

Plymouth Church, 1847—2022

175 Years of Making History

To celebrate Plymouth Church's 175 Anniversary (the Dodransbicentennial year) the History Ministry of the church will explore many of the untold stories showing how Plymouth Church, its ministers, and members have been making history throughout its first 175 years.

Essays and events are also being planned for the months of June through December, 2022, including an exhibit of Nast prints of Beecher; a joint choir concert with Grace Episcopal Church (also celebrating its 175th Anniversary); a movie night featuring Samuel Clemens' (Mark Twain's) *Innocents Abroad*; a road trip to Hartford, CT, to tour the Harriet Beecher Stowe and Samuel Clemens homes; the publication of a book on Plymouth's Lamb Studio stained-glass windows; a re-creation of the reading by Charles Dickens of his book "Christmas Carol" at Plymouth in 1868; and much more. We will be announcing an expanded calendar of essays and events as the dates are finalized.

Please join us in celebrating Plymouth's 175 years of making history.

Valerie Louzonis & James Waechter
History Ministry Members
Co-chairs, 175th Anniversary Celebration

Month—2022	Significance	Plymouth E-news Essay	Event
January	Dodransbicentennial explained	Essay by Joseph Louzonis Thursday, 1/20/2022	"Kick off" bubbly toast to launch 175 th Anniversary, 1/23/2022
February	Sally Marie Diggs receives her freedom at Plymouth Church	Essay by Philip Dempsey Thursday 2/3/2022	
March	Harriet Beecher Stowe, Plymouth member, publishes Uncle Tom's Cabin, 3/20/1862	Essay by Edith Bartley, Thursday 3/3/2022	
	Celebrated Fisk University, Jubilee Singers made famous by Plymouth in December, 1871	Essay by Valerie Louzonis Thursday, 3/10/2022	Fisk University Jubilee Singers in Concert at Carnegie Hall, March 19 2022.
	John Arbuckle, coffee titan and largest Plymouth donor, dies 3/27/1912	Essay by James Waechter Thursday, 3/24/2022	Yuban coffee served on 3/27/2022 following Sunday worship

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April	Plymouth member, Branch Rickey's decision in the minister's study, integrates baseball, 4/15/1947	Essay by Brett Younger Thursday, 4/7/2022	Members attend Brooklyn Cyclones baseball game, April date TBD
	Rev Dwight Hillis plans for a major Beecher memorial building, March 1902, are never built	Essay by Valerie Louzonis Thursday, 4/21/2022	
			Renowned author, Margaret Bendroth, speaks at Plymouth on her book, "The Spiritual Practice of Remembering", dinner and lecture, 4/28/2022
May	Plymouth 175 th Anniversary Sunday 5/1/2022	Essay on how Plymouth celebrated its 100 th Anniversary by Valerie Louzonis Thursday, 4/28/2022	Book containing 52 weeks of essays by Plymouth members, written Thanksgiving 2020 to Thanksgiving 2021, is published, 50 author book signing, Noon, 5/1/2022
	Plymouth Church announces merger with Church of the Pilgrims 5/6/1934	Essay by Valerie Louzonis Thursday, 5/5/2022	
	Sally Diggs returns to Plymouth for the 80 th Anniversary	Essay by Philip Dempsey Thursday, 5/12/2022	