

The Perspective

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June & July 2022

June 5 | 10:30am in the sanctuary | Graduate Recognition | Church Picnic

The Spirit Moves Through Us | Rev. Matt Bauhof Preaching

Acts 2:1-21

June 12 | 10am outdoor worship | Communion

God is Still Speaking. How Do We Listen? | Rev. Dr. Matt Wooster Preaching

John 16:12-15

June 19 | 10am in the Chapel | Juneteenth Sunday

Youth Service Trip Report

1 Peter 4:7-11

June 26 | 10am in the Chapel

Freedom's Different Forms | Rev. Dr. Matt Wooster Preaching

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

July 3 | 10am in the Chapel

There Won't Be Trumpets | Rev. Dr. Matt Wooster Preaching

2 Kings 5:1-14

July 10 | 10am outdoor worship

The Good Samaritan: Not the Parable We Thought it Was? | Rev. Dr. Matt Wooster Preaching

Luke 10:25-37

July 17 | 10am in the Chapel

The Image of the Invisible God | Rev. Dr. Matt Wooster Preaching

Colossians 1:15-20

Summer worship is at 10am in the Chapel and livestreaming at Plymouthchurchucc.org



***An Open & Affirming and Just Peace Congregation
of the United Church of Christ***

Our Mission is to be a Christ-centered community led by the Holy Spirit that supports the spiritual journey of all who strive to boldly live out their faith in the world. We are committed to diversity, spiritual growth, and putting our faith into action locally and throughout the world.

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Pastor's Corner

Dear Plymouth Church,

Summer Worship

This summer, we're moving worship earlier to 10:00 a.m., back to the Chapel, and back to the church lawn. From June 12 to Labor Day weekend, worship services will be held in the Chapel, and once a month on the church lawn.

On the second Sundays of June, July, and August, we will worship on the church lawn, weather permitting. In the past two years, the experiment of outdoor worship proved to be a welcome and meaningful experience, as we brought lawn chairs and blankets to spread out on the grass and sidewalk and under the majestic oak trees. It takes a bit of extra work to set up worship on the lawn, but the gifts of the fresh air, the sky above us, the sounds of birds, and life of the neighborhood made us feel connected in a different way to the world around us, and to the gifts of God.

The nineteenth psalm proclaims:

*"The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork."*

If you have ever felt close to God in a natural setting, then you share an experience that connects you to our ancestors in faith, who saw in the natural world the glory and handiwork of God. We will worship outdoors on June 12, July 10, and August 14. In the case of rain, worship will move to the Chapel.

Summer is also a great season for an informal kind of worship outdoors between Sundays, by taking walks in the neighborhood, local park, or nature center. Sit for awhile under a tree, or on a porch, or by a window that gives a view to the sky. Consider the way that life on earth grows and interconnects, and makes the world a more resilient and beautiful home. What can we learn from the lives of the animals and trees around us? What can we learn from the birds? Jesus said "look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. ...And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?"

One more note on the topic of summer worship: this is the first summer since Heights Christian Church (HCC) began nesting at Plymouth Church. This summer HCC worship will begin at 11:15 a.m. This means that there will only be about fifteen minutes between the end of Plymouth's worship service and the beginning of another service. I am confident that we can manage the quick transition. In addition to the beauty and live acoustics of the Chapel, most of you know that the Chapel also has air conditioning, which we will appreciate on hot days.

May your summer season be blessed with rest and adventure.

I'll see you in church.

Peace,



Rev. Dr. Matthew Wooster, Senior Minister



Partnership & Service Grant

Plymouth Partnership and Service Grant 2022

Plymouth United Church of Christ of Shaker Heights has set aside 10% of pledges for the 2022 Annual Operating Campaign for distribution to organizations in the Cleveland metropolitan area (as well as to our national and association churches).

We recognize that there are MANY needs in our community and that those needs are evolving and changing. To discern the most effective ways to distribute these funds, each organization wishing to apply must meet the following criteria:

- The organization must be a 501(c)(3) organization located within Cuyahoga County
- A member of Plymouth Church must serve as a liaison to the organization
- The grant money requested must be intended and used for a specific project or program and cannot be used for everyday operating expenses.

In addition to these eligibility criteria, Plymouth Church requires that the work of the requesting organization affects at least one of the following areas:

- Education
- Environment
- Homeless and disenfranchised
- Hunger relief
- LGBTQ+ community
- COVID-19 relief

Completed applications should be emailed to robindjohnson@earthlink.net no later than August 26, 2022. All applications will be reviewed during a committee meeting in early September 2022, and organizations will receive an emailed final decision no later than September 30, 2022. Our goal is to have the funding sent out by October 31, 2022.

Warmly,

Robin D. Johnson
Robin D. Johnson
Chair

Joann Hall
Joann Hall
Vice-Chair

Partnership & Service Grant

Name of Organization:

Address:

Website &
Email Contact:

Contact Name:

Plymouth Liaison:

1. Which of the following areas does the work of your organization impact? (Please check all that apply)

- Education
- Environment
- Homeless and Disenfranchised
- Hunger Relief
- LGBTQ+ Community
- COVID-19 Relief

2. Please briefly describe how your organization impacts the area(s) checked above.

3. Please list the short-term (through December 2022) needs of your organization.

4. Please list the long-term needs of your organization.

5. What is the specific amount that you are requesting from Plymouth Church?

6. Please briefly describe the project or program that the requested grant would fund.

7. If you do not receive funding through this grant, how will it impact your organization?

8. Please list any additional information that would be helpful for the review committee to know.

CHURCH PICNIC



JUNE 5

After worship



We are Celebrating

**GRADUATE SUNDAY
REV. MATT B'S LAST SUNDAY
ALL CHURCH PICNIC**

Swenson's Food Truck will be serving up burgers/
vegetarian opt./fried things/milkshakes from 11:30-12:30

There will be veggie and fruit trays and snacks available
Water and Cold Brew Coffee will be available to drink
Please BYO blankets/chairs/plates/utensils/napkins

Feel free to bring your own food or a dish to share
(dessert/snack/salad)

Free will offering
(\$8 suggested or
what you are able)



Sunday Choir

Sunday Choir will sing next on Sunday, **June 5**. Rehearsal will be held at 9:45 am in the sanctuary. All ages and stages are welcome to join choir this day. It is helpful, but not necessary, to let Jim Riggs (jriggs@plymouthchurchucc.org) know of your intention to sing. Since it is Pentecost, you are encouraged to wear something red, orange, or yellow.

Fossil Fuel

Fossil Fuel meets every two weeks for coffee and discussions. Meetings are Wednesdays 8:30 - 9:30AM in room 102.

The next meetings will be:

June 8
June 22
July 6
July 20

Livestreaming Team

The Live Streaming committee is looking to build our ranks a bit. If you have any hidden desire to feel like the next Steven Spielberg, Ava DuVernay or Lilly Wachowski, please reach out to us. You don't need to make any major commitment of time. It would just be helpful for us to have back up teams in place in case people are on vacation or ill. Trust us: pushing the wrong button will not cause World War III. It's really a lot of fun. Shoot Jay Horner an email if you have any interest.

jatleehorneriii@gmail.com

Pride in the CLE March

Save the date, **Saturday, June 4 at 12 noon** Plymouth joins other organizations from around the city in the annual Pride in the CLE march. This event is open to all. Please sign up in the welcome area. We will meet downtown at Public Square. The march will wind through the streets of Cleveland and end at the historic Malls B & C for the traditional Pride in the CLE™ festival. If you have questions, contact Vicki Werneke werneke@att.net

News & Events

June 26 is Open and Affirming Sunday

Plymouth Church is proud to be an Open and Affirming church where all are welcomed.



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Children's Church

Children in pre-school through middle school are welcomed to join us in the garden Sunday mornings beginning **June 12th**. In our *Caring for Creation* summer program, we connect the Bible lesson to the garden through stories, games & crafts.

There will be no Children's Church on July 3rd or August 7th.



2022 Service Trip

One of the most important parts of the trip for everyone is the people back home who support us in prayer and we're looking for Prayer Sponsors. You'll get a personalized letter from the trip so you can read what we've been up to! Just send your name and email address to Gloria Sturghill glohill912@aol.com.

2022 Summer Worship

Summer worship at Plymouth Church will be held at 10:00 am. Summer worship will generally be held in the Chapel. The Chapel has air conditioning, as some of you will remember, whereas the sanctuary does not. There will also be opportunities to worship on the church lawn. This beloved location for outdoor services was a good discovery of the pandemic. Outdoor worship will be held on the second Sunday of the month, weather permitting. In bad weather, worship will be held in the Chapel.

Heights Christian Church will continue to worship in the Chapel as well, beginning worship at 11:15 during the summer. While we share the space among two congregations, we plan to mingle for refreshments between services, and practice an efficient exit of the Chapel at the conclusion of our worship service.

10:00 am Sunday worship, June 12 – September 4

Outdoor Worship dates: June 12, July 10, August 14

Volunteer at the Cleveland Foodbank

Volunteers are invited to join Plymouth Church members at the Greater Cleveland Foodbank the third Wednesday of each month.

The next gatherings will be

June 15 & July 20

5-8pm.

Contact Paul Qua at pqua@driveclassic.com.



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Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Days

June 18th

August 11

December 10

Plymouth Church work days with Habitat for Humanity Faith Build are approximately 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Age 16+ may participate.

No experience needed. Contact Paula Colahan-Sederstrom for more info at

pmc3697@gmail.com



Meal Train

The Meal Train is back up and running to bring cheer to those feeling stressed. We are in need of volunteer cooks for meals when needed. Please contact Lashawn Caldwell or David Faulx.

Celebrations!



On May 15, Plymouth Church celebrated Confirmation Sunday in a worship service led by the seven members of this year's confirmation group. Rev. Matt Bauhof, Gloria Sturghill, and Wayne Hall led this group during the year, leading to this celebration of the rite of confirmation.



On Sunday afternoon, clergy from the UCC Living Water Association and local faith communities joined Plymouth to celebrate Rev. Dr. Matt Wooster's formal installation as senior minister of Plymouth Church.



2022

WALK·RUN·MOSEY

Greater Cleveland
Habitat
for Humanity

35th anniversary
1987-2022

presented by **Cuyahoga Land Bank**

July 30, 2022

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo

Registration opens: 7:30am
5K & 1 mile fun walk starts: 9am

To celebrate our 35th anniversary, we're bringing our donut-friendly, family-friendly event to the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo and adding a special brunch celebration!



learn more & register | cleHABITATwalk.org  or scan here!

Questions? Contact Kim at events@clevelandhabitat.org

Chancel Flowers



We are looking for an individual who might help coordinate the flowers you see at the front of the chancel area on certain Sundays. Coordinating includes monitoring the sign-up sheet, communicating with the office, ordering flowers when needed, and helping the minister distribute flowers after worship. If you are interested in helping out, please contact the church office for more information.

Congregational News

Celebrations for

- the baptism of James Oates Mann, child of Lisa and George Mann, on May 1, 2022.
- new members who joined Plymouth Church on May 22, 2022, Ella and Milton Davis, and Lisa Mann.

Condolences to

- Nicole and Zachary Lewis and family, on the death of Nicole's brother-in-law, Tim Limbert, and to Tim's wife Holly and their children, Carter and Whitney.
- Jeannie Clarkson, on the death of her aunt, Dorothy Crandall, on May 10, 2022.

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Perspective Deadline

Monday, July 18

SEND TO:

Happy Birthday!

To our Four Score Plus

Mendle Adams
Mary Ann Davis
Barbara Ginn
Rich Gray
Gracia Green
Jean Harper
Marion Hill
Barbara Kacir
C.J Keyes
Harry Mercer
Noel Nilson
Joanne Ross
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