

# *The* Plymouth *Placard*



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MARCH 2004

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## TAIZÉ INFO

**WHO:** YOU! EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

**WHEN:** SUNDAY, MARCH 7 AT 6:00 P.M.  
(AND THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH)

**WHERE:** PLYMOUTH CONG'L UCC

**COST:** FREE-WILL OFFERING FOR SUPPER

**CHILDCARE:** YOU BET!

**MORE INFO:** WWW.TAIZE.FR

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

**Freedom to Marry Day. Saturday Feb 28, from about 1:30-3:00, in Old Towne in Fort Collins, near mountain and College (just outside of Ben & Jerrys)** Sponsored by the teens at the Unitarian Church in Ft. Collins for about 4-5 years! The Rainbow Chorus will be singing a couple of tunes! Please come and join us. This is an important issue this year because of the Marriage Amendment Act trying to be Passed. Hope to see you there!!

The Social Concerns Committee is pleased to announce that an exciting new partnership has been established with our neighborhood Bennett Elementary School. One facet of the program will involve matching Plymouth volunteers with students who could benefit from the special attention of a caring adult. Times are flexible and no prior experience is necessary, just a desire to make a contribution to student achievement. Mary Shultz, a member of the Social Concerns Committee, will serve as our volunteer coordinator. An orientation for volunteers will be held on **Wednesday, March 10 at 4:15 PM** at Bennett Elementary. Please let Mary know if you are interested (484-6710).

The new pictorial directories arrived in early January. Copies are available from the church office during the week. For those whose photo is included, please find your copy in the envelope labeled with your name.

## From Hal's Desk

### *Using Your Power*

Lent is one of those times when we might reflect on the temptations that were offered to Jesus and see how they are translated into our own lives, which can be a difficult topic to examine. In Luke's story, the devil tempts Jesus by asking him to turn a stone into bread. Then he shows all the world's kingdoms to Jesus and offers them to him in exchange for worshipping the devil. Finally, he asks Jesus to test God. Jesus resists all three: each a case of the devil trying to get Jesus to use his power inappropriately.

Most of us won't face those exact tests, but we are confronted by the way we use our power in the world. Even if you're not the CEO of a Fortune 500 corporation or a member of the U.S. Senate or fantastically wealthy, you have more power than most people who inhabit this planet with you.

**You have economic power.** (We're the wealthiest society the world has ever known.) **You have political power.** (You not only have the vote, you've got the ability to address representatives, to demonstrate peacefully, to publish your ideas publicly.) **You have spiritual power.** (You have direct and immediate access to God through prayer.)

*How do you use your economic, political, and spiritual power?* Is it to serve those who Jesus lists in Luke's version of the beatitudes (Lk. 6.20)? The poor, those who are hungry, those who weep, those who are excluded? Working for God's kingdom here on earth – a reign marked by God's justice – should be our primary concern as Christians. After all, we pray for it every Sunday in the Lord's Prayer.

During Lent, I invite you to meditate on the power you wield and how wisely you use it on behalf of God's reign on earth. You might even consider how Jesus might use the power you have, if he were in your shoes.

Shalom!



## **Calling All Budding Writers and Artists!**

### **Sign Up To Contribute to the 2005 Lenten Devotional Booklet**

The Deacons have chosen to provide a Lenten Devotional Booklet for our **2005** observance of Lent. We thought it would be easier to do for all involved if the writing/ drawings for it could be completed during this Lenten period (it would be much harder to get in the same mood during Christmas or Advent for example!).

We are going to have a sign-up sheet. A committee of the Deacons will provide a Scripture for each day. Each volunteer will have the task of reflection on the Scripture and conclude with a brief prayer for the day. The reflections could be meditation, a poem, a story or event, or a piece of art.

Each Deacon will do one, which means that we need twenty-eight volunteers. Sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. What we hope for are twenty eight people along with the Deacons who will be willing to share from their own Christian journey. So don't worry about feeling inadequate for the task. Just step boldly to the task and share something meaningful to you.

**Our deadline for completion of all the meditations is Easter Sunday.** Then the editing/production folk can take over. Hopefully this will become an annual tradition. Help us make it a meaningful and successful venture!

**Interested in Exploring Membership?** Two evening sessions designed to help people explore what it means to be a member and to learn more about Plymouth and the United Church of Christ have been held. . One session remains, on March 1st. It's an open-ended time to bring questions and to explore. If you're interested in joining us, please respond to Karin at 482-9212. Childcare available upon request.

- ❖ Mon. Mar. 1, 7pm, Fireside Room
- ❖ Sun. Mar 7, 10:45 service - new members received

**Galilean Career Fair** - Did Jesus ever wonder, "What do I want to be when I grow up?" On **Feb 29<sup>th</sup>** the Trailblazer children will attend a "career fair" where they can explore what the options for Jesus would have been. We need volunteers who can help teach the children about being carpenters, shepherds, farmers, fisherpersons, potters and weavers. We are also looking for simple carpentry tools, an olive press, and a large mortar & pestle to grind wheat. Even if you don't know much about these topics, but are intrigued by the idea, call Donna Greene and let her know.

## Steven Spielberg's "Amistad" -- Fact or Fiction?

Amistad Sunday is celebrated on March 7 this year. Amistad Sunday is an occasion to honor, emphasize, and underscore the historic commitment of the United Church of Christ to the work of justice and compassion. Beginning in 1839 the work of black and white Congregationalists helped to secure the release of 53 captive Africans who struggled courageously for their freedom aboard the slave ship *La Amistad*. The fruits of their labors not only inspired the Christian witness for justice in the mid-1800s but also contributed significantly to building the lasting movement for racial, economic, and social justice in the United Church of Christ.



On **Saturday, March 20**, the Social Concerns Committee invites you to come watch Steven Spielberg's movie. We'll have a pot-luck dinner in the fellowship hall at 6:00 p.m. and watch the movie. Please bring your own place settings so we don't have to do dishes or mess up the kitchen. After the movie Hal will lead a lively discussion – about what the movie left out.

### *Notes from the Peace & Justice Ministry*

As we kick off our year of prayer and discernment about becoming a Just Peace church, we have quite a bit to share with you. First of all, here is the announcement we would have read at the annual meeting if there had been time. Read it at your leisure!

### **Announcement to the Congregation at the 2004 Annual Meeting**

“Courage in the struggle for justice and peace” is one of the powerful affirmations in the United Church of Christ Statement of Faith. It is central to the identity of our church. It is one of our most ardent prayers and richest blessings. To be part of the United Church of Christ is to be part of the struggle for justice and peace.

In June of 1985 the Fifteenth General Synod, meeting in Ames, Iowa, ... passed a Pronouncement “Affirming the United Church of Christ to be a Just Peace Church.”

Those words begin the book published by the UCC in 1986, *A Just Peace Church*.

The Plymouth Peace and Justice Ministry was formed last year under the auspices of the Social Concerns Committee. A history of the team is included in the annual report.

We are proposing that Plymouth Church consider becoming – officially – a Just Peace church. We propose that our congregation spend the coming year investigating what that might mean to us as individuals and as a faith community and whether this is a direction we want to go. Our current plan is to come before the congregation at the next annual meeting, in 2005, with a statement that we could vote on, similarly to how Plymouth became an Open and Affirming church. But that plan could change, depending on what we come up with during the year.

Just Peace is not an easy concept. So there will be lots of opportunities for people to study and discuss it.

## Peace & Justice – cont.

- We'll have a study group of *A Just Peace Church* by Susan Thistlethwaite, starting in April. But you can get the book sooner if you're interested; we'll start a sign-up sheet for people who want the book.
- Before then, we hope to have a forum with a panel of people from other Just Peace UCC churches in the Rocky Mountain Conference, telling us about their process and what it means to them in the daily life of their congregation.
- We'll also continue to bring issues of peace and justice before you. Recently, members of the team rallied the congregation to participate in the Martin Luther King Day event and presented a forum on the FTAA. Several of us are participating in the study group on nonviolence that started today.
- The UCC is very active nationally and internationally. We will look at what the UCC is already doing with its Justice and Witness Ministry, and connect with the Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Task Force.
- Locally, we will consider linking up with groups like the Center for Justice, Peace and the Environment, and the Hate Incident Response Team, which is sponsored by many local and regional faith communities.
- Hal has suggested that we invite guest preachers from the national conference, people like Susan Thistlethwaite, who is President and Professor of Theology at Chicago Theological Seminary.
- In the fall, we will host a film series on nonviolence for the community, with discussions led by local experts or activists.
- We will keep the congregation informed of local and national events relating to issues of peace and justice, and encourage you to sign up with the UCC's Take Action email campaign.
- Most important, we want to dialogue with all members of the congregation. Is this a direction we want to go? Where do you stand on these issues? What does it mean in your life – as a family member, a citizen, a Christian?

We're not asking you to make any decisions today. But be prepared to hear a lot about peace and justice, about Just Peace, in the coming year. We invite you to learn as much as you can and to bring an open mind to forums, classes, sermons and community events. Especially bring your voice – we want to hear what you think, what you feel about these heart-wrenching issues.

This is a frightening and confusing time we live in. Being part of a congregation like Plymouth gives us an opportunity to discern a Christian response to events happening around us. We can support each other on our journey of faith and make our faith an active force in our community. Let's spend the next year walking together, talking together, and figuring out how to bring more peace and justice into our own hearts and our world.

## Interfaith Service for Peace, Thursday, March 18

On the first anniversary of the start of the war in Iraq, Plymouth will host an Interfaith Service for Peace on March 18 at 7:00 p.m. This will be held on Thursday (though the anniversary is March 19) so that Jews and Muslims, who worship on Friday evenings, can join us. Sponsored by the Interfaith Council, the service will feature members of different faith traditions who will bring a prayer or meditation for peace; we're inviting

clergy or lay people from the Roman Catholic, Baha'i, Buddhist, Jewish, Islamic, and Unitarian traditions. This will be a contemplative, candlelight service similar to the Interfaith Service of Remembrance on September 11, 2002. Save the date, and check your bulletins for details.

## Adult Forum, Sunday, March 21

We're inviting some people from other Just Peace churches in the Rocky Mountain Conference to come and speak with us. We'll ask them about what processes they went through in their congregations, and what difference it's made for them to become Just Peace churches. We'll also tell you what we're planning for Plymouth over the coming year, in terms of adult education, guest preachers, and community-wide events.

## Lenten Suppers

The P&J Ministry team and the new Congregational Life committee invite you to participate in a Lenten supper the week before Palm Sunday. Please sign up in the narthex. This will be an occasion for you to enjoy fellowship with other members of the congregation and to learn more about Just Peace.

## A Just Peace Church study group

Starting on April 18, we will host a six-week discussion of *A Just Peace Church* by Susan Thistlethwaite. Books will be available late in March. Please join us!

## P&J Ministry team meetings

Because there's so much going on, we're going to start meeting twice a month. Also, rather than focus solely on "business" we're going to integrate some time for prayer and discernment. We will start with "In Response to the Call of Christ: A Bible Study and Reflection Guide" published by the Justice and Witness Ministries of the UCC. To get on the email list or to find out more about our ministry, contact Jane Ellen Combelic at 970-407-0153 or jec@riverrock.org.

## Next meetings:

- Friday, March 19, 11:45 at church (bring a brown bag lunch)
- Sunday, March 28, at church after the second service

## World Day of Prayer

"World Day of Prayer is an international event that unites Protestant, Roman Catholic, Orthodox, and other Christian women and men in 179 countries in prayer. In the United States, Church Women United sponsors World Day of Prayer. This year Christian women from Panama invite us to become better informed about their country, its history and its needs through the World Day of Prayer service, In Faith, Women Shape the Future. Come and join your sisters and brothers in prayer with and for Panama at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1709 West Elizabeth, on March 5, 2004, at 9:30 a.m." Call Mary L. Mosier @ 484-9356 with questions.

**Notice of Ecclesiastical Council Sunday, March 14 at 5:00 p.m.**

The committee on Church and Ministry has examined Kelly Jo Carter as a candidate for Christian Ministry in the United Church of Christ and is satisfied that she meets the requirements for ordination. They are therefore calling an ecclesiastical council to be held at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 1500 Ninth Avenue, Longmont, Colorado 80501 on Sunday, March 14 at 5:00 p.m.

This will be followed by a meal furnished by First Congregational Church. If you are interested in attending as a delegate from Plymouth, please let Hal know before March 7.

**Notes from the Music Committee:***ORGAN ALERT*

On February 22, the organ was thought to be wholly non-functional. Jan Welch, our organist, had tried to turn it on, and nothing happened. She managed to carry on for the day quite handily with the piano, although she felt that the hymns just weren't quite the same without the depth and richness the organ provides (yes, even our limping organ).

Fortunately, it was a false alarm. A tripped circuit breaker was the culprit...this time. We know that, every month or two, a major organ function fails irrevocably, and it may not be long until it is unusable for even the most meager hymn.

Imagine, if you will, not only Sunday services without an organ, but funerals, and... weddings! Imagine Easter Sunday without the wonderful sounds of the organ during the selections from Handel's "Messiah." Or, perhaps even worse, imagine trying to "make do" with a cheap, funky keyboard that we had to install on an emergency basis.

The Organ Committee, consisting of some Music Committee members and some additional experts, is evaluating replacement organs. They would like input from the congregation at large regarding this issue. How important is an organ to you? If it isn't, we'd like to know that, too. What did you think about the organ we tried out in the sanctuary last November? Do you think "upgrading" to a pipe organ is important, or can you live well with a digital sound (the organ we tried out in the sanctuary was digital, as well as our present organ). This is the time now to share your opinions with us, as we are feeling pressure to make some decisions.

Contact any Music Committee or Organ Committee member with your comments and we will see that the message gets to the proper place. These people are:

*Alice Clark, Jane Clark, Bob Crandall, Steve Freeland, Carrie Hansen, Sylvia McMahon,*

*Bruce Preston, Mary Sue Rowan, Donna Solverud, MariStrombom-Johnson, Jan Welch, and Hal Chorpenning.*

### **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING SUNDAY, MARCH 21**

Each year during the Lenten season, every United Church of Christ congregation will join with seven other denominations in receiving the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. The funds received from this multi-denominational offering are used to support a multitude of needs around the world. These needs include such things as water projects, refugee resettlement, natural disasters, health care, and basic education in more than 80 countries.

The theme for this year's offering is "It's Remarkable What Your Gift Will Do," based on the story of the loaves and fishes. "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" (John 6:9) In troubled times, these words have special meaning for those of us who have been so generously blessed. It is truly remarkable what your gift will do.

Please keep the envelope you have received in this month's Placard, and be sure to bring it to church on March 21. If you forget, there will be envelopes available in the pews.

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**WANTED:** Coordinator to take over Holiday Gift Bag Project for Alternative Giving Fair.

Holiday gift bags have been offered at the Alternative Giving Fair each year with proceeds going to *Doctors Without Borders*. A Coordinator is needed to take over the project, as Susan Hyne is moving to Tucson in the next few months. Fabric donated for the project has been sorted and boxed. Many gift bags are ready to be sewn. Lessons and coaching will gladly be provided. If you can help with this project, please contact Susan at 472-8765 or [susanhyne@riverrock.org](mailto:susanhyne@riverrock.org).

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### **Handbell And Chancel Choirs**

Handbell Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the choir room. If you're between the ages of 12 and 112 and have a little bit of musical knowledge...please come and try us out!

Chancel Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. If you would like more information on either choir, please feel free to call me @ 221-2970. We'd love to see you there! –Donna Solverud

## A Small Change in the First Service Children's Sermon

In years past, many families attended the first service because doing so enabled them to attend worship and also have the rest of the day for other activities. Recently there have been fewer children at the first service, and we learned lately from some of the children that it is easier to come forward for a children's sermon if several children do so; some are not comfortable being the only child or one of few to come forward. We want both our services to be comfortable for all. To that end, for the next few months—until school is out—we will be presenting a children's sermon at both services but will not ask the children to come forward for it at the first service. They will still hear a message designed especially for them, but will do so seated in the pews with their families. Children will still come forward at the second service. As spring approaches and the weather grows more appealing, we invite all those with busy weekends to join us for worship at 8:15 and enjoy more free hours in the rest of the day. -- Alice Clark

### Plymouth Senior High Youth

**Sun. Feb. 29 – Sr. Hi Movie Night – 5-7pm. Bring \$5 for food!**

**Sun., March 14 – 12-2:00pm—Let's play "Bowlingo". We'll go by Van to Alpine Funtier. Bring \$5.00 for the day.**

**Sun., March 28—5-7pm—Board game night! Bring your favorite board game to church for games and pizza.**

**Fri., April 2—Sun., April 4: LaForet Spring Retreat. Registrations due in church office by Monday, March 15. Bring \$\$ for food to and from camp.**

**Sun. April 18—12-2pm—Ultimate Frisbee time!! Meet at church and we'll head to a park. Bring \$\$ so we can grab a bite to eat.**

**Sat., May 1—12-2pm—Hiking Horsetooth! Meet at church and bring a sack lunch.**

A **BIG** "Thank You" to everyone who purchased party subs from the Senior High Sunday School. You helped raise \$240 toward our next mission trip! We would also like to recognize the following stores who each donated a \$10 gift certificate to help purchase food supplies to make these subs:

**King Soopers:** 2325 S.College, 4503 JFK Pkwy, 1015 Taft Hill Rd.; **Safeway:** 460 S. College, 1426 Harmony, 2160 W. Drake; **Albertsons:** 3660 S. Mason.

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**The Middle-Third Herd March Events**

Do you want to be a part of an active and fun fellowship group at Plymouth? Please join us! If you'd like to be added to our e-mail list please contact Andrea Kelly at [4kellyfam@comcast.net](mailto:4kellyfam@comcast.net). We'll send you reminders of upcoming events.

**\*\*Friday, March 5th** - Herd Happy Hour at Mulligan's Food & Ale (2439 S. College - Join us for discounted drinks and appetizers.

**\*\*Saturday, March 6th** - Progressive Dinner & Rappin' with The Rev. 5pm  
During desserts we'll have a theological Q & A with Hal. Childcare will be provided at one location for those who need it. Call Andrea Kelly for details at 282-7511 or e-mail [4kellyfam@comcast.net](mailto:4kellyfam@comcast.net)

**\*\*Thursday, March 25th** - Bas Bleu Theatre - *Tongue of a Bird* at 7:30pm. The last show that we attended at this theater was a big hit so we thought we'd try it again. For a description of the show go to <http://www.basbleu.org> Tickets are \$15 for Adults. Please arrange your own childcare for this event. Contact Jean Sanfacon at [jsanfacon@comcast.net](mailto:jsanfacon@comcast.net) or 416-8822.

**\*\*Friday, April 2nd** - Herd Happy Hour at Coopersmith's Pub & Brewing (Old Town Square)--5pm.

**\*\*Saturday, April 3rd.** - Winter Park Ski Trip--Cross Country, Down Hill, Tubing, Sledding.... What more could you ask for? Mark your calendars and watch for details to come on this awesome event! We'll arrange sitters on location for the kiddos. Contact Mindy Hill at [minddave@comcast.net](mailto:minddave@comcast.net) or 224-9362.

**PLEASE NOTE**

**April Placard Articles are due in the church office by Monday, March 22nd. Please mark your calendars!  
E-mail address: [Plymouth@plymouthucc.org](mailto:Plymouth@plymouthucc.org).**

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## **HILLTOPPERS TO MEET THURSDAY, MARCH 11 AT NOON FOR LUNCH**

At your meeting in February the Hilltoppers gave some program suggestions. Pastor Dick will take one of those topics, “Dealing with Grief,” and provide the program this month.

At our January meeting we had twenty-seven people present. Let’s do even better this time!! All who consider themselves seniors, or who are interested in the program, are welcome! Just sign up on the Hilltoppers sheet in fellowship hall or call in your registration to the church office by next **Wed., March 3**, so the kitchen crew will know for how many to prepare! (If that sentence sounds funny, it’s because I did not wish to end it with the preposition “for”.) We look forward to seeing you then.

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### **EXTRA YEARS OF ZEST!**

XYZ is a fun-loving Plymouth Fellowship made up of people aged 50+. We get together on the second Saturday (usually) of each month for some type of activity. Everyone is welcome – couples, singles, men, women – the only requirements are that you like to get better acquainted with people and that you enjoy having a good time. Sometimes we have educational programs and sometimes we just plan something that sounds like fun. We always have good food! Some of us come to almost all activities, and some to just a few. If you’re 50+, we would love to have you join us.

- Due to the prohibitive cost of Irish fare in local establishments, the XYZ’s will commemorate the Irish famine in the Fellowship Hall March 13 at 6:30 p.m. A baked potato will be served. Some amusements will follow. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Questions?? Call Geri or Wil Stutheit at 226-6645.

### **Plymouth Prayer Tree**

The Plymouth Prayer Tree has 22 active members. The congregation’s “Joys and Concerns”, expressed during the Sunday morning prayer time, are forwarded to these members each week. If you have additional prayer requests, please contact Betty Clark at 229-9944 or e-mail her at [bettyclarkfc@juno.com](mailto:bettyclarkfc@juno.com).

**NOTICE TO: ALL MEN OF PLYMOUTH CONG. UCC**  
**FROM: Leadership Team (Phil Hoefer, Pete Bullard, Jon Dodson, and John Henry Peck)**  
**Date: Feb 2004**  
**Re: Info you should know and consider**

1. *All men of Plymouth are considered members and welcome to participate in any and all events. There are no dues or attendance requirements, but it is hoped that men will step forward, especially when there is a specific call for service for the good of the whole congregation.*
  2. *The Mission of the Plymouth Men's Fellowship is: To bring together, in a spirit of fellowship, men of Plymouth Church to participate in service, social, study, and spiritual activities that are centered on the teachings, examples and principles of Jesus Christ.*
  3. Events and dates **to mark on your calendars** and watch for details are:
    - a. Leadership team meeting at McDonald's on W. Eliz. Fri, Feb 27 @ 6:30 am-others welcome
    - b. Gen'l Membership Breakfast and Service Project Sat, April 3 @ 8:00 am
    - c. C-4 Canoe Trip on the Yampa River, June 17-20
    - d. Summer Cameron Pass Bike Ride, July 10
    - e. Fall Retreat@ Sunshine Mtn Inn, Allenspark, Oct 29,30,31
  4. Other events being considered:
    - a. Service project to build storage shed for church
    - b. Soup 'n pie supper with special entertainment by talented men et al
    - b. Help with decorating @ Advent
  5. Communications and publicity:
    - a. Events will be announced by all the usual ways, including the Weekly (church e-mail) Update.
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## “I’LL REMEMBER PARIS” and “ON A SAN FRANCISCO HIGH”

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The above are the two titles of cd’s which Pastor Dick and Carolyn Einerson’s daughter and son-in-law have produced. Sonia inherited her mother’s vocal genes and sings all of the lyrics, and son-in-law Jerry (Warner-Chappel gold record writer) has written all of the songs.

Their music has received rave reviews in Nashville, Tennessee and in San Francisco where they now live. The music is mostly light jazz, but their first cd, “I’ll Remember Paris,” has some that resemble cabaret. That title song came into being because they spent the year 2000 in Paris.

You can check out reviews, etc. on their website: [www.sonyholland.com](http://www.sonyholland.com). But if you have an interest in the music please order directly from them at: [sony@sonyholland.com](mailto:sony@sonyholland.com). The cd’s sell for \$15, or both of them for \$25. Pastor Dick has some copies if you wish to purchase from him. If you want to sample before purchasing just speak to Dick.

Their music is now being played on at least six radio stations from New York to San Francisco. Needless to say, Sonia’s parents hope you want to and will enjoy their lovely music. (By the way, Sonia was featured in an upscale Nashville magazine as one of the most beautiful twenty five women in Nashville in 2002)

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**IF YOU ARE HOSPITALIZED:** Your church staff has two requests.

- 1) Please notify the church at 482-9212, or Pastor Dick at 227-5123. If it is not during church hours, call Pastor Dick’s number.
- 2) When you go to the hospital, please make sure to register either as **Congregational or United Church of Christ**. That way you will get into the hospital clergy book and your pastors can find you. Unless you have notified us of your hospitalization or you are in the clergy book, we have no way of finding you. We want to be faithful in providing pastoral care. Also, if you are going to the hospital for surgery, let us know ahead of time to schedule a pre-surgical pastoral visit. Thank you!

### Care Notes

We have recently ordered “Care Notes” which are small pamphlets written on a variety of human issues/experiences common to us all. There is one on grief, stress, making sense out of suffering, depression, worry. They are short and offer some excellent thoughts on some of the most difficult of human experiences. The rack which holds them is located in the north hallway by Hal’s office. Stop by and peruse them!

**Such A Deal!!**

Tired of lifting those heavy rectangular tables, but would really like one in your basement for crafts, dirty jobs, etc.? Then the trustees have a deal for you! Donate \$70(rectangle) or \$100(round) to buy a new table for the Church and you can take home 1(with \$70 donation) or two(with \$100) of the old rectangular tables to KEEP. We'll even provide transportation of the old table to it's new home! Choice of old table will be on "first to donate" basis. Don't want an old table? No problem. You can still donate \$\$ for a new one. We won't turn anyone down!!! Make your check out to Plymouth church and earmark it "tables". Any questions, call Gail Knoblock @ 484-8418 or e-mail: knoblock@frii.com. I will let you know when the old tables will be ready to take as we will have to wait until the new ones are purchased.

### **RECYCLE\*RECYCLE\*RECYCLE**

The Trustees and Service Fellowship have been working to reduce waste.

- The UGLY trash-dumpster is no longer in the parking lot.
- We have a trash bin behind the kitchen
- We have 2 recycling bins behind the kitchen:
  - 1)Office paper
  - 2)Glass, plastic, aluminum, & tin cans
- Located under the kitchen counter
  - 1)paperboard
  - 2)cardboard
- A compost is west of the kitchen/covered bucket in kitchen for collecting kitchen waste.

Please refer to containers/bins for directions/preparation and ONLY DEPOSIT ACCEPTABLE ITEMS. Help our church to drastically reduce waste going to the landfill. Please call Gail Knoblock with any questions.

## PEOPLE IN THE PARISH

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

### *Recently in the Hospital:*

- *John Smith*
- *Ray McCulloch*

### *Our Sympathy is with:*

- *The family of Mary Schild. Hal officiated at her service on February 6. Mary was born January 22, 1912.*
- *Georgia Granger whose sister Margaret died Feb. 12 in California.*

### *Congratulations to:*

- *Erin Gilmore and her parents, Sally and Terry Gilmore, upon Erin's installation as Associate Minister of the Holladay Church (UCC) of Salt Lake City, Utah on February 22. Erin grew up in Plymouth Church.*

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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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