



SUMMER SUNDAY COOKOUT

AT FP SOUTH



JULY 5

FREEWILL DONATION

**Celebrate summer
with your church family!**

Sunday, July 5, immediately following the
9:30 am service (10:30-11:30am)

Hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, and cookies
will be served.



FP South Worship - Sundays, 9:30am

Roper and Sons South Chapel

3950 Hohensee Dr (S. 40th & Yankee Hill)

The Lord is My Light and My Salvation



Special Worship with Rev.
R. Janae Pitts-Murdock
featuring Melanie DeMore
and Jennaya Robison



Sunday, July 19 | 9:00, 10:30, & 11:57am

Join us for a special Sunday of worship as First-Plymouth welcomes distinguished guests from this year's *Sing Your Faith* music retreat. Following a weekend of inspiration and learning through music and faith, we are honored to welcome Rev. R. Janae Pitts-Murdock as our guest preacher, along with Melanie DeMore and Jennaya Robison.

Rev. Pitts-Murdock serves as Senior Pastor of Light of the World Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Indianapolis and is known for her dynamic leadership, thoughtful preaching, and commitment to spiritual growth and excellence. Since becoming Senior Pastor in 2020, she has helped lead the congregation through a season of renewal while making history as the first woman to serve in the role in the church's 154-year history.

Come experience a meaningful morning of worship shaped by powerful preaching, inspiring music, and the spirit of *Sing Your Faith*. All are welcome.

Compline

Sunday, July 12

7:00-7:30pm, Sanctuary

Additional Compline service Friday, July 17 at 9:00pm in the Sanctuary

Ancient Worship for the modern soul



Into the Stillness Yoga

July 12, 6:00-7:00pm, Chapel. Led by Maggie Pleskac, Milkweed Yoga. Free. This series combines yoga and worship, guiding participants through breath and movement to a place of stillness at the center of their being – the space that connects us with the Divine within. At 7:00pm, following the yoga session, all are invited to the sanctuary to experience Compline, a time of deep inner peace.



Hot Times in the Summertime

Our Stephen Ministers are here for you! As summer ramps up, there will be times when we feel overwhelmed... trying to adjust to a new summer schedule ... trying to figure out day care... trying to get done the things our bodies no longer can do. Summers can also be a time of chaos and grief, health challenges, and disappointments. Changes in life are hard. You do not need to feel alone. First-Plymouth has Stephen Ministers ready and willing to walk with you through the challenges of life. If life starts to swirl, please reach out to Pastor KJ Langlais at kj@firstplymouth.org and ask for a Stephen Minister who will confidentially meet with you each week.



Drop-in Summer Choir

Join us at 9:45am on select summer Sundays for a fun, informal warm-up rehearsal before leading hymn singing and offering the anthem during the 10:30am service. Everyone is welcome—no choir experience needed. No robes, no dress code, no registration, and no advance rehearsal required. Come whenever you can and invite family and friends to sing along!

July 5- My Shepherd Will Supply My Need- arr. Howard Helvey (with trombone)

July 26- Dereva ni mungu- Jake Runestad (with percussion)

August 2- Draw the Circle Wide- Mark Miller (Ariel Merivil, guest conductor)

August 16- The Storm is Passing Over- arr. Barbara Baker (with jazz combo)

August 23- Alabaré- arr. Ronald Nelson (with percussion)

August 30- And Jesus Said- Tony Alonso (with cello)

Grief Support

2nd Friday (July 10) 3:00pm, Calvert Parlor. Group led.

Become a Part of First-Plymouth

Have you been joining us for Sunday services and wondering what's next? We invite you to take the next step and make First-Plymouth your church home. Come learn more about our community, our values, and what it means to become a member. July 22, at 5:30pm in Calvert Parlor. RSVP to julie@firstplymouth.org

MUSIC + MESSAGE

SUMMER

COURTYARD SERIES

6:00-7:30PM – FP COURTYARD

LIVE MUSIC & A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTORS

FREE ice cream treats | FREE balloon animals | FREE face painting
Bring your lawn chairs and picnic baskets!



JULY 19

THE MELODY WRANGLERS



AUGUST 2

**ORION WALSH
BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLAST &
BACKPACK BLESSING**

FREE FAMILY FUN FOR ALL AGES!

In the event of rain or high temperatures, the event will be relocated to Pilgrim Hall.





LOVE IN ACTION

More than 120 cars came through the gas station as volunteers from First-Plymouth's JustNeighbors ministry provided free gas to neighbors in need. From distributing vouchers throughout the neighborhood to pumping gas, washing windshields, and offering a friendly greeting, our volunteers shared kindness and care in tangible ways.



Thank you to everyone who gave their time and energy to make this ministry possible. Small acts of generosity make a big difference, and together we helped fill more than just gas tanks—we helped fill hearts with hope. Interested in joining JustNeighbors Ministry? Email addie@firstplymouth.org



Sundays 11:30am | Otis Young Room
A brief meet-up for those who share an interest or experience—a great way to get to know other FP'ers.

June 28: Joined First-Plymouth in the last year?
Meet others who are also getting connected and finding their place.

July 5: Military Family?
Connect with others who understand military life.

July 12: Recently retired?
Connect with others discovering what this new season of life can hold.

July 19: Gardeners
Sshare ideas, tips, and stories from the garden.

July 26: Walkers/Outdoor Enthusiasts
Connect with others who enjoy fresh air, movement, and being outside.



Marissa Mark has recently joined our Music Ministry department at First-Plymouth. Her new role is to be the Music Ministry and Abendmusik administrative assistant. Stop by and say hello, or you can email marissa@firstplymouth.org.

As you clean out your closets and garages, save all of your old electronics for the annual electronic recycling Sunday, to be set in September TBD.

God's Garden Returns This Summer

Sunday mornings through October 11,. Explore a beautiful selection of fresh flowers, garden vegetables and more available for a small donation. If you have extra produce or flowers from your own garden to share, donations are welcome. All proceeds support the Sustainable Living Ministry.

Garden and Grounds Volunteers Needed

Help us keep the church grounds beautiful all summer. Contact Candy ccrellin@neb.rr.com Bring your own tools.

Sat July 18, 8:30-10:30am

Sat August 15, 8:30-10:30am

FP Kids Contact shelby@firstplymouth.org

FP Littles & FPKids | Sunday Mornings

This July, our children will explore what it means to be part of a family—both the families we are born into and the family of God. Through the story of Abraham, they'll discover that families experience both challenges and joys, and that God is always present. We'll talk about trusting God's promises, praying for those we love, caring for one another, and remembering that everyone has a place in God's family.

Elementary Performing Arts Camp

We're excited to welcome young artists to First-Plymouth Performing Arts Camp, July 27–31. This week-long day camp gives elementary students the chance to explore choir, drumming, handbells, drama, and dance with talented instructors, building skills and confidence along the way. The week concludes with a special showcase performance on Friday afternoon. Registration is currently full, and we look forward to seeing our campers share their gifts this summer.



Free Entry for All!

Saturday
July 25th
6:30pm -
8:00pm

Star City
Shores
4375 S 33rd Ct,
Lincoln, NE 68516

Rescheduled Due To Storms

Join us for an evening of sunshine, swimming, snacks, and time with our church family on July 25, 6:30-8:00pm, at Star City Shores (4375 S. 33rd Ct.) from 6:30–8:00pm. Bring your friends and family—the entry fee is covered!



Rainforest Falls VBS campers in June were challenged each day with a Penny Drive. They collected a total of \$1,263.59 (over 40lbs) over the course of the week with over \$800 raised on the last day alone. The donations will go to a local organization called Big Gumdrop Outdoors, which helps connect urban youth to nature and the outdoors.

Late Night Game Night | July 24, 7:00pm-12:00am

All youth (grades 6-12) are invited for a night of snacks, games, and an epic church-wide game of Capture the Flag! Bring your friends and get ready for a fun-filled evening you won't want to miss.

Adult chaperones are needed—please let us know if you're available to help!
RSVP tori@firstplymouth.org

Volunteers Needed for the Courtyard Party July 19, 6:00-7:30pm

We're looking for volunteers to help make and serve cotton candy and root beer floats at the Courtyard Party on July 19! This is a fun and easy way to support our youth while helping create a great experience for everyone attending.

All donations received will benefit Youth Missions & Service.
Email tori@firstplymouth.org to sign up.

Confirmation Info Meeting: July 19, 5:15-6:00pm (TIME CHANGE)

RSVP: tori@firstplymouth.org. All 7th and 8th graders and their parents are invited to join us in the Youth Room to learn about Confirmation, including program updates, requirements, and what to expect this year. While attendance is not required, it's a great opportunity to ask questions and get important information.

Serve and Sort Clothes at Orphan Grain Train

July 11, 9:00-11:00am.
Help sort and pack clothing donations.
All ages are welcome to help.

[SIGN UP](#)

Serve Dinner at Matt Talbot

July 11 4:15-7:00pm at Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach.
Open to all ages!

[SIGN UP](#)

Volunteers Needed for Performing Arts Camp

Performing Arts Camp is in full swing, and now we need MANY volunteers to make the magic happen. No teaching experience needed—just a heart for kids and a willingness to help. Email tori@firstplymouth.org for more details.

Youth Camp Lunch Help July 6-10!

[SIGN UP](#)

Elementary Camp leaders and assistants July 27-31!

[SIGN UP](#)

Thank you, First-Plymouth, for your prayers, encouragement, and support of our High School Service Trip. Our youth spent the week serving their neighbors, growing in faith, and building lasting friendships. We are incredibly proud of the way they represented our church, with hard work, kindness, compassion, and joy. Thank you for helping make this meaningful experience possible.





Could you survive 46 days alone at sea?

Anybody, Everybody invites you to a special community event featuring history-making Nebraskan, Taryn Ann Smith. Sat July 11 (Social at 5:15pm, Talk from 5:30–6:00pm) in Mayflower Hall (lower level)

Before signing up for the “World’s Toughest Row,” Taryn had never rowed a day in her life. Three years later, she became the first American woman to solo row across the Atlantic Ocean. She’ll be sharing the raw, unfiltered reality of her 3,000-mile journey—the isolation, the wild beauty of the sea, and the sheer mental grit it took to pull through.

The program will leave you ready to tackle your own biggest dreams.

Joy & Concerns

BAPTISMS

John Mickey Maser
Lottie Kate Kieser
Boston Michael Kieser

IN MEMORY

Jan Tooker, a member since 2011, died
June 10, 2026
Sue Clifford, a member since 2013, died
June 15, 2026

WEDDINGS

Clara Walstad & Pierce Pennell, June 6
Samuel Merklein & James Hergenrader,
June 13

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Sandra Ashley
Jenny Carney
Amanda & Jake Clouse
Susan & Stephen Hutchinson
Eugenia Bolombo Iseka
Fernanda Maso
Richard Nielsen
Jianna Phillips
Benedito Piedade
Leonor Piedade
Brian Schupbach
Aja Smith
Jan Beal & David Spanel



Food Distribution Volunteers Needed. Join The Team!

Join the FP team on the first Saturday of each month as we partner with the Food Bank of Lincoln to help distribute food to neighbors in need. We are one of the largest food distribution sites in Lincoln, welcoming nearly 800 cars each month. Volunteers assist with greeting guests, organizing food, and helping make the morning run smoothly. There are a few requirements to serve in this role. To learn more email Ron at nu5527@hotmail.com.

FP Singles Ministry

Join our email list for monthly events. Email addie@firstplymouth.org.

First-Plymouth is Hiring

Part-time Custodians. Email adam@firstplymouth.org for details.

The Tool Library is Now Open

First-Plymouth is proud to partner with NeighborWorks on the new Tool Library, housed at The Hope House at First-Plymouth. An opportunity for the neighborhood to come check out a tool or two to use and return when your project is finished. For more information and the hours visit <https://nwlincoln.org/our-work/cb/toollibrary.html>

Watch the news cover the grand opening



Anybody, Everybody's Annual Summer Camp

This summer, participants in Anybody, Everybody, led by Rev. Cathy Gebers, returned to Camp Joy Holling for a fun-filled week of summer camp in June. The week included kayaking, crafts, hayrides, and plenty of opportunities for friendship, worship, and joy.

All are welcome to join Anybody, Everybody worship held each Saturday at 5:15pm in Mayflower Hall.

Star City Pride

First-Plymouth was a proud sponsor for this year's Star City Pride Festival & Parade. Thank you to all who joined the church in the parade or stopped by the church booth at the family festival.



Blessing of the Animals 2026

Paws, blessings, and community! Thank you to all who joined us for our annual Blessing of the Animals service—and a special thank you to our four-legged friends who made the day extra joyful!