PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

THIS MONTH @ PLYMOUTH **DECEMBER 2026**



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, challenges, language or religious background, you are welcome here.

Following the service, please join us for fellowship and coffee in the Cloister Garden.

COME TOGETHER, CELEBRATE THE SEASON!



December is a time to celebrate the joy of the season, reflect on the gift of hope, and come together in the spirit of Christmas. From our special Christmas Eve services on December 24 to the many ways we share fellowship and celebrate at Plymouth, there's something meaningful for everyone.

Take a look at what's happening this month and join us in celebrating the season!





KNOW A GREAT PREACHER AND TEACHER?

Our Search Committee wants to hear from you! Whether it's a sermon you recently heard or a church you enjoy visiting with family or friends, tell us who inspires you. Or let us know if you think we should talk to this person as a source for referrals. We're searching far and wide. Email *searchcommittee@plymouthmiami.org.*

CANTATA SUNDAY

December 13, 10 a.m., Sanctuary

Join us for Handel's magnificent Messiah, performed by the Plymouth Chancel Choir, soloists, and orchestra. Enjoy this timeless Christmas masterpiece, featuring the iconic "Hallelujah Chorus." Scan the QR code to learn more and support Cantata Sunday and our Seasonal Music!



CHRISTMAS BOXES | Due Back on December 6

Thank you to everyone who adopted a child to fulfill their Christmas wishes this year! Just a reminder that they are all due back by Sunday, December 6th! Please drop off on Sunday morning or to the office throughout the week.

CHORAL MUSIC: "I'LL BE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS"

December 13, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Solis Vocal is a Miami-based vocal ensemble celebrating the beauty of choral music. Join them at Plymouth Congregational Church on Sunday, December 13, at 7:30 p.m, for I'll Be Home for Christmas, a festive concert featuring beloved Christmas classics, beautiful harmonies, and contemporary arrangements. Enjoy an evening filled with the joy and spirit of the season! Tickets are $25, available online or at the door.

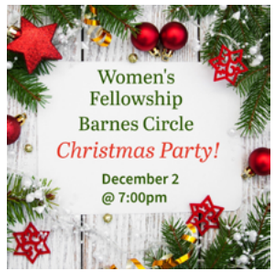


Join us Christmas Eve

December 24 | 5 p.m.
Christmas Eve Family Service. Celebrate the wonder of Christmas with little ones, followed by birthday cake for baby Jesus!

December 24 | 8 p.m.
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols, featuring scripture readings, carols, and music by our Chancel Choir.

December 24 | 11 p.m.
Christmas Eve Candlelight and Carols Service, featuring a Christmas reflection and festive music.



WOMEN OF PLYMOUTH, LET'S CELEBRATE THE SEASON!

December 2, 7 p.m., Pilgrim House

Join us for our annual Women's Christmas Gathering as we celebrate the season with holiday cheer, friendship, and laughter. We look forward to sharing this special time together!

Please bring a table-ready savory dish to share, a salad, or a beverage. We look forward to celebrating with you! Scan the QR code to RSVP.

MOMS & BABIES

December 11, 9 a.m.
McNaughton Hall Nursery

Motherhood is a journey best shared! Connect with fellow Plymouth moms and their little ones for a relaxed morning of friendship, laughter, and community. We meet on the first Friday of each month at 9 a.m. For details or to join the group's email list, contact Raquel Lieven at *raquellieven@gmail.com*

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY!

We're excited to welcome new members into our Plymouth church family! Stay tuned for the upcoming date as we prepare to celebrate those taking this special step and becoming part of our community. It will be a wonderful opportunity to connect, build relationships, and celebrate the many ways we grow together in faith.
We look forward to welcoming our newest members!

Share Our Strengths

A YEAR OF MOMENTUM



Every Pledge Tells a Larger Story of Generosity!
Your gift makes a difference, helping strengthen our Plymouth community and support the ministries and missions that bring us together.

As we look ahead to 2027, we invite you to be part of this shared commitment. ***As Matthew 10:8 reminds us, "Freely you have received; give freely."***

TOGETHER, LET'S KEEP THE MOMENTUM GOING!

To make a pledge or donation, simply use the QR code.

Scan to Give

LET'S SERVE TOGETHER | OUTREACH & MISSION

CHAPMAN PARTNERSHIP
December 10, 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Come volunteer a couple hours of your time to serve dinner at Chapman Partnership. It's a great opportunity to serve alongside other members of Plymouth. Sign up using the link below. Email Bev Moody at: *bevmoody@bellsouth.net* with any questions.

Carpool from Plymouth at 4:30 p.m. or drive directly to Chapman at 5:30 p.m.





FOOD DRIVE
December 20, 11 a.m., McNaughton Hall

On **Sunday, Dec 13**, pick up a Food Pantry bag during worship, fill it with groceries and return it on **Sunday, Dec 20** to McNaughton Hall. Your generosity helps ensure that families in our community have reliable access to food especially over the summer break.

Out of town OR just prefer to give online? You can also support the Pantry through our Amazon wish list (using the QR code). It's an easy way to send exactly what's needed most. Thank you for being part of a community that shows up with compassion and care.

THIS 'N THAT SHOP
December 20, 11 a.m., McNaughton Hall

Have treasures you no longer need? This 'N That Shop welcomes new and gently used items to support Plymouth and its missions. Donations include household items, china, art, jewelry, glassware, silver, clothing, accessories, and more.

Drop-offs: 3155 Commodore Plaza, Tuesday–Saturday, 12–5 p.m. For other times, call 305-448-2114. To volunteer, contact Lauren de Lavalette or Edith Georgi, or follow @ thisnthatshop_ on Instagram.



CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES
CHILDCARE

Childcare is offered for infants up to age 3 during worship in McNaughton Hall.

NURTURING FAITH

After the Children's Moment, children ages 4-11 are invited to go with us to McNaughton Hall for meaningful and fun activities.

BE AN ACOLYTE

Anyone 7 years and up is invited to be an Acolyte on Sunday mornings.



JOYFUL NOISE CHOIR
Children ages 4–12 are invited to join the Joyful Noise Choir! Rehearsals are Sundays, 11:30 a.m.–12 p.m., in McNaughton Hall, led by Marie Ferguson. Come sing, learn music, and share the joy with our Plymouth community!



ALPHA'S
4:30 p.m.

Alpha's is celebrating the season with a Christmas Party on Sunday, December 13!

Kids ages 9–11 are invited to join us for an afternoon of fun, friendship, and holiday cheer. This will be our only Alpha's gathering in December, so we hope to see everyone there for a special celebration!

YOUTH READERS FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS EVE

We need youth readers for Advent Sundays and Christmas Eve! Each week we have one or more readings as part of our worship leading us to Christmas Eve. Then at the 5 p.m. Service on Christmas Eve youth lead us through the Christmas story. Sign-up now to be part of these special services as we prepare our hearts for the coming Christ child.

YOUTH GROUP
December 13
Middle School @ 4:30-5:30 p.m.
High School @ 6-7 p.m.
Longshore



It's time for our Christmas Party!!! Come for a fun night with our annual surprise gift exchange (no need to bring anything), Christmas trivia, holiday treats and more!

YOUTH SUNDAY HUDDLE
No Sunday Huddle in December- watch for dates soon for 2027!

LET'S PLAY MAHJONG!



Enjoy a relaxing afternoon of Mahjong and fellowship at Plymouth! Whether you're an experienced player or simply looking to connect with others, we'd love to have you join us. Gather with us Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. in Edson Chapel. For details, contact Lauren de Lavalette at *laurendelavalette@gmail.com*

EVERYONE TAKE A BREATH | YOGA IN FAITH

Saturday Mornings, 10 a.m., McNaughton Hall



Nurture your spirit with a yoga practice designed to connect movement with scripture readings. Join us Saturday mornings. Cost: $10 per Saturday. We meet in McNaughton Hall. Your leaders for this experience are Kristen Llorca, Certified Yoga Instructor and Andrea Burt, Director of Children's Ministries. Bring your yoga mat and an openness to trying something new. Yoga mats will be available. For more information, contact Andrea Burt at 786.313.3214 or *andrea@plymouthmiami.org*

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

All are welcome to join us as we reflect on God's word together. If you'd like to be added to the mailing list, please contact the church office at *office@plymouthmiami.org*.
Tuesdays, 7:45 a.m. - *Men's Bible Group* at Greenstreet Cafe. Currently studying the Gospel of Mark.
Thursdays, 8 a.m. - *Bible and Breakfast* at Berries in the Grove. We look at the weekly readings for the coming Sunday.
Sundays, 8:30 a.m. - *Bible and Bagels* in Plymouth Hall. Book of Romans…. Getting to Know Paul.

LET'S MAKE CONNECTIONS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

As we gather for the holidays, a name badge makes it easier to greet one another by name, welcome new faces, and feel more connected as a Plymouth community. It's a small gesture that makes everyone feel at home!

Need a name badge? Email *ingrid@plymouthmiami*, and we'll have one ready for you!



STAY CONNECTED WITH PLYMOUTH THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

Stay connected with everything happening at Plymouth this holiday season! Log in to Realm to check your profile and update your contact information.

Contact Ingrid Poch at *ingrid@plymouthmiami.org* or Jennifer Rathjens at *jennifer@plymouthmiami.org*. We'd be happy to help you get started!

Calendar

MORE HAPPENING AT PLYMOUTH

Special events and gatherings this month

WEDNESDAY | December 2		
Women's Fellowship Christmas Party	7 p.m.	*Pilgrim House*
SUNDAY | December 6		
Hanging of the Greens	10 a.m.	*Sanctuary*
New Member Sunday	10 a.m.	*Sanctuary*
THURSDAY | December 10		
Chapman Partnership	4:30 p.m.	*Church Parking Lot (carpool)*
(Serving Dinner)	5:30 p.m.	*Chapman (1550 North Miami Ave.)*
Little Angels Christmas Celebration	6 p.m.	*Sanctuary/Village Green*
FRIDAY | December 4		
Moms & Babies	9 a.m.	*McNaughton Hall Nursery*
SUNDAY | December 13		
Cantata Sunday	10 a.m.	*Sanctuary*
Food Drive	11 a.m.	*McNaughton Hall*
This 'N That Shop Drop Off	11 a.m.	*McNaughton Hall*
Alpha's	4:30 p.m.	*McNaughton Hall*
Youth Group | Middle School	4:30 p.m.	*Longshore*
Youth Group | High School	6 p.m.	*Longshore*
THURSDAY | December 24		
Family Christmas Eve Service	5 p.m.	*Sanctuary*
Candlelight Service of Lessons & Carols	8 p.m.	*Sanctuary*
Candlelight Service & Carols	11 p.m.	*Sanctuary*
FRIDAY | December 25		
Christmas Day Worship	10 a.m.	*Sanctuary*

EVERY WEEK, TOGETHER

Our regular gatherings and activities

TUESDAYS		
Men's Bible Study	7:45 a.m.	*Greenstreet Cafe (3468 Main Hwy)*
Play Mahjong	1:30 p.m.	*Edson Chapel*
THURSDAYS		
Bible & Breakfast with a Pastor	8 a.m.	*Berries in the Grove (2884 SW 27 Ave.)*
SATURDAYS		
Yoga in Faith	10 a.m.	*McNaughton Hall*
SUNDAYS		
Bible & Bagels	8:30 a.m.	*Plymouth Hall*
Sunday Worship Service	10 a.m.	*Sanctuary*
Nurturing Faith	10 a.m.	*McNaughton Hall*
Joyful Noise Choir	11:30 a.m.	*McNaughton Hall*

PLYMOUTH PRAYER PARTNERS

Do you have a prayer request? Our Plymouth Prayer Partners will pray for your concerns with faithfulness and confidentiality. Email your requests to *prayers@plymouthmiami.org* You may also reach out to our pastors.

BIBLES FOR WORSHIP

For those who wish to have a Bible during worship, they are available by the main entrance and by each transept door. Kindly return them to the tables as you leave.

AA and **Al Anon** meet at Plymouth throughout the week. For current meeting days and times, please scan the QR Codes.

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AL ANON

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