

# PLYMOUTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## October 2018

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



If you are reading this you probably already know about my cancer diagnosis. That was the shocking news of August and September. The news of October is of recovery, healing and hope.

My surgery on September 13 was successful and went as well as could be expected. The week following surgery was painful and slow. And the months ahead will have ups and downs. The ongoing recovery process will take time and patience. My energy will likely be lower for a while. But an eventual full recovery is a real possibility at this point, and so I am thankful.

I have so appreciated the prayer quilt, the cards and texts, and the space and support for recovery. I have rested easier knowing the ministry at Plymouth is in good hands while I am away. And I will appreciate your continued understanding in the months ahead. My more full recovery could take up to 6 or even 9 months. But at this point I plan to return to Plymouth in late October.

The pathology report was the best news post-surgery. It is that the cancer was not found in the lymph nodes and it did not breach the perimeter. So no further treatment is necessary at this time. Just the next several months of gradual recovery. I know there will be good days and bad days ahead. And I know I am not alone in them. Mostly I am thankful.

I am so thankful. I am thankful for being alive, for the prayers of all of you, for food and sleep and doctors and nurses, and for God's gift of healing. I am so thankful for Nancy and she is thankful to all of you as well.

I would encourage you to consider what you are thankful for. And when you do, don't look too far. Consider the simple things like your breathing, your senses of taste and touch. Life is a wonderful gift, and that is so apparent when it is threatened. So thanks be to God for this amazing gift of life!

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor David Hutchinson



**Attendance**

Mark Earhart	10	4
Carol Jones	10	14
Cedric Haeberlin	10	18
Larry Cole	10	25
Patricia Craig	10	26
Charlotte Wilburn	10	31

August 12	39*
August 19	38
August 26	35
September 2	32
September 9	46

\*This number includes those at camp.



**Basket Day**

**July 2018 Income and Expense**

	August 2018	YTD 2018
Income	\$4,411.96	\$60,124.12
Expense	\$6,452.53	\$66,671.13
Net Loss	(\$2,040.57)	(\$6,547.01)

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.

Deacons' fund balance: \$322.46



**Bazaar Kitchen**



**The deadline for the November newsletter is October 19.** Please submit your articles and/or information to [beckyfrazier35@yahoo.com](mailto:beckyfrazier35@yahoo.com)

Our annual bazaar will be here before you know it is scheduled this year for Saturday, **November 17**. As always, we are required to prepare soups for the Bazaar lunch in an approved kitchen. If you would like to donate money toward making soup or other supplies, please mark your donations "Bazaar Kitchen". There will be sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall in November for pies, bread and kitchen help.



### September Lectionary Readings

#### October 7 - 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Job 1:1, 2:1-10; Psalm 26;  
Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

#### October 14 - 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22:1-15;  
Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

#### October 21 - 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Job 38:1-7 (34-41); Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c;  
Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

#### October 27 - 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22);  
Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52



### Sunday Morning Bible Study

Sunday morning Bible study will begin **October 14**. Linda Dunn will lead the class both on the 14th and on the 28. David plans to lead the class on October 21. 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

Study Group is **on hold until after Christmas**, when David is back to his old self. When we do resume 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 them over the coming weeks.

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.

We look forward to David's return and the resumption of the Monday night study group.



## Priscilla Circle

September 12, 2018

Seven members and two guests met for an afternoon of fellowship at Priscilla Circle on Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. Sue Dacus served a delicious dessert and Charlotte Wilburn shared cute little squirrel magnets with everyone. We thank both of them.

During the short business meeting, Carol Jones and Helen Purkerson reminded everyone that we would be sending our donations to Makindu later this fall and also that the IGA receipt monies would be added to the donation.

Janis Knox was introduced and the program was underway. She enthralled us with a unique and inspirational Journey of Faith which has happened in many parts of the United States. We are so glad she found her way to Plymouth Church and closeness with her family in Portland. Thanks, Janis.

The devotions were given by Audrey Sinner who read an excerpt from *Meditations for Women Who Do Too Much* and then the poem *Abide with Me* which became words set to music.

After Prayers and Concerns, Helen gave some ideas for discussion at the October meeting where we will consider some changes in the structure of Priscilla Circle. She will be sending out a letter to all of the members.

Jill Turner and Lorna Bradley will be hostesses at the October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting and Helen will give the devotions.



## Fred Meyer Rewards

Fred Meyer recently upgraded their Community Reward system and as a result our church has a new account number. If you need to contact Fred Meyer for assistance, you need to use the new account number, which is **AC499**. New members to this rewards program may enroll by using either the new account number or the name, Plymouth Presbyterian Church. If you have any questions, you may email Fred Meyer at [fmcommunityrewards@fredmeyer.com](mailto:fmcommunityrewards@fredmeyer.com) or visit their website at <https://www.fredmeyer.com>



Just a reminder that September 30 will be **Kathy James' last week** playing during worship. **Margaret Smith will return** on October 7. Please take some time to thank Kathy for playing for us for the past few months, and to welcome Margaret back.

We are still looking for new talent. **Are you hiding some musical talent?** We are looking for people willing to provide us with special music. 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.



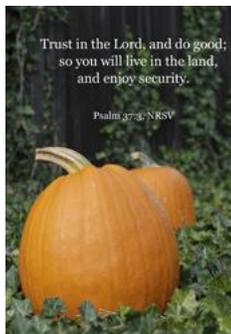
## The Gathering

Once more, we will be holding a “gathering” for all interested people of the church for a potluck and social time. It will be held at the **Dinwiddie’s on October 27 at 4:30**. Watch for a sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Be sure to sign up so we know you will be attending and what tasty dish you will be bringing. You can also sign up to be included in a car pool.

The gatherings are always a great way to get to know each other better and have a great time, so be sure to put this date on your calendar.



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. We also need totes to put the supplies into.



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

Fifty% 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.

**The remaining 25% will go to** a local cause and session voted to give that money to **the Dolly Parton Imagination Library**. This program provides a book each month for any preschool child aged birth to five who is a resident of Columbia County. The books go directly to the child's home and there is no cost or obligation to the family. All the family has to do is submit an official registration form to the United Way of Columbia County and within eight to ten weeks the books will begin to arrive.

These books are part of a 60 volume set beginning with the children's classic *The Little Engine That Could*.

For more information, contact:  
The United Way of Columbia County  
PO Box 538  
Rainier, OR 97048  
503-556-3614



# Sunday Volunteer Schedule

<p><b>October 7, 2018</b></p>	<p><b>Communion Set-up:</b> Mark and Kathleen Dinwiddie  <b>Communion Servers:</b> Kathleen Dinwiddie, Angie Meres and Gina Harrington  <b>Greeters/Ushers:</b> Jay and Sue Dacus  <b>Lay Leader:</b> Gina Harrington  <b>Snacks:</b> Mark and Kathleen Dinwiddie</p>
<p><b>October 14, 2018</b></p>	<p><b>Greeters/Ushers:</b> Carol Jones and Pat Brown  <b>Lay Leader:</b> Linda Dunn  <b>Snacks:</b> Bonnie Childs</p>
<p><b>October 21, 2018</b></p>	<p><b>Greeters:</b> Janis Knox and Helen Purkerson  <b>Lay Leader:</b> Bill Eagle  <b>Snacks:</b> Helen Purkerson</p>
<p><b>October 28, 2018</b></p>	<p><b>Greeters/Ushers:</b> Ken and Zelda Anderson  <b>Lay Leader:</b> Audrey Sinner  <b>Snacks:</b> Linda Dunn</p>
<p><b>November 4, 2018</b></p>	<p><b>Communion Set-up:</b> Linda Dunn  <b>Communion Servers:</b> Linda Dunn, Adrienne Schilling, and Nancy Hutchinson  <b>Greeters/Ushers:</b> Lorna Bradley and Jon Dickson  <b>Lay Leader:</b> Doris Perry  <b>Snacks:</b></p>



## 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*



## October, 2018

## Autumn

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1  Deacons Meet 1:30	2	3	4	5	6
7  Worship 10:30 a.m. with Chuck Falconer Communion Worship Committee noon Avamere 1:30 p.m.	8	9	10  Elders Meeting Session 6:15 p.m.   Women's Fellowship Priscilla Circle at 1 pm	11	12	13
14  Worship 10:30 a.m.	15	16	17	18	19 	20
21  Worship 10:30 a.m. with David Hutchinson	22	23	24	25	26	27  The Gathering Dinwiddie's at 4:30
28  Worship 10:30 a.m.	29	30	31 Halloween			



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