

# PLYMOUTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Most of you who are reading this letter probably think Plymouth Church is a pretty nice place. Our newsletter is sent out to members and friends of the congregation, most of whom have worshipped with us more than once, and who have participated in ministry and service with us. It's possible that someone is reading the newsletter online for the first time from our website. If that's you, welcome and we're so glad you have found us! You are invited to join in with us or give the church a call to find out more. And we hope you will.

If you are reading about Plymouth for the first time, you've probably been to some other church before. Most people who seek out a church on their own have some connection to church. If that's you we would love to meet you in person and get acquainted. Churches are like people in that they have different personalities. Sometimes it takes a while to find a good match. Not every church is for every person, and vice versa, but you are encouraged to give us a try. Plymouth is an open and welcoming place where people are free to question and seek and serve together.

If you are someone who has never been part of a church you are welcome too. You might find some of the things we do and say to be strange or wonder about what they mean, but we hope you will be interested enough to find out more. Everything we do is in some way an attempt to follow Jesus as the primary expression of who God is, and how God's love is known to people. And we hope that we can help make the world a better place for everyone, no matter who they are or what they believe.

This April we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and Easter Sunday is on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Easter Sunday is the high point of the Christian year. When we celebrate the resurrection on Easter, we are at the heart of our greatest joy. Everything we do points us to this Easter mystery. The empty cross, the white cloths in worship, the light of the candle flames, the alleluias we sing, are all reminders of resurrection. Earthly things can be a vehicle to encounter God's eternity. We can see God in the beauty of creation, a loaf of bread, or a hug from a friend. The year culminates for us on this day. This Easter, as we celebrate in worship on April 1<sup>st</sup>, may we all experience the power of eternity in the midst of our earthly lives. If you have never heard about the resurrection, this is an opportunity to do just that. Worship for most of the month of April will include a look at how we respond to this central Easter mystery. Or if you have celebrated it all your life, may you experience the joy of faith anew.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor David Hutchinson



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|------------------|-------|----|
| Claudia Eagle    | April | 3  |
| Nancy Moebis     | April | 4  |
| Shirley Griffin  | April | 5  |
| Katelyn Wells    | April | 7  |
| Harold Scudder   | April | 12 |
| Harold Atkinson  | April | 13 |
| David Hutchinson | April | 13 |
| IdaMae Larsen    | April | 13 |
| Angie Meres      | April | 17 |
| David Schilling  | April | 19 |
| Gary Dinsmore    | April | 26 |
| Rose Galloway    | April | 27 |
| Devon Gunn       | April | 27 |
| Wendy Wells      | April | 27 |
| Tom Roldan       | April | 29 |



View from the Pews

### Attendance

|             |    |
|-------------|----|
| February 18 | 34 |
| February 25 | 35 |
| March 4     | 38 |
| March 11    | 34 |



### One Great Hour of Sharing

We will be collecting money for One Great Hour of Sharing on Easter Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> and for the next few Sundays after. This is the single largest way Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.



### February 2018 Income and Expense

|          | February 2018 | YTD 2018     |
|----------|---------------|--------------|
| Income   | \$6,035.97    | \$18,116.24  |
| Expense  | \$7,467.32    | \$20,164.34  |
| Net Loss | (\$1,431.35)  | (\$2,048.10) |

Deacons' fund balance: \$317.46



### Yard Clean Up

The Church Yard Cleanup is scheduled for **April 27th @ 9:30 a.m.** We will be pulling weeds and spreading bark dust. Come and join the fun!



### April Lectionary Readings

#### April 1 Easter

Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9;  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24;  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43;  
John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8

#### April 8 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2;  
John 20:19-31

#### April 15 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7;  
Luke 24:36b-48

#### April 22 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24;  
John 10:11-18

#### April 29 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21;  
John 15:1-8

### Schedule for the Monday Night Study Group

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| April 9  | 1 Samuel 3 and 8 -<br>Overview and Samuel as judge |
| April 16 | 1 Samuel 15 and 17 -<br>Saul and Saul's rejection  |
| April 23 | BREAK - NO CLASS                                   |
| April 30 | 2 Samuel 1 and 5 -<br>the rise of David as King    |
| May 7    | 2 Samuel 6 and 7 -<br>David as king                |
| May 14   | 2 Samuel 11 -<br>the family of David               |
| May 21   | 2 Samuel 18 -<br>LAST CLASS for the summer         |



### Sunday Morning Bible Study

These Sunday morning classes study the Biblical texts for preaching and worship. Called the "lectionary" these readings are found in the column to the left, on line, or in the church office. Participation is intended to prepare one more fully for worship that morning. No special background is necessary, just the desire to learn and discuss. The class is led by pastor Hutchinson and elder Linda Dunn.

Class meets **April 8-May 6 in the library.**

May 6 will be the last class this spring. We will resume in September.



### Monday Night Study Group

During April and May we will study the Old Testament history that is found in the books of First and Second Samuel. This material is the background for preaching and worship in the summer months. Since the 9:15am Sunday class does not meet in the summer, this is an opportunity to look ahead and prepare to understand the summer sermons more deeply. The class will include an overview of the whole history, and also touch on some of the lectionary chapters listed below

The class is led by Pastor David and all are welcome and encouraged to bring a snack to share (though it is not required). Class meets from **6-7:45pm in the social hall.**

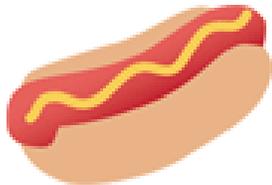


**EASTER!!!**

Easter is on April 1. As always it will be a special service with lots of music and flowers. Because it will be a busy service, communion in April will be celebrated on the second Sunday, April 8.



After Easter service, we will have our traditional **Easter Sunday Brunch**, featuring – what else? – deviled eggs. Please bring your favorite deviled eggs, fruit, or pastry to share. And let Linda Dunn know if you can help in the kitchen.



**Table in the Yard**

Table in the Yard is scheduled for **July 11** this summer and it's time to get ready for it. A **planning meeting** will be held on **April 29**, after church. If you are on this committee, please plan to attend.



The deadline for the **May newsletter** is **April 20**. Please submit your articles and/or information to [beckyfrazier35@yahoo.com](mailto:beckyfrazier35@yahoo.com)



**Women's Retreat  
May 4-6**

Be sure to sign up for the Women's retreat! It will be held again in Rockaway Beach and space is limited so don't put it off. We will be staying in a three-story house so there are steps to climb. We will also be providing our own food, which will be paid for out of the \$85 each person will pay for the experience. This is a lovely setting, with the beach less than a block away. If you didn't go last year, you might want to consider going this year.

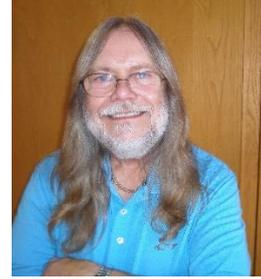


**Church Rummage Sale**

Our annual rummage sale will be held on **May 18 and 19**. If you have small items to donate, they can be brought to the church at any time as long as you contact Adrienne first. Please bring large items the week of May 14.



## April Person of Faith: Jay Dacus



### PRISCILLA CIRCLE March 14, 2018

Priscilla Circle met on March 14<sup>th</sup> with 12 in attendance to enjoy a time of sharing and fellowship. Fran Pickering and Helen Purkerson served a St. Patrick's Day-themed dessert.

Pastor David mentioned the Maundy Thursday Communion Service and Good Friday service with lunch coming up on March 29 and 30 to begin at 7 p.m. and noon, respectively.

Fran reminded us that our donations to Makindu Childrens' Center would be sent in late April.

Jay Dacus was our Person of Faith and provided a glimpse into his faith journey. It was an extremely interesting and very moving testimony of Jay's life from his early beginnings in North Carolina, through the Vietnam War era, to the present time in Oregon. We are very glad that Jay and Sue found their way to Plymouth Church and have become such an active part of our church family. The holy spirit works in miraculous ways! Read more of Jay's testimony in this newsletter. Thanks, Jay.

After Joys and Concerns, Fran provided a nice devotional story from "Mornings with Jesus" based on Ephesians 6:14. Charlotte gave everyone a lepracaun magnet in honor of St. Patrick's Day. Thanks so much, Charlotte.

Our next meeting will be April 11<sup>th</sup> with hostesses Shirley Eaton and Juanita Shearer with Carol Jones providing the devotions. The program will be Heirlooms and Treasures that are especially meaningful to you. Come and share.

I was born two months premature and spent my first month in an incubator. I often say I was an only child, as my brother was 18 when he left home, around the time I was born. I always felt God wanted me to live for a special reason since premature babies did not often survive in the early fifties.

My dad was an atheist, and my mom attended the local Methodist church starting when I was about 5 years old. I also went to vacation bible school and found both experiences pleasant and fulfilling. I had some wild and crazy times with my father which provided context from "the other side".

Although I tried many other religions, my most memorable experience occurred in Rocky Mountain State Park in Colorado. During a walk I found myself feeling that I was in the undeniable presence of God. His message was simple. "I am the one true God, you will have no other Gods before me". Since then I not questioned God's presence in my life.

Years later in Massachusetts I became very involved in a Charismatic Fundamentalist church where, the presence of the Holy Spirit was strongly felt by the congregation. But during a dispute over doctrine, the church split up. Half the members (including me) joined another Fundamentalist church. It was a sad and painful situation I wouldn't want to repeat.

In 1992, I went to Oregon to be with my wife, Susie, and we attended the Presbyterian church in Aloha. When we moved to Scappoose we looked for a church that we could call home. After a bit of looking around we were lead to Plymouth Presbyterian. From the first we both felt welcomed and we knew that we had found our church home. That was more than a year ago. The friends we have made here and the wonderful spiritual guidance provided by Pastor David reinforce that we made the right decision.



# Sunday Volunteer Schedule

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| <b>April 1, 2018</b>  | <b>Greeters/Ushers:</b> Larry and Angie Meres<br><b>Lay Leader:</b> Gina Harrington<br><b>Snacks:</b> Easter Brunch  |
| <b>April 8, 2018</b>  | <b>Communion Set-up:</b> Jill Turner<br><b>Communion Servers:</b> Jill Turner, Pat Brown, Nancy Hutchinson<br><b>Greeters/Ushers:</b> Gary Easton and Mark Earhart<br><b>Lay Leader:</b> Michele Rae<br><b>Snacks:</b> Jay and Sue Dacus |
| <b>April 15, 2018</b> | <b>Greeters:</b> Ken and Zelda Anderson<br><b>Lay Leader:</b> Adrienne Schilling<br><b>Snacks:</b> Gina and Louis  |
| <b>April 22, 2018</b> | <b>Greeters/Ushers:</b> Jon Dickson and Nancy Hutchinson<br><b>Lay Leader:</b> Linda Dunn<br><b>Snacks:</b> Adrienne Schilling and Linda Dunn  |
| <b>April 29, 2018</b> | <b>Greeters/Ushers:</b> Mark and Kathleen Dinwiddie<br><b>Lay Leader:</b> Mark Dinwiddie<br><b>Snacks:</b> Mark and Kathleen Dinwiddie   |
| <b>May 6, 2018</b>    | <b>Communion Set-up:</b> Kathleen Dinwiddie<br><b>Communion Servers:</b> Kathleen Dinwiddie, Linda Dunn, Gina Harrington<br><b>Greeters/Ushers:</b> Roger and Linda Liefeld<br><b>Lay Leader:</b><br><b>Snacks:</b>                      |



**Welcome Committee: April and May**  
**Linda Dunn, Kathleen Dinwiddie, Helen Purkerson**

Thank you for being especially “welcoming.” Introductions, name tags, the newsletter, and connecting during coffee hour make our church warm and inviting. It’s helped many of us become a part of this congregation. Thank you to all for your kindness

# April, 2018



| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday | Wednesday  | Thursday | Friday  | Saturday   |
|--|--|---------|--|----------|---|--|
| 1<br><br>EASTER service 10:30 a.m.<br><br><br>EASTER BRUNCH after church | 2<br>Deacons meet<br>1:30 p.m.   | 3       | 4  | 5        | 6   | 7  |
| 8<br><br>Bible Study 9:15 a.m.<br>Worship 10:30 a.m.<br>Communion<br>Worship Committee noon<br>Avamere 1:30 p.m.  | 9<br><br>Study group 6.30 p.m.    | 10      | 11<br><br>Priscilla Circle 1 p.m.<br><br><br>Elders Meeting<br>Session 6:15 p.m. | 12       | 13  | 14   |
| 15<br><br>Bible Study 9:15 a.m.<br>Worship 10:30  | 16<br><br>Study group 6.30 p.m.  | 17      | 18<br><br>Prayers and Squares<br>1 p.m.   | 19       | 20<br><br>Newsletter<br>DEADLINE      | 21   |
| 22<br><br>Bible Study 9:15 a.m.<br>Worship 10:30 a.m.   | 23<br>No Study group   | 24      | 25   | 26       | 27<br><br>Yard Clean Up<br>9:30 a.m. | 28<br>Master Gardener<br>plant sale, 9-3,<br>St. Helens High<br>School |
| 29<br><br>Bible Study 9:15 a.m.<br>Worship 10:30 a.m.<br>Table in the Yard planning<br>meeting at noon  | 30<br><br>Study group 6.30 p.m. | 31      |  |          |   |  |



*The sun is glorious in one way, the moon is glorious in another way, and the stars are glorious in their own way. 1 Corinthians 15:41*

We are all different. Like the sun, the moon, and the stars, God has created us to be different from one another and He has done it on purpose. Each of us meets a need, and we are all part of God's over all plan. Not only is it okay to be different, it is how you were created.

*Closer to God Each Day by Joyce Meyer*

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