

Plymouth First United Methodist Church

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Growing in Faith Together = Blessings

This is just a reminder that **Celebration Sunday** is **November 20, 2022**, in recognition of our **2023 Stewardship Campaign**. However, Pledge Cards can be turned in anytime via the Sunday service offering plate, Electronic device, or by

U.S. Mail, Send to:

PFUMC, Susan Henry, Financial Secretary,
45201 North Territorial Rd.
Plymouth, MI 48170



2023 Stewardship Campaign





Message from Pastor Suzy Todd

Friends -

First I want to give a big thank you to the faithful crew of people who have helped with the renovation and rebirth of our Christian Spiritual Formation spaces. We had crews of people who came and sorted materials. We had crews that cleaned and scrubbed walls and tables and rooms in The Core. If you have not had a chance to see their good work, I strongly encourage you to check out the storage room in The Core, the elevator lobby on the third floor and the kitchen and classrooms in the Core. They did some heavy lifting to get the spaces prepared for renovation.

Second, I want to heartily thank those people who came in and painted the third floor classrooms. I know many of you wondered why I chose those intense colors. I hope that once you see the final products you will understand! We are creating fun and creative spaces for kids to engage with Sunday school and other faith formation activities. As I write this, each room is in a different state of completeness. Maybe by the time you read this, they will all be done. Either way, I invite you to come upstairs and explore.

We have a space themed room where kids will explore their understanding of God with science and technology. We have an ocean themed room where kids will use arts and crafts to engage their interests in the Creator. We have a forest themed room where kids will participate in stories using video, drama, books and oral history. We have a desert themed room where kids will use their bodies to engage in large-motor activities, and larger group gatherings. We have a jungle themed room that will be flexible and used for music another occasional methods of learning. Lastly, we have cleaned and renovated the nursery.

A lot of work has gone into making this possible. A lot of work is still to be done before we can fully launch our new children's and youth's faith formation programs. We are in the process of hiring a new director, but intros job market, it is going to take months to get an excellent candidate. And we won't settle for anything less. Until then, we'd like to launch an interim Sunday morning program.

To do that, we need volunteers. Lots of volunteers with lots of different types of skills who love Jesus and want to make sure the next generation love Jesus too. This is what I'm looking for:



TEACHERS - These men and women will work once, once per month, or once per quarter. They will plan an activity based on the month's theme and lead a lesson plan in one of the aforementioned environments. Lesson plans will be available from me, or we can work together to develop something that optimizes your skills. For example: If you love to garden, you can teach as part of the creation story about the amazing relationship between plants and their environment in the Space room. Or you can have the kids make plants from craft supplies in the Ocean room. Or you can sing songs about creation in the Jungle room. There are options for everyone's skills, interests and abilities.

ASSISTANT TEACHERS - These men and women will work as often as they like. We need at least one assistant teacher per week to meet the safety requirements of supervision. Your job will be to help the teacher, to keep an eye on the students, to be enthusiastic and positive so the students will more fully engage.

AIDES - These youth, men or women will be assigned to a specific child or children who may be struggling. You will work one-to-one with kids to help them stay focused. This position is on an as-needed basis.

SUPPORT STAFF - These men and women will be behind the scenes workers. They won't necessarily have to work on Sunday mornings. They will periodically check on the storage rooms and cabinets to make sure we are adequately stocked and properly organized. They will note when things need replacement or repair and notify me.

There will be brief training for all volunteers. It includes a background check and Child Protection training, as well as the basics of pedagogy and the where and how of our specific goals and spaces. Please consider volunteering, or if you know someone whom you believe would be fantastic in any of these capacities please invite them to consider volunteering. If you have any other questions, contact me via email at suzy@pfumc.org.

Blessings,
Pastor Suzy

Noteworthy Concerts at Plymouth First 2022-2023 season

Plymouth Community Band
Oct. 28, Dec. 9, Feb. 10, March 24, May 12 7:30 pm

Thanksgiving Choir Festival Nov. 20 4:00 pm

Detroit Symphony Orchestra
Jan. 6 8:00 pm* March 10 8:00 pm*

Michigan Philharmonic Mar. 19 2:00 pm*

Plymouth Oratorio Society May 7 4:00 pm

*indicates ticketed event

building community through music



Music Notes

Save the Date! Invite Your Neighbors!

Come enjoy music offered by the combined Chancel and Bell Choirs from PFUMC and First Presbyterian Church, accompanied by brass and organ. It's a great way to introduce people to our church. And you can support the Salvation Army through the free-will offering.



**Thanksgiving
Choir Festival**
Sunday, November 20
4:00 pm

Adult Choirs **Handbell Choirs**
Organ **Brass Quintet**

Audience sing-along of Thanksgiving Hymns

Admission Free a free-will offering will be received
to benefit the Salvation Army

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Karen Cooney
 Marlene Crow
 Sharyn Hoard
 Jill Leeper
 Sandy Ofiara
 Janice Podgers
 Karen Tercala
 Elsie Mae Trinka



*To those who cleaned the core.
 You did a spectacular job!*

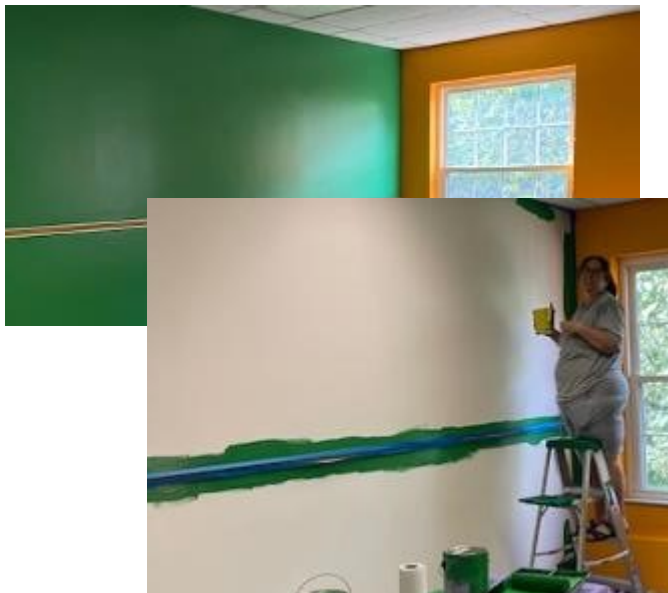
*To those who painted.
 You went above and beyond the call of duty!*



Heather Balog
 Mike Hartke
 Sydney Kirkland
 Jill Leeper
 John Leeper
 Chantel Spieth
 & Katelyn
 Westerberg



May your service be blessed!



Pastor Jackie

Greetings Church,

I want to say “Thank You!” to those who attended the Fresh Expressions training on September 17th. If you happen to miss the training and are interested to learn what is a Fresh Expression but not quite sure if you want to get involved in that area. Please let me know; you can contact me at pastor-jackie@pfumc.org. After hearing from ten folks who may be interested in the training. It’s a quick three-hour training. I will offer another training. Even if you are not interested in doing a Fresh Expression, folks need to share with others what a Fresh Expression is; and a great way to make new disciples.

I look forward to hearing from you!

As we advance, I will meet with those interested in starting Fresh Expressions in the next few weeks and begin to meet with the prayer team focusing on Fresh Expressions. I am excited to see where God leads us in the Fresh Expressions ministry and how many disciples we will make along the way.

As the Fresh Expressions progress, I will share other opportunities for how others can be involved in this ministry. Fresh Expressions is a great way to connect with others and share your faith story while building stronger relationships within your community.

Cathy Montgomery and I started our Wednesday coffee time. It was a great conversation and prayer with those who attended. The schedule for October will be:

October 5th and October 19th

The time will be from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Coffee Beanery in downtown Plymouth. The address is 884 Peniman Ave, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Cathy and I look forward to the conversation and prayer time with you. So please plan to join us on those Wednesdays.

Peace,

Pastor Jackie



Pastor Jackie & Anthony Raineri

HAPPY? HAPPY. HAPPY!

Saturday, October 8
1:00 to 6:00 PM
PUBLIC WELCOME

DONATE TO A LOCAL MISSION

Living Learning Enrichment Center
New Hope Center for Grief Support
(Church will match your donation)

Buy a
refillable MUG
for Root Beer
all proceeds
go to Missions

ACTIVITIES

Inflatable
Obstacle Course
Photo Booth
Corn Hole
Pumpkin Painting
Horseshoes
Sidewalk Chalk
9 Square in the Air

ENTERTAINMENT

Comedian
Chris Young
"Beer & Hymns"
(Root Beer!)
Magician
Balloon Art

FOOD VENDORS

Smash and Dash
Smash Burgers
Pops Stand, LLC
Popcorn-Cotton Candy-Snow Cone

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Invites your Family, Friends and Neighbors!

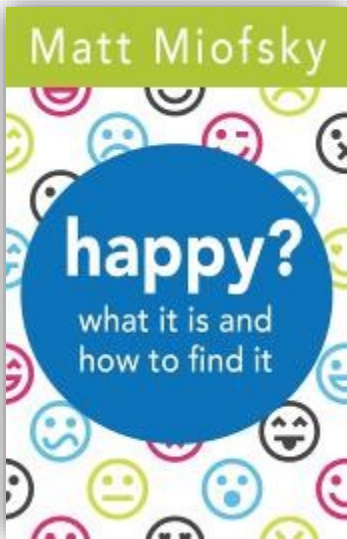
This event is open to the community.

Sign up to serve and make the Festival a success.



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On the Plymouth First Facebook page



4 Week Sermon Series

Week 1—Nothing Will Make You Happy

Week 2—The Art of Forgiveness

Week 3—Beyond Circumstances

Week 4—A Way of Being

For more information
Contact Cathy Montgomery
cathym@pfumc.org
(734) 560-3498

- ◇ Attend Worship October 9, 16, 23 & 30
- ◇ Join a short term small group (see list below)
- ◇ Pick up a book and read along (Books available in hall \$10)
- ◇ Check out the videos on Amplify

<https://my.amplifymedia.com/amplify/register> Access Code: DCBJVY)

Short Term Small Group

Monday @ 3 pm

(Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31)

with Pastor Suzy
Room 306/308

Monday @ 6:30 pm

(Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31)

with Cathy Montgomery
Room 306/308

Tuesday @ 1:30 pm

(Oct. 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1)

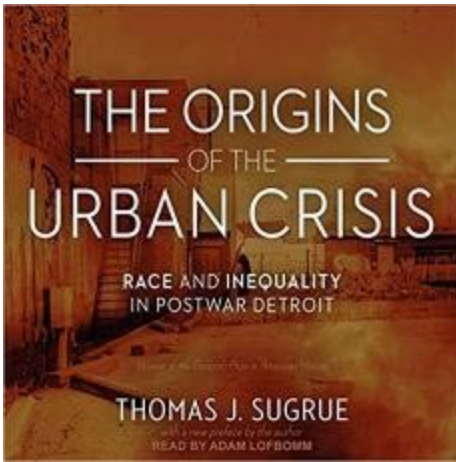
with Tony Hartke
Room 306/308

Sign up in the church entry on Sunday mornings

For more information contact Cathy Montgomery cathym@pfumc.org (734) 560-3498

Anti-RACISM Book Study & Small Group

Monday Nights @ 6:30PM via ZOOM



The book of study is “The Origins of the Urban Crisis: Race and Inequality in Postwar Detroit “
By Thomas J. Sugrue

September 26th
we will be discussing the first three chapters
Open to the public—invite friends—
help build God’s Kingdom of justice.

RSVP to Pastor Suzy (suzy@pfumc.org) for the Zoom link

Labor Day Weekend at Plymouth First



On Labor Day weekend people were busy all around the church. Gardeners were working hard to keep the grounds free of weeds and painters were busy in the upper level classrooms (see page 4).



Tech Team @ Plymouth First



Every Sunday we have a team of highly dedicated individuals who work tirelessly to ensure our two worship services run smoothly. They arrive early and work through both services. They are the silent servants that provide seamless audio and visual presentation in Impact, Sanctuary and Live Streaming.



Tech Team

Ken Box
Maks Jurasek
Kerry Montgomery
Clinton Randall
Erich Schmalzer
Alex Westerberg
Katelyn Westerberg

We provide on the job training.
If you would like to be a part
of the team contact
Kerry Montgomery or Ken Box.

Sunday School



Sunday, Nov. 13

10am to 12pm

Come share in the excitement. See the new things that are happening. Join us as we create a new space for our youngest disciples! Come and learn how you can be a part of the future growth of the Kingdom of God!



**FINANCIAL UPDATE
AUGUST 2022**

Income \$ 57,524
Expenses \$ 54,012

YTD 2022

Income \$ 457,479
Expenses \$ 476,208

**Fast
Easy
Secure**

Online	Text	Mobile App	Check/Cash Direct Bank Bill Payment
www.pfumc.org/give/ To set up and manage your one-time or recurring gifts.	1-844-208-0637 the amount you want to donate.	Download the Vanco Mobile app to make contributions.	Drop off or mail check/cash. Set up automatic giving through your bank provider.

2022, Roof Expense Recovery Initiative

	2021 Year	2022 Year	Difference of 2022 compared to 2021.
Month	<i>Monthly entries shown are cumulative totals received YTD for the trustees Capital Fund in 2021.</i>	<i>Monthly entries shown are cumulative totals received YTD for the trustees Capital Fund in 2022.</i>	<i>The difference of offerings received for trustees Capital Fund. Amount received YTD in 2022 compared to the amount received in 2021.</i>
January	\$3,941	\$1,538	-\$2,403
February	\$8,829	\$5,347	-\$3,482
March	\$10,407	\$8,532	-\$1,875
April	\$11,670	\$11,507	-\$163
May	\$13,010	\$15,642	\$2,632
June	\$14,103	\$18,747	\$4,644
July	\$15,646	\$21,930	\$6,284
August	\$18,384	\$24,830	\$6,446
September	\$20,117	\$0	-\$20,117
October	\$21,265	\$0	-\$21,265
November	\$23,102	\$0	-\$23,102
December	\$24,155	\$0	-\$24,155
Total	\$24,155		

Note: The values shown by month are cumulative totals.

The building has undergone major repairs to the flat roofs. This cost was covered in part by the Capital Fund thanks to the many donations we have received over the last few years. However, the cost to replace these areas of the roof have reduced the funds set aside for unexpected future repairs to our building. We are in the process of replenishing the Capital Fund. To the left is a status report on the Capital Fund in comparison to 2021. We will provide you with a monthly update throughout 2022.

The Finance Committee

NOTE: Values are taken from the Finance Balance Sheet. Line #21909 and 21910 Trustees Capital Fund, 2021 and 2022

PRAYER CONCERNS

Members

Jeff Berliner
Nancy Braden
Marge Brown &
Tom Brown
Lorraine Dermyre

Lois Maiorana
Vincent Maiorana
Bill & Mary McCully
Richard Moore
Nancy Nelson
Dennis Piggott
Bill Ramsay
Ruth Slade
Connie Slazinski

Military

Suzanne Gyde—Hall
Brian Krautler (Ramsay)

Members Shut In

Cleo Pappin
John & Sydney Paul
Jim Walk

Missionaries

Hannah Kappler
South Korea

Family & Friends

Matt Carter, family of Stella Smith
Don Fleming—Pat Fleming's husband
Clay Good, Dale Good's son
Mike Petri and family, friend of Dale Good

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONCATIONS
1,000 pounds of food was added to Salvation Army
shelves! Way to go, First Church family!



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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY—THURSDAY 9 AM—3 PM
OFFICE CLOSED ON FRIDAY

PERIODICALS

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/1 John Robertson
Sydney Kirkland
10/2 Karen Peckrul
10/3 Risa Berlanga
10/4 Diane Anderson
Ray Weston
Owen Carr
Roman Trost
10/5 Sandra DeWitt
10/6 Mike Aznavorian
Lynda Moore
Lucas Darragh
10/7 Judy Rumpel
Sarah Pushies
Jami Lukasik
10/8 Pat Richter
Ryan Johnson
Margaret Verrill
10/9 Michael Wilder
10/10 Steve Nyquist
Derick Doe
Susan Hutchings
10/11 Mercy Okai
10/12 Maggie Hakala
Susan Henry
10/13
Marsha Mursch
Nardone

10/14
Jonathan Nardone
Amy Brown
10/15 Agnes Szeromski
Sarah Sutphin
Ryan Siegler
Joshua Walters
10/16 Monte Shettler
Sarah Smith
Brandon Hoard
10/17 Sandy Goga
10/20 Tessa Quinlan
10/21 Kyle Zander
10/22 Susan Novak
10/23
Martha Daigneau
LeAnna Christenson
10/224 Rick Wilson
10/25 Keith Cox
10/26 Lorraine Dermyre
Don Keski-Hynnila
Lynn Pruitt
10/27 Pat Green
Michelle Paulsen
Katherine Wayne
10/29 Kathleen Herald
Linda Muse
10/30 Dennis Bullock

