

# *The* Plymouth Placard



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JULY 2003

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## **WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES IN JULY**

**ALL SERVICES ARE AT 9:30 A.M.**

**UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED**

### **July 6**

Mark 6.1–13

“Hometown Prophets”

*(Taizé Service on hiatus in July & August)*

### **July 13**

Psalm 24

“Whose World?”

### **July 20**

Mark 6.30-34

“Away to a Deserted Place”

### **July 27**

John 6.1–21

“More than Enough”

### **Summer Schedule:**

We will have a single Sunday service at **9:30 a.m.**

July 6 through August 31

## ***Celebrating 100 Years – 1903-2003***

### ***Bike to Worship Weekend--June 29, 2003***

*Each year the City of Fort Collins SmartTrips office sponsors Bike Month during the month of June. During this month there are a number of events that encourage the use of bicycles for transportation, as well as fun and recreation. Bike to Worship Weekend is one of these events. June 29 has been designated Bike to Worship Sunday this year. In the words of the SmartTrips announcement, "We invite you to challenge your congregation members to bike, rather than drive to services."*

*Last year Plymouth accepted the challenge. In fact, we were recognized as having the most riders and the most miles ridden for churches in our size. We were awarded a nice plaque recognizing our success.*

*I think we can do this again! The Social Concerns Committee challenger **YOU** and your family to pump up the tires, put on your helmets, and leave 15 minutes early on your trusty Schwinn! Ride to worship on June 29 and help Plymouth claim a repeat championship!*

*Please call me (484-1871) if you have questions.*

*Jack McGrew, Chair - Social Concerns Committee*

### **We Exceeded Our Goal!**

Thanks to the generosity of the members and friends of Plymouth, we exceed our goal of raising an additional \$5,000 for Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM). The \$6,913 that you gave as a special offering will be added to the \$5,000 that our Church Council put forward as a "challenge grant" from our operating budget.

Thanks to the Mission Committee for their leadership and support during this campaign and to the Church Council for grappling with this difficult situation to find a creative, affirmative solution!

*From Hal's Desk:*

## **The Power of Partnership**

Covenant is one of those theological watchwords that ministers throw around frequently, but I wonder how many of us in the UCC (clergy and laity alike) really understand covenant. Covenant is what binds our congregations together into associations, conferences, and the national setting of the United Church of Christ. It's the glue that keeps us in varying degrees of relationship.

This became really apparent to me over the last month, as I experienced both the incredible response of this congregation to our covenant partners in the UCC and also during our Rocky Mountain Conference, UCC Annual Meeting.

I want to reiterate my thanks to each of you who helped exceed our \$5,000 goal for the special offering for Our Church's Wider Mission. (To date, we've received \$6,913, which will be added to \$5,000 from our operating budget – or nearly a \$12,000 increase in our giving.) This was a much-needed “shot in the arm” for our conference. I can't tell you how proud I am of the way our members, friends, and council leadership stepped right up to the task. You also received kudos at the Rocky Mountain Conference Annual Meeting at several points!

The obvious reason our increased giving was important for the conference is that it provided an injection of much-needed capital. But it also set the stage for asking other congregations to step up and engage in a second-mile giving campaign. I presented a very impassioned (some would say angry!) comment to the plenary gathering asking my colleagues to act on our covenant and to get their congregations to do something similar to what we at Plymouth have done. As you know, I had sent a letter to each of them with this invitation, but *not one of them* had yet accepted the challenge.

The outcome of the debate was the nearly unanimous vote of clergy and delegates to challenge the 81 churches of the conference to raise their OCWM giving by a total of \$95,000 in 2004, and that in 2004, we would continue to retain 70 percent for the mission and ministry of our conference and send 30 percent for the work of our denomination nationally and globally. (The proposal was to change the percentage to 80-20.)

Your impact was felt during this debate, and I want to thank you for your leadership. As I said, I'm really proud of you, and I am grateful that we are a congregation with active, engaged lay leaders who are willing to step out on faith and make a difference in the wider church.

A third reason that the conference needed a boost was the resignation of our conference minister, the Rev. Kenn Leischner, on June 8. Following a six-month process with the conference personnel committee and an outside consultant, Kenn tendered his resignation. Details were not made public, but a letter from the conference moderator said, “The directions envisioned for the conference minister by Kenn and by conference officials were not sufficiently compatible.” It is a sad event for Kenn and for the conference, which I am sure required substantial prayer and discernment.

***Okay, here's the exciting news:*** our church council has unanimously voted to host the 2004 Rocky Mountain Conference Annual Meeting! It will be held in June 2004, so we've got a year to get ready. Council also has authorized the creation of a fixed-term task force to help make plans and execute a wonderful meeting.

As we continue to do the work of the church, both in Ft. Collins, regionally, and nationally, know that we do it only with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, whose love embraces and empowers us.

Shalom!

### **Centennial Celebration**

Our fundraiser, the sales of the porcelain medallions and marble plaques, continues throughout this centennial year for Plymouth. They will be on sale the first Sunday of every month after each worship service. They can also be purchased at other times by contacting Carol Halac at 223-9288. The proceeds received from the sales will be used to defray the cost of the banquet. So look for these great items, featuring a drawing of the church done by Phil Hoefler to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> year of Plymouth Church, on our next sale date of **July 6th**.

In addition, \$335 was realized from the Centennial Noodle Sales.

### **Senior High Youth Group Events for June - July**

- **Sunday, July 6: Mission Trip meeting after church. (approximately 10:30 a.m.)** If you are going on the Mission Trip, you must be at this meeting. We will discuss what you should bring, what you should not bring, and what out plans are for departure and arrival.
- **July 13-18: Mission Trip!!**
- **Week of July 20: MADD Camp!!** Your forms need to be turned in to the Conference Office ASAP.

### **Habitat for Humanity Update**

Fort Collins Habitat for Humanity: Construction on a new home—one built entirely by women—has begun. If you would like to be involved in Women Build, contact Jann Fox, 267-9247, or [J-JFox@msn.com](mailto:J-JFox@msn.com). To sign up as a Habitat volunteer, call 530-0068, or sign up online at <http://www.habitatstore.org/voluntr.htm>.

**GREAT NEWS!**  
**PLYMOUTH WILL BE HOSTING THE**  
**2004 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE**  
**ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE (UCC)**

Our church council voted unanimously to accept the honor of hosting the next Annual Meeting next June. We'll need **lots** of volunteer help as we provide a welcome for delegates and clergy from the 81 churches of the conference. It's a great way to welcome our fellow UCC members from Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming.

Donations of fabric (cotton scraps at least 1/8 yard in size) accepted for making holiday gift bags for sale at our Alternative Giving Fair in November. Proceeds go to *Doctors Without Borders*. Call Susan Hyne at 472-8765 or email [susanhyne@riverrock.org](mailto:susanhyne@riverrock.org) if you have fabric to donate and/or would like to take part in a sewing bee to make the bags.

**Can you help give our building a bit of a face-lift this summer?**

**There is much work to be done** to convert two rooms (formerly the Plymouth Children's Center) into a new preschool classroom/nursery and an adult education room. If 10-15 people could volunteer even 2 hours – the job would be done in time for fall program start up. There are many ways you can help that don't require heavy work, lifting or standing – like sorting through art containers (crayons, markers, papers, paints) and games to separate what's reusable and what's not. We need painters for walls and pieces of furniture. You could even help from home by taking home a bin of toys that needs to be washed or mended. Or volunteer to sew a bright new curtain for the preschool classroom. Donna and Alice continue to have their regular staff responsibilities throughout the summer and are working hard to develop programs for the fall. They can not do this job alone. Please call them soon to let them know when you can offer an hour or two this summer. Thank you!

**Welcoming Smiles?**

Would you like to help welcome new faces to Plymouth? All you need is a smile! The Evangelism Committee has started a welcome table in the narthex each Sunday morning and could use more volunteers. We need help from 8am to 11am, but could arrange for 2 volunteers to share the time if necessary. Please call Karen Nesler at 223-8491 or email [tpnes5@mac.com](mailto:tpnes5@mac.com) if you can help.

**New Young Adult Fellowship Group Forming at Plymouth!**

June 25<sup>th</sup> the group attended the Concert at the CSU Lagoon to hear *Daddy Rab*. On July 11<sup>th</sup> they will be heading to CSU's Café Theater to see the *Fantastics* at 8:00pm. Then on July 20<sup>th</sup>, all are invited to a barbecue at Carrie & Bruce Hansens home. Please call Brian & Andrea at 282-7511 for more information, and watch future bulletins and Placards for upcoming events.

**Save The Date ... Youth Education Committee Summer Event. . . August 3****Family Day at Watson Lake**

A family day camp at Watson Lake is planned for August 3 after church service. We'll meet at the picnic shelters on the northeast side of the lake at 11:30 a.m. A sign-up sheet and maps will be posted at the church. We'll share a potluck lunch – bring something to grill and a dish to share. We'll provide the fire, table service, and some drinks.

Activities planned are: getting wet, eating, playing in the water, fishing, getting wet to cool off, a tour of the fish hatchery, and. . . getting more wet.

So, you could bring more clothes, fishing gear, rafts, and life jackets, sunscreen and repellent and . . . even more dry clothes. You can stay as long as you want or until all your clothes are wet. Clothes are not optional!

Last year Donna cooked Cajun Boil with – guess what kind of lake food? Maybe she'll do that again!

Sign-up sheet and maps are in the Narthex. Call Claudia at 226-0745, or Marietta at 221-5474 for more information.

**Men's Fellowship**

The Men's Fellowship is sponsoring the annual family bike-hike to Lake Agnes on Saturday, August 9th, 2003. This is an easy 5-mile ride along the Michigan Ditch at the top of Cameron Pass, followed by a half-mile hike to the lake. The views are spectacular and the route is suitable for children of all ages! We will car-pool from the Church at 8:00am. Bring your bike, helmet, a sack lunch, water bottle, sunscreen, camera, rain gear, bug spray, and \$2.00 for the State Forest fee. We should return by 5:00pm.

Call Wayne Shepperd 223-8229 for more information.

## **Could You Give Us Your Noon Hour on a Monday Once a Month?**

Every day that we do interviews here at Plymouth for the Homeless Prevention Program we are newly impressed by the need people have for our help, and by the good feeling we get from giving that help. Our role in the program is to interview people who need assistance, to find whether or not they qualify for the money the program gives. Those presently doing the interviewing are Lorrie Wagner and Linda Garton, John Nortier and Gail Woods, Curt and Ruth Minter, and Barb Lehner and Donna Kling. Unfortunately two of those will need to end their participation at the end of July. Might you be able to join us when they leave the program? It would mean interviewing people at church from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. one Monday of the month. You would not be working alone-all of our interviewing is done in pairs. Although the first interviews you would need to do would not be until August, we would love to hear from you soon in order to schedule you for a little bit of training. The training will consist of watching some of the experienced people mentioned above, doing some interviews. Since we only interview on Mondays, there are four opportunities in July, to observe. If you find yourself even toying with the thought, please give Alice Clark (482-9212, 221-0468) or one of those mentioned above, a call. A phone call is not a commitment and we'd love to talk with you about it.

Thanks so much.

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**“Gifts of the Heart” school kits** are what we will be putting together for Church World Service in September. The **Trailblazer Sunday school is teaming up with the Social Concerns committee** to work on projects that will benefit children in Iraq. Next time you are out shopping, or when you purchase back-to-school supplies, please try to remember to pick up a few extra supplies for the kits we will be assembling at Plymouth. The supplies needed are blunt scissors, rulers (in. and cm.), pencil sharpeners, pencil, erasers, 24 crayon boxes, colored construction paper packs, 8.5 x 11 notebooks. We will have a donation box at church so we can begin collecting this summer. Contact Donna Greene or Jo Anne Jensen for further information.

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## **Visiting/Caring**

Along with visiting and telephoning by Plymouth’s “Visiting Angels,” comes also the need for everyone to furnish names of those persons who would benefit from receiving cards, calls and other expressions of caring and encouragement. If you know of someone who you feel would appreciate such contacts, please call Barb Lehner at 225-1950 or Ruth Jakubauskas at 223-7428. We don’t want to overlook anyone.

<p>The Next Placard Deadline is <b>Monday July 21st</b> . Information on events for the month of August is due in the church office by the above date. Thank you!</p>
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## **Announcement of Proposed Constitutional Changes**

The Council has approved two additional changes to our Constitution that we would like to take to the congregation. These were presented briefly at the congregational meeting on June 15.

The first is a proposal to strike the requirement that the minutes of the council be distributed to members in printed form. This effectively prevents the council from saving money on postage and using email to those members who have access to email. (This year all council members have access.)

The second is a proposal to move Service Fellowship from a council committee and place their responsibilities, budget and team under the Deacons. Over the recent past, the Deacons have extended their charter to be more inclusive of all aspects of worship and congregational care. Service Fellowship has evolved to responsibility for coffee hour and receptions for funerals and weddings. Gail Knoblock and Claudia Karp conceived of this proposal and the Deacons have readily agreed. Questions can be directed to any Deacon, Dennis Sumner, Gail Knoblock or Claudia Karp.

If there is no formal protest to these proposals we will proceed as if these changes were in place to test and further understand their viability. The congregational meetings to review these changes will be held on August 3 and August 17 after the service.

Marge Norskog  
Council Moderator

## **Do You Have An Extra Half-Hour Once A Month?**

One of the more enjoyable tasks a loving congregation does is that of visiting people. In that it doesn't involve particular expertise and is pleasurable, it is scarcely a task at all. Yet it is an important aspect of our life together here at Plymouth. Do you have an extra half-hour per month that you could give to visiting someone who is not as able to get out and around as s/he once did? Sometimes even just a phone call now and then can make a very positive difference in another's life. If you might enjoy connecting with someone here at Plymouth who would appreciate it, please call Barb Lehner at 225-1950.

## **The Bible, 101: An Adult Class to Begin This Fall**

**Do you sometimes wish you had just a very basic grasp of the Bible?**

When you hear Hal preach on a text, do you sometimes wish you could mentally tuck that text chronologically into the spot where it fits in the Bible as a whole? Do you wish you could remember to whom Joseph of the coat of many colors is related? And why the story about him is important? We could read the Bible straight through from cover to cover. But even if we had the discipline to do so, most of us would want a little help in understanding how the various parts fit together. The study, *Kerygma: The Bible in Depth* offers just such help. One description of it reads: "A comprehensive exploration of the Bible whole and its meanings for life today. Each theme traces related stories and events through both Testaments. An exciting course of study for adults ready to reflect deeply on the Scriptures, faith and life."

The Adult Ed. Committee is planning to offer that study this fall. It will meet in two-hour sessions on a weekday evening for 34 sessions. The class will be facilitated by a team of 2-4 people—some clerics and some lay. The work-study guide will cost around \$30. All who take part will be expected to put in preparation time in order to fully contribute to and participate in the weekly sessions.

If you participated in the *Kerygma Bible study Discovering the Bible* led by Cathy Walters, we'd like to clarify that this new study is a different one. We hope that some of you from the previous studies will join this one as well.

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The *Kerygma* series was developed by an ecumenical group, including UCC members, and seems likely to satisfy the wide range of theological perspectives represented in our church. The Adult Ed. Committee desires your input.

1. Would you like to participate in such a 34-week Bible study?     Yes     No
2. Which week night would best fit your schedule? \_\_\_\_\_

Please call Alice Clark with the above information or leave your completed form in the box by the door in her office. Thank you!

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## Opportunities to “pass along your faith” to children and youth at Plymouth

**September K-5<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday school** - We will be learning how the Bible came to be and some facts about the books within it. We will have 3 workshops – an archaeological dig site, a scriptorium and a Bible games workshop. We need adults with experience or interest in archaeology, theology, history, science and calligraphy. Rich and Gayle Maroncelli have volunteered to construct a wall-mounted Wheel of Fortune style game board. Sue Yadon and Mary Robinson are busy sewing monk robes with hoods for the scriptorium. A few people have donated artifacts for the dig site. **We still need** help to set up a sectioned dig-site on the playground with stakes and string and we need donations of dig tools – old toothbrushes, paintbrushes, screen, small picks/chisels, etc., as well as pieces of broken pottery, china, and other artifacts that can be buried. **We still need** calligraphy pens and ink wells and samples of illuminated manuscripts; samples of clay tablets, papyrus, old scrolls (or photos of these) and different versions of the Bible for a museum display.

**Junior High Youth** – Some of you are being asked by God to share your gifts with this wonderful group of young people. Are you the new person to help with Sunday school or youth group, or maybe both?

**Resource Library** – I would like to create a resource library in my office for volunteers to use. I need someone to help organize the resources and create a check-out system

**Children’s Library** – need help to organize a book donation program next year to create a Children’s Library for use by the Sunday school teachers and church members.

**Supplies** - need help to organize, inventory, and re-stock basic program supplies.

To volunteer contact Donna Greene at 482-9212 or email me at [donna@plymouthucc.org](mailto:donna@plymouthucc.org).

*MARK YOUR CALENDAR*

**for**  
**The Alternative Giving Fair**  
**November 23, 2003**

**Give Christmas Gifts That**  
**Keep On Giving!**

## **Reap A Reward!**

**Reach out and “reap a reward” by going with Plymouth and its Northern Colorado UCC/Disciples coalition for a work trip to the Navajo Reservation at Shiprock, NM.**

**When:** Sept. 16-21 (three work days)

**Where:** Hogback Chapter of Navajo Nation near Farmington, NM.

**Why:** To work on home repair for our Navajo friends

**How much:** Around \$100 per person for this extended event to celebrate 10 years of service. Travel and lodging not included.

**Registration:** by August 15<sup>th</sup> we hope to know who is going. Please fill out enclosed registration form and return to Paula Dille for processing.

**This is Plymouth’s 3<sup>rd</sup> trip; the coalition’s 10<sup>th</sup> – we truly made a difference!**

**Fund raising golf tournament:** Join us if you can and help to furnish funds for building materials by participating in the Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> golf tournament in Loveland. Forms on Mission Bulletin Board in Fellowship Hall.

Please consider; you won’t be disappoOur Conference Connection – LIVE!

**On September 15 Plymouth will host a Regional reception for our Global partnership with people from the Venezuelan Pentacostal Church. This is a rare “up close and personal” experience. We will need host homes for overnite.**

**Watch for your opportunity to be an international friend for one night on behalf of the UCC Church—at—large.**

## **General Information Concerning NoCoNet**

NoCoNet is a Northern Colorado forum for under-employed professionals wanting to find jobs and advance their careers. NoCoNet is an active, supportive, and participatory volunteer group with a purpose to share job leads, sharpen re-employment search methods, build resume and interviewing skills, and network with others. NoCoNet will meet every Monday morning beginning June 30<sup>th</sup> in the new Faith Evangelical Free Church facility at 3920 South Shields. NoCoNet meetings serve Fort Collins, Loveland, Windsor, Wellington, LaPorte, Greeley and surrounding areas.

NoCoNet grew out of the need identified by the Fort Collins HighTechNetwork to better serve the job seeking professional. In addition to partnering with the High Tech Network, NoCoNet also partners with the very successful LongNet organization in Longmont. NoCoNet is designed to meet the needs of the job seeker by bringing professionals together to discuss

## **INTERFAITH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES REPORT:**

The May program on Housing Justice, presented by Chadrick Martinez, invited faith communities and their members to become “friends” of the Housing Justice project which has as its goal the development of a State Trust Fund for Affordable Housing. This will hopefully be a State Referendum ballot issue in 2004. 36 other states have such a program. Let’s get Colorado up to speed. Keep tuned in for more info and an opportunity to sign up.

The Executive Director of the Northern Colorado Aids Project, George Figueroa, presented a program on the mission, strategies and needs of NCAP, 400 Remington St. Suite 100, at a June 19 meeting of Interfaith Council. Free HIV testing always available. Multiple support services to those who are HIV + and/or coping with AIDS. Educational programs on prevention. Of concern: Increase in population with no increase in funding. Increase in the number of HIV + persons, especially among young women ages 14 – 25. Need for volunteers to assist with transportation, education and support of the program. Call 484-4469.

The Severe Weather Hospitality Center closed for the season at the end of April. This is the second year that the Mennonite Church community has hosted the Severe Weather Hospitality Center. Volunteers are restoring and putting the facility back in good shape. A permanent shelter will not be available before fall of 2004; a site for the winter of 2003 – 2004 is needed.

The Housing Team reports that additional funds are being received for the Homeless Prevention/Rental Assistance Program. A recommended \$1,500 catchup for April/May needs and an increase to \$8,680. per month distribution for the remaining 5 months of this program year was approved.

**HUMANITARIAN CANNING** occurred on May 12 and June 9. The final opportunity for 2003 will occur on July 14, 2003. If you are available to help, call Donna Fairbank at 493-2486 or Sabrina Arch at 493-4477.

As of June 5, 2003 Interfaith Council had approved the distribution of over \$9,000 to various human service agencies in our community. Plymouth Church will contribute \$1,100 in 2003, to this outreach activity, through our participation in Interfaith Council.

### **Announcements:**

**July 1, 7:00 – 8:30 pm at A Place for Peace, 1605 W. Mulberry** an informational meeting on how **PEACEJAM**, an international education program built around leading Nobel Peace Laureates, could become a reality in Fort Collins. Needed are adults to work with small groups (4 – 10) of youth in our community. For more info call or email Nancy Murray: 490-2434 [obermurray@attbi.com](mailto:obermurray@attbi.com)

**1st ANNUAL SENIOR AWARENESS 5K WALK, SATURDAY, JULY 19, 8 AM.** Begins from the Senior Center at 1200 Raintree. Breakfast provided and snacks on the trail. Registration: \$10 for those 15 and up. Catholic Charities has lost \$30,000 of United Way Funding for its support programs for Seniors for the coming year. Help make up the lost funding by coming out to participate in this fun, fund-raising event. More info, contact CCN at 484-5010.

## **PEOPLE IN THE PARISH**

*Please keep the following members and friends of Plymouth in your prayers.*

### *Recently in the Hospital:*

Arline Heaton's father, Howard Pollack.

### *Our Sympathy is with:*

### *Congratulations to:*

- Sarah Edmonds on her graduation May 24 from University of Colorado Health Science Center, P.A. Program with MA of Science and Physicians Assistant Certificate. Sarah and John Beres were married June 14 in Brattleboro, Vermont. Sarah's father, Fred Edmonds, officiated.
- Michael Koster and Divya Agrawal on their marriage May 25 in Leonminster, MA. Michael, Phil and Suzi Koster's son, graduated May 22 from New York Medical College.

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### **Plymouth Website**

**<http://www.plymouthucc.org>**

Plymouth's updated website is ready for viewing. It's loaded with Plymouth info and even a calendar of events. The site is a work in progress and we appreciate your feedback. Please contact Brian or Andrea Kelly with comments, suggestions, new ideas, etc.

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The ONA Committee of Plymouth Church has adopted a mission statement that has been presented to, and approved by, the Church Council. The statement is this:

“The responsibility of the committee shall be to ensure that Plymouth’s open and affirming statement exists as a living document through the celebration and advocacy of inclusion within the life of the church and its community. Working cooperatively to connect with the mission of other committees within the church, ONA will offer educational and outreach opportunities to affirm the dignity and worth of every individual while advocating for a safe, loving community of faith.”