

PLYMOUTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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September 2018

From our pastor:

The next few months will be different from any we have faced together in the last 5 years since I arrived at Plymouth in the late fall of 2013. For me a recent diagnosis of prostate cancer and the treatment and recovery will be my primary challenge. For me it will mean 6 weeks of sick leave beginning on September 10 and running through at least October 16. For me it will mean pain and prayer, trust and transition.

For you it will mean an extra helping of prayer for your pastor, at my request. Cards and texts are fine with me during this time, but please no phone calls nor visits for a few weeks. For you it will mean that some things will be put on hold and others will go on without me. There are still plans for a mission trip work day, and the stewardship campaign and budget process will continue, led by elders. Rev. Chuck Falconer will preach and moderate Session, and Rev. Justin Bruner will be on call for local pastoral care issues. Please contact Gina in the church office if you want to be in touch with either of them. Meanwhile Sunday morning Bible study will start later than usual and Monday Study group will be postponed. See this newsletter for more details. I appreciate your understanding during this time. And I am grateful to the Session for stepping up to help lead during my absence, and for generous sick leave provisions. The Deacons will also be a great help to enable the congregation to stay connected.

What I can tell you is I am thankful to God and my doctors that this was caught early, and there are good treatment options, and good chances for full recovery. What I can tell you is I know God will be with me in this. And what I can tell you is, it is one thing to know something in your head and another to experience it in your heart. I have already had some fears and my heart and gut are catching up with what my brain has learned and knows. I believe God is with us in the valleys, as Jesus was and is with us in life's pain and even on the cross. I pray that knowledge will seep even deeper into my heart, as these weeks go by. I trust that God will bring good even out of this bad thing both for me and for us. Meanwhile I will walk this road thankful for your prayers.

My benediction for the next few weeks is from Martin Luther:

"This life therefore is not righteousness, but growth in righteousness.

It is not health but healing, not rest but exercise, not being but becoming.

This is not the end, this is the road."

Grace and Peace,
Pastor David Hutchinson



September 1 Lorna Bradley
 September 2 Gayle Clemmer
 September 13 Candy Cole
 September 30 Linda Dunn



Attendance

July 15 31
 July 22 39
 July 29 28
 August 5 35
 August 12 39*

*This number includes those at camp.



July 2018 Income and Expense

	July 2018	YTD 2018
Income	\$5,919.27	\$55,712.16
Expense	\$10,064.41	\$61,437.98
Net Loss	(\$4,145.14)	(\$5,725.82)

Deacons' fund balance: \$322.46



Installation/Ordination

New elders and deacons were ordained or installed on **Sunday, August 19**, during worship. Welcome to new elders Wendy Wells, Nancy Moebs, and Kathleen Dinwiddie. Welcome new deacon Zelda Anderson. Thanks to all of you for your willingness to serve as leaders of the church.



Financial Statements

Just a reminder that 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.



The deadline for the October newsletter is September . Please submit your articles and/or information to beckyfrazier35@yahoo.com



September Lectionary Readings

September 2 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9;
James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

September 9– 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125;
James 2:1-10 (11-13), 14-17;
Mark 7:24-37

September 16 – 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19; James 3:1-12;
Mark 8:27-38

September 23 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 1;
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37

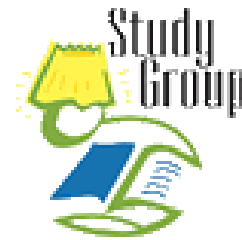
September 30 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22; Psalm 124;
James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50



Sunday Morning Bible Study

Sunday morning Bible study will be **postponed until October 14**. At that point, 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 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

Priscilla Circle will reconvene on **September 12** at 1 p.m. in the fellowship hall with Sue Dacus as hostess and devotions from Audrey Sinner. Our Faith Journey program will be continued by Janis Knox. Be sure to put this date on your calendar and plan to attend. If you can bring a friend, all the better!



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 or visit their website at <https://www.fredmeyer.com>



Change of Musicians

The last week of September (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.



And speaking of musicians, we are always looking for new talent. **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.



Okay, Deacons, your vacation is over. We will resume meeting this month, on September 10 at 1:30 p.m. See you all there!



Mission Trip Planned

The date for our mission trip this fall has been selected. We will be going to Mount Scott Presbyterian Church in Portland to help them serve a meal on **Friday, September 28**. If you are interested in helping out, please let Gina know. Once she knows how many of us will be going, she can finalize transportation plans.



This is God.

Today I will be handling ALL of your problems for you. I do NOT need your help.

PS And remember...if life happens to deliver a situation to you that you cannot handle, do NOT attempt to resolve it yourself! Kindly put it in the SFGTD(something for God to do) box. I will get to it in MY TIME. All situations will be resolved, but in MY time, not yours.



We are continually faced by great opportunities brilliantly disguised as insolvable problems.



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.



School is back in session

Remember to **watch for school buses** and children walking to and from school now that the new school year has begun.



Sunday Volunteer Schedule

September 2, 2018	Communion Set-up: Lorna Bradley Communion Servers: Lorna Bradley, Nancy Hutchinson, Adrienne Schilling Greeters/Ushers: Jay and Sue Dacus Lay Leader: Wendy Wells Snacks: Jay and Sue Dacos
September 9, 2018	Greeters/Ushers: Linda Dunn and Jon Dickson Lay Leader: Linda Dunn Snacks: Carol Jones
September 16, 2018	Greeters: Roger and Linda Liefeld Lay Leader: Snacks: Roger and Linda Liefeld and Ken and Zelda Anderson
September 23, 2018	Greeters/Ushers: Linda Dunn and Mark Earhart Lay Leader: Becky Frazier Snacks: Linda Dunn
September 30, 2018	Greeters/Ushers: Jill Turner and Lorna Bradley Lay Leader: Snacks:
October 7, 2018	Communion Set-up: Mark and Kathleen Dinwiddie Communion Servers: Kathleen Dinwiddie, Angie Meres & Gina Harrington Greeters/Ushers: Jay and Sue Dacus Lay Leader: Gina Harrington Snacks: Mark and Kathleen Dinwiddie



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

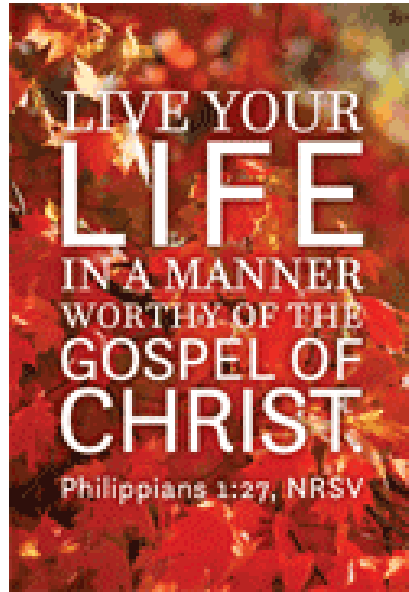
Hospitality is one form of worship.

The Talmud



September, 2018

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