

The Plymouth Placard



July 2007

WORSHIP FOR JULY

ONE SERVICE ON SUNDAY MORNING AT 9:30

*July is our construction month for the sanctuary; please see location information in **BOLD** below. Thanks for your patience!*

July 1

LAST SUNDAY IN THE SANCTUARY!

Luke 9:51-62

J.D. Martin and Jan Garrett will be doing special music

July 8

WORSHIP IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Psalm 66.1-9

Hymn Sing

Request your favorites!

July 15

WORSHIP IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Luke 10.25-37

Instant Sermon!

Watch Hal, Sharon, and Julie try to answer your deepest theological questions!

July 22

OUTDOOR WORSHIP AT ROLLAND MOORE PARK

Outdoor Service

PAVILION #2 (rain or shine, BYO chair/blanket)

Potluck Picnic to follow

July 29

WORSHIP IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

August 5

FESTIVAL WORSHIP IN THE RENOVATED SANCTUARY

...WE HOPE!



INSIDE THIS ISSUE

HAL'S DESK.....	2
UPCOMING EVENTS.....	3
FELLOWSHIP.....	4
COMMITTEE UPDATES.....	5
PERSONNEL UPDATE.....	6
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS..	7
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.....	8
PLYMOUTH PRAYERS.....	9
LIFE&CARE.....	10
NEWS&NOTES.....	11

FROM HAL'S DESK

Glad to Be UCC!

The other day, Sharon posed the question, “What is most important to you about the UCC’s first 50 years.” I replied that the main thing is that *they will have me!* While I was kidding...mostly...there is a deep kernel of truth there. Groucho Marx reported said that he would never want to belong to a club that would have him as a member. And our “extravagant welcome” in the UCC is just the opposite of that position. And that makes me proud to be a part of this family.

The other evening at a meeting of the Evangelism Committee, we brainstormed an idea for some print ads and direct-mail pieces that would center around two “head shots” of our members facing one another. One person would say, “I’m a Republican,” and the other would say, “I’m a Democrat,” and the tagline underneath would read: **“We’re both welcome at Plymouth.”** We thought of others to be in the series, “I’m 80” and “I’m 17”...“I’m straight” and “I’m gay”...“I’m Hispanic” and “I’m European-American.” This underscores a key message of the United Church in recent years: **“No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey, you’re welcome here.”**

Our “extravagant welcome” is a hallmark of the UCC tradition. Yes, it’s about being Open and Affirming. Yes, it’s about appreciating different points of view. But, for me, it’s a very personal, deep sense of knowing that I’m accepted for who I am and what I am not only by God...but within our denomination and here at Plymouth.

Intellectual integrity and accepting different theological interpretations is another hallmark. We each have the individual right to interpret scripture as we see fit, rather than toeing the line on a particular doctrine that might not make sense to us.

Sharon and I are preparing to go to General Synod – the UCC’s biennial gathering to make decisions. I am going as the delegate of the Northeastern Association. It will be great to see old friends, be back in Hartford (where I came from FIVE years ago!), and to celebrate the incredible church of which we are a vital part.

I honestly can’t think of another denomination where I would feel so at home in ministry. I would feel liturgical constraint as an

Episcopalian and unable to express my Christology as a Unitarian. I would be a bit too progressive for most Presbyterian congregations and not quite pious enough to be a good Lutheran. My ancestors called the Congregational tradition home...back at least to the 1630s...and it still feels like **home** to me.

As I mark my first five years at Plymouth, I also want to thank you – each of you here at Plymouth – for allowing me to be your senior minister. I have never felt so much like I am answering well God’s call to serve, and that provides a very deep sense of satisfaction.

I look forward to many years of vital ministry with Plymouth and with the 50-year-old United Church of Christ.

Shalom!



BRING WATER FROM YOUR SUMMER VACATION! On August 26 we will dedicate our new sanctuary with Festival Worship at 9:30 a.m. On your summer travels, bring back and ounce or so of water (which the TSA should allow) and we’ll add everyone’s water into the new baptismal font during the service.

PLACARD DEADLINE
THE NEXT PLACARD DEADLINE IS **JULY16th**. PLEASE RESPECT OUR DEADLINE AND PLEASE KEEP ARTICLES AS SHORT AS POSSIBLE, NO LONGER THAN 300 WORDS. PLEASE SEND ALL ARTICLES TO: shutterbugville@aol.com **AND** plymouth@plymouthucc.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL CHURCH BIKE RIDE



The Plymouth Men's Fellowship's Mountain Bike Ride is 21 July 2007 and the entire church is invited, 14 YEARS AND OLDER. The route is Larimer County Road 103 (Laramie River Road) from CO-14 to the Boston Peak Fen, a round trip distance of 11.3 km (7 mi). CR-103 is a gravel road, in good shape, but has some hills so a multi-speed bike is required. While at the Fen, I will discuss the above background radiation levels and their source. I will bring a radiation survey metre. On the return ride, we will stop for a bring-your-own lunch, and also stop at Lost Lake to check on the water lilies, which will be blooming at that time. Fringed gentian and other wildflowers will also be blooming.

The ride is classified as moderate, with most up slopes fairly gentle. There is a steeper climb back from the Fen to the Green Ridge Trail intersection, about 1 km, that requires some effort. The basic purpose of the ride is to have some fun, fellowship, & get some exercise. It is not designed to be competitive and slow bikers are welcome. We will meet at Plymouth at 0800 and depart about 0815. It is a little over 1.5 hr drive to County Road 103. Directions to the starting point will be provided before we leave the church. Each person is responsible for transporting their own bike and car pooling will be encouraged. If you ride with someone else, help pay for gasoline expenses. A BIKE HELMET IS REQUIRED SINCE THIS IS A CHURCH SPONSORED RIDE. AS ALWAYS, BE READY FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER.

Questions? Contact Les Fraley, 970.221.1624 or lesnbarb@frii.com.

Don't forget to register early for LaForet!!!! Because of space limitations, its first come, first serve this year. Mark Labor Day weekend to share with others from Plymouth!!!!

THE MIDDLE-THIRD HERD

This fellowship group is for adults "not yet middle-aged". All are welcome! If you haven't added your e-mail to the Plymouth MTH listserve, you can do so by going to the church website. I hope you can make it to some of our events this summer. For more information on any of our events, please contact Andrea Karapas at ajax620@comcast.net or 206-4467.

***July 7:** * CSU School of the Arts presents / Moliere's Scapin/ (1400 Remington St). Picnic on the lawn at 6:00pm. Show begins at 7:00pm. Family Friendly. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased in advance at www.csuschoolofthearts.com <<http://www.csuschoolofthearts.com>> or 491-5562. For detailed information visit:

<http://sota.colostate.edu/events/Summer%20Event%20Info/Scapinflyer.pdf>

<<http://sota.colostate.edu/events/Summer%20Event%20Info/Scapinflyer.pdf>>

***July 11:** * /Second Wind/ - Live Music at the CSU Lagoon. 6:30-8:30pm.

Free. Bring a picnic dinner and a blanket to sit on.

***July 21:** * The Nonesuch Theater presents /I Love You. You're Perfect.

Now Change/. Show begins at 7:30pm. This is a musical comedy and has an adult rating. Tickets can be purchased at <http://www.nonesuchtheater.com>

We can get a group rate of \$20/pp with a group of 10 or more. If you're interested in going to this show, please contact Andrea at ajax620@comcast.net

<<mailto:ajax620@comcast.net>> or 970-206-4467 and we'll see if we have enough interest to get this discounted rate.

PLYMOUTH.....

"Jesus Rocked the Boat...We still do"

"Warm hearts, Open minds"

"Our Door is Opened Extra Wide"

FELLOWSHIP

CALLING ALL CALLERS!

The Deacons and the Calling & Caring Ministry are preparing for our annual Calling Ministry! Each year we try to touch base with all Plymouth members, but we need caring folks who would like to be a part of the telephoning. This is a special ministry that gives you an opportunity to meet and greet other members - it can be fun and meaningful, and you may make a new friend or re-connect with an old one. We'll make our calls between Aug. 22 and Sept. 5. Contact Sharon for more information.

XYZ – AUGUST EVENT

What: Weekend at Stockover's 2 Cabins.

Where: Moraine Park – Rocky National Park.

No Entrance Fee: Use your Golden Eagle Passport or tell the gateman that you are going to the event at Jim and Margaret Stockovers.

When: August 3 – 5, 2007.

Options: Stay overnight on August 3 and/or August 4. Come for any portion of the day/evening on August 4.

Housing: Bedrooms in both cabins will be available. Rooms and the number and type of beds in each will be available on the sign-up sheet. Bring your own bed and bath linens. You can pitch your own tent or bring your own small RV.

Meals: Friday Supper; Saturday Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner; Sunday Breakfast. Margaret provides soup/bread for Friday supper.

Those staying all night will be responsible for Friday salad/dessert and breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday. We will have 1 p.m. Potluck on Saturday and left-overs will be served that evening.

Activities: Hike, Sit by the River, Be solitary or corporate or both, etc.

Sign-up Sheet: Will be posted Sunday, July 1, 2007 with complete details available on a flyer.

Contact: Betty Weber 613-1789 or pr.bb.weber@comcast.net

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP



Each Friday morning at Gib's Bagels the Plymouth Men's Fellowship sponsors a free-wheeling discussion on a wide range of topics. (We even talk about religion!) Time is 9:30 to 10:30 am. All are welcome. Location is near the Pulse @ Drake and Shields.

SHINE, GOD'S PEOPLE, WHOLE AND HOLY, LOVING FAITHFULLY

Light a Candle

*Holy and loving God,
with a heart of compassion and arms
flung wide, you call us to be a
people of extravagant welcome.*

*Creating us in your image,
you bless us with spiritual,
physical, and sexual bodies, and
call us to live with integrity.*

*Steadfast in your love for us,
you call us to faithfulness in our
covenants with you and one another.*

*Ever faithful God,
you strengthen us with the power of
your love that casts out fear.
Clarify our vision that we may see
one another as you see us.*

*Powerful and tender God,
empower us to live the amazing and
inclusive invitation of your Gospel
with evangelical courage.
Amen.*



COMMITTEE UPDATES

OPEN AND AFFIRMING (ONA) UPDATE

On May 19th, the ONA committee viewed the film “Normal” with an audience of about 15 Plymouth members. “Normal” is about the emotional journey a family takes following the husband/father’s revelation that he is transgender. These suggestions were shared in response to the most fundamental question many of us have about welcoming transgender persons into our faith community:

What can you do if you know someone who is transgender or has a transgender person in their lives? Here are a few suggestions...

- Educate yourself. Learning more about transgender issues will help you set aside stereotypes and prejudices.
- Call the transgender person by the correct name, the one they have chosen for their gender.
- Use the correct pronouns – she and her for male-to-females, and he and him for female-to-males. Don’t worry if you mess up sometimes, but keep trying.
- Let them determine the path and the pace for exposing their gender issues.
- Approach them as a person first. Realize there is more to them than gender issues.
- Be welcoming. Avoid distancing yourself and keep in contact, although it is sometimes awkward. Have them over to dinner, There are few safe havens for transgender individuals or the people who love them. Be one.
- Open your heart. It’s ok to share emotions and express confusion, but try to do it in a non-threatening manner. Remember that whatever you’re feeling or

however much you’re struggling, they have been through much more.

- Provide unconditional love. You don’t necessarily have to understand or agree with the issues to be a positive force. You can guide, provide support and love regardless.
- Pray for them – to find peace within themselves and peace in our world.

We hope you find these suggestions helpful, stay tuned to the placard for details of a second viewing of “Normal” this fall.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE



The Social Concerns Committee sponsors a mentoring project at Bennett IB World Elementary School. As part of the mentoring project, we provide school supplies for those students who cannot afford them. All the month of July, the committee will accept contributions for supplies. The committee members buy the supplies and deliver them to the school for distribution. Please be generous. Thanks for your help. Mary Shultz

KATRINA WORK TRIP

Have you wanted to do something to help rebuild lives in Katrina-ravaged New Orleans? Now you can plan to go with churches that have been doing repairs on the Navajo reservation at Shiprock, New Mexico, who will be traveling to the Gulf to work October 21 - 27. More information is posted on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall under " Mission Notes " and will be updated as we learn more. The deadline for registration is September 10. Questions? Contact Don Carpenter or Paula Dille. Thanks, Mission Committee

PERSONNEL UPDATE

STAFFING & PROGRAM UPDATES

Staff members have been busy with many things this year, one of which has been assessing some of our activities for where they best fit and meet the needs of Plymouth's programming. We are excited to tell you that youth fellowship programs (Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups) have found a home under the Christian Education Director, and several congregational life and/or care-related opportunities have become a part of the Associate Minister's responsibilities.

Please note the changes below for future reference, and thanks for your support and understanding through the transitions!

Youth Group (Jr. & Sr. High Fellowship) -----> JULIE (CE Director)

- *Identify Leadership - Early Summer recruiting
- *Support Leadership - 1hr/mo (meet, plan, discuss youth/needs)
- *Mission Trip - Delegate most duties to YG leaders w/ support (fundraising, correspondence)
- *La Foret Retreats - YG leaders (generally) attend retreat or find adult chaperones to attend

Congregational Communications -----> SHARON (Assoc. Minister)

- *Newspaper/Media – updating and keeping track of advertising opportunities; maintaining news articles about church members on Community Bulletin Board
- *Sign - Change outdoor display
- *Greeters/Altar Flowers - Recruit greeters for worship & ensure flowers for Sunday services



NEW MEMBERS

Please Welcome Our Newest Members!

Janet and Danny Hanlon have a very cute, nine-month-old son name Trevor. Both of them are teachers; Janet has taught second grade for seven years, and Danny, who formerly taught ESL at Lincoln JHS in Fort Collins is now leading the ESL efforts in the Windsor public schools. Janet grew up at First Presbyterian Church in Boulder, where her mom was director of children's music programs. Currently, her mom leads the renowned children's choirs at First Congregational UCC in Greeley. Danny grew up in the Roman Catholic faith and decided to depart after 8th grade. He said that he has wanted to get church back into his life, but wasn't sure how to do it, until he found Plymouth.

Joyce DeVaney has Congregational roots and also has been very active in the United Methodist Church. Joyce worked as a registered nurse and has a keen interest in social justice, which drew her to Plymouth. Joyce also is particularly interested in homelessness issues. Joyce lost her husband about a year-and-a-half ago, and she has a seven-year-old step-grandson here in Fort Collins. She was particularly impressed by a conversation with Sharon Smith, who delivered bread to her on behalf of our Evangelism Committee.

Mary Kay and Ron Graver recently moved to Fort Collins from Overland Park, Kansas, where they were members of a progressive Presbyterian Church. They heard Plymouth's sponsorship announcements on KUNC when they were up in Steamboat Springs, and they worshiped at Plymouth for the first time on Easter Sunday. They have lived all over – Baton Rouge, Minnesota, Topeka, and Angola! May Kay was involved in the Stephen Ministry lay caregiving program at her former church. Ron grew up in the Baptist tradition and remembers his own baptism at age eight. They have two grandkids in Fort Collins and a daughter who is a social worker with Neighbor-to-Neighbor.

PLEASE TAKE TIME TO SAY HI AND WELCOME!!!!

SHINE, GOD'S PEOPLE STRUGGLING FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE

Light a Candle

*Creator God,
God of all people,
Lead us from death to life,
from falsehood to truth.
Lead us from despair to hope,
from fear to trust.
Lead us from hate to love,
from war to peace.*

*Let peace fill our hearts,
our world, our universe.
Amen*

Take a moment to prayerfully consider the words of this prayer. Reflect on the following questions:

- » What kind of peace do you seek in the world? Where do you see evidence of God's peace and justice?
- » What are the injustices in our world that weigh most on your heart?
- » How does your faith shape what you believe and do about peace and justice?
- » What are specific situations and places in our nation and world that you often bring to God in prayer?

Another world can be realized — one in which our connections to sisters and brothers around the world are bonds of common commitment to ending war and participating in God's reign of justice and peace.

Shine into the Future

Remember Plymouth in your will.

We returned from Tucson over a week ago, but I'm still riding the high of an incredible trip. We couldn't have asked for a better group of youth, adults, and partners in ministry, and we all felt God's presence throughout our journey. Thank you, for your prayers, encouragement, and support.

I want to leave most of the trip reporting to the youth (come to our fall forum or, better yet, ask one of them about it next time you see them at church), but I can't help but reflect on some of the wonders of mission trips in general.

In the year leading up to the trip, we studied the issue of immigration, delving into history, statistics, policies, procedures, and varied perspectives. We had a fairly good traditional education on the issue of illegal immigration. That being said, I don't think the "issue" became flesh until we began to see Border Patrol agents parked on roadsides, buses lined up to return migrants to the border, clothes, backpacks, and medicines strewn throughout the hot, dusty desert. It didn't hit us that lives were truly at stake until we pulled up to our first water station and pondered the interminable march through the unforgiving desert landscape.

And then we opened up, like the saguaro cactus blooming in the night, to a human connection with persons totally "other" than ourselves. To stories new and different from our own. In making the journey to Tucson, we added our hearts and emotions to our intellectual learning about this new world. And when Congress failed to pass immigration legislation that week, we grieved because we knew lives were at stake. Thousands and thousands of lives—and not just those of the migrants themselves.

That, I believe, is the ultimate goal of education, religious or secular. To make an issue, topic, idea, subject, story, or person come alive. To realize why learning about this particularity matters to us, here and now. To decide how to use this learning to enrich, challenge, and change the world around us. To apply this learning to our spirituality and discern how our faith shapes our response.

Transformative education of any kind accomplishes these goals. Think back to the powerful learning experiences in your life. Who

were your teachers? How did they make the subject matter live and breathe? Where were your classrooms? I'd venture a guess that many of your most memorable learning experiences occurred outside formal education. When you stepped outside your comfort zone (willingly or not) and opened yourself to a new perspective. When you had the courage to be open to being changed by the newness you encountered.

I would argue that the background work we did, the traditional education if you will, enriched our trip to Tucson. Having some broad knowledge allowed us to put the realities we encountered into perspective and vice versa. I would also argue that we can make stories and subjects come alive within the bounds of the traditional classroom setting. What matters is our attitudes: our openness to engage the process, our insistence on knowing the stories of those involved, and our willingness to discover why this matters to our communities.

May God bless all our educational experiences, within Plymouth and beyond, because they reveal God's diverse Presence in all creation and our place in it.



Need a "grandparent fix" with some mighty adorable, well-behaved kids???

I am looking for folks willing and able to volunteer in our nursery on occasional Sunday mornings. Please contact me if this sounds fun and exciting. Julie@plymouthucc.org or 482-9212

Teaching opportunities abound!

It's that time of year again. We are looking for Trailguides, teachers, and senior high youth group leaders for next year. Contact Julie if you're interested.

PLYMOUTH PRAYERS

Please keep these members and friends in your prayers.

RECENT SURGERIES AND HOSPITALIZATIONS

Laura Martin
Ethan Karp
Esther Becker
John Nortier
Flo Butler

OUR SYMPATHY IS WITH

LaDonna Courter on the death of her mother.
Elizabeth Pendleton on the death of her nephew,
Mitchell Watson.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Kurt McCulloch, son of **Larry and Janet MuCulloch** on his recent marriage.
Jerry & Marti Stahmer who recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

HEALTH MINISTRY TEAM

Are You Getting Enough Sleep?

By Dr. Victoria A. Gardner

Many people in our work and activity oriented society are sleep deprived. Studies indicate that fatigued drivers cause as many traffic accidents as those under the influence of alcohol. Eight hours is an average requirement, but there are huge differences in people's need for sleep. For example, Thomas Edison only required 4 hours of sleep a night, yet Albert Einstein required 12. In general, women require more sleep than men. (Women say it's because they do more work!)



Whatever the reason, the average woman requires 8.5 hours of sleep a night, the average man requires 7.5.

Trying to survive on six hours sleep if you need ten can create as much misery as trying to squeeze size 10 feet into size six shoes; or a size 16 behind into a pair of size 10 jeans! And losing sleep is like borrowing money; it has to be paid back with interest!

However, the quality of sleep is just as important as the quantity. We all need to spend adequate time in "Alpha sleep" or dream sleep where we process the gigabytes of new information entering our brains that day, and in "Delta sleep", that deep "coma" sleep where most brain activity shuts down and our immune systems finally get top priority. We also need uninterrupted sleep, and as any new parent can affirm, four plus four does not equal eight when it comes to getting our zzz's.

Sleep has no substitute. No amount of food, exercise, supplements, or money can compensate for it, and no one else can do it for you. It's amazing that survivalists, hikers, and other people preparing for disaster always make sure they have adequate food, water, medicine, warm clothing, etc., but so often overlook sleep enablers. Have you ever wondered why the most expensive item of any trip is generally the sleeping accommodations? Perhaps our pocketbooks represent the value we really put on sleep. Yet when we get busy, it's often the first thing to be sacrificed.

The average person will begin to manifest irritability, confusion, forgetfulness, disorientation, anxiety, and depression after only 18-20 hours without sleep. After only three days without sleep, most people experience symptoms of psychosis . . . emotional instability, hallucinations, phobias, suicidal ideation, etc. Chronic sleep deprivation results in hormonal imbalances, immune system dysfunction, personality disintegration, and degeneration of muscles and organs. Of particular concern are the health hazards of sleep deprivation experienced by most working mothers because of their dual responsibilities.

Remember, even God rested one day a week, and we should do the same. Jesus Christ said in Mark 2:27, "The Sabbath was made for the sake of man, not man for the Sabbath," and this Judaic tradition is for our physical health as well as spiritual well-being.

“Where did you see God?”

...or Spirit, or the Holy? This is one of three questions we asked the Tucson Mission Trip participants to consider every day. Each person could interpret the question as s/he felt inspired – no rules, no expectations, no pressure.

Some of the initial responses were that we caught a glimpse of God in cloud images, in a hailstorm as we drove through New Mexico, in the beauty of the arid landscape which still allowed flowers to bloom. Nature was a common theme in the first couple of days (I wonder if our Colorado aesthetic is inborn!).

But as the week and our work continued, I noticed that the answers to that particular question begin to reshape themselves. One day, a youth described experiencing the Divine as a deep connection, something unnamable pulling her across the desert in a direction different from the rest of the group. Her movement allowed her, and a few others, to stumble upon a freshly deserted migrant camp – complete with food and clean clothing; possibly abandoned upon our arrival only minutes before. We all experienced the confusion of what to do, how to respond, helplessness. She experienced Mystery.

On a different outing, we stood in silent commemoration around a rust-colored patch of ground where a migrant had been found dead. Yellow caution tape wilted onto the dry earth, a circle surrounding our circle of witness. That night, another youth described his experience of the sacred: the air had been completely still that morning, but in the moments we kept our vigil, a breeze awakened in the silence – just enough to refresh us as we met face-to-face the reality of the deaths we were hoping to prevent.

I experienced God most visibly in the growing community we shared. Some youth started the trip not really knowing anyone; others felt they wouldn't find much in common with the group; many were engaged by the mission work, but cautious of the relationships.

Yet, by the end, we had built a community of love, appreciation, accountability and honesty. We had worked hard together, prayed together in diverse ways, experienced vulnerability around our feelings and how we expressed them. Everything wasn't perfect and frustration happened (youth and adults together) – but everyone took responsibility for our own experiences and we named them when necessary. I told the group that these were my favorite God-moments, *and I meant it!* Because this is how we grow into the mature, faithful beings of which we are all capable.

The one thing I forgot to share with them – and perhaps you will help me in disseminating the good news – is that, whether or not they realized it, we experienced *Church* that week. The undertaking of mission work plus willingness to enter personal growth plus celebration plus loving accountability plus communication plus experiencing and thanking God *all* contribute to

Continued on Back Page

Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ

AN OPEN & AFFIRMING CONGREGATION

Gathered in 1903.

www.plymouthucc.org

plymouth@plymouthucc.org

(970) 482-9212

Church Staff

The Rev. Hal Chorpenning
Senior Minister
hal@plymouthucc.org

The Rev. Sharon Benton
Associate Minister for
Congregational Life & Care
sharon@plymouthucc.org

The Rev. Julie Mavity
Maddalena
Christian Ed Director
julie@plymouthucc.org

Karin Marsh
Church Secretary
plymouth@plymouthucc.org

Carrie Hanson
Music Director
carrie@plymouthucc.org

Donna Solverud
Choir Director
donna@plymouthucc.org

Jan Welch
Organist

Alda Frucci, Porter Industries
Custodians

John Collier
Newsletter Editor
shutterbugville@aol.com

Plymouth Congregational
United Church of Christ
916 West Prospect Road
Fort Collins, CO 80526

Non-profit
organization
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
Ft. Collins, CO 80521
Permit No. 109

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

NEWS & NOTES

what the church at its best has to offer all of us. *Where do you see God today?* Sometimes it happens within these walls, and sometimes without.

I learned many things on this journey, and I continue to process the knowledge and experiences. I know you want to hear more, but I leave it to the youth to share it with you in their Adult Education Forum this Fall. Until then, I cherish that we may experience such community together – in all the cost and joy that it brings!

Blessings,

Sharon

A fifth grade teacher in a Christian school asked her class to look at TV commercials and see if they could use them in some way to communicate ideas about God. Here are some of the results:

- God is like Bayer Aspirin -- He works miracles.
- God is like a Ford -- He's got a better idea.
- God is like Coke -- He's the real thing.
- God is like Hallmark Cards -- He cares enough to send His very best.
- God is like Tide -- He gets the stains out that others leave behind.
- God is like General Electric -- He brings good things to life.
- God is like Sears -- He has everything.
- God is like Alka-Seltzer -- Try Him, you'll like Him.
- God is like Scotch Tape -- You can't see him, but you know He's there.