

SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

10:30 am Worship Sunday, January 10, 2021

Baptism of Christ

Lectionary Text for January 10: Genesis 1:1-5

Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown, Preaching

11:30 am Online Coffee Hour

Join friends online this Sunday after worship

Virtual Worship Only!

Find links to video stream and worship bulletin and participate online at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

The church building will be closed for all activities until further notice.

Check PlymouthChurchSeattle.org for updates.

All pastoral care will be via telephone or e-mail.

If you have personal concerns, you may contact a minister or member of the Pastoral Care Team by calling the pastoral voice mail, 206.622.4865 *833, checked daily.

Staff e-mail addresses are listed under the "About" tab at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. Click on "Ministers and Staff."



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You As of Wednesday, January 6, we have received \$2,680 in our Christmas Special Offering to be split between UCC Christmas Fund and Plymouth UCC Scholarship Fund.

Anxiety, Depression and Our Faith As part of the Anxiety, Depression and Our Faith workshop this week, our Faith Community Nurse June Hayakawa-Fung created these two handouts of resources for mental health concerns that we wanted to share with the congregation. Find links to download pdfs at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

Sharing Faces of Peace We are collecting videos of Plymouth members "Passing the peace" to be used in our online worship services! If you would like to make a short video snippet to be included, email Sari at saribrezna@gmail.com and she will walk you through how to contribute. It's simple, quick, and we'd love to see more Plymouth faces!

The Plymouth Herald is published every week. **Deadline is Monday, 10 am, for Wednesday publication.** Stay current with Plymouth happenings on our website. Join us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram!   

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Return Service Requested

OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH...

Jessie Attri, Riley Balcita, Matt Banks, Ken Carter, **Jon & Maryann Counts**, Pam Dorrance, Rick Eberharter, Maria Eclipse (Grandmother of Rogie Eclipse), Carmen Ramsey Ellington, (friend of Karen Clark), Phil Fredrickson, Keili Geller (Granddaughter of Nancy Geller), Peter Gibbons (Brother of Eileen Gibbons), Sharon, Floyd, and Carrie Gossett, Robert Hardy (Friend of Karen Clark), Joyce Irving (mother of Rev. Louis Mitchell), Virginia Johnson, Michael Kaid, Renee Lang (friend of Glenda Carper), Libonati Family, Sharon Masse (Wife of Gary Magnuson), John Mooney (Brother of Carol Mooney), Georgia Nelson, Dick, Jean and Alex Paul (Parents and Nephew of Beth Paul Russell), Tommy Rivers Puzey (Friend of Karen Clark), Jose Robles, Joseph Scott, Naomi Stein, Jim Stultz (Brother of Doug Stultz), Jaime Rubio Sulficio, Mildred Whitehurst (Grandmother of Toni Arthur), Samantha Williams, Stu Williamson (Father of Ruth Williamson) **(bold = newly added)**

Our hearts are with Mari Mitchell and family on the recent passing of her sister-in-law, Cheri Bader.

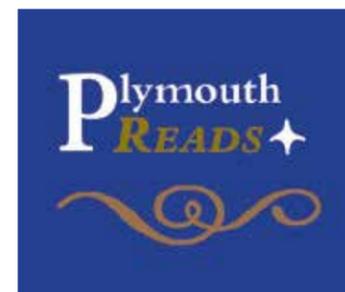
An online service celebrating the life of Dorothy Swanson will be held 2 pm Saturday, January 16. Use link at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org and regular church passcode. If you need that code, contact Info@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

PLYMOUTH CHURCH HERALD

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PLYMOUTH READS



Unable to get into Plymouth Reads' first book by James Baldwin? No worries. Join in on our second book, *How To Be An Antiracist* by Ibram X. Kendi. You might even want to start by watching a short video of Ibram X. Kendi speaking about his book.

There is a link to a TED talk on the Plymouth Reads web page. Click on the logo that will take you right to the page. On that page you will also find the Weekly Challenge. Let's really delve into this important, much talked about book.

Click the "Plymouth Reads" button at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org for link to registration and resources. Receive weekly emails and hear about the latest details on events and happenings around the reading of *How To Be An Antiracist*. You will also need to register to get an invitation to the two Zoom events on March 6 and 13. ✦

STAND IN SOLIDARITY ON MLK DAY



Safely gather with others outside Plymouth 12 noon- 2 pm Monday, January 18

If you are looking for a Covid friendly vehicle for supporting Black Lives Matter on Martin Luther King Day, consider joining us! Let's gather between 12 noon and 2 pm on Monday, January 18 at Plymouth Church outside at 6th and University. Please come for any part of that time for as long as you are able. There is plenty of space to distance. Wear a mask and bring a sign. A large march is leaving Garfield at noon and we are standing in solidarity with that effort. If you have questions please contact Christine Hanson 509.679.7430 hansonchristineann@gmail.com or Ruth Williamson 206-313-5931 ruthewill@gmail.com. ✦

MAY'S VOTE

May's Vote — a play about the two women who led the campaign that won the vote for women in Washington State in 1910 — is coming to Plymouth Church UCC for two virtual performances at the end of January! Don't miss your chance to get to know these fascinating women. Learn about how Washington State's victory became a turning point in the fight to win the vote for women nationwide — and about the important role that Plymouth Congregational Church played in the Washington State campaign.

The *May's Vote* performances are being sponsored by University Congregational UCC, in collaboration with Plymouth Church UCC and the Pacific Northwest Conference. Join us for this online play about two extraordinary women from Washington's past. The actors will give a brief live introduction before the virtual performance and will answer questions in a post-play online discussion after the show.

Virtual Performances (*link will be given later*):

- Tuesday, January 26, 2:30 pm (Pacific Time)
- Friday, January 29, 6:30 pm. (Pacific Time)

Prim and proper Emma Smith DeVoe and outrageous, flamboyant May Arkwright Hutton worked side by side — but seldom eye to eye — to win the vote for women in Washington State in 1910. Emma and May were as different as night and day, which makes for a very lively play!

Written by Toni Douglass, *May's Vote* has toured throughout Washington in the past. In 2020, in honor of the centennial of the 19th Amendment (and the 110th anniversary of Washington's victory), a new production was mounted by Key City Public Theatre in Port Townsend, under a Votes for Women Centennial Grant from the Washington State Historical Society. ✦

JOIN CONVERSATION AND MEETING

Plan to attend a Congregational Conversation about Plymouth's 2020 finances and the 2021 budget proposal after worship via Zoom **Sunday, January 17. Plymouth's 151st Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, January 31.** Keep reading the *Herald* and checking the website for links to the meetings. ✦



Online performances and discussions.

CONTINUE TO PUT LOVE IN ACTION



Kyna Shilling

“Wait, what happened to the Stewardship Campaign?” Don’t worry-- we didn’t forget about it! So many things about this year have been different, and we’re changing how we do Stewardship at Plymouth as well. Instead of holding an annual fall pledge campaign, we’re shifting to a model for year-round stewardship, with the theme Love in Action.

The focus has been to bring you

weekly stories from different members, so we can share all the ways that Plymouth embodies Love in Action. This may not seem like a traditional stewardship campaign, but our hope is that hearing these Love in Action stories will help you reflect on what Plymouth means to you... and your role in making Plymouth a strong and vital community that extends farther than the building. Your financial contributions help fortify our church. Your prayers, presence, and pledges make all our love in action possible. We rely on your support and participation in Plymouth.

In the midst of all that is uncertain, we hope you will consider a regular financial gift to Plymouth in 2021 — and if it is within your means, please consider increasing your gift. There is much work to be done, and with your help, we can get to work together.

If you’d like to set up automatic monthly giving, Diane Jacobsen can help: email her at DJacobsen@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org or you can set up a secure recurring gift online through our website (the green “Give” button). You can also give via mail (just write “2021 pledge” on the memo line), donate by Cash App at [\\$PlymouthUCCSeattle](https://cash.app/$PlymouthUCCSeattle), text your gift to 206.208.1442, or manage your giving from the SimpleChurch app.

Please mark your calendars for after worship on Sunday January 17! We’ll be holding a congregational budget conversation over Zoom, and I look forward to sharing with you all the ways we put love into action in 2020, and our hopes for 2021 at Plymouth.

And if you’d like to share a story of Love in Action, please email me at KynaGrace@gmail.com. Thank you! —Kyna Shilling ✨



HELP WITH LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

We received such great feedback about how meaningful the Advent devotional was for so many in our church community that we have decided to create a similar devotional booklet for Lent this year. In this time when we can’t physically be together, it is particularly meaningful for our faith community to experience Lent through a devotional made up of submissions from one another. Our theme for Lent this year is *Seeing Through the Darkness*. Submissions can be stories from your life, prayers, photography, poetry (your own or favorite poems written by others), or art. Here are some questions to get you thinking: What role has the darkness played in your faith journey? What are the gifts found in darkness? Where do you find hope? How have you been able to move through dark times in your life?

This is an ambitious project, as we need almost twice the submissions as we had in Advent to cover the days of Lent. Please email your submissions to Jennifer Castle at JCastle@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org by **Wednesday, February 3**, in order for us to put the devotional together in time for the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, February 17. Please contact Jennifer if you have questions or need more information. ✨

THANK YOU, ALL



The Plymouth Immigration Ministry Team is grateful for your extra support during our holiday “ask” for the Robles and Montecinos families through Gethsemane Lutheran Church, and your donations of gift cards for the youth in care

of Kids In Need of Defense (KIND). Jose Robles was thrilled with the holiday cards and notes he received at the Northwest Detention Center, letting him know we haven’t forgotten him. Small or large, each of your gifts helped to make a difference. Thank you very much!

The Immigration Team meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 7 pm via Zoom. Please contact Warren Smith for a link to the meeting and/or to be added to our mailing list. We’d love to have you join us at our next meeting! —Carol Mooney ✨



Jennifer Castle. Director of Faith Formation and Pastoral Intern

COMMUNION VIDEOS REQUESTED

The worship team would love to feature Plymouth folks communing together for our worship videos on Communion Sundays. Would you be interested in making a short video of yourself and others serving one other Communion? This could include couples, friends, and family groups with youth and children. Please contact Rev. Donene Blair for details at DBlair@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. Thank you! — Plymouth Worship Planning Team ✨



Be part of online worship.

EMBODIMENT IN DISEMBODED TIME



Join online retreat January 29-30, 2021.

All male gender identifying people are invited to register for the Pacific Northwest Conference UCC Men’s Retreat January 29–30. The theme is “Embodiment in a Disembodied Time.” Our host will be Phil Porter of Interplay.

The retreat will be held online, Friday evening, January 29, 7:30 to 9 pm for music, worship and introductions, continuing Saturday with program led by Phil Porter, 9 to 11 am and 2 to 4 pm, ending Saturday, 7:30 to 9 pm, with Wisdom Circle. Link to register at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org (click news article “Embodiment in a Disembodied Time.”)

Contact Hans Danker, JDank@msn.com for scholarship assistance, Advent blessings, —Rick Russell, member of Planning Team and Prospect UCC, Seattle ✨

STAR WORDS

For Epiphany, we have shared *Star Words* with you. They are meant to be guiding words for your year and an opportunity to reflect on who you are and shall be as we follow the star. My hope is that like the magi who followed the star to discover Jesus, we also seek him, trusting the path will lead us to wholeness by way of our star.

You should have received your star word in the mail. Trust the word you receive to select you. It is natural to want to police which word you receive, however, give it time to bloom in its meaning for you.

If you did not receive one by mail, contact Toni Arthur, TArthur@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org, who will send you a word via email. —Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown ✨

CHECK OUT THE LIBRARY BLOG

In this this week’s blog, Plymouth Librarian Suzanne Sanderson begins the new month and new year discussing ways in which people around the world find hope, peace, love, and joy.

“On the four Sundays of Advent we lit first one candle and then the next week, two candles, then three, and finally all four were lit: Hope, Peace, Love, and Joy. As we

begin a new year, we are filled with hope. We can relate to Psalm 30: ‘Weeping may endure for the night, but joy comes in the morning.’ We have had a year of much weeping (and some joy), but we hope that 2021 will bring more joy (even though there may still be weeping)..

“I try to live a joyful life, full of love and peace. (I’m not quite as good with hope, being a bit of a pessimist.) No surprise, books bring me joy.”

New articles posted every Monday at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org. Click on the Library box on the homepage and then the link to the blog. Check out archived articles, too. ✨

COVID-19 COMMUNITY RESOURCES



Government news and resources for you.

The City of Seattle Mayor’s Office has set up a frequently updated page listing comprehensive resources available at this time: Seattle.Gov/Mayor/Covid-19.

This page contains information and links for programs and services that help residents impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Some programs and services are available

to everyone regardless of where you live. All Seattle residents regardless of immigration status are eligible for City of Seattle programs and services unless noted otherwise. The page is continuously updated.

You can learn more about the services listed on this page over the phone by calling the City of Seattle Customer Service Bureau from Monday to Friday, 8:30 am – 5 pm at 206.684.2489 or 206.684.CITY.

If you are a King County resident and have symptoms of COVID-19 or questions, you can call 206.477.3977. This helpline is open from 8 am – 7 pm every day. The operators are able to connect with a third-party interpreter.

Please look out for each other and check in with your neighbors. We are in this together, and we will get through this together! ✨



New articles posted every Monday.