

Bios for New Members

Keith Brockway

Keith was born in Fort Wayne, and has also lived in California, Florida, and North Carolina. He received his degree from Indiana University, has his machinist certification from Northwest State Community College in Ohio, and has a Green Belt in Lean Manufacturing and Six Sigma from Ivy Tech. Keith enjoys animals, nature, gardening, and travel. He has a rescue dog named Charlie and a cat named Twix. One of Keith's life goals is to visit all the national parks in the United States.

Amy Courseen

Fort Wayne has been my home for 25 years. I grew up in Palmyra, NJ and lived in various places including Belfast, Northern Ireland. Religiously, I'm grateful for my connections with various peace and justice traditions. I love chatting about all that! I also appreciate many communities here; FWCS, 3 Rivers Food Co-op, 1st Baptist, Pranayoga, my neighborhood, etc. Currently I work on the assembly line at General Motors. I give a lot of time to practicing, teaching, and learning about yoga through a therapeutic lens. After attending Plymouth for 17ish years, I'm jumping in and joining!

Dane and Lidija Hurni

Dane Hurni grew up in DeKalb County as the youngest of four children. He works as a Project Manager for a local commercial construction company. Lidija Hurni immigrated to the U.S. from Bosnia in the mid-90's. She works in the mental health field as a Program Manager of a national crisis hotline for people impacted by natural and human-caused disasters. Together they have three children: Liam (9), Gareth (6) & Teddy (2). Their spiritual journey led them to seek out a church community where LGBTQ+ folks were celebrated and included in ministry, rather than merely tolerated, with a shared emphasis on social justice and environmental accountability. They believe that they have found that at Plymouth and are excited about becoming more involved in its four covenants.

Garrett Pogue

Garrett Pogue is originally from western Illinois and grew up in Dixon, IL. He received post-graduate degrees from Western Illinois University and Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. He is currently retired from pastoral ministry having served three churches in rural Illinois; Akron, OH; and suburban Chicago. Retirement finds Garrett attending baseball games (Go Cardinals! Go Tincaps!), reading, being Papa to six grandchildren, grilling, enjoying free concerts at Sweetwater, checking out area craft breweries and wineries, and strumming the ukulele.

Vicky Pogue

Vicky moved with her husband Garrett from the Chicago suburbs to the Fort at the start of the pandemic. She is a retired special education teacher who holds degrees in multiple special education fields and a masters degree in educational administration. Her favorite activities include going to baseball games; trying out new restaurants, coffee shops, breweries, and wineries; and hanging out with her six grandchildren as often as possible. At home you will find her reading, sewing, crafting, trying out new recipes, watching classic movies or PBS, and listening to classical, jazz, or oldies. She has enjoyed exploring her new community as places have reopened and is excited to join the Plymouth Church family.

Jenna Rupp

I was brought up in a conservative evangelical Christian home. My family was very active in the church and served as missionaries for a time in Haiti. Nathan and I moved to Fort Wayne in 2017 from Connecticut. We began watching Plymouth services online in the summer of 2020 as we struggled to make sense of the evangelical church's response to the pandemic. It was refreshing to see a church caring enough about others to mandate masks and social distancing. I have served in other churches as a greeter. I love to sing and have been a member of church choirs and praise teams. I enjoy cooking, reading, walking, and hiking.

Nathan Rupp

My wife and I have basically attended churches our whole lives, mostly evangelical churches. We moved to Fort Wayne about five years ago to look after my aging parents, but our extended families are spread throughout the rest of the country. I have often served as an usher at the other churches I have attended. In the past, my wife and I volunteered at a local soup kitchen, and I found that fun and rewarding. In my free time, I like to go on walks with my wife, travel, read (history and non-fiction), spend time with my stepfather, and watch college football. I also spend a fair amount of time doing yard work, but I don't enjoy that quite as much!