

# PLYMOUTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**August  
2018**



The novel Father Joe, by Tony Hendra tells the story of a monk who listened. Hendra was a colleague of John Cleese in "Monty Python's Flying Circus", as well as playing Ian in "This is Spinal Tap". If you are not familiar with these roles, suffice it to say that one would not naturally associate Hendra with a monk. But the subtitle of the book is, "The man who saved my soul". In the book he tells of decades of friendship during which Joe listened. Through ups and downs, divorce and addiction, Joe listened.

Hendra traveled all over the world, and Joe lived his whole life in a monastery. But year after year Tony would return to Joe to tell more of his story. Near the end of the book he writes about the hundreds of people to whom Joe listened, as if they were the only one: "Father Joe was a listener of genius, someone who would be well on the way to meet you before you got there...he had huge common sense...how had the innocent savant acquired his vast knowledge of people? And the associated ability never to be shocked or thrown or puzzled by any human behavior? To some degree, surely, from how much he heard, how many forms and degrees of imperfection he was exposed to. But in the end his knowledge came from his bottomless supply of love..."

I think that Joe bears witness to something that I am drawn to. That is a religion more about presence than about answers. Joe was present to others, and in doing so, helped them come into the presence of God. What a remarkable gift.

My hope is that in some way, similar experiences can be cultivated at Plymouth. My desire would be that we continue to nurture the kind of community where that kind of presence is shared. I sustain my hope by just looking around. I wouldn't bring it up if I thought it were way off the mark for us. But as I experience Plymouth, it is a strength of this community, worth building on.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor David Hutchinson



Lynnea Eagle August 10  
 Charles Rae August 11  
 Judy Dinsmore August 16  
 Linda Liefeld August 21  
 Zelda Anderson August 24  
 Fran Pickering August 26  
 Bill Sulser August 27

**Attendance**

June 17 36  
 June 24 41  
 July 1 34  
 July 8 35  
 July 15 31



**Installation/Ordination**

New elders and deacons will be ordained or installed on **Sunday, August 19**. During worship. Don't miss the opportunity to pray for the leadership of the church!

**June 2018 Income and Expense**

	June 2018	YTD 2018
Income	\$5,134.06	\$49,792.89
Expense	\$7,475.33	\$51,373.57
Net Loss	(\$2,341.27)	(\$1580.68)

**June 2018 Income and Expense**

	July 2018	YTD 2018
Income	\$13,231.50	\$75,265.57
Expense	\$7,399.77	\$65,724.51
Net	\$5,831.73	\$9,541.06

Deacons' fund balance: \$322.46



**The deadline for the September newsletter is August 17.** Please submit your articles and/or information to [beckyfrazier35@yahoo.com](mailto:beckyfrazier35@yahoo.com)



### August Lectionary Readings

#### August 5 – 11th Sunday after Pentecost

2nd Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm 51:1-12;  
Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

#### August 12 – 12th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130;  
Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

#### August 19 – 13th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14; Psalm 111;  
Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

#### August 26 – 14th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 8: (1,6,10-11), 22-30, 41-43;  
Psalm 84; Ephesians 6:10-20;  
John 6:56-69



### Sunday Morning Bible Study

Sunday Morning Bible Study will resume on September 16th at 9:15. Come get a preview of the morning's Bible readings. Called the "lectionary" these readings are found in the article above, 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 **in the library**.



### Monday Night Study Group

We resume our Monday night study group on Monday, **September 24**, at **6 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. I hope you will join us!

We will be studying and discussing some of the chapters from the following two books:

"Love Does" by Bob Goff and  
"The Christian Life: A Geography of God" by Michael Lindvall

Both are available on line used and in various book stores.

It is not necessary to read the chapters before the class but it will help. So if you like, you may get them early and browse over the summer.

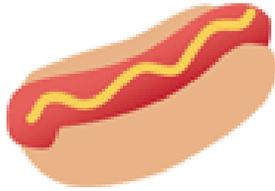
Each chapter is only about 5-10 pages, and very readable

We will not read/discuss all of either book.

Focus chapters for Goff: 1, 4, 9, 12, 14, 16, 28  
Focus chapters for Lindvall: 3, 5, 7, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17

The class and discussion will be primarily about living life in the world today, as a response to God's love. The chapters include stories, humor, ideas, and examples.

If you wish, bring snacks to share, and come prepared for a lively discussion.



### Table in the Yard

Table in the Yard was held **July 11** this summer and it was a big success. Sloppy Joes, potato salad, and cookies. What could be better on a hot July day?

Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make the day a success...the cooks, the servers, the musicians...and especially to Michele Rae who organized the whole thing. Good job, everybody!



### Priscilla Circle

Just an early reminder that Priscilla Circle will meet again in September, on the 12<sup>th</sup>, at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Hope to see you all there!



### Financial Statements

PPC will no longer be sending out Statements of Giving semiannually. Statements of Giving will be sent out annually only, unless otherwise requested. If you have a question or request contact Carol Jones, PPC Finance Secretary.



Some of our church members have recently moved, so we have new addresses for them:

Larry and Angie Meres  
9022 SE Ankeny St.  
Portland, OR 97216  
(phone number did not change)

Fran Pickering  
11205 SW Summerfield Dr. #260  
Portland, OR 97224  
503-840-9586



August 12 we will be singing all, or at least many of, your favorite hymns. Be sure to bring your voice and join in!





## Fred Meyer Rewards

Fred Meyer has notified us that due to our fifteen households who signed up for the Community Rewards program, they gave Plymouth Presbyterian a check for **\$61.84** for the first quarter of the year. If you haven't signed up, please consider doing so. It won't affect the rewards you receive; it will simply give additional rewards to the church. Just go to [www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards), register your personal rewards card, and select Plymouth Presbyterian Church (or enter 88921). Questions? Contact Linda Dunn.

Also, Fred Meyer has informed us that because they are committed to protecting their customers' personal information, they have adopted a policy to never share a customer's personal information. The privacy policy also applies to the Community Rewards participation.



## Are you hiding some musical talent?

Do you sing? Play the piano? Play the tambourine? Whatever you do, how about sharing it with the church? We are looking for people willing to provide us with special music this summer. You don't have to be a professional musician. Just have fun with it. Our church will be appreciative of whatever you can contribute. If you are willing to enhance our worship with your music, or if you know of anyone who is, please see Gina.



## Mission Trip Planned

As part of our mission and outreach this year, we will be serving a meal at the Mount Scott Presbyterian Church in Portland. Tentatively, this will happen sometime in September. Watch for more details later.



## Peace and Global Witness Offering

The theme for this year's Peace and Global Witness Offering will be "Blessed Are the Peacemakers." We will be receiving this offering from September 2-October 7.

Of the money we receive, 25% will remain locally.

Another 25% will go to the Mid-Council Ministries of Peace and Reconciliation. It may be contributed toward the Freedom Rising Fund for African-American males.

The remaining 50% will go to the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaboration projects of education and Christian witness.



# Sunday Volunteer Schedule

<b>August 5, 2018</b>	<b>Communion Set-up:</b> Linda Liefeld <b>Communion Servers:</b> Linda Dunn, Linda Liefeld, and <b>Greeters/Ushers:</b> Jay and Sue Dacus <b>Lay Leader:</b> Linda Dunn <b>Snacks:</b> Linda Dunn
<b>August 12, 2018</b>	<b>Greeters/Ushers:</b> Marilyn Brinster and Lorna Bradley <b>Lay Leader:</b> Becky Frazier <b>Snacks:</b>
<b>August 19, 2018</b>	<b>Greeters:</b> Mark Earhart and Nancy Hutchinson <b>Lay Leader:</b> Gina Harrington <b>Snacks:</b> Jill Turner
<b>August 26, 2018</b>	<b>Greeters/Ushers:</b> Mark and Kathleen Dinwiddie <b>Lay Leader:</b> <b>Snacks:</b>
<b>September 3, 2018</b>	<b>Communion Set-up:</b> Lorna Bradley <b>Communion Servers:</b> Lorna Bradley, Gina Harrington and Nancy Hutchinson <b>Greeters/Ushers:</b> Jay and Sue Dacus <b>Lay Leader:</b> <b>Snacks:</b>



## Remember to Welcome Those New to Plymouth

Thank you for being especially “welcoming” to everyone who comes to our church. 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

Hospitality is one form of worship.

*The Talmud*



### August, 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5  Worship 10:30 a.m. Communion Worship Committee noon Avamere 1:30 p.m.	6	7	8  <b>Elders Meeting</b> Session 6:15 p.m.	9	10  Church Camp Church camping trip	11  Church Camp Church camping trip
12  Worship 10:30 <b>Favorite Hymns Sunday</b> Church camping trip	13	14	15	16	17  <b>Newsletter DEADLINE</b>	18
19  Worship 10:30 a.m.  New Elders and Deacons installed and ordained	20	21	22	23	24	25
26  Worship 10:30 a.m.	27	28	29	30	31	



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