This Advent, we are truly home for the holiday season. Let Plymouth help you find meaningful ways to practice your faith at home with your church family this Advent. All season we will be cuddling up in our jammies, lighting our Advent wreaths, and exploring the themes of the season: Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.

To support your spiritual journey through the season, we will have several resources available to download on our website here: plymouthchurch.com/Advent2020. In addition to our website, there will be many opportunities available to connect with Plymouth on our Facebook page and YouTube channel. These offerings are available to all, with or without a Facebook or YouTube account. We will also be offering a few distanced, in-person events.

**FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT: HOPE**

- Fri. Dec. 4: 9 a.m., Baking Advent Cookies with Mary Kate, Plymouth’s Facebook & YouTube pages
- Fri. Dec. 4: Noon, Sounds of the Season Virtual Concert Series, Facebook & YouTube Premiere

**SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT: PEACE**

- Sat. Dec. 5: 5:30 p.m., Saturday Night Worship, Facebook Live, Lindsey Braun preaching
**CONDOLENCES**

- to all those who have lost someone to COVID-19
- to Jan Van Wyk whose mother and aunt passed away
- to Sue Hoss whose father passed away
- to the family and friends of Ruth Klotz
- to the family and friends of Judy Greenwalt
- to Kathy Book whose mother passed away
- to Lorenzo Sandoval whose mother passed away

**CONGRATULATIONS**

- to Trey and Jenna Ridlen on the birth of their baby

**GOD SPEED**

- to David and Pricilla Ruhe as they move to Georgia

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**ADVENT CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT CONT.**

- Sun. Dec. 6: 9 a.m., Sunday Worship, YouTube Premiere, Lindsey Braun preaching
- Sun., Dec. 6: 10-11 a.m., HS Youth Luminaries Assembly, lower level parking ramp
- Sun., Dec. 6: 11 a.m.-Noon, HS Youth December Service Project, offsite
- Wed., Dec. 9: 7-8 p.m., HS Youth Conversations & Connections - Advent Edition, online
- Thurs., Dec. 10: 5:30-7:30 p.m., Holiday Flower Pickup, first-come first-serve for flower color, lower level parking ramp. Enter garage from Ingersoll Ave and exit towards Grand Ave.
- Thurs., Dec. 10: 6-7 p.m., Christmas Caroling, join together and sing carols of the season (in-person, outdoors, and physically distant), lower level parking ramp. Registration is required. Please register here: tiny.cc/Caroling12-10.
- Fri., Dec. 11: Noon, Sounds of the Season Virtual Concert Series, Facebook & YouTube Premiere

**THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT: JOY**

- Sat., Dec. 12: 10 a.m. to Noon, Holiday Flower Pickup, first-come first-serve for flower color, lower level parking ramp. Enter garage from Ingersoll Ave and exit towards Grand Ave.
- Sat. Dec. 12: 5:30 p.m., Saturday Night Worship, Facebook Live, Sarai Rice preaching
- Sun. Dec. 13: 9 a.m., Sunday Worship, YouTube Premiere, Sarai Rice preaching
- Wed., Dec. 16: 6-7 p.m., Christmas Caroling, join together and sing carols of the season (in-person, outdoors, and physically distant), lower level parking ramp. Registration is required. Please register here: tiny.cc/Caroling12-16.
- Fri., Dec. 18: Noon, Sounds of the Season Virtual Concert Series, Facebook & YouTube Premiere
FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT: LOVE

Sat. Dec. 19: 5:30 p.m., Saturday Night Worship, Facebook Live, Rushing Kimball preaching

Sun. Dec. 20: 9 a.m., Sunday Worship, YouTube Premiere, Rushing Kimball preaching

Sun., Dec. 20: 6-7 p.m., Christmas Caroling, join together and sing carols of the season (in-person, outdoors, and physically distant), lower level parking ramp. Registration is required. Please register here: tiny.cc/ChristmasEveService-1.

Mon. Dec. 21: 6-7:30 p.m., Longest Night Worship Service, Upper level parking deck, drive thru


THURS., DEC. 24: CHRISTMAS EVE

This Christmas Eve, Plymouth is offering THREE different opportunities for worship and fellowship!

Recorded Service: Released on Christmas Eve morning, a recorded worship blending together music and hallmarks from all Plymouth’s Christmas Eve services. Sit down to worship when it is most convenient for you and your family!

In-Person: We had previously announced 2 in-person services, but we will now be offering 4 in-person, outdoor, 20-minute services. At these services, we will sing a couple of carols, hear the Christmas story, light a luminary. Registration is required, and we will have a participant cap.

Register with the links below for those in-person events:
- 4:00 p.m.: tiny.cc/ChristmasEveService-1
- 4:45 p.m.: tiny.cc/ChristmasEveService-2
- 5:30 p.m.: tiny.cc/ChristmasEveService-3
- 6:15 p.m.: tiny.cc/ChristmasEveService-4

Already registered? If you had previously registered for 5 p.m., you have been moved to 4:45 p.m. If you had previously registered for 6 p.m., you have been moved to 6:15 p.m.

Zoom: We will be offering a Zoom Worship & Fellowship service at 7 p.m. At this service, you will hear the Christmas story, pray, and spend some face time with your fellow Plymouth members. Join us here: zoom.us/j/93841861542

REGULAR WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Fellowship Forum
Sunday morning at 10 a.m. join us on Zoom for our weekly conversation about God, life and whatever happens to come up. If you are reading this digitally, you can join click here to join. visit the Plymouth website, scroll down to “Join Us for Online Worship” and click “Fellowship Forum.” All are welcome to participate!

Weekly Kick-Off
Join Karen Quance Jeske as she introduces the scripture for the week as well as important events, a discussion question or short reflection. Please note this offering has changed times. It will now be on Mondays at 12:30 p.m. instead of noon.

Evening Prayer
While we are Home for the Holidays, we are practicing the discipline of praying together at certain hours of the day. Tune into our Facebook page every weekday at 5:30 p.m. for Evening Prayer with our ministers.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study
Every Wednesday at 7 p.m., join Rushing Kimball for bible study on Zoom. If you would like to participate, please visit the Plymouth website (plymouthchurch.com), at the top of the screen click Events. You will see a full month calendar. Click on any of the Wednesday Night Bible Study times listed for the link to join that call.
CURRENT HAPPENINGS

STAY CONNECTED!

We want to stay connected! Use the links below to check out our website, Facebook page, Instagram, and YouTube Channel!

- www.plymouthchurch.com
- www.facebook.com/PlymouthChurch
- www.instagram.com/PlymouthChurch
- YouTube Channel: PlymouthChurch DSM

SING-ALONG FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

This fall, the Children’s Music Staff have been offering regular in-person, outdoor sing-alongs. We will have one more sing-along this season. If you would like to join us for some Christmas Caroling on **Sunday, December 13 from 10-10:30 a.m.**, you can register here: tiny.cc/Sing-Along12-13. Registration is required to attend in order to help with contact tracing. Masks and distancing required.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

This year, Plymouth will be ordering a variety of flowers for Christmas. Since they will not be gracing the Sanctuary, we invite you to take them home or give them as gifts to friends & family. All plants are in 6” or 6.5” pots with a gold sleeve. All plants cost $12 each or $20 for any two plants. We will have a variety of flowers available, but stock is limited. For more information, visit: plymouthchurch.com/news/christmas-flowers-2020

SOUNDS OF THE SEASON" CONCERT SERIES

On Fridays in December, Plymouth Church will present a virtual concert series of music for the season featuring your favorite Plymouth instrumentalists and vocalists. Concerts will premiere at **12 p.m. on Fridays** and will be cross-posted to Facebook. Be sure to “subscribe,” “like,” and click the “notification bell” for our videos!

NATIVITY “SEEN”

Join your Plymouth friends for Advent “Show and Tell” fun. We will gather on Zoom on **Sunday, December 13 from 6-7 p.m.** to show each other our home Nativity Scenes. Since we are “Home for the Holidays” this year, it will be fun to see the variety of Nativity sets our members have in their homes.

If you want to show yours during the hour-long event, please set your Nativity Scene up so that it gets some good light and can be viewed with your laptop, phone, or tablet during the meeting. It would be nice if you can show us your Nativity set and tell us a little about it: how long you’ve had it, where it’s displayed in your home and any special memories associated with it. We will look at as many as we can within the hour time-frame.

To join us on Zoom, visit: zoom.us/j/98038948279. If you have any questions, email Karen Jeske at: kjeske@plymouthchurch.com.

**Plymouth Merchandise!**

Christmas is right around the corner and the Plymouth Merchandise Store is here to make shopping easy! We have some great items for stocking stuffers!

For more details on how to submit an order, visit: plymouthchurch.com/plymouth-merchandise-store

After you submit your order, a member of the Board of Christian Membership will email you directly, confirming your order, package up your merchandise and have it available at the church.

We have six options available!

- Bamboo Face Masks: $5
- Short Sleeve T-shirt: $10
- Long Sleeve T-shirt: $15
- Quarter-Zip Sweater: $35
- Reusable Bag: $10
- Travel Mug: $30
CURRENT HAPPENINGS

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE
Thank you so much for your continuing support of Plymouth Church! If you haven’t turned in your pledge card yet, please do so. See the charts for below our current pledge totals and goals.

**TOTAL PLEDGE DOLLARS**
- **Remaining Goal:** $700,287
- **Current Total:** $999,713
- **Total Goal:** $1,700,000

**NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS**
- **Remaining Goal:** 222
- **Current Total:** 332
- **Total Goal:** 554
  Numbers current as of November 30, 2020

CHURCH SCHOOL
We can’t wait to start a new session of CHURCH SCHOOL in January. Watch your email and the January CONTACT for more information.

If you are interested in joining our team of awesome Virtual Teachers or have questions, please contact: gsheriff@plymouthchurch.com.

STEPHEN MINISTRY
Stephen Ministers are trained members of Plymouth Church, who are available to help bring a spiritual presence in your life through caring, listening, and prayer. Contact LeAnn Stubbs at 515.255.3149 to discuss having a Stephen Minister assigned to walk with you.

DISCOVER PLYMOUTH 2.0
Do you or someone you know want to become a member of Plymouth Church?

Have you been worshiping with us for a while and are feeling ready to make it official?

Have you participated online during the pandemic and are interested in learning more about us?

Are you interested in getting to know some new people and discover Plymouth in a new way?

Discover Plymouth 2.0 will be launching in early 2021! If you are ready to join Plymouth Church or are just interested in learning more about life here, send an email to Pastor Mary Kate Buchanan (mbuchanan@plymouthchurch.com).

BOOK STUDY BEGINNING IN JANUARY
Plymouth’s Welcoming Migrant Committee and Faithful Readers will join together, along with any interested Plymouth members to do a book study January 21, 28 and February 4.

We will read The Line Becomes a River: Dispatches from the Border by Francisco Cantu, and will meet by Zoom. Books will be made available for $10. and can be purchased by contacting Mary Nelson (maryandsteve@q.com). The author was raised in the southwest and became a Border Patrol agent, but ultimately left as he became aware of the dehumanization and violence. His is a memoir with knowledge of both sides of this complicated and harrowing human struggle. The book was a Top 10 Book of 2018 from NPR and the Washington Post.

SUPPORT AMOS
As we approach the end of 2020 and are nearly to our $20,000 goal, will you consider supporting AMOS financially this year and help us close the gap? AMOS is a relational grassroots approach to organizing that empowers people to take action and change communities and lives. Through this process, we cut through divisions such as race, religion, and socioeconomic status, and discover the passions and concerns that unite us all.

Hundreds of people enter public life and claim responsibility for their future here in central Iowa.

Visit: plymouthchurch.com/news/support-amos/ for more information

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY
Find peace in getting your finances in order through prove steps. Classes will be held Sundays from 6-8 p.m. starting January 3 to February 28. For Plymouth members, the fees are $100 (originally $129) which includes all course materials and access to e-resources. Register before Dec. 1, and receive a 25% discount. Register by Dec. 30 to reserve your place to a happier and healthier future.

Class size is limited to 10 registrants. Registration includes a spouse or significant other to attend with the registrant. To enroll or ask more questions, please call or email Emily Tripp at: 515.255.3149 or etripp@plymouthchurch.com.

VOLUNTEER EMAIL LIST
Looking for a way to connect and serve God and one another with a friend, your family, or church? THIS IS IT! By subscribing to these emails, you will hear from us each Friday with details about volunteer opportunities available at Plymouth. If there aren’t currently any volunteers needed, we will continue to email each Friday to let you know. Sign up here: eepurl.com/heSU4b.
We continue our discussion about our new Strategic Plan this month by continuing to explore what this plan is inviting us to do. But first, let me share just a little bit about how this plan is being used to organize some of our collective endeavors.

As I write this, each of the church’s Boards are appointing one member each to serve on an Implementation Committee. In addition, we have other members who have also volunteered to serve. The Implementation Committee will have two main tasks: work on ideas to engage the general membership with the plan and also to keep track of projects and initiatives that our Boards and Committees will lead toward its implementation.

All of this is just getting organized. In January, look for a list of our committee members and more detail about how we will approach our work. In the meantime, the committee members who have met have been working on your 7-Day Challenges.

Now, let’s continue where we left off last month and explore a couple more pieces of our invitation to Practice Radical Love Everywhere and Always.

Everywhere and Always: A Conversation Starter

While Radical is a difficult word for some, Everywhere and Always are more easily understood and accepted as ingredients in our faith. We know as Christians we are called to love God and love each other Everywhere and Always. And we also know it’s really hard to do and that we all fall short.

No matter what though, God keeps loving us Everywhere and Always. In this way, Everywhere and Always serve to both assure us of God’s love and to challenge us to deliver it.

So, how can we honor this expansive and timeless giving and receiving of love? We can practice. We can look for reminders of God’s unfailing love for us and we can seek reminders of our call to love others. We will explore the concept of Practice more in January, but during the December we offer a new 7-Day Challenge to get more comfortable with the Everywhere and Always parts of our new Strategic Plan.

While you’re doing it, feel free to share your thoughts with me at kjeske@plymouthchurch.com and with each other whenever you have the chance.
Our New Strategic Plan: Everywhere and Always

A Seven-Day Challenge

1. Complete any six of these items on any six days you choose during the month of December.

- Close your eyes and take a few deep breaths to get centered, then repeat the St. Patrick’s Breastplate Prayer (see this prayer on the right) as often as you need to remind you that Christ is with you Everywhere. Feel free to add hand gestures.

- If you didn’t pick up an Advent Bag at the church, download this year’s Advent Devotional from the Plymouth website, Maya Angelou and the Freedom Poetry of Advent, and try to follow the weekly program and practices outlined in the booklet.

- Set up an Advent Wreath at home and light the candles during worship or when using the Maya Angelou and the Freedom Poetry of Advent devotional to remind you that hope, peace, joy and love are available to us Everywhere and Always.

- Download the recipe for Angel Eyes cookies from the Plymouth website and bake them to share with a neighbor or someone who could use some cheer and a reminder of God’s love this season.

St. Patrick’s Breastplate Prayer

Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.

Daily Devotionals for Everyone

A great way to stretch toward Everywhere and Always is to find a daily dose of inspiration such as the United Church of Christ’s (UCC) Still Speaking Daily Devotional which is available as a free daily email by subscribing at: https://www.ucc.org/daily_devotional.

If you prefer a book format you can try:

From the United Church of Christ:
- God is Still Speaking: 365 Daily Devotions by Christina Villa

From local author, Joyce Rupp:
- Anchors for the Soul
- Fragments of Your Ancient Name

Or a year of poetry:
- A Poem for Every Day of the Year by Allie Esiri

Or a year of music (you need to have Apple Music)
- Year of Wonder by Clemency Burton-Hill

- Do an internet search for “Nichole Nordeman Legacy” and listen to this beautiful song as an expression Always.

- Attend the Nativity Seen event for all Plymouth members on Zoom on Sunday, December 13 at 6 p.m.

- Attend the Longest Night drive-through service at Plymouth on Monday, December 21 at 6 p.m.

- Attend one of the special Caroling or virtual concerts offered by Plymouth during December. You can download an Advent Calendar from the website or check the Events page for details.

- Prepare for 2021 by subscribing to or purchasing a daily devotional to use everyday next year. (See the recommendations to the left).

2. For the seventh day take a rest or sabbath.

Make space for an intentional break from your work, worries, stresses, or perfectionism. Make the duration whatever length of time would feel like a true sabbath: five minutes, an hour, half a day or a whole day. Unlike God, we need to rest and recharge to be more loving.
Your Stephen Ministers have a long tradition of hosting a Longest Night worship service that is rich in meaning and ritual. And this year is no different. The format, however, has changed to accommodate the limitations imposed upon us by the Pandemic.

This year’s Longest Night service will feature a “drive thru” experience on the Upper level of the parking ramp. Anytime between the hours of 6 and 7:30 p.m., cars can enter from the East (40th street). You will be met by a Stephen Minister and you will be guided past the stations of:

Letting Go. You will have the opportunity to cast into the fire a personally written word that represents an experience, an emotion that you are ready to let go of.

Prayer. You will have the opportunity to be prayed for as you transition from the year that has been to the year that lies ahead.

Light. You will be invited to add your light to the other lights, all the candles representing hope and intention for the coming year.

Communion. You will be served communion by one of your pastors. You will leave the parking lot then, fed, nourished, strengthened by the very presence of Jesus Christ.

Please bring your family, bring a friend, and join us for a quiet, meaningful evening in the comfort of your vehicle, under the stars, on the Longest Night of the year.

P.S. If the sun is out on Monday at noon, go outside and snap a picture of your shadow. It will be your longest all year.

Feast of the Holy Innocents

The DM Faith Committee for Peace will be holding a service on the Feast of the Holy Innocents at 7 p.m. on Sunday, December 27, 2020. The theme for the service will be “Weeping for our Children”. The service will be online via Zoom and a link will be provided in the Plymouth Weekly the week before the service. This service is co-sponsored by the Plymouth Peace Committee.

The service has its roots in the Christmas story recounted in the Book of Matthew, 2:16-18. Herod was infuriated, and ordered the killing of innocent children in and around Bethlehem. Rachel wept for her children and refused to be consoled, because they were no more.

The service will emphasize deeply that all children need peace. This will be a moving service of music, scripture, reflections, and prayer. We will remember the holy innocents of Bethlehem, ask for God's mercy upon innocent victims everywhere, call upon God's great might to frustrate the designs of evil, and pray for the coming of justice, love and peace on earth.
A Legacy of Caring and Sharing

The Plymouth Church Foundation has a long history of supporting the church and its ministry. The Foundation accepts contributions from caring supporters and shares the earnings generated by these gifts with others in the Plymouth family—often creating new and unimagined futures.

Foundation grants have provided needed catalysts for projects, programs and ministries not budgeted for through general fund giving. For example, Stephen Ministries and the Plymouth Grounds Coffee Shop are both programs that were started at Plymouth through Foundation grants. Recent grants have also helped fund the Transition into Ministries program, the Tower restoration project, and the Music & Fine Arts program as well as many other efforts of the church.

Two types of grants are available to Plymouth groups recognized by the Plymouth Church Council. Competitive grants are normally for one-time projects or programs involving one year of funding. Applications must be submitted in writing to the Foundation by April 1 or October 1.

Strategic grants can be applied for at any time and are used to support special programs, capital improvements or other projects that are considered high priorities for the Church, consistent with the outcomes of its strategic planning process, but not readily funded through the normal operating budget.

The challenge is that the demand for grants continues to grow. As a result, the Foundation deeply appreciates every contribution received. You can make a lasting contribution to the Plymouth family through a gift to the Foundation. Gifts during your lifetime can be made through annual gifts or gifts of stock. Many people also make memorial gifts to the Foundation in memory of a loved one or friend.

You may also make a bequest to the Foundation in your will or trust. You may want to consider charitable gift annuities that allow you to receive payments throughout your life – or gifts of real estate or endowments. Other gift choices include naming the Foundation as a beneficiary of your life insurance or retirement account. Whatever gift you choose, you should consult an attorney for advice.

To learn more about leaving a legacy at Plymouth or applying for a grant, please visit the church website or contact Plymouth Church Director of Operations and Finance, Emily Tripp, at etripp@plymouthchurch.com or 515.255.3149, ext. 19.

Christmas Special Offering

Dear Plymouth Members,

As you prepare to celebrate Christmas, please consider a Special Offering gift that supports our Just Peace covenant. This year’s Christmas offering recipients will be announced very soon. Keep an eye on our Plymouth Weekly emails for news about who these offerings will be going to.

To keep our Church Family safe and healthy, we will not be passing the plate at our brief in-person Christmas Eve services so send it in online or by mail. If you would like to make your gifts online, visit plymouthchurch.com/new/christmas-special-offering-2020 for more details.

If you would prefer to mail a check, please include the memo line "Christmas Gifts" and mail address it with the following:

Plymouth Church Attn: Nancy Bassett
4126 Ingersoll Ave.
Des Moines, IA 50312.

Thank you for your generosity,
Plymouth Board of Benevolences
WORSHIP CHANGES IN JANUARY 2021

Beginning in January 2021, Plymouth Church will offer a single, blended, weekend worship service online. The service will be similar to our current Sunday worship offering, but will include the Saturday Night Band, and greater musical variety.

The pre-recorded service will premiere on Facebook Saturdays at 5:30 p.m., where congregants can join together in sharing through the Facebook chat and comment features. The service will also premiere on Sundays at 9 a.m. on YouTube, also with the usual chat feature. An additional benefit of this arrangement is access to the worship service on Facebook (and via Plymouthchurch.com) prior to 9 a.m. on Sunday, if you’re an early riser and would like to worship earlier.

There are many reasons for this change, including the desire to have increased musical variety and the highest possible production value for our virtual worship offerings, all in one package. Additionally, we believe that offering one, blended worship service will allow us to focus our resources toward planning additional future opportunities for in-person worship.

When we get to the other side of winter, we know outdoor, in-person worship will be a significant priority for us, so this is part of laying the groundwork to prepare for that transition.

Moreover, a live-stream service is very resource intensive, requiring several people to all be together in one place at a set time and for a set duration. Normally, that wouldn’t be a big deal: that’s how in-person worship happens, right!? However, during COVID time, has become a riskier prospect for our worship staff. Any number of small issues could throw a live-stream into chaos. So, we’re making a calculated decision to focus on offering a single high quality, well-edited virtual worship service each weekend for the next few months.

Think of it as a unified service – we’re all together in spirit even when we must be physically apart.

BY: GEORGIA SHERIFF

Plymouth members have the opportunity to participate in Project Memories 2.0 this holiday season. The opportunity to give is different, however, we are thankful for the opportunity to provide support and gifts to individuals served by our partner agencies. You may participate in the following way:

1. Youth Homes of Mid-America Transitional & Independent Living Programs. This program provides care and services to adolescents ages 16–18 who are not able to return to or live in their family’s home or another home setting for a variety of reasons.
   • Plymouth members may shop for a gift ($25 limit) for a youth by logging on to the SignUp Genius link that will be available no later than Dec. 5.

2. Three Des Moines school programs:
   - There is a tremendous need for winter clothing in the three schools we have partnered with in the past: Hubbell, Ruby Van Meter and All Points Academy & FOCUS schools.
   - Plymouth members may make a cash donation that will be split evenly and given to each school’s administrative team.
   - Donations of ANY amount will help! $2 will buy a pair of warm socks; $10- warm mittens; $15- child boots; $40- youth coat.
   - Cash donations will be accepted through Monday, December 13.
   - To make a donation, go to the Plymouth website; click on “Pledge;” click on: “Make a donation by check, electronic checking…” OR “Make a one-time or recurring donation by credit card; after entering the amount, add: "Project Memories 2.0" where you see the following:

   Write a note (Optional)

Project Memories 2.0 is also partnering with Mosaic. Plymouth High School Youth will be purchasing gifts for all MOSAIC client from MOSAIC through Project Memories 2.0.

Thank you in advance for your participation. For more information: gsheriff@plymouthchurch.com.
Plymouth Church Gallery

During this time of closure, we have hosted a couple of virtual galleries on our website. In August, we had a series of artwork from the artist Paul Micich called Plymouth People. In November, we had the ReImagining Iowa series, which featured five Ioway artists. We will be hosting more virtual galleries in the future, so stay tuned in our Plymouth Weekly emails when the next gallery opens.

While we continue to be closed into the holiday season, our Plymouth Quilters have been displaying some of their beautiful quilts in our Plymouth gallery. There was a series of quilts up in November, but a new display of Christmas quilts up now! They were made or owned by Linda Railsback, Linda Bryant, Jan Campbell, Karma Herring, and Mary Stuart. The two quilts which to me are predominantly yellow were brought back from Cuba by Jan Campbell. Three of the quilts on display will be donated to people in need.

Below are a few photos of the quilts on display, but there are more not shown! Next time you’re in the area, stop by Plymouth and take a peek into our gallery space. You can see all these quilts through our picture windows facing 42nd street. You won’t be disappointed! Thank you Plymouth Quilters for loaning us some of your beautiful quilts!

Advent Bags

As we spend our holidays at home this year, our Plymouth staff organized take home Advent bags for families to use to celebrate the season. On November 21 and 22, families were able to stop by Plymouth and pick them up. Here are a few photos from those pick-up times. If you didn’t get your hands on a bag, all printed materials will be available on our website at plymouthchurch.com/advent2020.