

# PLYMOUTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## November 2018

**Sunday School: 9:15 AM Worship: 10:30 AM**



My most recent surgery was framed by hurricanes. In September as I woke up in my hospital room the morning after surgery I watched the aftermath of hurricane Florence in the Carolinas. In October as I prepared to return to Plymouth, hurricane Michael bore down on the Florida panhandle. In between these disasters I have been grateful for God's mercy and healing, as slowly and day by day my recovery has progressed. It occurred to me that often crisis strikes quickly in our lives and is overwhelming. But healing and recovery also happen, over time and more slowly. In this season of stewardship I have been thinking of people around the world who are given far fewer resources. Haiti and Puerto Rico have recovered slowly from hurricanes, and Presbyterians have helped by sending resources. Additionally, in my limited experience, the resources of hope and faithfulness are strong in the lives of many who have very little in terms of material goods.

Prayers from Haitian Christians are translated by Eleanor Turnbull in a book called "God is no Stranger", published years ago. The process was described this way: "These Haitian Christians welcomed us into their meager huts and were eager to have prayer with us. Eleanor translated their prayers." Several are as follows:

"Lord, how glad we are that we don't hold you, but that you hold us".

And...

"Lord, help us to sow good seed, since we will be the ones eating from the harvest".

Rosemary Mitchell is director of Mission Engagement for the Presbyterian Church USA. In the most recent *Mission Crossroads* magazine she writes this about stewardship: "Just as our call to mission knows no geographical bounds, our call to stewardship also has both local and global implications. How do we live responsibly in our connected world? We make responsible choices in our personal lives. When it comes to financial stewardship, our connectional church enables our giving to make an impact from the neighborhood to the world. Our church-wide Special Offerings present opportunities to make a difference locally, nationally, and internationally." Quoting the Book of Order she concludes: "The disciplines of stewardship and self-offering are a grateful response to God's love for the world and self-giving in Jesus Christ."

As we consider our own stewardship and lives of faith, may these words guide us.

I'll conclude with another of the prayers from Haiti:

"Lord, I know my garden doesn't grow or produce unless I work it and visit it. So please Lord, work and visit the garden of my heart. I want to produce for you".

God's amazing gift to us is this: all that we have and all that we are.

Challenges and all. Blessings and all.

I thank God for all of you, and for the opportunity to serve God with you.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor David Hutchinson



Darla Kyntych 11/3  
 Juanita Shearer 11/4  
 Sarah Harrington 11/4  
 Gretchen Daly 11/7  
 Addison Wells 11/7  
 Jill Turner 11/10  
 Bonnie Childs 11/22  
 Mark Dinwiddie 11/24  
 Becky Frazier 11/30



**September 2018 Income and Expense**

	September 2018	YTD 2018
Income	\$6,706.72	\$66,830.84
Expense	\$8,096.19	\$74,527.32
Net Loss	(\$1,389.47)	(\$7,696.48)

Deacons' fund balance: \$322.46



View from the Pews

**Attendance**

September 16 28  
 September 23 32  
 September 30 24  
 October 7 35  
 October 14 31



**PRISCILLA CIRCLE**

October 10, 2018, a beautiful fall day, saw eight members of Priscilla Circle enjoying fellowship and delicious dessert served by hostesses Jill Turner and Lorna Bradley amid lovely October decorations.

Carol Jones read the minutes from last Priscilla Circle and gave the treasurer's report before reading a letter from Makindu Childrens' Center.

During the program time, a round table discussion with each person present giving their view of Priscilla Circle in the future. It was decided to begin meeting on the **third Wednesday** of

the months of **December, April, and September. December and April** will both be luncheon meetings beginning at noon, and **September** will be dessert at 1 p.m. The dates for the next 4 Circles are:

**December 19, 2018**

**April 17, 2019**

**September 18, 2019**

**December 18, 2019**

The group will continue their missions of Makindu and DHS. A paragraph in the church newsletter before each noted month will carry explanations for the particular meeting.

Carol Jones offered to co-lead with Helen Purkerson. THANK YOU, CAROL!

We are looking forward to trying this new plan and hope that all of you will come and bring a friend or two with you.



Thank you to all who contributed time, talent and finance to the Church in 2018.

As we prepare for 2019, we hope you will take the time to complete your pledge card and place it in the offering plate or give it to Carol Jones. And consider what talent and time you can provide to the church.

Thank you for your support.  
Kathleen Dinwiddie  
Finance Committee Chair



Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

This fall we have seen some devastating hurricanes. Hurricane Florence and Hurricane Michael hit our country, and Indonesia also had a terrible hurricane.

The Presbyterian church is responding to the need in those areas and if you would like to be a part of that assistance. Gifts can be made online (PCUSA.org), by phone (800-872-3283) or by check. If you write a check, mail it to:

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
P.O. Box 643700  
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

Whatever method you choose, be sure to designate your donation to DR000169.

"Sharing and giving are the ways of God."  
Sauk proverb



### Basket Day

We will be gathering on **Friday, November 2**, at 9 am at the church to put together the baskets we will sell at our bazaar. We will also have a potluck lunch that day.



**Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 9AM – 3PM**

Our annual Bazaar will be Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Once again, the kitchen will be offering warm cinnamon rolls, hearty soups and delicious pie. Sign-up sheets for helping in the kitchen and donating food items will be in the Fellowship Hall on November 4<sup>th</sup>. **Please consider how you can help** in this effort. If you are unable to donate time or food, please consider making a cash donation for the kitchen. Due to increasing health code regulations, we have to purchase more food than usual. Mark your donations "Bazaar Kitchen." Thank you.



**The deadline for the December newsletter is November 16.** Please submit your articles and/or information to [beckyfrazier35@yahoo.com](mailto:beckyfrazier35@yahoo.com)



### November Lectionary Readings

**November 4** Ruth 1:1-18; Psalm 146;  
Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34

**November 11** Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17;  
Psalm 127; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

**November 18** 1 Samuel 1:4-20, 2:1-10  
Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18), 19-25; Mark 13:1-8

**November 26** 2 Samuel 23:1-7;  
Psalm 132:1-12 (13-18); Revelation 1:4b-8;  
John 18:33-37



### Sunday Morning Bible Study

Sunday morning Bible study is back with Pastor David leading on November 4 and Linda Dunn leading on November 11. There will be no class on November 18 or 25. As always, class will meet in the library and we will be discussing the lectionary verses for that day. (See list above.) Be prepared for some lively discussion.



### Monday Night Study Group

Monday Study Group will meet Monday nights from February 25 - April 8 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Those seven nights include the five weeks of Lent. During Lent, (March 11-April 8) we will meet from 6:00-6:30 p.m. for evening prayer.

The class and discussion will be primarily about living life in the world today, as a response to God's love. We will use the books "Love Does" by Bob Goff and "The Christian Life: A Geography of God" by Michael Lindvall. chapters include stories, humor, ideas, and examples.

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We will not read/discuss all of either book. 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 them over the coming weeks.

Focus chapters for Goff:

1, 4, 9, 12, 14, 16, 28

Focus chapters for Lindvall:

3, 5, 7, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17



We are so happy to have Pastor David back at Plymouth. Prayers of thanks for your healing and prayers for continued healing.



A small but mighty group from Plymouth Presbyterian went to Mt. Scott Presbyterian Church in Portland to help them serve a meal to those in need on Friday, September 28. Pictured above are Ezekial Altstadt. Patty Craig, Nicole Altstadt, Kathleen Dinwiddie, unnamed kitchen worker, Gina Harrington, and Jon Dickson. Not pictured: Adrienne Schilling who is taking the picture.



This year the **Community Thanksgiving** Worship will be held at **Christ Episcopal Church** in St. Helens (35350 East Division Road) on Sunday, **November 18 at 6:30 p.m.** Come join others in the community as we pray, sing, and give thanks!

"Now there's even dial-a-prayer for atheists.  
You call a number and nobody answers."  
God's Little Devotional Book



From now through December we will continue to collect non-perishable items for **Boxing Day**. We give them to CAT, who distributes them to individuals or families that are in the process of getting their first home. There are lists on the bulletin board in the narthex and in the fellowship hall for items that we need.



In December we will be accepting our annual Christmas Joy offering.

One of the programs this offering supports is the Board of Pensions. In 2017, \$1.1 million were used to provide critical financial support and grants for current and retired Presbyterian church workers in their time of need.

Other funds go to provide education and leadership development skills at Presbyterian related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. Through this program we support Menaul School, Presbyterian PanAmerican School, and Stillman College. In 2017, \$1 million went to this program.

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



# Sunday Volunteer Schedule

<b>November 4, 2018</b>	<b>Communion Set-up:</b> Linda Dunn <b>Communion Servers:</b> Linda Dunn, Adrienne Schilling, Nancy Hutchinson <b>Greeters/Ushers:</b> Lorna Bradley, Jon Dickson <b>Lay Leader:</b> Doris Perry <b>Snacks:</b> Wendy Wells
<b>November 11, 2018</b>	<b>Greeters/Ushers:</b> Mark and Kathleen Dinwiddie <b>Lay Leader:</b> Linda Dunn <b>Snacks:</b> Sara Stern
<b>November 18, 2018</b>	<b>Greeters:</b> Nancy Hutchinson and Mark Earhart <b>Lay Leader:</b> Gina Harrington <b>Snacks:</b> Bazaar soup
<b>November 25, 2018</b>	<b>Greeters/Ushers:</b> Pat Brown Jill Turner <b>Lay Leader:</b> <b>Snacks:</b>
<b>December 2, 2018</b>	<b>Communion Set-up:</b> Ken and Zelda Anderson <b>Communion Servers:</b> Zelda Anderson, Marilyn Brinster, Gina Harrington <b>Greeters/Ushers:</b> Carol Jones and Wendy Wells <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*



# November, 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2  9 am basket making	3
4  End of Daylight Savings time  Bible Study 9:15 Worship 10:30 a.m. Communion Avamere 1:30 p.m.	5  Deacons meet at 1:30	6	7	8	9 Presbytery meeting in Vancouver	10 Presbytery meeting in Vancouver
11  Bible Study 9:15 Worship 10:30 a.m. Stewardship Dedication	12	13	 Elders Meeting Session 6:15 p.m	15	16 	17  Church bazaar 9-3
18  No Bible study Worship 10:30 a.m. Community Thanksgiving service 6:30 Episcopal church	19	20	21	22 	23	24
25  No Bible study Worship 10:30 a.m. Worship committee noon	26	27	28	29	30	



Dear Lord,

Thank you for the breath to say thank you for another day.  
Thank you for the eyes to see the world of beauty surrounding me.  
Thank you for the ears to hear your message of hope, loud and clear.  
Thank you for the hands to serve and far more blessings than I deserve.  
Thank you for the legs to run the race of life until it's won.  
Thank you for the voice to sing. Thank you Lord for everything.

[Thoughtco.com/thanksgiving-prayers](http://Thoughtco.com/thanksgiving-prayers)

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