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at Plymouth Church

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May 5 • 2024

*...Wholehearted*

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please stand in body or spirit when you see an \*

## Welcome and Announcements

### Mission Moment

Enter In Capital Campaign

### \*Just As I Am

Just as I am, without one plea,  
But that Thy blood was shed for me.  
And that Thou bid'st me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about,  
With many a conflict, many a doubt.  
Fightings and fears within without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive.  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve.  
Because Thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

## **\*Passing of the Peace**

## **\*Prayer of Invocation**

## **\*Gloria**

Glory to the Creator,  
and the Christ and the Spirit so near,  
as it was from the start,  
so it shall be forever, one God, always here.

## **Reception of New Members**

## **\*Pledge of the Congregation**

We welcome you with joy into the common life of this church.  
We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hope  
and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the  
Holy Spirit, may we continue to grow together in God's  
knowledge and love, and be witnesses of our risen savior.

## **Scripture Reading**

**Matthew 6:1-4**

*Pew Bible NT p. 5*

Reader      The Word of God for the people of God.  
All            **Thanks be to God!**

## **Word Through Music**

## **Sermon**

**Enter in... *Wholehearted***

Rev. Dr. Valerie Miller-Coleman

## Call to Offering

## It is Well with My Soul

## Prayer of Dedication

### **\*Plymouth Covenant** *(Please, join in reading.)*

In the love of truth and in the spirit of Jesus,  
we unite for the worship of God, and the service of all.  
We seek to know the will of God and to walk in God's ways,  
made known or to be made known to us;  
to love one another; to proclaim the Gospel to all the world;  
to work and pray for the progress of knowledge,  
the promotion of justice, the reign of peace,  
and the realization of our shared humanity.  
And we look with faith for the triumph of righteousness  
and the gift of life eternal. Amen.

## I Shall Be Released

## People's Prayer

Respond after each petition with "Lord, Hear Our Prayers."

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory forever. Amen.

## \*Amazing Grace

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;  
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.

## \*Blessing

## \*Closing Song

God be with you 'til we meet again;  
loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a Shepherd's care enfold you:  
God be with you 'til we meet again.



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## Today's Service Participants

**Preaching:** Rev. Dr. Valerie Miller-Coleman

**Liturgist:** Rev. Heather Coates

**Gathering of Grace Band:** Pam Gibbs,  
Arthur Dodge, Tom Holland, Patrick McCarty

**Lay Reader:** Nicole Martin

**Sound, Light, and Radio:** Mark Maziar

**Cameras and Video:** Gretchen Meyer



# coffee hour

MAYFLOWER ROOM

fellowship • coffee • tea • cookies  
sundays between services



## contemplative practices & meditation

MEETING BETWEEN SUNDAY SERVICES  
ROOM 205N THIS SUNDAY



# May 2024 Plymouth Church

# New Members



## Cris Darmon

My husband, Ron, and I retired to Lawrence in June 2019 to live closer to our daughter and son and our grandchildren, and my brother, Jack Brewer, who is also a member of Plymouth. We enjoy traveling, especially to the mountains to hike and enjoy the beauty. We have to pinch ourselves to believe we live about a block from all our family.

I have enjoyed being part of the flower ministry and also visiting with Plymouth members now living in assisted living facilities. I look forward to future volunteer opportunities. I appreciate and believe in the open and affirming mission of the church and the many ways to support the social needs of our community.



## Belinda & Kerry Hunt

Kerry and Belinda Hunt met in Texas during high school and after college decided to get married. Kerry was an engineering officer in the US Air Force and Belinda was a teacher. They lived in interesting places and had three daughters during their 22 years as a military family. They then lived in the Wichita area for 20 years, where Kerry was a project manager and ran the Federal Design Studio at GLMV Architecture. He was also active in prison ministry and mentoring the formerly incarcerated. Belinda was active in women and homeless ministries in the UM Church and NAMI. Their 3 daughters and 4 grandchildren live in and near Lawrence and are the main reason for moving here in 2022. They are volunteers at the DARE center and look forward to participating in the ministries at Plymouth and enjoying life in Lawrence.



## Renae Johnson

Our family moved to Lawrence from St. Louis in 2016. My husband Clay and I have five children in various stages of being in or moving toward adulthood. I have been attending Plymouth for a year or two because I wanted to become part of an open & affirming, and social justice-minded congregation. I work for Lawrence Public Schools as a para, a job that fits well with having children in the district and a now-adult son who benefitted from para support over the years. My son Eliot and husband Clay often attend Plymouth with me. I am originally from Illinois and graduated from the University of Illinois, then lived in Syracuse, NY, where Clay attended law school and I earned an M.S. in higher education. I have been part of a wonderful small group here and look forward to becoming more involved with the church and outreach activities by becoming an official member.



## Ryan King

Ryan is a native Lawrencian, an avid basketball fan, a parent, a spouse, and a professional shower singer. They currently work as a systems administrator for a wealth management company, and volunteers with the church's youth group and Sunday School classes. Ryan appreciates Plymouth's open and affirming theology and its focus on racial and social justice work.



## Bobby McGehee

I enjoy watching tv and movies, taking walks, and playing video games. I live in Lawrence KS and have lived here since I was 6 years old. I was born in Arkansas. From August 2004 and forward, I lived with my parents until I moved out on my own in 2022. Now I live with my roommate Chris. I started attending this church with my friends and I want to join to reconnect with my faith and find myself.





## Mary Marathe

Mary grew up in Anthony, Kansas where she attended, was baptized and confirmed in the local Congregational Church. She also discovered her love of music there, playing the French Horn and singing. Mary attended KU and has degrees in Music Ed and Voice. She was hired by Jim Moeser to be the alto section leader at Plymouth from 1968–1973. After graduation she moved to New York City and made her living as a professional singer for 45 years. Mary and her husband Mukund retired and moved back to Lawrence in 2018. Mary rejoined the Plymouth Choir with her husband in 2019. She also plays in the adult bell choir and has performed with her husband in a number of the dinner theater productions. Becoming a member of Plymouth feels like returning home.



## Mike Maude

Mike is retired having spent most of his career in fundraising for nonprofit organizations and as a consultant to a broad variety of institutions across the country. He grew up in Kansas City, graduated from KU with a degree in English, lived in Topeka for 26 years, and has resided in Lawrence for over 20 years. He enjoys writing, making jewelry and fused glass, cooking, and especially traveling. Mike was drawn to Plymouth for two reasons: its commitment to social justice and its heartfelt welcoming of all people regardless of gender or sexual identity. He and his husband Seth share their lives with two hound dogs and a multitude of diverse friends.



## Jessica Phillips and Neil Stigall

Jessica and Neil grew up in Richmond, MO and have lived in Lawrence for 3 years. Neil works as an Operations Specialist for World Fuel Services, while Jessica is self-employed as a freelance copywriter. The couple also delivers for DoorDash, which has allowed them to explore more of Lawrence. Jessica has attended Wednesday Bible Study for the past several months. She and Neil enjoy gaming, live music and taking scenic drives. They look forward to meeting more people in the church.



## Stacey & Chris Reasoner

Chris and Stacey Reasoner reside in Lawrence and have been married for 26 years. Stacey grew up in Perry KS, Chris grew up in Lawrence. They have 21-year-old twins Joe and Abby. Joe is in the Marine Corps, stationed in California. Abby is a Junior at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. Stacey is a graduate of KU, and works at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas in Topeka. Chris is a graduate of Mid-America Nazarene and works for Hunt Midwest Real Estate Development in Kansas City. When not working or visiting their children they enjoy playing with their two Cocker Spaniel puppies. Chris and Stacey look forward to serving in the many ministry opportunities that Plymouth has to offer.



## Payton Storms

My name is Payton and I wanted to get back in to church life. I have lived all over Kansas. Lawrence is my favorite place I have lived.



## Polly & Ed Sloan

Polly was raised in central Illinois. Ed comes from Iowa. We met at the University of Iowa and moved to Lawrence in 1986 for Ed to go to law school. Polly graduated with a degree in Elementary Education and taught in Lawrence Public Schools. We raised our four children in Lawrence. They are now spread out across the country. We love to travel together and enjoy taking our RV on trips with our two dogs. Polly also loves gardening and reading. We visit our children often and family is a central part of us. We are looking forward to adding Plymouth to our lives.



# Enter In

## Fellowship Forum Series

Final Sunday • 10:40–11:20 in the Heritage Room

For the final week in the Fellowship Series, **Enter In** for the 2024 Capital Campaign, the conversation will center on the impact and power of joy. Matthew 25:23 is the key scripture for the session. Also check out pages 30 and 33 of the Enter In spiral notebook for this session. Reflection questions will include:

- What is the difference between happiness and joy? How are they the same and how do they differ?
- What is life like when we live with our hearts centered in joy and approach life joyfully?
- What does it mean to create joy in the life of God?
- How do we know if we have entered into the joy of God?

Rev. Fred Kandler, the Spiritual Life Director for the 2024 Capital Campaign, will guide this Fellowship Forum conversation.



Visit the **Enter In** website for information on the capital campaign, how you can join the effort, daily prayer, and even **Enter In** background screens for your phone!





# PRIDE

L A W R E N C E • K S

**Saturday, June 1st**  
**Parade at 11am**  
**Party in South Park at 12pm**

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**Learn more and  
volunteer online here!**





# Springtime CLASSICS

**MAY 18, 7:30 P.M.**

Plymouth Congregational Church  
925 Vermont St.

Matthew Smith, conductor  
Creston Herron, guest conductor  
KU Director of Orchestral Activities



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## **Men's Coffee & Conversation**

**Fridays • 8am  
at HyVee**

**3504 Clinton Parkway  
Lawrence, KS 66047**

VBS 2024

# KINDOM CRAFTERS

Plymouth Congregational, Trinity Lutheran, and First Baptist are partnering together for Vacation Bible School.

This year's curriculum and theme is Kindom Crafters from Chalice Press. We'll have all the VBS classics: music, bible stories, games, crafts, and snacks.

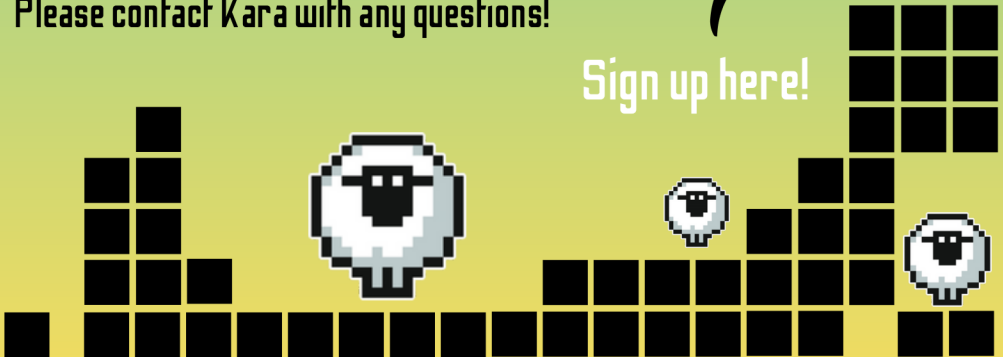
June 10th-13th, 6-7:30pm  
First Baptist Church 1330 Kasold Drive Lawrence, KS

Kids ages 4 through finishing 5th grade.

Please contact Kara with any questions!



Sign up here!



# Children's Musical

Sunday, May 12

# Once Upon a Parable



The Carol and Chapel Children's Choirs are busy rehearsing for their musical "Once Upon a Parable."

Jesus was the consummate storyteller. The parables he told taught, puzzled, amused, and even irritated.

As the children learn the lessons of these stories they understand how relevant they are even today. You'll meet Mary, Martha, some Pharisees, a Prodigal Child, Zaccheus and more.

# Plymouth Children's Ministry

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## Welcome to the Gathering of Grace!

Children and youth are encouraged to worship with their families in this service.

Nursery services are available for infants, toddlers and Pre-K children in Room 205 South. *We ask you to please bring your children to the nursery by 11:45!*

There is also a family room for nursing parents in Room 204 South.

There are worship bags located on the north side of the narthex that are filled for activities and coloring pages for all ages!

If you are interested in learning more about our children's programs, please reach out to Kara Holcombe, Director of Faith Formation at [christianed@plymouthlawrence.com](mailto:christianed@plymouthlawrence.com).

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