



Sharing Faith's Journey



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Opening Voluntary *All Creatures of Our God and King* arr. Govenor/Helvey
Marisa Callan, piano and Christopher Shaw, organ

Welcome and Announcements

Introit	<i>Come All You People</i>	Alexander Gondo
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*Come all you people, come and praise your Maker;
Come now and worship the Lord*

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* Page 6

***Responsive Reading** Carney Baker

One: In the house of Love, there is no hierarchy of value.

All: Every life is cherished.

One: In Love's presence, there is a Spirit of Protection.

All: We shelter each other from harm.

One: Love calls upon us:

All: To divest from evil. To come home to ourselves. To share what we have. May Love welcome us today.

***Invocation and Lord's Prayer**

God of Radical Hospitality, with open arms, you welcome us into new life. Whatever burdens we carry. Whatever healing we long for. Whatever structures work to keep us down. You meet us in the full truth of who we are, individually and together. May we be open to being transformed by this grace. May we pray together again the prayer that Jesus taught...

Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 11:7-19

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What, then, did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What, then, did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.'

“Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist, yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and violent people take it by force. For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John came, and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. Let anyone with ears listen! “But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

“For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

Welcoming Song

O Little Children

BEAUTIFUL FLOWER



A Moment with our Children

Lindsay Miller

Solo

Consider the Lillies

Roger Hoffman

José López, soloist; Marisa Callan, piano

Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow, how they grow.

Consider the birds in the sky, how they fly, how they fly.

He clothes the lilies of the field. He feeds the birds in the sky.

And He will feed those who trust Him, and guide them with His eye.

Consider the sheep of His fold, how they follow where He leads.

Though their paths may wind across the mountains,

He knows the meadows where they feed.

He clothes the lilies of the field. He feeds the birds in the sky,

And He will feed those who trust Him, and guide them with His eye.

Consider the sweet, tender children who must suffer on this earth.

The pains of all of them He carried from the day of His birth.

He clothes the lilies of the field, he feeds the lambs in His fold,

And He will heal those who trust Him, and make their hearts as gold

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

Let the People Praise Thee, O God

William Mathias

*Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise Thee.
O let the nations rejoice and be glad: for thou shalt judge the folk righteously,
and govern the nations upon earth.
Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise Thee.
Then shall the earth bring forth her increase;
and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.
God shall bless us: and all the ends of the world shall fear him.
God be merciful unto us, and bless us;
and shew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us.
That thy way may be known upon earth: thy saving health among all nations.-
Psalm 67*

Sermon

“The Potluck”

Dr. Robu

*Hymn of Departure

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*Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Fanfare
Christopher Shaw, organ

William Mathias

* Let all who are able please stand.

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man-na is our bread.
2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers, seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.

Come from wil-der-ness and wan-dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.

You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a-round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.

Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table

1 I'm gon-na eat at the wel-come ta - ble;
 2 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus;
 3 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers;
 4 Here all the world will find a wel - come;
 5 We're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey;

I'm gon-na eat at the wel-come ta - ble, Al - le - lu - ia.
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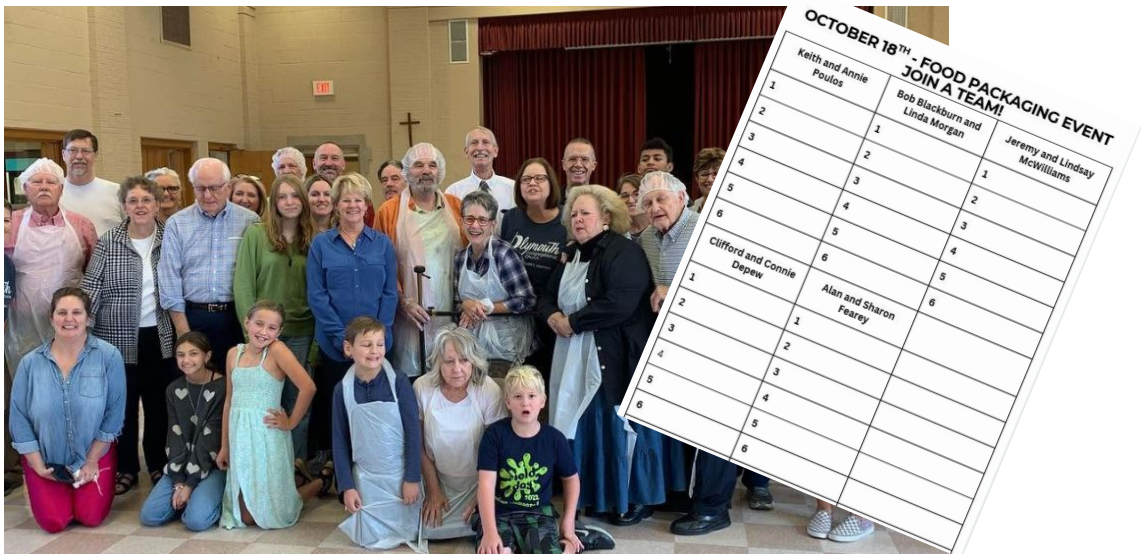
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It's almost time for Plymouth's Annual Food Packaging Event with The Outreach Program on October 18th @ 11:30 am. Join a Team! Sign up in FSH. Pizza lunch will be provided.



We're looking for Sponsors!

Would you like to help?

Plymouth Fine Arts Series

2026 - 2027



Please contact the church office to learn more about becoming a sponsor.

OCT 9 - 10: *Birds of North America* [Two Act Play]

NOV 14: Jan Kraybill & Schantz Organ Anniversary

APR 2 - 8: *Visualizing Palestine*

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- **Up to \$249**

Name in program for all three events.

- **\$250 to \$499**

Name in program for all three events
+ (2) free tickets to the October play.

- **\$500 and above**

Name in program for all three events
+ (4) free tickets to the October play.

October event = \$20/pp

November & April events = Free Admission



Join us on Sunday, September 20th at 4:00 PM at Plymouth Congregational Church for an organ concert with organist Burton Tidwell. This is the third concert in a series of five concerts to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the installation of the Schantz Pipe Organ at Plymouth. The concert is free and will be followed by a reception to meet the organist. Tidwell was the organist at Plymouth from 2007-2011. He will perform selections by Leo Sowerby, Johann Sebastian Bach, and Julius Reubke.

Burton K. Tidwell is organist at First Presbyterian Church, Hutchinson, and through MIDI, he also serves Valley United Methodist Church, Marion, and Caldwell (KS) United Methodist Church. In a career that began at age 12, when playing the piano for Sunday night services in Caldwell, he has played in churches, large and small, full and part time, from Seattle to suburban Philadelphia. As a recitalist, he has presented concerts across the United States from Washington, D.C., to Des Moines, Seattle, and many cities in between, including the artists' series at Wichita State University.

**We invite you to consider
joining Plymouth as a
member of our
congregation!**



We are a progressive and caring community of friends and families who seek to support each other, and our diverse membership, open to all. Our boards, committees, clubs, social and spiritual groups all offer ways to be of service to members, friends and neighbors. Members are invited to serve on various boards and committees. They also reserve the privilege of voting during annual meetings.

Through worshiping, learning, and caring together throughout the seasons of our lives, we grow in faith and come to better understand God's prevailing grace and love for all humanity.

Dr. Robu would be happy to visit with you about membership and answer any questions you may have.
krobu@plymouth-church.net

All are welcome!



ADULT STUDY GROUP

Led by Phil Rhea

9 AM in the CHAPEL

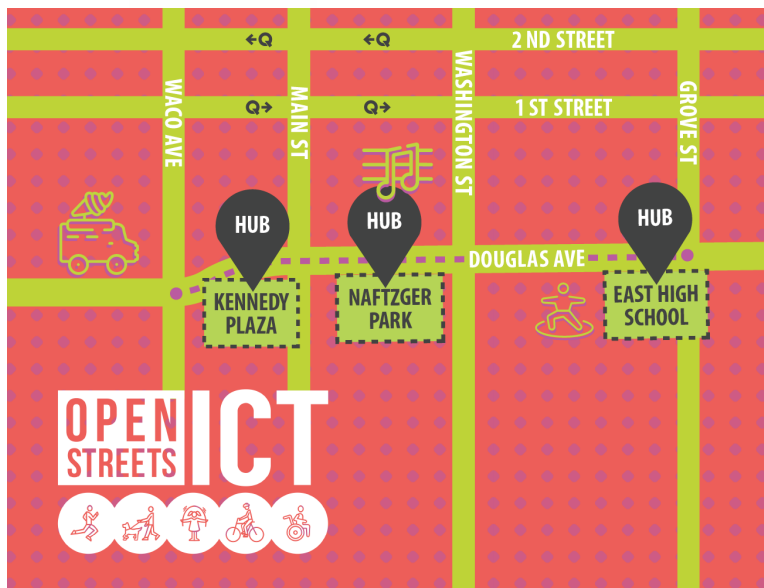
Sunday Meeting Dates

SEPT 13 - SEPT 20 - SEPT 27 - OCT 4



**Garden, Brothers. Flood, Tower
Stories of Origins**





Join us for Open Streets ICT on Sunday/Sept 20th

Help us greet our neighbors, and handout ice cream and pup cups. It's great fun. Shifts are Noon til 2 PM and 2 PM til 4 PM. Help setting up and taking down appreciated too. Sign up sheets in Fellowship Hall.

WED DINNER @ 5:30 SEPTEMBER



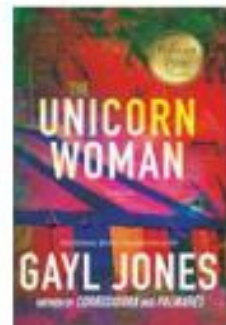
SEPT 16

Dull Creatives
How to make
Corn Husk Dolls



SEPT 23

**Progressive Pilgrim's
Book Club**
Unicorn Woman



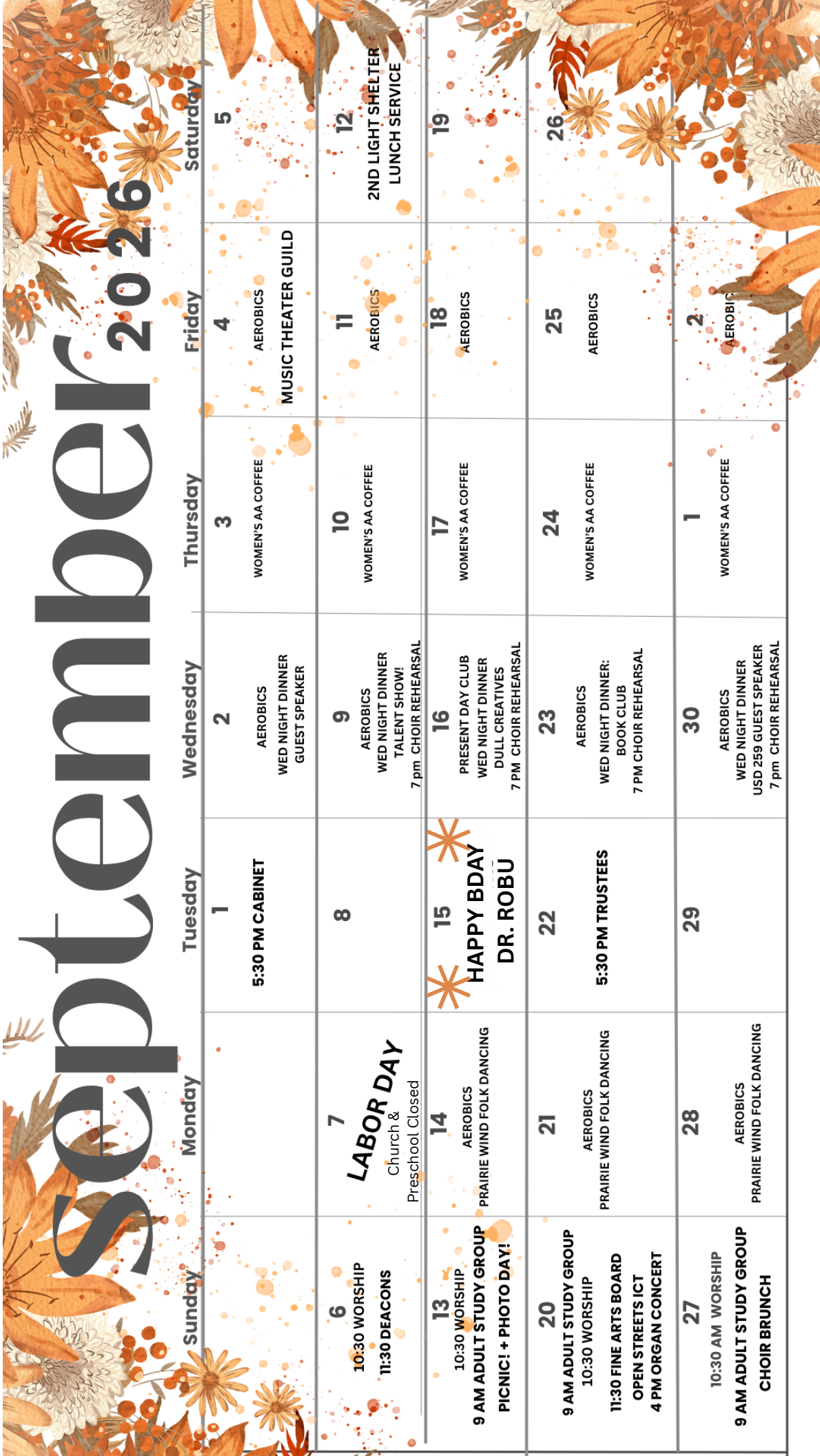
SEPT 30

Guest Speaker:
Gil Alvarez
Deputy Superintendent
USD 259



September Birthdays

Ryan Malone	Sept 1	Sarah Smith	Sept 19
Murphy Miller	Sept 6	Alan Fearey	Sept 22
Paul Uhlig	Sept 7	Emerson Sprole	Sept 23
Clifford Depew	Sept 8	Charley Young	Sept 23
John Kimmel	Sept 14	Karon Giles	Sept 26
Karen Robu	Sept 15	Charles Brown	Sept 27
		Dan Closson	Sept 27



September 2026				
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
		1 5:30 PM CABINET	2 AEROBICS WED NIGHT DINNER GUEST SPEAKER	3 WOMEN'S AA COFFEE
4 AEROBICS MUSIC THEATER GUILD	5			
6 10:30 WORSHIP 11:30 DEACONS	7 LABOR DAY Church & Preschool Closed	8	9 AEROBICS WED NIGHT DINNER TALENT SHOW! 7 pm CHOIR REHEARSAL	10 WOMEN'S AA COFFEE
11 AEROBICS 2ND LIGHT SHELTER LUNCH SERVICE	12			
13 10:30 WORSHIP 9 AM ADULT STUDY GROUP PICNIC! + PHOTO DAY!	14 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	15 HAPPY BDAY DR. ROBU	16 PRESENT DAY CLUB WED NIGHT DINNER DULL CREATIVES 7 PM CHOIR REHEARSAL	17 WOMEN'S AA COFFEE
18 AEROBICS	19			
20 9 AM ADULT STUDY GROUP 10:30 WORSHIP 11:30 FINE ARTS BOARD OPEN STREETS ICT 4 PM ORGAN CONCERT	21 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	22 5:30 PM TRUSTEES	23 AEROBICS WED NIGHT DINNER: BOOK CLUB 7 PM CHOIR REHEARSAL	24 WOMEN'S AA COFFEE
25 AEROBICS	26			
27 10:30 AM WORSHIP 9 AM ADULT STUDY GROUP CHOIR BRUNCH	28 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	29	30 AEROBICS WED NIGHT DINNER USD 259 GUEST SPEAKER 7 pm CHOIR REHEARSAL	1 WOMEN'S AA COFFEE
2 AEROBICS				