeted in censorship attempts. ALA offers a variety of free downloads, resources, and materials to support Banned Books Week. Visit [ALA.org/Bbooks/Banned](https://ALA.org/Bbooks/Banned) to learn more.

Let Freedom Read!





# HOMELESSNESS IS A HOUSING PROBLEM



7 pm Oct. 7, University Unitarian Church

The Homelessness Ministries Team of University Unitarian Church is hosting a discussion on homelessness and housing 7 pm Tuesday, October 7 (6556 35th Ave NE, Seattle). Why do some cities, like Seattle, have more unhoused folks than others? Hear more from professor and author Gregg Colburn. He will offer a well-researched answer to this vexing question.

Do we have more unhoused folks in Seattle because we have more people with substance abuse or mental illness? More people in poverty? More “permissive” policies? Or an insufficient supply of housing? Although individual risk factors can help explain who becomes homeless, the highest rates of homelessness in the U.S. occur in cities like Seattle, San Francisco and New York where housing costs are highest. Even with the highest average wages, less unemployment and lower poverty rates, these cities with the highest housing costs also have high rates of homelessness.

You may have seen Colburn, Associate Professor at the University of Washington, being interviewed about his book, Homelessness is a Housing Problem. This book is used by many government agencies and non-profit organizations across the U.S. in administering the Housing First approach, as Colburn examines regional variations in homelessness across the country, and purports that housing costs correlate better with per capita rates of homelessness than any other factor.

This discussion is free and open to all.

## NO KINGS PROTEST OCTOBER 18

No Kings is back in Seattle on October 18 to make history again with the largest nationwide protest our country has ever seen. Millions took to the streets in large cities and small towns for the June 14 protest to stand up to a wannabe dictator and say “We Have No Kings!”

This time we’re going even bigger to make this a record-breaking movement. Make it clear we will not be intimidated, we will not be silent, and we will stand up for the rights of everyone and protect our democracy from a fascist takeover.

The Seattle protest begins 12 pm, October 18, at Seattle Central College (1709 Broadway E). Keep reading for updates.



## SIGN THE BOOK OF LIFE

Remember and honor friends and family who have passed by writing their names in the *Book of Life*. The book becomes part of worship on All Saints Sunday, November 2. Names of persons who have passed away in the last 12 months will be spoken in prayer during service that Sunday. Add names using the online form (link in news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) or sign the book in the Lounge. Please place an asterisk by names of those who have passed in the previous 12 months. Please send/sign names by Wednesday, October 29.



For all the saints who from their labors rest...

## HELP PROVIDE COMFORT



Thank you for caring and sharing.

The Community Care Board seeks donations to create Comfort Bags for our neighbors this fall. Items we are looking for: non-perishable snacks, facial tissue, hand sanitizer, lotion, socks, gloves, hats, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and other personal hygiene products. Travel size of most things can be found in drug stores. Please leave your

donations in the basket at the Welcome Table in the Lounge. Thank you for helping us help our neighbors.

## 2026 CALENDARS FOR INMATES

Each year we have collected calendars for the coming new year to bring to the Monroe Correctional Complex. The inmates really appreciate them! In the past we have collected over 1000! If you receive free promotional calendars in the mail that you won’t use, please donate them, and ask friends and neighbors donate theirs.



A simple gesture can mean so much.

From October to December there will be a box in Church Lounge on Sundays to collect calendars. If you live at Horizon House, please put them in Sue Jones’ cubby hole in the mailroom (#1101). If you are unable to make it to church, we will do our best to collect them from you. Email Christine Hanson or call 509-679-7430 to arrange pick up. Thank you in advance for this simple act which brings so much joy to our incarcerated friends.

## STAND WITH THE DUWAMISH

Our Duwamish siblings invite you to learn and join in community by participating in events throughout the year. Below are a few upcoming dates to note on your calendar now. Read more about how you can get involved and lend your support at DuwamishTribe.org.



- Wine & Cheese Pairing**  
**October 10** Enjoy a wine and cheese pairing event at the Duwamish Longhouse & Cultural Center. 3-5:30 pm October 10. Net proceeds go to Long Live the Kings, a salmon restoration organization. Wine by Cairdeas Winery. 21 & over only. Must have valid ID at the door to enter the event. \$70 for each ticket, available at DuwamishTribe.org.
- Spooktacular Halloween Celebration** Fun for the whole family 6-8 pm October 25 with pizza, games and prizes at the Duwamish Longhouse & Cultural Center (4705 W Marginal Way, Seattle 98106). RSVP before October 18 by calling 206-431-1582.
- Duwamish Eco-Tours** Join our tour guide to explore at H’apus park, October 3 or 4. Tours are from 11 am-12 pm. Meet your guide at the at the welcome desk of the Duwamish Longhouse & Cultural Center (4705 W Marginal Way, Seattle 98106), where you’ll sign a waiver before starting your tour. Visit DuwamishTribe.org to reserve your place.

## EMBRACE JOY



Register now for Women's Retreat Nov. 7-9

The Pacific Northwest & Central Pacific Conferences of the United Church of Christ join together every three years to offer a spiritual and motivational women’s retreat. The retreat theme is “Embrace Joy” and registration is now open. Get set to join us November 7-9 for a fantastic event at Skamania Lodge in Stevenson, WA.

This open and affirming gathering warmly welcomes all who identify as women. Our aim is to create a supportive and empowering environment where everyone feels valued and included. Embrace joy through movement, music, creativity, nature, and more. Come and take time just for yourself. Breathe deeply, relax fully, and explore, enrich, and rekindle your spirit. This is a retreat created for YOU. Learn more and register now at NRWR.org.

## OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) was launched nationwide in October 1987 as a way to connect and unite individuals and organizations working on domestic violence issues while raising awareness for those issues.

Domestic violence is prevalent in every community, and affects all people regardless of age, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, gender, race, religion, or nationality. Physical violence is often accompanied by emotionally abusive and controlling behavior as part of a much larger, systematic pattern of dominance and control. Domestic violence can result in physical injury, psychological trauma, and even death. The devastating consequences of domestic violence can cross generations and last a lifetime.

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Although there has been substantial progress in reducing domestic violence, an average of 20 people are physically abused by intimate partners every minute. This equates to more than 10 million abused persons annually. 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have been physically abused by an intimate partner, and 1 in 5 women and 1 in 7 men have been severely physically abused by an intimate partner. Millions of Americans live in daily, silent fear within their own homes. In addition, every year millions of children are exposed to domestic violence. Domestic violence incidents affect every person within a home and can have long-lasting negative effects on children’s emotional well-being, and social and academic functioning. Visit NCTSN.org to learn more and get involved.

**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).**

## CREATIVELY MALADJUSTED

This fall, Plymouth United Church of Christ invites you to participate in our 2025 stewardship campaign: *Creatively Maladjusted*. Inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., we joyfully reject the status quo of injustice and complacency. Your financial generosity helps fuel ministries of justice, love, inclusion, music, and worship. Join us as we seek to raise \$500,000 and embody courageous, creative generosity.