Plymouth Reads
The Bible in 90 Days!

Have you ever read the Bible from cover to cover? Every last psalm, gospel, letter, song and list of begats?

Do you ever wish you could disappear when someone quotes a chapter and verse and acts like everyone knows which one that is? Except you don’t?

And do you ever get frustrated when conservative Christians use Bible verses to support political causes?

That’s why Plymouth plans to kick off the new year by Reading the Bible in 90 Days! Join ministers LeAnn Stubbs and Lindsey Braun (and a host of special guests) as they lead the journey of 12 pages per day and discuss the readings each Thursday night. Plus, the team will feed encouragement with on-site readings at Plymouth Grounds and other neighborhood establishments, for people who want a little company with their daily reading.

Everyone is welcome to participate. We begin reading on Monday, Jan. 7 even though the first official class is Thursday, Jan. 10. The daily readings will be available on bookmarks that will have the readings for the following week. Pick up a bookmark at any sanctuary door or at the Welcome Desk.

Now...LET’S READ!
Find the first week of readings on page 10.

PLYMOUTH READS THE BIBLE IN 90 DAYS
Thursdays, Jan. 10-April 11
6-7:30 p.m., Greenwood Room
BYOB! BRING YOUR OWN BIBLE!
All are welcome!
Light has come! Now, what will we do with it?

I chose to attend Princeton Theological Seminary for a lot of reasons, but Diogenes Allen ranked high on my list. A brilliant philosopher and theologian, educated at Yale and Oxford, he had authored some books from which I had benefited. I would later learn that he was also a demanding teacher and harsh grader of student essays. (To this day I do not know why I thought it would be a good idea to take his Philosophy of Kant course in my very first semester, but I am convinced that class took years off my life. And just glimpsing the spine of The Critique of Pure Reason on my bookcase makes me break out in hives).

But it wasn’t his scholarship that attracted me, or his penchant for making grown graduate students cry. I was initially interested after hearing him deliver a Dean’s List Dinner lecture at Messiah College.

I don’t know if they still do this, but when I was a student at Messiah, those of us who made the Dean’s List were “rewarded” with a rubber chicken dinner and edifying lecture from one eminence or another. (The college figured—correctly, I think—that those of us who made the Dean’s List probably did not have any competing social commitments). I don’t know who, exactly, had the kind of blackmail material that could convince Diogenes Allen to schlep all the way out to central Pennsylvania, but one year it was his turn to stand at the podium and impart wisdom to a gym full of young scholars.

He made an impression on me. After hearing him that night, I knew that I would try to go study with him. But oddly enough, looking back now, I only remember two things about his lecture. The first thing isn’t even about the lecture itself, just the way that it started. Allen cultivated a reputation for eccentricity. On this night, he did not disappoint. When he came to the podium, he ostentatiously pulled two different manuscripts out of his jacket pocket, seemed to consider both before settling on the one he would deliver. That is one of the things I remember.

The other thing I remember is hardly a scholarly insight; it was more like a sermon illustration. He was talking about Jesus being the light of the world, and he said, in essence, what do you do with the light you have been given? Imagine you are in total darkness. Someone hands you a flashlight. Do you turn it on and then look directly into the bulb? (He actually pantomimed staring into an imaginary flashlight and going googly eyed). Of course not! Looking directly at the light will make you go blind. You have the light so you can use it to see your surroundings; you have the light to make some sense of the world around you.

Epiphany is the season when we remember and rejoice that God’s light had broken into our world. But I wonder what would happen if we started to use this light; to see ourselves and our church and our world in the light of Jesus Christ. Plymouth is here to help you do just that. We will be exploring the Bible, delving deeper into anti-racism work, learning how to approach climate change as people of faith. These are all opportunities to shed a little light on things; to see things a little more clearly.

Clarity of sight can be an unsettling prospect. Some of what we see might disappoint us, and depress us. Some of the truth we discover will summon us to difficult work.

But some of it, I am sure, will take our breath away.

I invite you to join us here at Plymouth in a new year, as we learn to look at all things in the light of Jesus Christ.

We have this light. Let’s put it to work!
Like many of the department stores, Plymouth Child and Family Ministries begins to think about Christmas in mid-October. This may seem early, but we have lots of work to do as we prepare to serve many families and individuals who could use some help with needs and wants at Christmas.

In October, we put out the call to area schools and agencies asking them to identify people who could use some help. As we receive the many wish lists, we prepare each one to be “adopted” throughout the month of November.

Many people in our congregation stretch their budgets and tolerance for busy, hot shopping malls to give a very special gift to these neighbors in need: peace. They will not need to choose between food and purchasing gifts, and they will not need to tell their children that, despite their best efforts to be good all year, there will be no presents. We accept any and all wish lists, ranging from a request for crayons to sheets and everything in between. We happily fulfill lists that straddle needs and wants, sometimes honoring requests for shampoo and sometimes for legos.

People who adopt the wish lists return the gifts wrapped and ready to be picked up or delivered on the first Sunday of December. Once they leave our church, the gift recipients are able to give them away as if they purchased them themselves. Plymouth church is not on any wrapping or card.

This year we served a total of 450 people—62 were individuals with intellectual disabilities or teens transitioning from shelter to independent living, and the rest were families.

We thank MOSAIC, Polk County Department of Human Services, Ruby Van Meter Schools, Youth Homes of MidAmerica, Polk County Family Enrichment Center, and Hubbell Elementary for allowing us to be a part of the work that they do each day to serve God’s people. It is our honor to be stewards of this tradition of giving at Plymouth Church.

We give special thanks to all people who donated their time and funds to make memories for the many families and individuals served through Project Memories!
CURRENT HAPPENINGS

PLYMOUTH WOMEN NEWSLETTER

Did you know there is a Plymouth Women Newsletter published monthly throughout the program year? It is an “e-letter” (electronic), sent directly to your email address around the first of the month. The newsletter includes detailed information of upcoming events sponsored by Plymouth Women, as well as news about ongoing ministries. If you or someone you know would like to start receiving the Plymouth Women Newsletter, let Lisa Acheson know by sending your name and email address to lacheson@plymouthchurch.com. She will add you to the distribution list. If you don’t see the next edition in your inbox, please check your spam folder.

UPCOMING CLASSES FOR FAMILIES

1st/2nd Grade: Communion and Me
Class is open to first and second graders and includes two sessions. Parents attend with students taking class, and childcare is available. Pizza will be served for dinner. Classes are Jan. 17 & 24 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Waveland Hall. Blessing on Jan. 26 at Saturday night worship. Register online.

My Infant and Toddler (Ages 0-3 years)
Class includes two sessions with children present at one session. Childcare is available. Classes are Feb. 3 & 10 from 10:10-11:15 a.m. in the Children’s Library. Blessing on Feb. 17 at 9 a.m. worship. Register online

H.S. Seniors & Parents: Senior Experience
Classes are Feb. 3, 10 & 17 from 10:10-11:30 a.m. in the Greenwood Room. Senior Blessing on Sunday, Feb. 24 at 9 a.m. worship. Please RSVP to Marissa Hernandez-Evans at mhevandez-evans@plymouthchurch.com by Friday, Feb. 1.

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PIZZA FOR SUPER BOWL WEEKEND

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JANUARY LUNCH & LEARN

Plymouth Women’s Lunch and Learn on Jan. 17 will feature the AMOS program, Let’s Talk, a team of community volunteers collaborating with students, teachers and administrators in the Des Moines Public School system. The goal of Let’s Talk is to implement restorative justice practices and decrease the disproportionate number of students of color suspended and referred to the juvenile justice system – immediately disrupting the school to prison pipeline.

You can register by calling the office at 515.255.3149, online at plymouthchurch.com/resources under Register for Events, or on Sunday, Jan. 13 in Waveland Hall after services. As always, men are welcome and we hope to see you there. If you forget to make a reservation, you are certainly welcome to bring your own lunch and enjoy our program.

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¿QUÉ HAY DE NUEVO?

The Cuba Partnership Team sponsored Spanish class will continue in 2019—that’s what’s new! The class will meet for six weeks on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Jan. 9-Feb. 13 in the Harmony Conference Room. Cost is $60. All current students have previously attended the class for 6-12 weeks. If you have had some exposure to Spanish before, even if it was years ago, this class is for you. Please contact the instructor, Sue Davis, at suellendavis@gmail.com or at 515.401.2191 to sign up for the course.

DISCOVER PLYMOUTH CLASS

If you’re interested in becoming a member of Plymouth Church or simply interested in learning more about the UCC and who we are, Discover Plymouth is for you! The winter class is Sunday, Jan. 27, 2019 from 1-4 p.m. in Waveland Hall. New members will join Saturday, Feb. 9 or Sunday, Feb. 10. For more information, contact Sarah Masengarb at 515.255.3149, ext. 33 or smasengarb@plymouthchurch.com.

JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVERSION & LET’S TALK FORUM

Join us on Jan. 13 for Fellowship Forum at 10:10 a.m. featuring Harvey Harrison, a retired lawyer active in school mediation and racial justice advocacy. Harvey, along with AMOS, has been involved in the creation and implementation of the Let’s Talk Program in the Des Moines Public School system. This alternative dispute resolution program helps young people find new methods to resolve conflict. He has also worked with AMOS and the Des Moines Police Department to establish a newly implemented Juvenile Justice Diversion Program. Discussion will focus on the importance of restorative justice in alleviating the disproportionate number of young people of color who are referred to the juvenile justice system. This forum is being hosted by AMOS and the Anti-Racism Advocacy Subcommittee. Please join us!

JAZZ AS ACTIVIST MUSIC

Join us on Jan. 18 at 7 p.m. in Waveland Hall for Jazz in the Fight for Civil Rights. This evening will feature University of Iowa’s, Dr. Damani Phillips. Dr. Phillips’ presentation invites us to view the contribution of jazz to the Civil Rights movement through a combination of live performance, spoken remarks and visual presentation. This unique program focuses on jazz music’s alignment with the African-American fight for civil rights and the backstory behind that creation. This event is presented by Arts@Plymouth, sponsored by the Board of Music and Fine Arts in collaboration with the Anti-Racism committee.
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These are the words Frank Thomas used to begin his Notice of retirement from the Transition into Ministry (TiM) Coordinator position that he has so faithfully and deftly shaped and undertaken for the past 12 years.

It is with a sense of sadness, yet huge gratitude that we say farewell and God speed to Frank upon his retirement at the end of 2018.

The TiM program and Plymouth Church have been incredibly blessed that Frank embodied the professional and personal qualities that our fledgling TiM program needed in order to grow into the very successful pastoral residency program it has become.

It has been my personal joy to work so closely with Frank over the 12 years of his tenure. I believe it has been our shared communal delight at Plymouth to benefit from his tireless work in helping to identify and shepherd the 12 TiM Associate Ministers over those years.

Thank you, Frank. Well done! You will be missed. Your legacy lives on.

The Transition into Ministry Coordinator Search Committee is happy to announce their selection for the position of TiM Coordinator. Dr. Karen Quance Jeske has been chosen to replace Frank Thomas in this part-time role. Karen currently is working at Plymouth as our Connections Coordinator. In 2019 Karen will continue in both part-time job roles.

Karen brings a wealth of experience to the TiM Coordinator role. She has a Doctorate Degree in Sociology and was an Adjunct Assistant Professor at Iowa State University for 12 years. She served on the TiM committee for four years and was part of the Discernment committee for Brittany Hanlin. Additionally, Karen served as Chair of Valerie Miller-Coleman’s Parish Preaching Committee for Doctor of Ministry Degree.

Karen will begins this job role in January 2019 and we look forward to the energy and excitement she brings to this position.
I am from Venezuela, a beautiful tropical country in South America. In 2015, my husband and I made the difficult decision to leave Venezuela and come to the U.S. because of the political, economic, and social situation in our country. My husband is an American citizen and our two children have dual citizenship because they were born in Lincoln, Nebraska, while we were getting our PhDs. Raising them in the United States was a very good option.

In 2016, my husband took a job in West Des Moines and we came to Iowa with our children. Since that time, I have been looking for a job related to animal science because I received my PhD in that field. Because I was unable to find a job, I used my time to improve my English and do activities that helped me meld into my new community. These activities included attending the RENEW Program at Plymouth Church.

Of particular help have been the people at RENEW. Courtenay Wolf encouraged me to get involved in this program. There I met my ESL teacher Tonya Logan who has been helping me improve my pronunciation over the last two years. She is one of the best English teachers I have ever had. She is dedicated, friendly and patient when helping students pronounce words properly. Another key person was Will Hoekman who also coached me on my English pronunciation and helped me edit my resume. Will introduced me to Rex Andersen who is married to Nancy Andersen, another RENEW leader. Rex not only helped me adjust my resume to apply for some positions, but also practiced interviewing me. He is a big reason I was so confident in the interviews that secured my new job opportunity at Insta-Pro International, a global leader in extrusion and pressing equipment for processing oilseeds, grains, pet food and fish feed, based in Des Moines.

Many thanks go to all the people in the RENEW Program. I appreciate the kindness and love you have given, as well as the support you have shown me. Your help has been invaluable during the last two years for my professional and personal growth.

“No one who achieves success does so without the help of others. The wise and confident acknowledge this help with gratitude.”

– Alfred North Whitehead
Plymouth Reads The Bible in 90 Days. Join us!

Grab your Bible and your bookmark!

The Journey Starts Here

- **January 7, Monday**  
  Genesis 1:1-Genesis 16:16  
  The new year has begun, and we begin reading!

- **January 8, Tuesday**  
  Genesis 17:1-Genesis 28:19  
  12 pages isn’t so bad, right? Time to do it again!

- **January 9, Wednesday**  
  Genesis 28:20-Genesis 40:11  
  Hop on over to the Star Bar after work to read with LeAnn at 5 p.m.

- **January 10, Thursday**  
  Genesis 40:12-Genesis 50:26  
  Get ready to meet your fellow readers at our first large-group session, 6-7:30 p.m. in the Greenwood Room!

Pick up a bookmark for following week readings at any sanctuary door or at the Welcome Desk!
Faith and Our Climate

What does climate change have to do with God and church? Everything. Every living thing.

“The world—each fragment as well as the whole—is a window into the love of God. Every moment we are given provides an opportunity to appreciate the gift of the world that God so loves.

“As God’s children, we are entrusted with the responsibility to protect God’s creation,” writes the Rev. Jim Antal, a United Church of Christ (UCC) pastor and Special Advisor on Climate Change to the national UCC, in the introduction of his book, Climate Church, Climate Word. (An Alban Institute Book, Rowman & Littlefield; 2018)

Rev. Antal brings a message of hope as well as an urgent call for action to Plymouth Church, leading worship Saturday, Feb. 9, at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 10, at the 9 and 11 a.m. services.

Additionally, Rev. Antal is the keynote speaker at a Climate Revival Conference on Saturday, Feb. 9, sponsored by Plymouth’s Creation Care & Justice Coalition, the Iowa Interfaith Power & Light, the Interfaith Green Coalition, and the Indianola Green Team.

The free conference will be at Waveland Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Rev. Antal’s morning address will be followed by a panel discussion with climate experts speaking from science- and faith-based perspectives. A lunch will be provided at no cost. (Goodwill offerings accepted).

All are welcome and clergy and leaders from other religious traditions are encouraged to participate. The weekend’s events will provide an opportunity for Plymouth to open vital dialogue throughout the community as to how people of faith can work for change.

As Rev. Antal writes, “One of the bedrock recognitions that must be embraced by the thousands of human tribes is that we’re all in this together, and that climate change intensifies every system of injustice, discrimination, and disadvantage.”

Registration for the conference is requested (beginning Jan. 7) at the Iowa Interfaith Power and Light website (iowaipl.org).

The conference and Rev. Antal's visit are supported by the Plymouth Foundation and the Central Association Iowa Conference UCC.