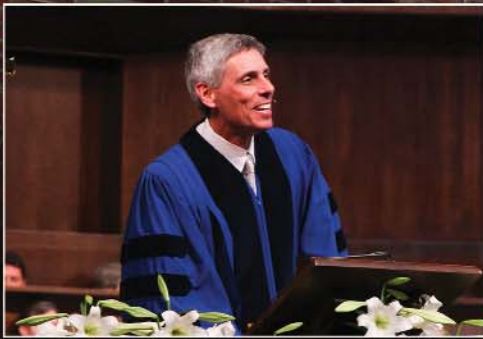


First-Plymouth

Congregational Church

2011-2012 Activities Booklet



Welcome Joy, Welcome Here!

Worship

At First-Plymouth

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Saturday 5:30 PM - A casual, 35-minute, come as you are, service in the chapel.



Sunday 9:00 AM - A traditional service held in the main sanctuary with Brass, Strings, choirs and handbells.



Sunday 10:30 AM - A traditional service held in the main sanctuary with the Plymouth Choir, Brass, Strings, and handbells.



Sunday 11:59 AM - A 30-minute service filled with eclectic music, casual dress, interactive teaching and a prayerful ritual of candle lighting.

Ministry with Children and Youth on Sunday . . .
Way Cool Worship at 9:00 and 10:30 AM
Way Cool Sunday School after worship.
Radical Christian Youth Group at 9:00 and 10:30 AM
Child care for infants and toddlers at 9:00 and 10:30 AM.

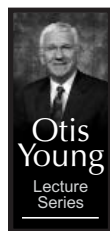


1st Sunday of the month - 7:00 PM - Our Taizé Service is a meditative candle light service held in the main sanctuary.

Rev. Dr. Allen R. Hilton R

Minister for Faith and Learning Wayzata Community Church.
Dynamic Bible Study: Saturday, Nov. 12th 10 AM- noon.
Preaching Saturday, Nov. 12th 5:30 PM, Sunday, Nov. 13, 9 AM, 10:30 AM & 11:59 AM

As Minister of Faith and Learning, Allen Hilton leads our sister church Wayzata Community Church's Christian Education team, focusing on adult Christian discipleship. His Bible studies attract over 300 people weekly! After degrees from George Fox College, Princeton Theological Seminary, and Yale University (Ph.D.), Allen taught Bible at St. Mary's College of California and then New Testament at the Yale Divinity School. The events of Sept. 11, 2001 issued a call to parish ministry. Don't miss his dynamic Bible teaching and preaching.



Otis Young Lecture Series features

Greg Garrett R

Thursday, Nov. 17th 7:00 PM First-Plymouth Church—The Other Jesus
Thursday, Nov. 17th 2:30 PM Doane College - The Literary Magic of Harry Potter



Greg is the author of the nonfiction books *We Get to Carry Each Other: The Gospel according to U2, The Gospel according to Hollywood, The Gospel Reloaded* (with Chris Seay), *Holy Superheroes, The Other Jesus: Rejecting the Religion of Fear for the God of Love, Stories from the Edge: A Theology of Grief*, and *One Fine Potion: The Literary Magic of Harry Potter*, of the critically-acclaimed novels *Cycling, Shame, and Free Bird* (named by Publishers Weekly as one of the best first novels of 2002); and of the memoirs *Crossing Myself* and *No Idea*.

Greg has written on culture, religion, and politics for many print and web publications including *The Washington Post, Christian Science Monitor, Poets & Writers, Christianity Today, Relevant, The Thoughtful Christian*, and for *The Christian Century*.

Greg is Professor of English at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, and a licensed lay preacher in the Episcopal Church. Greg is a frequent media guest on National Public Radio, CBS Radio, BBC Radio, and *The Bob Edwards Show*.

Dr. Thomas G. Long R

Voted One of the Top Ten Preachers in America
Bandy Professor of Preaching at Candler School of Theology, at Emory University in Atlanta.
Dr. Long will preach on Saturday, March 3, 5:30 PM; Sunday, March 4, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, and 11:59 AM, at First-Plymouth.

Thomas G. Long has previously taught preaching at Princeton, Columbia, and Erskine Seminaries. He is the author of several books on preaching and worship as well as Biblical commentaries on Matthew and Hebrews. He served as the senior homiletics editor of *The New Interpreter's Bible*. His latest books are *Accompany Them with Singing: The Christian Funeral* (2009), *Preaching from Memory to Hope* (2009), and *What Shall We Say? Evil, Suffering, and the Crisis of Faith* (2011). His wife, Kimberly, also a Presbyterian minister, is professor of worship at Columbia Theological Seminary in Atlanta.



Christians and Muslims...

Can cultural differences bring us together?

Sunday, Oct. 2 & Monday, Oct. 3
with Lotfi Lamrani from Morocco

Sunday, Oct. 2, Moroccan Dinner 5:30 PM-
Speaker 6:00 PM- Interfaith Taize' Prayer
Service 7:00 PM

Lotfi Lamrani is the Founder and Managing
Director of the Bridge of Cultures, President



and Exchange Director of Friendship Force Azrou Club, Morocco and Development Coordinator of Crossing Borders Education. Following an authentic Moroccan meal, (\$10) Lamrani will

speaking to the cultural similarities and differences between Islam and Christianity and the positive revolution of promoting peace, tolerance and coexistence through international networking and cultural exchange initiatives, panel discussions, cultural tours, community service projects and advocacy for children and women issues in Morocco.

Monday, Oct. 3, 6:30 PM- Movie Screening: "Crossing Borders" - plus talk back after 70 minute movie with assistant Producer Lotfi Lamrani. The film is an award winning documentary that follows four Moroccan and four American university students as they travel together through Morocco and in the process of discovering "The Other," discover themselves. With group travels and frank discussions, the students confront the complex implications of the supposed "clash of civilizations" between Islam and the West. The relationships formed through shared experiences contrast sharply with the media-shaped views Americans and Muslims have of each other. Humor, honesty and a willingness to be challenged bring individuals closer to each other and the relationships that develop disarm hidden stereotypes. Info on film: <http://crossingbordersfilm.org/>

5 Pastors & the Bible

Jim, Barb, Greg, Nancy and Kim explore the Gospel of Matthew



Wednesdays, September 28 – December 7, 6:15 PM.
Led by Rev. Jim Keck, Rev. Barb Smisek, Rev. Nancy Erickson,
Rev. Kim Hinrichs and Rev. Greg Stewart.

Wednesday nights starting this Fall one of our ministers will lead a study of the



first gospel in our New Testament. Whether you are Biblically knowledgeable or just curious to start learning more about scripture, this will be a wonderful way to read Matthew from the first chapter to the last with the ministers of First-Plymouth.

Bible Stories Through New Eyes

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Tuesdays, September 6 – May 22, 9:30-11:00 AM, Calvert Parlor.
Led by Carolyn Zeisset.

Punch-in-the-Gut Stories

September 6 - October 11. Re-read familiar stories, not as the pleasant, tame ones we may know, but as punch-in-the-gut stories first century listeners heard.

Unexpected People at the Threshold

October 18 - November 22. Minor characters can turn the direction major stories take. Who were Zipporah, Jael, Abigail, Ananias? How did they set the direction of major stories?

Christmas Hymns

Where Did Those Words Come From?: November 29 - December 20.
Explore scriptural allusions used by writers of Christmas hymns.

Favorite Bible Stories

January 3 - February 21. Find comfort—and maybe some surprises—in favorite Bible stories of group participants.

Lenten Study

February 28 - April 3. Prepare for Holy Week and Easter through a Lenten study.

Philippians

Love Letter from Paul: April 10 - 24. Immerse yourself in a book of love and joy.

If the Answer Is . . . What Was the Question?

May 1 - 22. Why are some stories in the Bible? What question(s) might have been raised that prompted the telling of a story?

TUESDAY

Out in Scripture

Tuesdays, September 13- May 15, 7:00 PM, Courtyard Lounge. Facilitated by Soni Fabry.

This Bible Study, using the Human Rights Campaign resource, places comments about the Bible alongside the real life experiences and concerns of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people of faith and allies. This Bible study provides a fresh approach to Scripture where you can be honest, question and go deeper. The Bible's not about beating you up, but lifting us all up. It includes the seeds of liberation and justice.

WEDNESDAY

More Important Moments in Jewish History

Wednesdays, September 7 - 28, 6:15-7:15 PM. Led by Dr. Dan Clanton, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at Doane College.

Discover how the faith of a small group of desert nomads transformed itself into one of the most significant religious, cultural and philosophical traditions in the history of our world.

Jesus and Justice

Wednesdays, September 7 – May 16, 6:15-7:30 PM.
Led by Jeanne Johnson, National Justice Leaders Engaging and Developing trainer, lay minister and spiritual director in training. Cost: \$13.00 for the book, *Moment by Moment: A Retreat in Everyday Life*.

Ever feel life isn't fair? Do you wish you could make a difference in the world? Would you like to know Jesus better? This class seeks to combine the UCC justice training, to enhance dialogue skills, look at the biblical mandate for justice and build your relationship with Jesus in your daily life. Using guided meditation, prayer, dialogue, journaling and study we will work together toward these goals.

What Type of Church is First-Plymouth? R

Wednesday, September 14, 6:15 PM and repeated Wednesday, April 18, 6:15 PM. Led by Rev. Jim Keck, Senior Minister & Rev. Barb Smisek, Associate Minister.

There are many different kinds of Christian churches in America. Where does First-Plymouth fit in this landscape? What is the history of our denomination? This class is ideal for those who have just joined First-Plymouth or those who are thinking about joining, or even those who have been long-time members who want to explore our unique identity in a fun way.

The Heartbeat of Life R

Wednesday, January 11 – Feb 1, 6:15 PM.

Led by Pastor Karen Clarke, a former Benedictine Sister.

Spiritual seekers have a new opportunity to live a better life from the very center of their world by drawing on the wisdom of ancient monastic values. Discuss the ancient Rule of Benedict that stands as a practical model upon which to build a satisfying life. Purchase Joan Chittester's book, *Monasteries of the Heart: An Invitation to a Meaningful Life* prior to the first class.

Animated Faith: How TV Portrays Religion R

Wednesdays, February 1 - 29, 6:15-7:15 PM.

Led by Dr. Dan Clanton, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at Doane College.

Join us as we examine how religion is alive and well in animated series like *The Simpsons*, *Family Guy* and *South Park*. For all ages!

Lenten Discussion Series: The Beatitude Attitude: Taking on the Mind of Christ W

Lent 2012 (February 22 – April 8).

"Beatitude" is the Latin word for the 9 blessings at the start of the sermon on the Mount. During Lent, members and friends of First-Plymouth will strive to take on the mind of Christ by immersing ourselves in these prophetic blessings of Jesus. Small groups will be forming to discuss the Lenten Sermon Series on The Beatitudes.

Neglected Books of the New Testament R

Wednesdays, April 11 – May 2, 6:15-7:15 PM.

Led by Dr. Dan Clanton, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at Doane College.

Everyone knows the Gospels, but when was the last time you read James, 1 John or Hebrews? We'll focus on these often neglected books in order to understand how Christianity developed in the late 1st – early 2nd centuries.

THURSDAY

Not Your Ordinary Bible Study W

Thursdays, Year Round. Noon-1:00 PM, Calvert Parlor Led by Rev. Jim Keck, Senior Minister.

A spiritual adventure that lets Scripture speak directly to our lives, as well as catapulting us into far-ranging topics of real interest. No previous Bible knowledge is needed, just come and read, talk, laugh and reflect. Feel free to bring your own lunch.

The Bible in America R

Rev. Dr. Jim Keck, Senior Minister at First-Plymouth Thursday, February 9, 7:00 PM, Chapel at First-Plymouth.

There are a host of interesting contradictions. American Christians have a deep love of scripture, yet most surveys show us to be biblically illiterate. American Christians tend to claim to "follow the Bible," but then take many positions counter to scripture. This lecture will explore both a cultural history of the Bible in America and offer a theological proposal for its role in the Christian life. Rev. Dr. Jim Keck, is the Senior Minister at First-Plymouth Church. He received his Doctorate of Ministry from Andover Newton Seminary and was ordained in the United Church of Christ in 1990. He has also served as a guest lecturer at Tufts University, Andover Newton Theological School, American Baptist School and Pacific School of Religion, as well as a keynote speaker for numerous denominational events.



SUNDAY

St. Paul in Context Biblical and Archaeological Evidence R

Sundays, September 11 – May 20 (will not meet October 2-23), 9:00-9:50 AM. Led by Dr. David Peabody, Author and Professor of Religion, Nebraska Wesleyan University

Weekly topics will be drawn from the content of Paul's letters and the Acts of the Apostles, along with evidence related to his life and letters which may be gleaned from archaeological work from ancient cities in both Greece and Turkey.

Banned from the Bible R

Sundays, October 2- 23, 9:00-10:00 AM.

Led by Dr. Dan Clanton, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at Doane College.

What books weren't included in the Bible as we know it? How can this literature help us understand Judaism between the Testaments?

Discussion Groups

Walk-ins welcome at all discussion groups

'Something Else' Discussion

Sundays, 9:00-10:00 AM, Starts the last Sunday in August through Memorial Day weekend. Calvert Parlor. Attend when you can. Led by Jim Hewitt, retired lawyer and college professor.

Discussion and focus on current events and Bible discussion.

Sunday Discussion Group (SDG)

Year round, Sundays, 9:15 - 10:20 AM, Tower Room.

Sponsored by First-Plymouth Singles Ministry.

Roundtable discussions of current events, religious topics, books and other issues. Leaders and topics vary throughout the year.

Friends and Faith: Adult Book Discussion Group

Sundays September through May, 9:45-10:30 AM, Staff Room 2nd floor. Contact Penny Larsen.

Group members select books to read and discuss. Past discussions include: *Speaking of Faith* by Krista Tippett, *Beyond Heaven and Hell* by Bishop John Spong, and *Peace is the Way* by Deepak Chopra.

A Course in Miracles (Two Opportunities)

Sundays, Year Round, 9:40-11:00 AM, Jim Keck's office, and 11:00 AM-11:59 AM, Staff Room.

Study and personal spiritual growth following the book, *A Course in Miracles*.

Book Discussion

3rd Tuesday of the month, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM, Calvert Parlor. Led by Amy Tuttle.

Monthly Book Discussion Group. Reading list chosen by the group.

Early Risers Group for Men

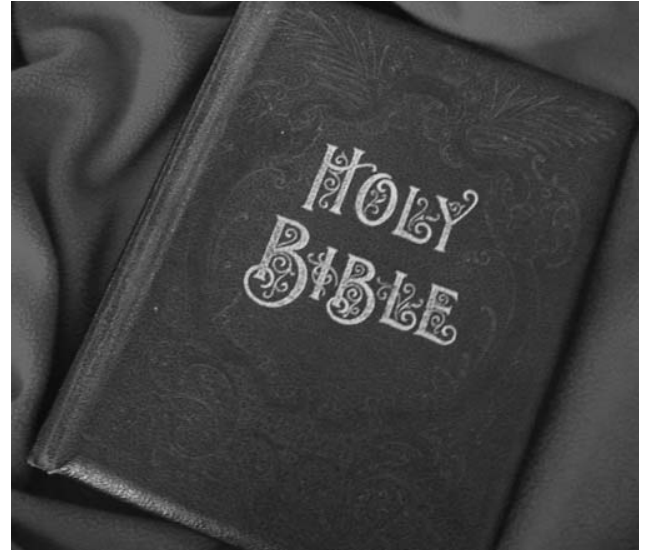
2nd and 4th Wednesdays, September through May, (2nd Wed. only- June through August), 7:00-8:00 AM, in Pilgrim Hall. Led by Bob Bartle.

Current study of spiritual issues as they relate to current events.

Women's Circle 1 Bible Study

1st Wednesday of the month, 9:30-11:00 AM, various locations. Led by Rev. Ralph Sturdy.

Bible study and fellowship.



Women's Circle 3 Bible Study

2nd Wednesday of the month, 9:30-11:00 AM, Pilgrim Hall. Led by Rev. Barb Smisek, Associate Minister.

When we read some Bible stories carefully, they raise lots of **W** questions. "Why did God put the tree of knowledge of good and evil in the Garden of Eden if Adam and Eve were not to eat of it?" "Does God tempt us and then punish us if we fail the test?" With the help of New Testament scholar Amy-Jill Levine, the group will look at six Bible stories and wrestle with these and other questions. Join us for the monthly study of *What's God Up To? Bible Stories Through New Eyes*.

Men's Noon Discussion Group

1st and 3rd Wednesday, Noon-1:00 PM, September—May, Pilgrim Hall. Led by Rev. Jim Keck, Senior Minister.

Spiritual journeys, current events & discussions, led by group **R** members.

Early Birds Group for Men

Year round, Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 AM, Courtyard Lounge.

Group contact Bob Reeves, Retired Religion Reporter
Stimulating discussion and a light breakfast.

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Early Bird Discussion for Women

1st and 3rd Friday, September-May, 7:00-8:00 AM, Pilgrim Hall. Led by Rev. Kim Hinrichs, Associate Minister.

Lively discussion on spiritual journeys, books, the Bible and current issues for women of all ages.

Spiritual Direction

Contact Rev. Kathryn Campbell,
Minister of Spiritual Direction,
Kathryn@firstplymouth.org, 402-
488-3647.



Spiritual Direction: A time to reflect deeply on your life; a chance to explore your spirituality; a help when making important decisions or in a time of transition; invites you to draw closer to God. Spiritual Direction is companionship on the spiritual journey with an experienced guide who can help you listen for the movement of the Spirit in your life (that it is there is assumed). Rev. Kathryn Campbell, trained at the Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation (www.shalem.org), can help you identify and trust your own experiences of God. You may meet one time or on a continuing basis; it is all completely confidential. Contact Kathryn at kathryn@firstplymouth.org or 488-3647.



Sustainable Cooking Classes

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Saturdays, September 17, November 12, February 4,
March 24, and May 12, 9:00-11:00 AM. Contact Rev.
Kim Hinrichs.

Engage in some hands-on learning about cooking with organic, seasonal foods. Instructors will include local dieticians, chefs, caterers and food lovers.

Public Lectures with Organic Potluck Lunches

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Sundays, September 18, November 13, February 5,
March 25, and May 13, 12:45-2:15pm, in Pilgrim Hall.
Contact Rev. Kim Hinrichs.

Bring an organic dish to share and settle in to hear a talk from one of many local leaders of the sustainability movement. Topics will range from sustainable business practices, environmental protection, sustainable living, organic farming, local eating and more.

BOOK LAUNCH PARTY

The ART & ARCHITECTURE of First-Plymouth

Friday, September 2
5:30PM to 7:30PM
at First-Plymouth

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Seven Acts of Kindness Project

A congregation-wide growth and service experiment
June 3rd – July 15th, 2012.

Can we make the world a better place? Yes! Join as we unleash acts of kindness into the world. Join an affinity group of people with shared interests—golfers, gardeners, musicians, knitters, basketball players, or whatever you can think up. Meet once a week to generate ideas, then do an act of kindness and meet again to reflect on how the experience moved or changed you.



Come once or all seven weeks- it's up to you. Document your acts of kindness on the Seven Acts of Kindness Facebook page, which will create an inspirational community gathering place as well as a record of all of our actions. At the end, we'll have a congregation-wide celebration of all the goodness that our faith community brought into the world. Contact Rev. Kim Hinrichs kim@firstplymouth.org

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SEPTEMBER

Rebuilding When Your Relationship Ends R

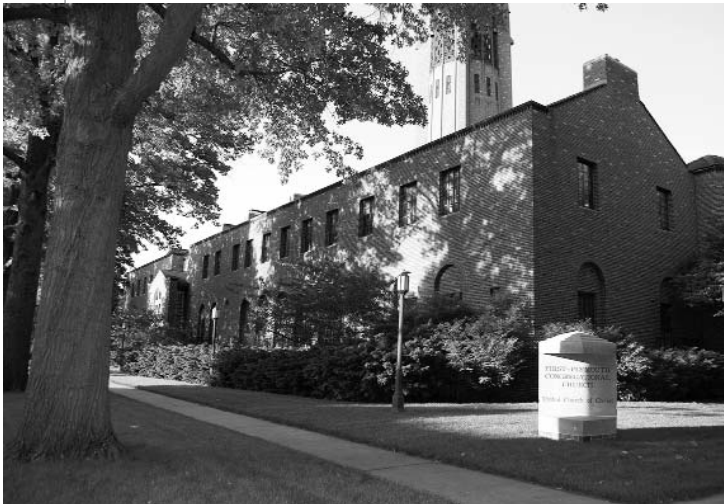
Fall Session: Wednesdays, September 7 – October 26, 6:15-7:15 PM.

Winter Session: Wednesdays, February 1 – March 21, 6:15-7:15 PM.

Led by Kathy Foster.

Cost: \$35.00 (includes materials). Class size limited.

Divorce is not easy and can be extremely painful. Emotions like anger, frustration, fear, sorrow, bitterness, hatred, guilt, grief, regret and loss of self worth, might arise. You will be in a caring environment with other people who are going through the same process. Learn about yourself and how to rebuild your life.



Church Tours and Church Mural Tours W

1st Wednesday of the month, rotating church and mural tours. Led by Judi Cook.

Church Tours: *Sept. 7, Nov. 2, Jan. 11, Mar. 7, and May 2, 6:15 PM. Meet in the back of the Sanctuary.*

Learn more about this unique historic building and discover interesting features, symbols and how to navigate.

Mural Tours: *Oct. 5, Dec. 7, Feb. 1, and April 11, 6:15 PM.*

Get a quick chronological review of the Old Testament stories depicted on a mural located on the top floor of the west wing.

Befriending the Stress Monster R

Wednesday, September 7 & 14, 6:15-7:15 PM.

Led by Margaret Rickers, licensed massage therapist and wellness educator. Cost: \$5.00.

Stress is a part of life. In each stage of our human development, it is one of the tasks to “manage stress.” There are lots of techniques and mountains of information and still it is there. Discover how you respond to stressful events and a few tools to place in the “resource kit” to help manage life’s stressful moments.

Raising Healthy, Positive and Drug Free Kids: Six Most Important Things To Do As A Family W

Wednesday, September 7, 6:15-7:15 PM.

Led by Kathleen Nelson-Simley.

Research shows there are six specific activities that parents can do to encourage open communication, teach values, build positive relationships, and support positive character with their kids. This workshop will reveal the six activities and discuss the positive effect each can have within a family, the challenges in carrying them out and solutions to making them happen.

Using Positive Discipline – Being Their Parent and Not Their Friend W

Wednesday, September 14, 6:15-7:15 PM

Led by Kathleen Nelson-Simley.

One of the most challenging skills parents face today is disciplining their child. The struggle between needing to be their parent and wanting to be their friend makes it even more difficult to discipline. This workshop will allow parents to share their challenges with disciplining, as well as learn how to do it in a way that is effective but still earns their child’s respect, love, and admiration.

Handbells . . . How’d They Do That?

Wednesday, September 14th, 6:15 - 7:15 in the handbell room. Led by Ruth Diedrichsen, Handbell Director.

Have you ever wondered how handbells can produce so many sounds? How does a handbell really work? Here is your chance to find out. There will be no commitment to ring, perform, or join a handbell choir. You do not need to know how to read music. Join us and find out what makes handbells such a fascinating musical instrument.

Parental Monitoring: It’s Not Meddling, It’s Caring W

Wednesday, September 21, 6:15-7:15 PM.

Led by Kathleen Nelson-Simley.

“Where are you going? Who will you be with? What will you be doing?” These are important questions every parent needs to ask their child to keep them safe and out of trouble. Research consistently shows that when children let their parents know about their activities, their friends and their whereabouts, they lower their risk of participating in risky behaviors. This workshop will offer specific ideas on how to monitor and supervise your child in a non-meddling, but caring way.

OCTOBER

Grief Recovery Workshop R

Fall Session: Tuesdays, October 4 – November 22, 7:00-8:30 PM. Winter Session: Tuesdays, February 7 – March 27, 7:00-8:30 PM.

Led by Becky Walkowiak, RN, LPMH and Laurie Reinsch, LPMH. Cost: \$50.00 (book included).

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Everyone will experience grief. It is part of the human condition that we cannot escape. Grief impacts the essence of who we are emotionally, physically, psychologically and spiritually. Loss can take place in many forms: death of a child, a parent, a spouse, loss of a pregnancy, loss of career, loss of a marriage or relationship and more. There is hope for those who are experiencing pain from a recent loss, or continue to be impacted from a loss that occurred many years ago. The life we knew before will not be the same, but it is possible to find a renewal of peace, happiness, and be open to a new way of life. Participate in your own grief recovery in a supportive and confidential small group atmosphere.

Personal Financial Planning

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Wednesdays, October 5 – November 9, 6:15-7:15 PM.

Led by Tami Uribe, CRPC, CRE and Todd Kelley, CFE, UNL Adjunct Instructors.

Cost: \$99.00 (No additional cost for a spouse, partner or other guest) – Course materials provided.

What are the 6 Keys to financial success? Do you understand the risks of accumulating money? Is your 401k invested correctly? How do you use home equity? How do you inflation-proof your income? Should you have a will? Do you need a trust? How have you planned for the future? ATTEND because education and good planning are key elements of long term financial success. It's never too early to plan, and the earlier you start the more successful you will be.

Navigating the Distractions

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Wednesdays, October 5 - 19, 6:15-7:15 PM.

Led by Susan Brasch, Visual Artist, Mediator. Cost: \$15.00

What defines a personal spiritual practice and how does one make the time for it with a busy schedule? These questions will be discussed and explored in this class.

NOVEMBER

You and Your Spiritual Gifts: Discovering the Spirit's Vision for Your Life

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Wednesdays, November 2 – December 14 (will not meet Nov. 23), 6:15-7:15 PM.

Led by Rev. Ralph and Joyce Sturdy.

Spiritual Gifts are given to every person by God and are not earned, bought, or learned ... they are given for the mutual good of the Family of God. Some of the Spiritual Gifts are: Mercy, Insight, Affirmation, Wisdom ... (and more). Learn how to use your spiritual gifts. Plan on attending a majority of classes.

Handel's Messiah: Giving Voice to Verse

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Monday, November 21, 7:00-8:30 PM, Choir Room.

Led by Tom Trenney, First-Plymouth Minister of Music and Artistic Director of Abendmusik.

Since its premiere in 1742, Handel's oratorio Messiah has become the most popular choral-orchestral masterpiece of all time. In anticipation of ABENDCHOR's upcoming performance on

Sunday, November 27, Tom Trenney invites us for a behind-the-scenes look at the inspired relationship between scripture and music that brings Messiah's timeless message to life.

JANUARY

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University

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Wednesdays, January 11 – April 11, 6:15-8:15 PM.

Facilitated by Shane Rhian.

Cost: \$100.00 for membership kit (one per person/or family).



FPU is a life changing program that empowers and teaches how to make the right money decisions to achieve your financial goals using Biblical principles. FPU is for everyone from the financially secure to the financially distressed. During this 13 week workshop, the average family pays off \$5,300 in debt and saves \$2,700. Kit includes: book, workbook, audio CD's, envelope system, financial resources and life-time enrollment.

Introduction to Energy Healing

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Saturday, January 21, 9:30am-12:30 PM.

Led by Margaret Rickers, licensed massage therapist, certified healing touch practitioner, Reiki Master. Cost: \$25.00.

Learn about Healing Touch, Therapeutic Touch, Reiki and other ways of using energy to facilitate the healing process. We each have the innate gift from the Creator to self-heal and we can use our compassion and intention to help others heal. Learn some simple, yet powerful techniques to ease pain and give comfort for yourself or others.

FEBRUARY

Ballroom Dancing with a Hint of Latin

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Wednesdays, February 1 – 29 (will not meet 22nd), 6:15-7:15 PM.

Led by Don and Polly Anderson, legendary dance instructors. Cost: \$20.00 per person/\$40.00 per couple. Make checks payable to Don Anderson.

Put on your dancing shoes and dance away the winter blues by learning to ballroom dance.

Meet the Composer: Anne Wilson

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Wednesday, February 29, 5:30-6:30 PM, Choir Room.

Led by Tom Trenney, First-Plymouth Minister of Music and Artistic Director of Abendmusik.

Cleveland-based composer and Renaissance woman Anne Wilson comes to Lincoln to participate in the Nebraska premiere of her Song of Hope, a multi-movement choral-orchestral work which connects the



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beloved images of the Beatitudes with powerful contemporary scenes, including the events of September 11, 2001, the integration of schools in Little Rock, Arkansas; a young boy's reflections from a World War II concentration camp, and inspired words of Carl Sandburg, Mother Teresa, Nelson Mandela and Dwight Eisenhower. Do not miss this opportunity to discover the heart and soul of one of America's treasured composers.

MARCH

The Rebirth of Christian Rome R

Wednesday, March 7 - 28, 6:15-7:15 PM.

Led by Andrea Bolland, Associate Professor of Art History, UNL. Cost: \$15.00.

Examine the re-emergence of Rome as a site for ambitious artistic projects after the return of the papal court in the mid-15th century. Art and architecture from both the Renaissance and Baroque periods will be discussed, and we will focus especially on works by Michelangelo, Raphael, Donato Bramante, Francesco Borromini and Gian Lorenzo Bernini.

APRIL

Discover Your Personal Strengths R

Wednesdays, April 11 - 25, 6:15-7:15 PM.

Led by Dr. Paul Thompson, retired Gallup analyst.

Scripture suggests that God wants us to have an abundant life and to become all we can. Understand how your unique, God-given gifts and talents can make a difference in your life. Class based on Strengths Finder 2.0 online assessment test, which will reveal your personalized "Signature Themes." Purchase the book, *Strength Finder 2.0*, written by Tom Rath, prior to the first class.

Peace & Justice Series W

The First-Plymouth Peace & Justice team will offer a series of public discussions on a range of important social justice topics. All are welcome. Interested individuals are also welcome to join the committee. Contact Steve DeLair, chair, at 402-438-9609.

- Wed, September 21:** "Can We Talk? Is Civil Discourse Dead in America?"
- Tues, October 18:** Field trip to the Center for People in Need
- Wed, November 16:** "How to Activate Your Christianity in the Political Process"
- Wed, January 18:** "Local Experts Discuss the Drug/Alcohol Scene in Lincoln: What Parents and Others Need to Know"
Guest speakers Phil Tegeler from Cornhusker Place and Jason Conrad from Houses of Hope
- Wed, February 15:** "Medicare and the Health Cost Crisis"
A forum with representatives from the Democratic and Republican parties
- Wed, March 21:** "Youth and Crime. An Analysis of Sentencing in Nebraska"
- Sat, April 14:** "The Destiny of Stuff: Visiting a Local Landfill"
In conjunction with the Sustainable Living Ministry

Behind the Music: Benjamin Britten's War Requiem W

Monday, April 23, 7:00-8:30 PM, Choir Room.

Led by Tom Trenney, First-Plymouth Minister of Music and Artistic Director of Abendmusik.

Prepare yourselves for Lincoln's upcoming performance of Benjamin Britten's epic War Requiem, a massive, profound work which was first performed when the new edifice of England's Coventry Cathedral was dedicated, following bombing of the original building during World War II. Britten, a pacifist, chose to unite the liturgical Latin text of the Requiem mass with the striking war poetry by Wilfred Owen. Join Tom Trenney for a guided tour of this remarkable and unique work, and do not miss the unusual opportunity to experience it live at the Lied Center on Saturday, April 28 at 7:30 PM.



MAY

Singing Our Faith W

Tuesdays, May 8, 15 & 22, 7:00-8:30 PM, Choir Room.

Led by Tom Trenney, First-Plymouth Minister of Music and Artistic Director of Abendmusik.

Gather together to dialogue with Tom Trenney and one another about the role of music in our individual spiritual lives as well as in our worshiping communities. Explore some of the evolution in the history of church music, share in experiences with an array of hymnody, and venture into some contemporary challenges to the future of worship and music, always connecting scripture, prayer, and praise to our individual and collective voice.



Music Ministry / Abendmusik Concerts

Music enables us to engage our whole person—body, mind, spirit, and voice—in diverse, passionate expressions of faith. When we unite in creating worship music as a community, offering it as an expression of our faith, we can experience the transcendent and the holy. Every voice is welcomed to share in First-Plymouth's ministry through music.

Contact Tom Trenney at 476-7565 ext. 222, tom@firstplymouth.org; or Jeremy Bankson at 476-7565 ext. 223, Jeremy@firstplymouth.org.

- Plymouth Choir (adult choir): rehearses Wed. 7:15-9:30 PM.
- Plymouth Ringers (adult handbell choir): rehearses Thursdays 5:45-7:00 PM.
- Cantorei (adult chamber choir): rehearses as needed
- Chorale (youth choir for grades 6-12): rehearses Wednesdays 5:45-6:30 PM.
- Youth Orchestra (for grades 6-12): rehearses as needed
- Choristers (children's choir for grades 3-5): rehearse Wednesdays 5:45-6:30 PM.



ABENDMUSIK LINCOLN CONCERTS

Gathering to experience excellence in the performing arts

2011-2012 Concert Season

For more information, please call (402) 476-9933, or visit www.abendmusik.org

September 18, 7:00 PM. **The Mark of Zorro**
Silent film with organ accompaniment by Tom Trenney

October 17, 7:30 PM. **Hymn Festival**
St. Olaf Cantorei, Concordia University Choir, and Abendmusik Chorus

November 6 at 4:00 PM. **Veterans Weekend Concert for Peace**
Abendmusik Chorus, Doane College Choir, and Abendmusik Orchestra

November 27, 4:00 PM. **Handel's Messiah**
ABENDCHOR with chamber orchestra

December 18 at 4:00 PM. **Welcome All Wonders!**
Christmas Concert with Plymouth Brass, Plymouth Ringers, and Abendmusik Chorus

December 31 at 8:00 PM. **New Year's Eve Last Blast**
Plymouth Brass celebrates a Lincoln holiday tradition!

January 28 at 7:00 PM. Choral Concert
Nordic Choir from Luther College

February 19 at 4:00 PM. **Evensong**
Abendmusik Chorus with Gerre Hancock, guest organist and conductor

March 4 at 4:00 PM. **ABENDCHOR in concert**
ABENDCHOR sings the Nebraska premiere of Anne Wilson's Song of Hope

April 28 at 7:30 PM. **War Requiem by Benjamin Britten**
Abendmusik Chorus, ABENDCHOR, and other choirs with Lincoln Symphony Orchestra at Lied Center

April 29 at 4:00 PM. **The American Boychoir**

See page 9-10 for educational classes about these concerts.

Serving Others

Local, National and International Mission

Every year First-Plymouth provides numerous opportunities to serve others. To learn more or to volunteer contact Pastor Barb, Barbara@firstplymouth.org or call 402.476.7565 ext. 219, unless otherwise listed.

LOCAL

Matt Talbot Kitchen and Outreach is a faith-based organization which provides meals, varied medical, housing and crisis assistance. Once a month members of the youth group prepare and serve a meal. Contact Mitch at mitch@firstplymouth.org or 402-476-7565 to volunteer.

Gathering Place provides a free hot meal Monday through Friday between 5-6. In addition to monetary support, volunteers from First-Plymouth serve twice a month.

Clinic With a Heart is a faith-inspired organization designed to serve the uninsured and underinsured through a ministry of health care. On the first Thursday of the month, First-Plymouth volunteers help to provide free health services to people all ages.

TeamMates is a one-on-one, school based mentoring program for at-risk youth. Volunteers are asked to spend one hour a week with a child during the school year.

Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing organization that builds affordable housing in partnership with people in need. Volunteers are needed every fall.

Paint-A-Thon is a community based volunteer program that paints homes of qualified low-income, elderly, or disabled homeowners. Every August we need a team of scrapers and painters.

Lincoln Food Bank Back Pack Program is a school-based program to provide a weekly backpack of nutritious food to children of low-income families. We purchase, pack and deliver 90 backpacks.

Kamp Kaleo: Adventures in Community Camp: This is an annual, 4-day camp for developmentally challenged adults held at the United Church of Christ and Disciples of Christ church camp in Burwell, Nebraska. Volunteers are needed each summer as companions to the campers.

NATIONAL

Every year there are opportunities to do mission work in other states. Projects and trips vary. In 2011 adult teams traveled to Cedar Rapids, Iowa to do flood relief and the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota to do construction. Youth trips were to Denver, Colorado and Camp Friendship in Minnesota. Contact Youth Director, Mitch Connelly, mitch@firstplymouth.org or 476-7565 to find out about youth trips.

INTERNATIONAL MISSION TRIPS

Ghana: For 20 years First-Plymouth has held a leading role in the United Church of Christ Partnership with the Evangelical-Presbyterian Church in Ghana, Africa. Our financial support and volunteers have built a medical clinic, nurses quarters and children's library, dug a well, and purchased medical supplies.

Honduras: Working through the agency, Hearts To Honduras, First-Plymouth participates with Southwood Lutheran Church on a 7-day trip to build housing, teach sustainable living practices and provide health care for the people in rural Honduras. Three trips are taken each year.



FIRST-PLYMOUTH CHURCH

Stephen Ministry

A nationwide, multi-denominational program that teaches care giving skills to Christian laypeople. It is a one-on-one ministry designed to help people through difficult times in their lives. Contact Rev. Barb Smisek, barbara@firstplymouth.org or 476-7565 ext. 219.

Loaves and Fishes

First-Plymouth offers meals to church members during difficult times when they are in need. To volunteer to provide or deliver meals, call Rev. Nancy Erickson at 476-7565 ext. 244 or email nancy@firstplymouth.org.

Funeral Care Committee

The Funeral Care Committee helps bereaved families who wish to provide refreshments to friends and family at a reception following a funeral/memorial service at the church. Volunteers to help provide food and/or serve are always welcome. Contact Marcia Roth at 488-2451 or Cynthia Fitchett at 489-9009.

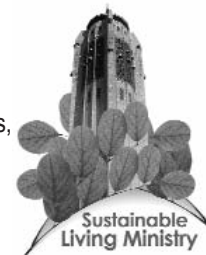
SUSTAINABLE LIVING MINISTRY

For more information contact Rev. Kim Hinrichs, 402-476-7565 ext.243, kim@firstplymouth.org

Landscape & Gardening Committee. All who love gardening are welcome to lend a hand. Fall clean-up: Friday, October 21, 9:00am-12:00pm. Spring clean-up: Friday, April 6, 9:00am-12:00pm.

Dish Disciples. Help wash dishes on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings, reducing our reliance on disposable products. Contact Nancy Shelley, nshelley@brookspanlaw.com or Carole Curry, c Curry10@windstream.net.

Rain Garden. Volunteers tend to the rain garden in the columbarium March through November. Contact Judy Dougherty at jdougherty@neb.rr.com.



COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Alcoholics Anonymous

Contact AA at 438-5214 for meeting times.

Animal Ministry Committee

*4th Tuesday of each month, 5:30-6:30 PM, Resource Room
Facilitated by Karen Clarke*

A diverse group that provides prayer and support to animals in need and their human companions, works to educate children and adults about respect for and understanding of the importance of animals in our world, and facilitates connections between the committee and animal resources in Lincoln and the surrounding area.



Additional Volunteer Opportunities

Call Connie Merchant at 476-7565 ext. 201 or connie@firstplymouth.org to find out how you can volunteer at First-Plymouth. Opportunities available from TV volunteers, ushers, greeters, reception desk phone volunteers, grounds and gardens, church school leaders, child care providers, office volunteers and more.

Special Events



New Member Orientation

Wednesday, September 21, November 30, February 15, April 25, 6:15 PM, Calvert Parlor.

Meet others who will be joining F-P and the staff. Join us for dinner anytime from 5-6:15PM.

Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 1, 2:00 PM, Courtyard

A wonderful opportunity to celebrate all God's creatures. Following a brief worship service, each animal receives a personal blessing from the clergy.

Women's Fall Retreat

October 7 -8, St. Benedict Center

Seeking the Feminine Face of God, Led by Rev. Dr. Susan Hamilton. A weekend stirring your awareness of the sacred voice and presence of Holy Wisdom.

9th Annual Harvest Cook-Off

Sunday, October 16, 5:00-7:00 PM, Mayflower and Pilgrim Halls. Tickets \$5, \$7 at the door.

Sample great chili, soups and stews and vote for the best.

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, November 6, 8:30am-Noon

Enjoy pancakes and support the 5th grade mission project.

Mt. Crescent All Church Ski Trip

Monday, January 16. Contact Mitch.

Groundhog Ball

Friday, February 3, 7-10PM.

Dress up in funny clothes, dance and get crazy. For all ages.

Aurora Family Retreat

Saturday, February 18-Sunday, February 19

For families with elementary age children.

Women's Annual Soup Supper

Sunday, February 26, 5:30 PM

Women's Spring Retreat

Saturday, March 17, First-Plymouth Church. 8:30AM to Sunday, Noon.

Led by Rev. Dr. Jeanne Sutter.

Walk Thru Holy Week

Sunday, April 1, Gym. 9:30AM - Noon

Community Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 8, Noon, Courtyard

Singles 15th Anniversary Picnic

Sunday, June 10, 5:30-7:30 PM

Plymouth Pride Fellowship Picnic

Sunday, June 10, 5:30 PM

Women's Annual Salad Supper

Wednesday, June 27, 5:30 PM

Kamp Kaleo - All Church Camp

4:00, Friday, June 22 - Noon, Sunday, June 24

Vacation Church School

July 16 -19, 9:00am-Noon



Wednesday Night *Live*

**Food
Fun
Fellowship
Music
Education
FOR ALL AGES!**



First-Plymouth's mid-week ministry for religious growth and learning

In the midst of your busy and complicated week, come join us to refuel your body, mind, and spirit! Dinner is served at 5:00 p.m. weekly so there's no need to worry about making that happen at home (\$6 adults, \$3 children, no one turned away for lack of funds). Then comes classes, activities, and events for all ages that will challenge and inspire you in ways you couldn't have imagined. You'll be ready for anything come Thursday morning, with a deepened spirituality and the fellowship of friends.

WNL Adult Track

After dinner, spend time at our Coffee and Internet Cafe, attend one of our many classes designed with you in mind (see p. 8-10), roll out your yoga mat (walk-ins welcome!) or join and sing with one of our adult choirs. Our Early Childhood Ministry will nurture your little ones with loving care (registration required, see p. 19).

WNL Children and Youth Track

Even before dinner, the church is brimming with youthful energy at our Open Gym (3:30 p.m.). After dessert, our children's choirs rehearse, Club Plymouth (grades K-2), Plymouth Rocks (grades 3-5) and Radical Christian Youth Group meets (grades 6-12) to explore our world through the eyes of faith. New this fall is Creation Station, a monthly rotation of art, drama, dance and writing experiences (K-5).

Watch the Herald and the website (www.firstplymouth.org) for special Wednesday evening events and holiday schedules. Come grow with us! We're saving a seat for you.



Wednesday Night Live Schedule

Sept. 7	Wednesday Night Live (WNL) Starts
Nov. 23	No WNL (Thanksgiving)
Dec. 14	Last day of WNL before Christmas Break
Dec. 21, 28 & Jan 4	No WNL (Christmas Break)
Jan. 11	WNL Resumes
Feb 22	WNL continues (Ash Wed. Worship – 7:00PM)
Feb 29 – April 4	Lenten Worship Services
April 4	No Adult Classes.
May 9	Last Day of WNL before Summer Break

Adult Fellowship Groups



Women's Groups

Women's discussion groups, classes, retreats, circle groups, book groups, salad suppers and more. Contact Rev. Nancy Erickson at nancy@firstplymouth.org or call 476-7565 ext. 244.

Men's Groups

Men's discussion groups, classes, retreats, basketball league, and more. Contact Addie Vortherms at addie@firstplymouth.org or call 476-7565 ext. 239.

Sunday Evening Dinner Group

2nd Sunday of October, January, March and June, 6:00PM, in Pilgrim Hall.

Potluck supper and educational program. Contact Connie Merchant at 476-7565 ext. 201 or connie@firstplymouth.org

This Side of Forty (For both sides of 40)

Sunday evening, four times a year.

Topical discussions and refreshments, meeting in various homes. Contact Connie at 476-7565 ext. 201 or connie@firstplymouth.org

Church Open House

Monthly social gatherings meeting in hosts homes.

Bring your favorite beverage and appetizer to share. Contact Addie Vortherms at addie@firstplymouth.org or call 476-7565 to be added to their email announcement list. New church members welcome!

Singles

The singles ministry has two groups for different ages: Singles ages 30-60 and Singles Plus+ for 60 years and over. Educational and social events are planned for singles by singles for unmarried, divorced, or widowed people. Contact Addie Vortherms at 476-7550 or email addie@firstplymouth.org

LGBTQA

2nd Sunday of the month, potluck and program

The Plymouth Pride Fellowship for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Allies (LGBTQA) group seeks to promote friendship, spiritual support and service.

Contact Rev. Nancy Erickson at nancy@firstplymouth.org or 476-7565 ext. 244.

Widows

4th Monday of the month, meets in members' homes.

Offers support and fellowship to First-Plymouth women during a difficult life transition. Contact Tammy Alvis at 476-7565 ext. 204 or tammy@firstplymouth.org

Tower Club 2

For young couples with or without young children.

This ministry involves social events, educational programs and outreach programs. Contact Addie Vortherms at 476-7565 ext. 239 or addie@firstplymouth.org

First Fridays for Families

Meet the 1st Friday of the Month (select months September-May), 6:00PM.

Monthly gathering for families with children of all ages. Potluck dinner, games and fellowship. Contact Kathie Johnson at 476-7565 ext. 215 or kathie@firstplymouth.org

Stitching Friendships

Meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month from 5:30-8:00PM in Classroom B.

Sewing group. Contact Deb Comstock at deb@firstplymouth.org

Cribbage Club

Meets Mondays, 6:30-8:30PM, Courtyard Lounge.

All Cribbage players are encouraged to attend. Beginners welcome.

Threads of Comfort

Meets Mondays, 5:00-7:00PM, Calvert Parlor.

Crocheters and Knitters of all skill levels welcome to help make Prayer Shawls for the church. Contact Addie Vortherms 476-7565 ext. 239 or addie@firstplymouth.org

Not Just Bridge Anymore

2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month, Year round, 1:00-4:30pm, in Pilgrim Hall.

Join for Bridge, Pinochle, Canasta, Scrabble and more. Sponsored by First-Plymouth Singles Plus+ Ministry.

Singles Volleyball

W

Year Round, Mondays 7:30-9:30PM and Fridays, 6:30-8:30PM.
 *Dates are subject to change due to event conflicts.
 All adults and skill levels welcome.

Pilates Sessions

R

Mondays, 5:30-6:15PM, Chapel.
 Led by Deborah McCauley, Certified Pilates Instructor.
 Pilates is a balanced blend of strength and flexibility training through a series of exercises. Improve your abdominal core, coordination, standing alignment and balance with Pilates mat exercises. Sessions held throughout the year. Upcoming session dates to be announced in *The Herald*.

Feel Good Yoga

W

Wednesdays, September 7 – May 9, 6:45-7:45PM, Chapel.
 Led by Nan Graf, Yoga Instructor. Cost: \$5 per class. Pay at the door.

Learn stretches based on yoga to help quiet the body/mind, breathing and awareness to create balance, which promotes relaxation and health. Bring a mat, blanket/towel and wear loose, comfortable clothing.

Zumba

R

Thursdays, 5:30-6:15PM, Chapel.
 Zumba routines feature interval training sessions that will tone and sculpt your body with easy to follow moves and hypnotic Latin rhythms. Have fun, feel energized and burn fat. Sessions held throughout the year. Upcoming dates to be announced in *The Herald*.

Men's Basketball

W

Thursdays 7:00-9:00PM and Sundays 2:00-4:00PM, Gym.
 Facilitated by Bradley Walker, bkwalker@mac.com.
 Spend a few hours a week playing recreational basketball at First-Plymouth. Pick up games twice a week or join the Blue and Gold for league play in the Lincoln City Rec Church league each November-March. Great group of guys and awesome fellowship. All ability levels and ages over 16 are welcome, spots always open – come on down!



11:59@First-Plymouth

Inclusive Christianity • Dynamic music • Intellectual depth

First-Plymouth is renowned for its beautiful and traditional form of worship – Majestic pipe organ, resounding choirs, and pulpit preaching.

The 11:59@First-Plymouth is an alternative, 30-minute service filled with eclectic music, casual dress, interactive teaching and a prayerful ritual of candle lighting.

11:59@First-Plymouth will open your heart and soothe your spirit . . . and add some spice to your Sunday!



Children, Youth, Family & College Ministries

We nurture and excite the faith of young Christians and their families through hands-on learning, community building, mission trips, and age-specific pastoral care. Come grow with us!

- Child care that explores our world for infant and toddlers
- Way Cool Sunday School beginning at age 3 through 5th grade
- Radical Christian youth groups for grades 6 through 12
- Confirmation for grade 8
- Way Cool Worship for everyone

Get involved! Ask questions! Contact Rev. Greg Stewart, Minister to Children, Youth and Families: 402-476-7565 x217 or greg@firstplymouth.org



*Deb Comstock
Director of Early
Childhood*

*Rev. Greg Stewart
Minister to Children,
Youth & Families*

*Kathie Johnson
Director of K-5*

*Mitchell Connelly
Youth Director*



COLLEGE Ministry

Going to college is full of changes for students and parents alike. The stress of transition, the need for community, and why Christ matters on campus all come into play in major ways. It is easy to get lost in a crowd. This is no time to be alone. If your son or daughter is attending college in Lincoln/Crete, we are here to make sure no one falls between the cracks. Just provide us with the names and campus addresses to Greg@firstplymouth.org. Community is only a click away!

How's Family Life Treating You?

Are your kids in crisis? Are you fed up with family? Or do you simply want to add more spiritual practices to your home life? If you would like spiritual counseling when home life is chaotic, in times of transition, when someone close to you dies, or when your own spiritual resources are exhausted, spiritual counseling is available for the children, youth, parents, guardians, grandparents and child care givers in your family. Call Rev. Greg Stewart, 476-7565 ext. 217 or email greg@firstplymouth.org.



How To Register

Some classes are free, but require registration. To register email addie@firstplymouth.org or call 476-7550.

To register for a fee based class, send your check* (payable to First-Plymouth Church) to First-Plymouth Church, attn: Addie, 2000 D St., Lincoln, NE 68502. Include the name of the class on the check memo line, and also include your contact information and email address for last minute changes. Your payment will ensure your enrollment.

The church accepts cash or checks, no credit/debit cards accepted. Payments must be made prior to the start of class.

Early registration is recommended. Classes that don't meet the minimum enrollment several days before the start date will be canceled.

Questions, call Addie Vortherms 476-7565 ext. 239 or email addie@firstplymouth.org

Wednesday Night Child Care

For pre-K@ \$15 per child and \$25 per family per semester. To register, call 476-7565 or email deb@firstplymouth.org

Frequently Asked Questions

Where is my class located?

If you are unfamiliar with the location of your class, check the signs that are posted around the building or check with a Minister or staff person for directions. Or check out First-Plymouth's online building calendar at www.firstplymouth.org.

How will I know if a class or event is cancelled due to inclement weather?

Weather cancellation notices will be announced on KFOR 1240 AM and www.kfor1240.com

Are there scholarships available?

First-Plymouth offers scholarships for educational classes upon request.

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Worship Times

Saturday, 5:30 PM, Chapel
Sunday, 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM, and 11:59@First-Plymouth.
Taize' Community Candlelight Meditative service,
1st Sunday of the month, 7:00 PM, Sanctuary

Special Worship Services

Blessing of the Animals – Saturday, October 1, 2:00 PM
Service of Remembrance – November 6, 7:00 PM
Thanksgiving Service, Wednesday, November 23, 7 PM
Christmas Eve – Saturday, December 24,
1:00 PM, 2:00 PM, 3:00 PM, 5:00 PM,
7:00 PM, 9:00 PM, 11:00 PM
Relationship Healing, Thursday, January 19, 7PM
Ash Wednesday – February 22, 7:00 PM
Lenten Worship, Sundays 7 PM, Feb 26, March 4, 11, 18, & 25
Palm Sunday – April 1
Maundy Thursday – April 5, 7:00 PM
Good Friday – April 6, 7:00 PM
Holy Saturday – April 7, 5:30 PM
Easter Sunday – April 8, 7:00 AM, 8:00 AM,
9:30 AM, 11:00 AM and 12:29 PM
Confirmation- Saturday, May 5, 5:30 PM

Television Broadcast

Sunday, 8:00 AM-FOX NE KFXL
Central Nebraska Cable 18, Dish 17 & 51
Sunday, 9:30 AM-KPTM Fox 42 Omaha,
Council Bluffs & Lincoln
Sunday, 9:00 AM-KNOP Channel 2 in North Platte
Sunday, Midnight-KXVO, Channel 15
Lincoln Community Access Cable Channel 13:
Sunday 7:00 PM, Monday, 6:30 PM,
Wednesday 5:30 PM and Thursday 11:30 PM.

or 24/7 www.firstplymouth.org

Radio Broadcast

Sunday, 9:00 AM-KFOR 1240 AM

