

The Otis Young Lecture Series on Religion and Ethics presents

# DIGNITY

## And Its Essential Role In Resolving Conflict

with Dr. Donna Hicks, an award-winning author and internationally renowned authority on dignity



### Thursday, May 2, 7:00pm @ First-Plymouth

Wellbeing has emerged as one of the most important priorities today. It's usually discussed in terms of health in various forms: physical, mental, financial and social, to name a few. Those are critical areas, but Harvard's Donna Hicks, Ph.D, the pioneering mind behind the Dignity Model—a signature approach she applied to the most divisive and deep-seated conflicts around the world—goes even deeper to the root of each of these.

Dr. Hicks, an associate at the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs at Harvard, is an expert in human dignity and a specialist in conflict resolution. Through her work, she identified a major obstacle in our human relationships: "Our failure to recognize how vulnerable humans are to being treated as if they didn't matter."

Her award-winning book *Dignity: Its Essential Role in Resolving Conflict*, broke new ground and established dignity as a universal, powerful and motivating force behind all human interaction.

She is also the author of *Leading with Dignity: How to Create a Culture That Brings Out the Best in People*, which offers leaders in business, healthcare, education, government, and other fields a playbook on how to create cultures of dignity as the key to fostering wellness, innovation, productive relationships and successful outcomes.

Copies of Dr. Hicks books will be available for sale from the Francie & Finch Bookshop table in the back (you can also pre-order your copy by contacting Francie & Finch or at [firstplymouth.org/dignity](http://firstplymouth.org/dignity)). Following the talk, Hicks will sign books in the Chapel. Childcare available.

Dr. Hick's lecture is part of a series of sessions that explore the topic of dignity. The other session, free and open to the public will be:

#### Essential Elements of Dignity and Civic Engagement

Wed. May 8, 6:00-7:15 pm

F Street Community Center

1225 F Street, Lincoln. Led by Civic Nebraska.

Sponsored by Doane University, First-Plymouth Congregational Church, and Civic Nebraska



For more information contact [addie@firstplymouth.org](mailto:addie@firstplymouth.org) or visit [firstplymouth.org](http://firstplymouth.org)

# Compline

Sunday, May 12 | 7:00-7:30pm, Sanctuary | Ancient Worship for the modern soul





# Muffins for Moms

**Sunday, May 12,  
all coffee hours**

In honor of Mother's Day we will be having muffins during coffee hour for everyone.

## Breakfast Church @ 8:15am

Sundays, 8:15am in Pilgrim Hall. Enjoy a continental breakfast and coffee as Pastor Juan Carlos Huertas shares the message.

## Not Your Ordinary Bible Study with Dr. Keck

A spiritual adventure using the Bible to launch the imagination and catapult us into far-ranging topics of real interest.

- Weekly In-Person: Thursdays, Noon-1:00pm, Choir Room.
- **Zoom Online:** Thurs, May 9, 7:00-7:30pm. Zoom link available at [firstplymouth.org/events-calendar](http://firstplymouth.org/events-calendar)



## Cancer Support Group at FP

Meets on Zoom twice a month (2nd & 4th Sunday from 2:00-3:00pm) Confidential. Contact Margaret Rickers at [Mrickers14@gmail.com](mailto:Mrickers14@gmail.com) or Joe Adams at [kadams1@neb.rr.com](mailto:kadams1@neb.rr.com) for information.

## Grief Support Opportunities

- Tuesday, May 14, 6:00-7:30pm, Tower Room. Led by Lisa Borchardt, LCSW. Free, but register with [addie@firstplymouth.org](mailto:addie@firstplymouth.org).
- 2nd Friday (May 10), 3:00pm, Calvert Parlor. Get a reminder by emailing [kj@firstplymouth.org](mailto:kj@firstplymouth.org).

## New! Grieving the Death of Our Parents

Wednesday, May 8, 6:00-7:30pm, Calvert Parlor. Led by Lisa Borchardt, LCSW. This class will provide support and share coping strategies for those who may be mourning instead of celebrating parents (and parental figures) on Mother's & Father's Day this year. Free, but register with [addie@firstplymouth.org](mailto:addie@firstplymouth.org).

# Jays & Concerns

## Weddings

Katy Keiter & Matt Hutchinson,  
March 23

## Baptisms

Johnny Philip Abel  
Kolt Michael Lassen  
Willamina Lynn Roland  
Ayla Wren Stubblefield  
Kylah Marie Lanae White

## In Memory

Polly Landis, a member since 1981,  
passed away March 23

## Welcome New Members

Jerry Ernisse  
Tammy Fleenor  
Sharon Michael  
Taylor Miller  
Kamberly Morris  
Shelly Nielsen  
Tiffany Powers  
Don & Phyllis Swigart

## Join the First Welcome Team

Finding a new church is hard. Navigating new spaces, meeting new people, and connecting with all the available resources in a congregation can be overwhelming. Enter our First Welcome Team!

Our **First Welcome Team** is our effort at providing hospitality, connection, and follow up for all who are new to our community or seeking a deeper level of understanding. As a member you know how important it is to find partners to help you connect and become more involved in the life of the church so there is no one better to join this important group.

### Would you consider serving in this way?

If you would like to sign-up or for more information about other ways to connect, serve, and/or grow contact [julie@firstplymouth.org](mailto:julie@firstplymouth.org).



# Love The Planet



## Tips from the FP Climate Action Team

After spring planting, sustain your garden through the seasons by covering with 1”-3” of organic mulch. As mulch decomposes into the soil, it mitigates soil compaction, prevents erosion, adds nutrients, and increases water retention. Organic mulches are wood chips, grass clippings, brown leaves, compost material, or even cotton seed hulls.

## GO GREEN, GO PAPERLESS

Sign up to receive The Herald newsletter via email only. Contact [лана@firstplymouth.org](mailto:лана@firstplymouth.org), or 402-476-7565 ext. 201.

## Church Clean Up Volunteers Needed

May 11, 9:00-11:00am. Bring your gardening tools. For more info, email [ccrellin@nebr.com](mailto:ccrellin@nebr.com).

## God’s Garden Returns

God’s Garden will be on the patio again from May 19-Sept. 29. Your support raises funds for green projects at First-Plymouth. Sponsored by Sustainable Living Ministry.



## Help Stock our Free Food Pantry

One in eight Nebraskans do not have enough food for dinner. First-Plymouth continues our mission of demonstrating love of neighbor with our free little food pantry, located on the East side on 21st St. The Board of Christian Outreach invites you help stock the pantry. The need is great, it is often emptied within the hour. Sign up at [firstplymouth.org/littlepantry](http://firstplymouth.org/littlepantry).

## Singles Ministry

Stay up to date with the latest events and activities. Email [addie@firstplymouth.org](mailto:addie@firstplymouth.org) to get added to the email list.

## Indigenous Working Group

All are welcome to join the meetings each month to find out what the group is working on. Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month (May 16) 5:00pm, Otis Young Room. Current Projects: Land acknowledgement, working with the Indian Center, and creating a space of Indigenous books in the church library (Tower room).

## Grape Expectations Church Social

A great way to meet others who attend FP! May 31, 6:30-8:30pm at the Beans home. Hosts: Pat & Ellen Beans. RSVP to [ebeans66@gmail.com](mailto:ebeans66@gmail.com). Open to all!



## PRIDE SUNDAY

Sunday, June 9  
9:00am, 10:30am  
& 11:59am services  
Open to the community!

Rev. Dr. Jenny Schultz-Thomas  
Pastor of Countryside UCC  
at the Tri-Faith Campus (Omaha)

Join us for worship with Rev. Dr. Schultz-Thomas. She is a fully ordained United Church of Christ (UCC) minister with more than 15 years of dedicated service to progressive faith and LGBTQIA+ communities, and is always working at the intersection of social justice, spirituality, and community building.

Plymouth Pride would like to invite you to a Night of Entertainment, Friday, May 17, 6:30 - 8:30pm in Mayflower Hall.

The evening will include a Drag Show and performance by Star City Chorus. Refreshments provided. Please RSVP to [FirstPlymouthPride@gmail.com](mailto:FirstPlymouthPride@gmail.com).  
*Open to all LGBTQIA+ and allies*

## Lead Us On to the Light

Nebraska Wesleyan University Choir Tour Home Concert  
with Lincoln Southwest High School Chamber Choir  
Saturday, May 11, 7:30pm, Sanctuary | Livestream at [firstplymouth.org](http://firstplymouth.org)



The Nebraska Wesleyan University Choir and Jazz Choir culminate their 2023-24 season with a concert tour entitled “Lead Us On to the Light” that will feature the chamber choir from Lincoln Southwest High School. Inspired by a phrase from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s favorite hymn (“...lead me on to the light”), this eclectic and illuminating program features music by Rosephanye Powell, Moses Hogan, Maurice Duruflé, Tomás de Torrejón y Velasco, and Dolly Parton. Tom Trenney’s arrangement of “We Shall Overcome” and U2’s haunting “MLK” are sure to be highlights of this powerful program.

Having recently performed at Carnegie Hall, the 65-voice Nebraska Wesleyan University Choir has been named a finalist in the American Prize for Collegiate Choirs. Nationally celebrated concert pianist, organist, and composer Anne Wilson will serve as accompanist for the tour performances.

“Though music may not have the power to cure us, we believe that singing from the heart can bring healing,” said NWU’s Conductor of Choirs, Tom Trenney. “We experience this often in our choir. There are days when we may not be feeling joy, but we get to sing a song together that reminds us what joy feels like, and that can make a big difference in opening us to a glimpse of light to carry into the day.”

Join us for this free concert at First-Plymouth or stream at [www.firstplymouth.org](http://www.firstplymouth.org)

## A Concert of Musical Favorites

Sunday, June 2, 3:00pm, Sanctuary  
Reception following the concert

You are cordially invited to a grand concert of musical favorites by Plymouth Choir, Cantorei, and outstanding soloists, all directed by Tom Trenney. The free community concert is a gift to the congregation from Matthew & Ann Finkner in celebration of their 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, and in thanksgiving for the love and support they have received from this church.

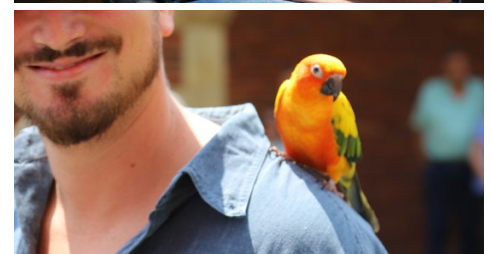


## First-Plymouth Pet Blessing Sunday, June 2 at the 11:59 service

All well-behaved leashed or crated pets are welcome to our 11:59 service in the sanctuary.

Following the service, our ministers will individually bless animals in the courtyard. A certificate and St. Francis of Assisi charm will be given. You and your pets are welcome even if they have been blessed before. Photos of pets not present, as well as a child’s favorite stuffed animal will also be blessed.

A free will offering will be collected to help various community organizations serving animals.



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TO LINCOLN DAY

You are a part of one of Lincoln’s great traditions: Abendmusik at First-Plymouth. So far this season, Abendmusik has attracted nearly 5,000 in-person and 6,700 online viewers!

Between May 1 and May 30, you can enhance our 52-year collaboration by making a “Give to Lincoln Day” donation to Abendmusik. Go to [abendmusik.org](http://abendmusik.org) to donate online. You can also write a check, use your Lincoln Community Foundation Donor Advised Fund, or make a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA. *Note: If writing a check, please make it out to Lincoln Community Foundation and put Abendmusik in the memo. This makes your donation eligible for a match.*

# FP Family

[firstplymouth.org/children-youth](http://firstplymouth.org/children-youth)

## FPLittles, FPKids & IRL | Sunday Mornings in May

- **FP Kids** will learn about acts of compassion and service, understanding how love can be expressed through helping others in need. Through discussions and activities, we aim to instill in them the value of community and the importance of showing love through both words and actions. (9:00am & 10:30am)
- **IRL (In Real Life)** for youth (in grades 6-12)  
Will be focusing on what it means to find "JOY" in every circumstance. (10:30am only)

## High School Senior Pictures Needed

Do you have a high school senior graduating this May? Send us a picture of them so they can be included in a special video celebration later this month. Deadline to send pictures is May 15 to [ella@firstplymouth.org](mailto:ella@firstplymouth.org)

## HSYG Study Night | Sunday, May 19, 4:00-5:30pm

All high school youth are invited to The Mill at Telegraph for a free coffee or smoothie and time to study!

## MSYG Sand Volleyball | Wednesday, May 15, 6:30PM

Calling all middle school youth to join us at Humann Elementary for some sand volleyball and fun as we welcome the summer!

## FP Families - Family Service Night | May 1, 6:00pm

Let's make a difference at Pentzer Park (N. 27<sup>th</sup> & Potter St) and enjoy some quality time together as a family and church community! Sign-up with [shelby@firstplymouth.org](mailto:shelby@firstplymouth.org), so we have an approximate number for gloves, bags and vests.

## Family Camp at Kamp Kaleo | June 14-16

Register your family TODAY for Kamp Kaleo Family Camp, in Burwell Nebraska - right along the Platte River. Includes: tubing on the river, canoeing in lagoon, campfires, s'mores, stary nights, tie-dying & crafts! (Plus air conditioned cabins!) For more information email [ella@firstplymouth.org](mailto:ella@firstplymouth.org)



### Meet the New Children, Youth & Families Administrative Assistant

Shannon Beal is excited to join the FP family as the new administrative assistant for CYFM ministries. Some of you might recognize her from working at FP's West entrance reception area. Shannon has three children and an amazing husband, along with two doggies. Contact Shannon at [shannon@firstplymouth.org](mailto:shannon@firstplymouth.org) or stop by to say "hi!"



Congrats to First-Plymouth's 32 Confirmation students who were confirmed on April 13th and became members of the church.



## FIRST-PLYMOUTH PRESENTS

### THE FOUR BEST RELIGIOUS JOKES AND WHAT THEY REALLY HAVE TO TELL US

With Pastors Jim Keck and Juan Carlos Huertas  
Live Music from the Screamers Singers



**Sunday, May 19, 6:00pm (Doors open at 5:00pm)**

Screamers Family Restaurant (803 Q St)

Grab a soda, beer, or dinner (available for purchase). Parking garage located across the street.

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## VBS Registration is Open! Camp Firelight June 3-7th

Kids (K-5th) - Get ready for an exciting week at "Camp Firelight" where you will learn to connect with & trust God no matter what situation life brings & know that God is always with you! You will get to experience the stories through music, storytelling, games, crafts, science, and even snacks!

### VBS Volunteers Needed

We're excitedly preparing for our upcoming Vacation Bible

School camp and we'd love

your support to make it

truly special! Can you lend a hand? Your involvement will play a vital role

in creating a memorable experience for our children. Thank you for considering

to be a part of this exciting journey!

Registration is available at [firstplymouth.org/vbs](http://firstplymouth.org/vbs) for both kids and volunteers.

