

Plymouth Pride

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Contemporary Pentecost

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We are in that time of the liturgical calendar when we celebrate Pentecost. The story of Pentecost is found in the book of Acts. As the story goes, the Holy Spirit, in the form of tongues of fire, came down from the skies and touched Jesus followers so that they were able to speak different languages. After that they were able to go out into the world and spread the good news of God's love for them. We experienced a Pentecost – like event earlier this Spring when Soul Force blew into town.

Soul Force: a faith-based group of people who travel on a bus every year for two months going to colleges and universities that are less than gay friendly. They were in Lincoln to spend a couple of days at Union College. Plymouth Pride Fellowship hosted them for a meal the night before they went on to campus. Just watching them get off the bus, I could feel their energy. As they came in it was impossible not to notice the wonderful diversity of the group. There was every color, shape, size, sexual orientation, physical ability, and gender identity. And the passion that they displayed! As I spoke with them and listened to some of their stories, I couldn't help but be reminded of the conversion experience of some of the early Christians. These folks were alive with the belief that they are doing God's work. And indeed they are. The Spirit came to town and it was contagious. I am still feeling the effects of this contemporary Pentecost.



Response-Ability:

Supporting LGBT People in Your Own Backyard

You and other members of Lincoln's LGBT Community have said what matters and OUTLinc, Lincoln's LGBT Community Center, is giving you the ability to respond to our community's needs. This summer, you'll hear from members and allies of the LGBT community who are moving forward the five priorities you have identified:

- **Mental Health:** Caring for the health and well being of our community, starting with mental and emotional health care.
- **Business Directory:** Putting you in touch with businesses and organizations that support you.
- **Communications:** Keeping our community informed, connected and inspired.
- **Social Programing:** Giving you a safe place for fun and friends.
- **Space:** Providing space for our community to gather and discuss our needs.

OUTLinc and Nebraska AIDS Project (NAP) are excited to announce a partnership that will allow both organizations to better meet the needs of Lincoln's LGBT community and move one of your priorities forward.

Starting in May, OUTLinc will be able to call NAP's office at 17th & Euclid home for our regular meetings. When you and other members and friends of Lincoln's LGBT community said we needed a community center, you weren't just talking about a space. You said we needed a place for our organizations to interact and collaborate. This partnership with NAP is founded in the need for collaboration in our community.

Free, confidential and anonymous HIV testing and counseling is just the start of the critical services that NAP provides. This partnership will allow NAP to broaden its reach and secure more support for some of our community's most vulnerable members.

You can care for those impacted by HIV/AIDS. Join OUTLinc in thanking NAP for giving us a home by donating a personal care item, such as shampoo, detergent and toilet paper, to the NAP pantry.

Visit www.outlinc.org and make a profile or join our email list to learn more about how you can make Lincoln *the* place for LGBT people in the Midwest.

We Need YOU!

... and your ideas! The Steering Committee meets every other month to plan Plymouth Pride activities, and we need your input! We meet the second Thursday of every other month (our next meeting is July 8, 2010). Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend! Contact Nancy for more information at 476-7565. If you can't make the meeting, just email your ideas to Nancy (nancy@firstplymouth.org) or Fred (spin369@hotmail.com) and we'll present them at the meeting for you. We hope to see you there!

Inspiring Community: Building A Better Nebraska for LGBTQ People

This October in Hastings, NE

<http://inspiringcommunity.49voices.org>

PLYMOUTH PRIDE CALENDAR

JUNE: Summer Picnic
Hosted by Ralph & Joyce Sturdy. Call the church office at 476-7565 for the address.

JULY: Break time! No potluck.

AUGUST: Fiesta Night. Bring your favorite Mexican dish to share with the group.

SEPTEMBER: Movie Night!

OCTOBER: Plymouth Pride 5th Anniversary Celebration!

NOVEMBER: Living with HIV

DECEMBER: Christmas Party



*An exploration of body/mind and spirit
June Feature for 11:59@F-P*

Integrations

The body, mind and spirit are inextricably bound together and we can no longer simply approach these aspects of the human being as separate pieces, we are each a whole of body/mind/spirit.

During June, the 11:59 worship service will be exploring holism and this new view of the human being. To honor the spirit of integration, we will have a free beginner's class, "Yoga for Everyone" from 11:30-11:55AM led by Tataya Radke. Learn easy gentle moves that connect the body and breathing on Sundays June, 6, 13, 20 & 27th, in the chapel. Then attend the 11:59 worship service refreshed and Jim will be discussing: Dreams, Meditation, Physical training and Intellectual study as prayer.



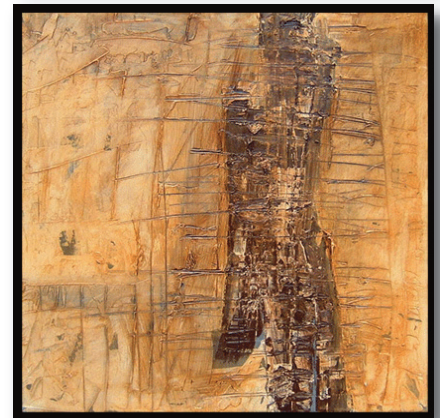
PROFILE

Local artist and Plymouth Pride member
Rachel Smith

Rachel Smith received her Bachelor of Arts in Studio Art from the University of Nebraska at Omaha in 2002. She currently lives and works in Lincoln, Nebraska with her partner of seven years. Rachel has been a member of Gallery 9 Professional Artists Affiliation since December 2007.

"My current work is very process oriented. I make choices about the colors and the way the paint is applied, but the result is more of a product of the affects created by layering the paint. I think of my painting process as a parallel to geologic processes—layers building up over time. Sometimes lower layers are exposed in certain areas, but even when the lower layers are not visible, the appearance of each subsequent layer is shaped and affected by the layers beneath it. Creating a painting is a very tactile experience for me. I experience the way the paint changes as I add different mediums to it. I feel the scrape of the knife against the canvas, and hear the sounds when I cut back into the work.

I believe that ultimately, our most basic experience of art is sensory. Before viewers can consider the meaning, the historical context, and the method of a piece, they must first be drawn to the work itself. We may add layers of meaning to artwork through titles and artist's statements, but it is through the fundamental sensory experience of colors, forms, and materials that art becomes transcendent."



—Rachel Smith

<http://www.rachelsmithart.com>

Volunteer & Giving Opportunities

NEBRASKA AIDS PROJECT

To get more information about volunteer opportunities or to apply, go to:
http://www.nap.org/nap_volunteers4.html

LOUIS CROMPTON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

NUFoundation.org/Crompton

Potluck Challenge



Each time we have a potluck, let's each bring a non-perishable item of food for the Food Bank of Lincoln. Let's share our good fortune with the rest of the community!