

PLYMOUTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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2018



What are the most important parts of your life? If you made a list it would say a lot about who you are. A different list would add up to a different person. And even a different order to the list might change things, if the list were prioritized from most important to least. Does your list include a spouse, children, friends, church, work, family, vacation, toys, games, community service, email, taking out the garbage? My hope for my list of most important things is that they fit together. I hope that my identity and the life I lead, does not look like a Lego creation assembled in the dark. And I have learned that there is a limit to the amount of things you can have on your list, and still really call them important. The point of the list is not to include everything. It is about making choices.

Then once you have your list of parts, how do you assemble them? How do things fit together? Do you and your best friends enjoy the same hobbies? Do you and your spouse like at least some of the same things? Do your children join you on vacations or in community service? Does your work leave time for family? Do your friends know about your church?

When two people from different parts of my life meet, usually I enjoy it. It was fun years ago to watch my parents encounter a new church community where I was recently called as pastor. When one of my in-laws does some work for a friend, I have enjoyed hearing reports of the meeting from both sides.

Paul says that as people wander in and out of one another's lives, and worship together, and do common things, they become more important to each other. "...you are no longer strangers and wanderers, but you belong to the household with all the Christians, members of God's own family" (Ephesians 2:19) I hope that faith and church made our lists of important things. And I hope we continue to connect faith to the other parts of our lives.

If you haven't invited someone to church in a while, let this be your motivation to try it again in the New Year. Maybe there's someone in the church community that you don't know all that well. There's no time like the present to remember what's important, and to act on it.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor David Hutchinson



Roger	Liefeld	1	5
Richard	Chulufas	1	9
Jonathan	Dickson	1	10
Julie	Kelly	1	15
Shannon	Gerber	1	23
Marilyn	Brinster	1	25
Helen	Purkerson	1	26
Audrey	Sinner	1	28



Musically we've had a very good year at Plymouth Church. We've had the St. Helens Library Ukulele Orchestra play twice for us. We've also had harpist Stephen Rudometkin play twice, the last for All Saint's Day to add a contemplative air as we remembered our loved ones who have passed. We have enjoyed the flute of Judi Hayes and the saxophone of Larry Jackson. Ron and Jan Stites also sang for us before they left for their winter sojourn.

Many thanks to Becky Frazier, KathyJames, Doris Perry and Helen Purkerson for filling in while Margaret was recovering from her surgeries. They kept things going in the service with their gifts of music.

We had our choir sing for Palm Sunday and Easter as well as through the entire Advent season.

We as a congregation have also gotten in on the action with singing a 4th hymn from time to time. We all get a chance to make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

We look forward to 2018 and more music. If you have any leads or ideas, please contact Gina in the church office.

Thanks and Happy New Year.



November 2017 Income and Expense

	November 2017	YTD 2017
Income	\$12,254	\$ 108,002
Expense	\$7,444	\$106,809
Net Income/Loss	\$4,810	\$1,193



Attendance

November 19	52
November 26	42
December 3	44
December 10	42
December 17	44



Give thanks for unknown blessings already on their way.

Unattributed proverb



Lectionary Readings For January

January 6 Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14;
Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2: 1-12

January 7 Baptism of the Lord

Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7;
Mark 1:4-11

January 14 Second Sunday after Epiphany

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20); Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18;
1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

January 21 Third Sunday after Epiphany

Jonah 3:1-5,10; Psalm 62:5-12;
1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

Preaching text John 2:1-11

January 28 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111;
1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

Preaching text 2 Corinthians 3:1-6



*Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you;
not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let
your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.*

John 14:27 NASB

Today you are beginning a year of personal and spiritual growth. So as a gift to yourselves, your family and friends, promise you will do all that is within your power to seek and maintain the inner peace God gives. It is offered freely; it has been paid for in full; it is yours for the asking. So ask. And then share.

Hugs Daily Inspirations Words of Comfort



Sunday Morning Bible Study

Sunday morning Bible study will **resume** its weekly schedule **January 14 at 9:15** in the library with Pastor David and Elder Linda Dunn leading. All are welcome to attend as we study the lectionary readings for the day. Bring your Bibles and your comments and/or questions.



Evening Study Group

Looking ahead, the Monday night study group is on break during January. The next study series will begin during Lent, on **February 19**, with a study of the book of Ruth.



Congregational Meeting January 28

We will be holding our annual **Congregational Meeting and lunch on Sunday, January 28** after worship. All are welcome at the lunch and to read and hear annual reports. Voting members will establish pastoral terms of call and corporation officers.

This year there will be a special effort to include information about volunteer opportunities so everyone can get involved in new ways.

Come and spend an hour looking back at the past year and forward to the next.



Priscilla Circle

Seventeen guests enjoyed a delicious potluck luncheon and much good fellowship at the December 13th Priscilla Circle. Extra thanks to Fran, Lorna, Jill, and Carol for their help.

We were so happy to have Charlotte Wilburn with us and she brought a little trinket box for everyone lovingly made with her busy hands. Thanks again, Charlotte.

Ida Mae Larsen was recognized and thanked for her very generous donation to the Makindu Childrens' Center, compliments of her wreath making business. So appreciated.

Carol Jones displayed a wonderful variety of pajamas, socks, and underwear provided to children through DHS. Thanks, Carol, for your amazing shopping skills and using our monthly dollar donations so wisely.

Nine cookie boxes and bags were prepared for shut-ins again this year.

The next Priscilla Circle will be January 10, 2018. Michele Rae and Becky Frazier will be hostesses and Michele will also bring devotions. The program is yet to be determined.

Come and bring a friend.



I cannot think that we are useless, or God would not have created us.

Geronimo, Apache



Boxing Day January 7

Thanks to everyone who donated to this year's Boxing Day effort. We received many non-perishable items as well as generous monetary donations.

Please plan to stay after worship on **January 7, enjoy lunch**, and **help pack** 30 totes with our donations. Your help will make light work of this local mission project.

The totes will contain many needed items for people who are struggling financially, including paper products, hygiene products, and cleaning projects, as well as good used dishes, pots, and pans. These will benefit those in financial distress who are in transition into permanent housing.

After we have boxed the items, they will be distributed by the Community Action Team in St. Helens.

This is the work of the Lord.



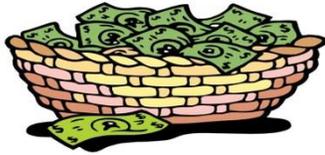
A hungry stomach makes a short prayer.

Paiute Proverb

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

The deadline for the February newsletter is January 19. Please submit your articles and/or information to Becky at beckyfrazier35@yahoo.com

Rewards Program



Fred Meyer Rewards

Don't forget, if you shop at Fred Meyer and use their rewards card, you can sign up to have money donated to the church. It won't affect the rewards you receive; it will simply give additional rewards to the church. Just go to www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards, register your personal rewards card, and select Plymouth Presbyterian Church (or enter 88921). Questions? Contact Linda Dunn.



Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

After the many disasters experienced in the past few months...the three hurricanes in the Southwest, the wild fires in the west, deadly mass shootings...many people question what they can do to help. One way is through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program. This provides immediate financial support for the communities that have been hit so hard recently. And all the money donated to specific causes go to that cause, not to administration. If you are interested, check out their web site at: pda.pcusa.org or send a donation to: PDA, Presbyterian Church USA, PO Box 643700, Pittsburg, PA 15264-3700. For your information they are a 501 (c) (3) so donations are tax deductible. Their tax i.d. number is 13-3462549.



Buildings and Grounds is at work

We have a new roof and the outside of our church has been painted, but the work continues. Thanks to the buildings and grounds committee, **four windows** have been replaced and caulked. The next project will be to **paint** the loft, the sanctuary, and the narthex. This will happen during the third week of January. We will be asked to help empty the loft before the painting begins, but we won't have to do the actual painting! Donations toward this project are always welcome. Just write in the memo line of your check "Building project."



Kitchen Cleanup

Plymouth welcomes you to have coffee or tea at your gathering or meeting. However, we do ask that you clean up the coffee area and wash all cups and glasses and return them to their original spot prior to leaving the church. Thank you.



Please Help!

As you may have noticed we have some holes in our volunteer schedule. We are in need of people to sign up for lay leader and to provide snacks for the coming weeks. There are sign up sheets in the Fellowship Hall. Please help where you can.



Sunday Volunteer Schedule

January 7, 2018	Communion Set-up: Linda Dunn Communion Servers: Marilyn Brinster, Gina Harrington, Nancy Hutchinson Greeters/Ushers: Gary Eaton, Mark Earhart Lay Leader: Lorna Bradly Snacks: Jay and Sue Dacus and Fellowship
January 14, 2018	Greeters/Ushers: Jay and Sue Dacus Lay Leader: Snacks: Mark and Kathleen Dinwiddie
January 21, 2018	Greeters: Michele Rae and Wendy Wells Lay Leader: Snacks:
January 28, 2018	Greeters/Ushers: Ken and Zelda Anderson Lay Leader: Snacks:
February 4, 2018	Communion Set-Up: Linda Gaskill Communion Servers: Linda Gaskill, Linda Dunn, Jill Turner Greeters/Ushers: Jill Turner and Pat Brown Lay Leader: Snacks:



Welcome Committee: December, January, February

Mark Dinwiddie, Fran Pickering, Becky Frazier, Michele Rae

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

Hospitality is one form of worship.

The Talmud



January, 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 	2	3	4	5	6
7 Worship 10:30 Boxing Day: lunch and fill totes	8  1:30 Deacons meet	9	10 6:15 Session meets	11	12	13
14 Bible Study 9:15 Worship 10:30 Worship Committee noon Avamere 1:30	15	16	17	18	19  Annual reports due to church office	20
21 Bible Study 9:15 Worship 10:30	22 Spiritual practices noon	23	24	25	26	27
28 Bible Study 9:15 Worship 10:30 Annual congregational meeting and volunteer appreciation	29	30	31			



Let me walk in beauty and make my eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset. Make my hands respect the things you have made and my ears sharp to your voice.

Great Spirit prayer, translated by Chief Yellow Lark, Lakota Sioux

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