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Blessed are the Piece Makers



Maurine Noble, a nationally recognized quilter and teacher, founded Plymouth Piece Makers in 1989. Its initial focus was to make quilts for new babies born to church families. If enough quilters joined the group, Maurine hoped that quilts could also be created for the new House of Healing ministry. An ad was put in the Herald newsletter inviting quilters and would-be quilters to join the group.

Today Piece Makers make quilts for graduating YF seniors, Plymouth babies, companions at Plymouth House of Healing and departing ministers.

Our ministry team meets once a month, on the third Tuesday, in a member's home where stories and quilt projects are shared. In May the meeting focused on sewing labels onto the YF quilts—readying them for their send-off Sunday. In June, the group gathers for a potluck at Harriet Naf's log home.

Active participants include Maurine Noble, our

inspirational leader; Miriam Breidenstein, our oldest member at almost 90; Janet Saulsbury, who recently bought a huge quilting machine; Pris Orr, who hand stitches every part of her quilts; Diane Roubal, a pro who works in the quilting industry; Shannon Kahn, another pro who works at a quilting shop; Harriet Naf, an interior designer known for her innovative quilt designs; Susan Underwood, our committed quilt collector and historian; Karen Gwilym, a Vashon resident who we'll be visiting in July; Flora Daghish, our enthusiastic and prolific Native American member; and Patricia Belyea, a graphic designer who loves to create unexpected quilts.

Plymouth Piece Makers welcomes new members—no quilting experience necessary. To learn more or get directions to a meeting, please email patricia@belyea.com. To visit our blog, go to: plymouthpiecemakers.blogspot.com.

Plymouth Forum, June 3: Faith Action Network's Advocating Congregations Program

Alice Woldt will be the Forum guest on Sunday, June 3. She will discuss Faith Action Network's Advocating Congregations program and will facilitate a conversation about Plymouth becoming an advocating congregation. The Advocating Congregations program is an exciting initiative by FAN to encourage congregations to organize and mobilize members to address social justice issues. *(continued next page)*

Alice will be joined by Jackie O’Ryan, FAN’s new co-director, who has recently been hired to replace Alice as she retires.

Alice Woldt has been the co-director of Faith Action Network, since it was created a year ago with the merger of the Washington Association of Churches (WAC) and Lutheran Public Policy Office (LPPO) of Washington State. Prior to the merger, Alice was the Executive Director of the WAC and formerly served as its Public Policy Director, Tax Fairness Coalition Director and staff for the Religious Coalition for the Common Good.

Her peace and justice advocacy is well-known. She directed the Seattle Alliance for Good jobs and housing for Everyone (SAGE), and served on the executive staff of the Church Council of Greater Seattle for 17 years.

She received her Masters in Public Administration from Seattle University. She is a member of Plymouth Congregational Church (UCC) and an associate member of Trinity UMC in Ballard.

Announcement

Sunday, June 3, 2012

Lectionary Readings for this Sunday: Isaiah 6:1-8, Psalm 29, Romans 8:12-17, John 3:1-17

Celebrating our High School Seniors

Services at 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

David Mallory, preaching

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Plymouth Forum, *Alice Woldt, Advocating Congregations Network,* Hildebrand Hall

10:00 a.m. Lay-led Bible Study, Room 111

12:15 p.m. Fellowship Hour, Lounge

2:00 p.m. Concert, Sanctuary (*see article on page 3*)

What's Your Story?



Quick, imagine seven images that sum up your life story. You have 30 seconds to write them down. Now stand back and look at them. This is a “snapshot” of who you are. Pretty powerful huh? What’s that old saying... a picture is worth a thousand words? Now, I’m curious. Do they include food, dance, a specific song? I, and your fellow brothers and sisters at Plymouth Church UCC, would love the opportunity to appreciate them as much as you do.

We have set aside ten consecutive dates this summer, June 17 to August 19 for you to share with us. In years past it was known as Faith Journey, you may call it what you wish...sharing your life journey, personal stories of faith and/or struggle. The series will be in the Lounge from 10:15 am - 11:00 am. If you say “Yes” to this invitation, please pick the date of your choice and contact Diane Jacobsen in the Plymouth office (206-622-4865 x 12) or djacobsen@plymouthchurchseattle.org. We’ll assign dates in the order we get requests.

So what do you say? Please don’t let the nervous butterflies in your stomach indicate a “No” answer. Almost everyone has them, but almost everyone ends up very happy to have done this. I hope you say “Yes!” If you do, we need a photo and brief biographical paragraph for *The Herald* by Tuesday, June 8. If you have questions, please contact me in the church office (206/622-4865)--
Diane Jacobsen

Walk the Labyrinth: Thursday, June 7, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

"The labyrinth, a long forgotten mystical tradition, is a form of walking meditation. The labyrinth's single winding path, designed to engage our attention and inhibit our ordinary linear thinking, becomes a mirror for where we are in our lives, touching our sorrows, releasing our joys and our creativity.

"You may want simply to be open to the spirit and energy of sacred space and the design, or choose to walk with a particular focus on a question, a person, a situation. We walk the labyrinth with an open mind and an open heart - for healing, self-knowledge, clarity, balance, for blessings received in connecting with the Divine."

Come Find the Quiet Center in the Crowded Life We Lead --S.E. Murray

--Sharon Brown , Labyrinth Facilitator

Adopt an Apartment Update

- Decide on a color scheme.
- Refer to the list of items needed for your apartment and decide what can be made and what needs to be purchased. Items must be new!
- Assign each person an item or two to be responsible for.
- Begin shopping for or making each item.
- Check the rolling bulletin board in the lounge for updates on the building and further instructions.
- Keep watch for notices of upcoming events about this project, such as art work made by the children in the Focus Program.
- Encourage children to participate in your group.
- Be ready to have all items finished by Thanksgiving of this year 2012.
- Bring your items to the Aurora Supportive Housing Complex and make the bed, hang the shower curtain, put the dishes in the cupboards and then join others in the community room for a final "45 more off the streets!" celebration.
- Remember, no furniture needed.
- Have fun! --Barbara Campbell

Sign up for Camp N-Sid-Sen this Sunday!

Plymouth's annual week at Camp N-Sid-Sen on the beautiful shores of Lake Coeur d'Alene in Idaho will be held July 15-21. It is a truly intergenerational camp, and all ages are welcome. It is my favorite week of the year, and a powerful community experience. A special invitation is extended to those new to Plymouth or who haven't been before. Our theme this year is All Together Now! Becoming the Beloved Community, which flows from the priority of "deepening relationships" identified during our recent discernment process.

You can sign up between services or after the 11:00 a.m. service the next three Sundays, June 3, 10 and 17. We will also be setting up a way to pay on-line on the Plymouth website. The prices this year are as follows:

Adults \$240

Teen/College \$220

Ages 8-12 \$190

Ages 3-7 \$160

Under 3 Free

Please contact Jennifer Castle in the church office or at jcastle@plymouthchurchseattle.org if you need a scholarship, or have general questions about camp. Please join us for a wonderful week together!

Enjoy an Afternoon of Musical Theatre

Sunday, June 3, 2:00 p.m., Plymouth Sanctuary
Elizabeth Nestlerode in concert -- "*On my Way to . . .*"

A concert to celebrate her graduation from the University of Miami with a BFA in Musical Theatre and a farewell performance before she moves to New York. Elizabeth will be accompanied in concert by Wanda Griffiths (Plymouth Assistant Organist & Choir Director, who is also her mother) and Andrew Leonard. A free-will offering will be collected to benefit Plymouth Healing Communities.

All Church Picnic: Sunday, June 10

Mark your calendar! The annual Plymouth Picnic is Sunday, June 10! We will gather after the 11:00 a.m. service at Genesee Park along the shore of Lake Washington in southeast Seattle. The park is located on South Genesee Street between 43rd and 45th Avenues. The Mary's Place community will be our guests at the picnic this year, and Casa Latina folks are invited to join us as well. We'll have fun and build community with Mary's Place, Casa Latina, and with each other through games, good food, conversation, and (hopefully) music. Please bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share. Hot dogs, hamburgers, vegetarian burgers, condiments and beverages will be provided. Cost of the picnic is \$4 per person or \$10 per family, payable at the park. Bring the sunshine! Bring blankets and chairs! Bring balls and Frisbees! Bring your appetite and a desire to have a good time! See you at the picnic! -- *Ardy Bergman & Jane Alley, for the Fellowship and Recreation Board*

Spruce Up Your Church

We invite you to come show your pride in Plymouth by pitching in with our Spring Cleaning Day, Saturday, June 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We have a variety of light tasks. Many hands will make it easy. Come for an hour or the entire morning. Please call the office at 206/622-4865 to sign up, or e-mail info@plymouthchurchseattle.org. --*Tony Case, Property Committee*

Worship at Plymouth this Summer

One of the goals of the discernment process is to explore vital worship. The Worship, Arts and Music Board have met to incorporate new aspects of worship into the Sunday summer schedule. Beginning Sunday, June 17, all will gather in the sanctuary at 9:00 a.m. for one worship service. Following worship, grab refreshments and gather in the Lounge at 10:15 a.m. to hear a variety of topics: young adult members and their travels abroad, faith journeys, along with opportunities for your feedback on the summer worship services at Plymouth.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Announcement

- **Renew, Refresh, Recharge:** Northwest Center for Creative aging offers courses at Seattle University. Four days of learning: session 1, June 11-12, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; session 2, June 13-14, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. More at www.plymouthchurchseattle.org
- **Thank You, Plymouth** My gratitude and love for Plymouth people who have included me in their prayers as I continue this slow healing process. You have sent cards, called, brought food, visited, offered rides and commiserated with advice and your own stories of illness and recovery. We are not alone. We are indeed a "healing church!"-- *Medora Moburg*
- **Summer Coffee Hour Hosts Needed!** Are you able to host one or more 10:00 coffee hours on summer Sundays? Volunteers are needed for July and August to prepare trays of fruit and cookies for serving. (Sampling Molly's wonderful treats is a perk of the job!) Please contact Ardy Bergman (206-725-1469) or Jane Alley (206-725-9466) if you can help.