



## November 2021 Digest

*"Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey,  
you are welcome here."*

No matter your gender, race, ethnic background, sexual orientation, national citizenship, impairment, language or religious background, **you** are welcome here.



### Season of Giving

It's hard to believe but 'tis the season, the season of giving! The Thanksgiving and Christmas season asks us to give of ourselves in many ways, and can feel overwhelming. And yet, Mark 12:41-44 reminds us how important our generosity is, to our own lives, to the lives of others, and to Christ himself. There are many ways to be generous.

As a community, Plymouth seeks to share the transforming love of Christ to all of God's creation. As our mission statement says, we seek to do so in a multitude of ways: through service and outreach; worship, prayer and study; and through gathering in community fellowship. This mission asks that each of us give something of ourselves, whether in treasure, time, talent, or also simply in our presence and our spirit of excitement and caring – all of deep value. As we continue with our Christian Commitment Campaign, co-chaired this year by Celeste Miller and Rich Bard, we invite the people of Plymouth to give back as best they can to the church's annual stewardship drive. But, as you look through this piece, please also prayerfully consider what you can do to contribute to the church's mission.



**BOOM with pillows for Chapman welcome bags**

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*Jesus sat across from the collection box for the temple treasury and observed how the crowd gave their money. Many rich people were throwing in lots of money. One poor widow came forward and put in two small copper coins worth a penny. Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I assure you that this poor widow has put in more than everyone who's been putting money in the treasury. All of them are giving out of their spare change. But she from her hopeless poverty has given everything she had, even what she needed to live on."*

-Mark 12:41-44 (CEB)

## Hope-filled service and outreach



### **Christmas Boxes Are Available!**

Our annual Christmas Box Drive to spread joy to foster care children served by the Family Resource Center is under way. We are donating to over 150 children, ranging from infants to 17 year-olds. Boxes are to be filled with **new, unused items** (no hand-me downs please) and returned no later than **Sunday, December 5**, either in the Garden on Sundays following worship or the church office during the week. Don't have the ability to shop but would like to contribute? You can make a monetary donation for our team of shoppers who ensure that all boxes are equitable and that no child receives an empty box. Visit the table out in the Cloister Garden on Sundays, or contact **Katie Meltzer** at [katiermeltzer@gmail.com](mailto:katiermeltzer@gmail.com), with questions and for more info.

### **Clean Birthing Kit Assembly**

Save the life of a mother and child by joining us in Davis Hall on **Saturday, November 13 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.**, as we aid the Footprints Foundation in assembling kits of clean and sanitized supplies for safe delivery of newborns in areas with high mother and infant-mortality rates. This event is open to all in the community, including other organizations wishing to form a team for the event. No need to register ahead of time, but please donate by purchasing kits on [www.footprints-foundation.org](http://www.footprints-foundation.org). Kits are \$10 a piece. The more kits purchased, the more we have to assemble and the greater number of mothers and children we can serve.



### **Homemade Pillowcases Needed for Chapman Welcome Bags!**

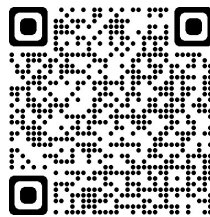


Our Board of Outreach and Mission is calling on all seamsters who can restock our supply of pillowcases for our next batch of welcome bags. The bags go to homeless children served by Chapman Partnership for the Homeless and include basic toiletry items as well as a stuffed toy, blanket, and pillow. The pillows are a smaller size and require custom-sewed cases for them. We assemble over 100 bags, so we need all the sewing help we can get! If you are able, please contact **Lena TenBroek**, [lenatenbroek@gmail.com](mailto:lenatenbroek@gmail.com), for the measurements and specifics.



### **Donate to Coconut Grove Crisis Food Pantry for the Holidays**

The Coconut Grove Crisis Food Pantry needs your support to continue feeding over 100 families a week. Drop-off your goods in Davis Hall on **Sunday, November 21, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.** or order anytime via our Amazon Wishlist and have it delivered to the church. We have updated it to include special holiday dinner items. Scan the QR code to view the wish list. We are accepting turkey breasts and hams for the holidays on the 21st as well.





**The This 'n That Shop** will collect your gently used clothing, books, home goods, furniture, toys, games, and other treasures at Pilgrim House **Sunday, November 21, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.** Please drive up and a volunteer will assist you with your donations. The shop is located at 3155 Commodore Plaza, open Tuesday-Saturday from 12-5 p.m. Shop proceeds go towards benevolences in Greater Miami.

## ***Love-filled fellowship***



### **Book Group Meets Saturday, November 20, at 10:15 a.m. Over Zoom**

Are you looking to join a book group? Look no more! Plymouth Church's book group meets over Zoom every third Saturday at 10:15 a.m. If you are interested in joining, please reach out to Wanda Bee at [realestate@wandabee.com](mailto:realestate@wandabee.com). This month's selection is *The Code Breaker* by Walter Isaacson. The group does not meet in December and will resume January 15 with *Midnight Library* by Matt Haig.



### **Joyful Noise and Joyful Sound Children's Choirs**

Children age 4 and above are invited to join our children's choirs on **Sunday mornings in McNaughton Hall, 11:30 a.m.-12 p.m.** The choirs will help to lead worship for the following dates:

- **Sunday, November 21**
- **Sunday, December 5, Hanging of the Greens**
- **Friday, December 24, Christmas Eve**

If you have any questions, please contact:

**Andrea Burt**, [andrea@plymouthmiami.org](mailto:andrea@plymouthmiami.org) or  
**Gerry Brenes**, [gerry@plymouthmiami.org](mailto:gerry@plymouthmiami.org)

### **This Month at a Glance:**

#### **Sunday, November 7:**

New Member Sunday

Confirmation Class of 2022 Lunch, 11:30 a.m. in Davis Hall

#### **Tuesday, November 9:**

Trustees Meeting, 7 p.m.

#### **Thursday, November 11:**

Veteran's Day-Church Office Closed

#### **Saturday, November 13:**

Clean Birthing Kit Assembly, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. in Davis Hall

#### **Sunday, November 14:**

Christian Commitment Sunday

Youth@Plymouth Refresh, 4-5:30 p.m. in Edson Chapel

#### **Tuesday, November 16:**

Church Council Meeting, 7 p.m. on Zoom

#### **Friday, November 19:**

inSPIRITed Together, 6-8 p.m. on the Village Green

#### **Saturday, November 20:**

Plymouth Book Group, 10:15 a.m. on Zoom

#### **Sunday, November 21:**

Anniversary Sunday

Collection for Food Pantry, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in Davis Hall

This 'n That Collection, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in Pilgrim House

#### **Wednesday, November 24:**

Church Office Closes at 12 p.m. Reopens 8 a.m. Monday,  
November 29.





## ***Faith-filled worship, prayer, and study***

### **Walking With a Prayer Saturdays at 10 a.m.**

Join our Saturday morning walking group as we gather in front of the Sanctuary in prayer, then walk 30 minutes out and 30 minutes back. Sign-up with **Lolly Anderson** at [lolly.anderson@compass.com](mailto:lolly.anderson@compass.com) or at 305-479-6347 or with **Kristen Llorca** at [kllorca@outlook.com](mailto:kllorca@outlook.com).



Bring a picnic dinner and stay afterward for a socially-distanced hangout with family and friends. This event occurs on the third Friday of every month. Our next date is **December 17**.

Scan the QR code to register or check This Week@Plymouth. Questions...please contact **Andrea Burt**, [andrea@plymouthmiami.org](mailto:andrea@plymouthmiami.org).



### **BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**

**Zoom links available in This Week@Plymouth and on our Website.**

**Sunday Bible and Bagels with Pastor Al** meets 8:30-9:30 a.m. in Plymouth Hall and on Zoom.

**Men's Bible study group** meets Tuesdays at 8:00 a.m. over Zoom.

**"Keep Calm and Read a Psalm," Women's Group led by Pastor Moira** meets Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in Plymouth Hall and on Zoom.

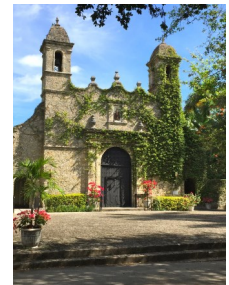
**Thursday Bible and Bagels with Pastor Al** meets at 8:00 a.m. in Plymouth Hall and on Zoom.



### **The Heart of Plymouth: 2022 Christian Commitment Campaign**

As we look toward the coming year, Plymouth's 125th, we express gratitude to God and to one another for all the blessings and support we have received. Our ministries are made possible with your pledges. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge either by filling out a pledge card and returning it to the church office, or online via Realm.

For assistance, contact Thaddaeus in the church office at (305) 444-6521 ext. 221 or [thaddaeus@plymouthmiami.org](mailto:thaddaeus@plymouthmiami.org).



### **Stay Connected at Plymouth**

To sign up for our **This Week @Plymouth** e-newsletter, either:

- Sign the Friendship Register in your pew or with an usher.
- Email Kevin Santamaria, [kevin@plymouthmiami.org](mailto:kevin@plymouthmiami.org)
- Scan the QR code on the right



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