

# PLYMOUTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



**February 2019**



Many people have had the experience of knowing someone who has lost memory and cognitive function but still remembers and enjoys the words to songs. This is testimony to the deep root music can take in us. Whether you sing or play an instrument, or just hum to yourself in the car, or enjoy music on the radio, there are parts of our heart and soul that logic, theory and prose don't best nurture. For those parts there is poetry and song.

The psalms are the hymnbook of the Old Testament. They express emotions that are both joyful and full of sorrow. They are not a systematic theology, but rather a faithful expression of human experience lived through the lens of faith. Quite often music is a good vehicle for this kind of expression. Psalm 95 says, "Come let us sing for joy to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise, because God is great!" Meanwhile in Psalm 57, "...my soul was bowed down, they dug a pit in my path and they have fallen into it, but my heart is steadfast O God, I will sing and make melody".

Ephesians simply says in chapter 5, "Sing and make music from your heart to God". For Paul this music from the heart is the antidote to all kinds of evil, disobedience and impurity in the world around us. If you ever wonder what to do about the things you see around you that get you down or seem wrong or out of control, Paul might suggest a song of praise.

The month of February is a great opportunity to respond to this call to let music guide our faith. On February 3 a gospel singer Rae Gordon will share her music, and on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February a jazz ensemble led by Kathy James will join us in worship. Each of these special additions to our worship and music program came through contacts of our new pianist Kathy. We are so glad she is sharing her gifts of music with us. January 27 also highlighted the music of a local ukulele group, and was an opportunity to connect with our community.

Whatever your situation, I hope you can find a way to follow the lead of Paul in Ephesians and make music from your heart to God.

Grace and Peace,  
David Hutchinson



## December Lectionary Readings

### February 3 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6;  
1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

### February 10 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

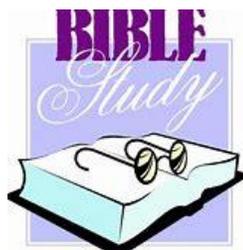
Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13); Psalm 138;  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

### February 17 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1;  
1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26

### February 24 Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Genesis 45:3-11, 15;  
Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40;  
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50;  
Luke 6:27-38



## Sunday Morning Bible Study

Sunday morning Bible class will run through **February** at **9:15** in the library. We will be discussing the lectionary verses for that day. (See list above.)

Come and 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. 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

This will be a very interesting class so put the dates on your calendar and plan to be there.



Nancy Hutchinson	2	3
Jassa Gunn	2	9
Ron Stites	2	9
Judy Gilbert	2	11
Hal Lowry	2	14
Randy Dunn	2	24
Sue Dacus	2	28



### December 2018 Income and Expense

	December 2018	YTD 2018
Income	\$9,975.01	\$98,579.57
Expense	\$8,978.06	\$98,674.93
Net Gain/ Loss	\$996.95	(\$95.36)

### What is per capita?

Per capita is the money each church is assessed each year pay to pay for salaries for Presbytery and national offices as well as Elder training. Per capita is paid each year for every active member. In 2019, that amount is \$33.50.



### Attendance

December 16	40
December 23	42
December 24	35
December 30	34
January 6	33



### Fred Meyer Rewards

During the months of October, November, and December, **Fred Meyer donated \$42.16** to Plymouth Church as part of their rewards program. We currently have 14 households signed up to participate in this.

If you are not one of them, it's easy to sign up. Just register your personal reward card at [www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards), Select Plymouth Presbyterian Church (or enter 88921). Questions? Contact Linda Dunn.



**The deadline for the March newsletter is February 15.** Please submit your articles and/or information to [beckyfrazier35@yahoo.com](mailto:beckyfrazier35@yahoo.com)

## Boxing Day- "Tote-ally" awesome

December 30 our church members got together after service and fellowship time to fill 32 totes with non-perishable items. We worked like a well-oiled machine; it only took 45 minutes to go from the instructions on tote filling to delivering the totes to Community Action Team (CAT). Heather, the coordinator for helping people transition from temporary to permanent housing was extremely grateful for our contributions. She said it means so much to these folks to get a start on setting up their new homes and that the totes themselves are a huge help.

In talking it over afterwards, your Boxing Day committee (Adrienne and Gina) realized that while they were pleased to get generous monetary donations, it seemed like we were in a way missing the point of Boxing Day. When you are out shopping and pick up an extra item or two to give away as well as totes themselves, this is more in line with the spirit of Boxing Day

We will clear out a cupboard in the back of the fellowship hall and it will become the official "Boxing Day Cupboard". We'll open it up randomly during the year and we'll get a chance to see the items accumulate. It will be a great visual to keep us excited and on task.

We will be featuring items throughout the year to buy. But if you're see a great sale on something we need, please buy it!

We are going to begin the collection with oral care items: Toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss and even mouthwash. We'll collect those items throughout the month of February.

Thanks for your generosity



## Preparing for Safety

We don't like to think we could have an emergency at the church, but in these times, we need to be prepared for anything. With that in mind, some changes are coming:

Four security cameras plus a monitor will be installed.

The double doors in the Fellowship hall that lead to Hutchinson Hall will be locked during church services to limit outside access. Hutchinson Hall will also be locked when it is not in use.

Roger Liefeld, Wendy Wells, and Gina Harrington will take the lead to call 911 in case of an emergency, although all members may make the call.



## Christmas Joy 2018

**Plymouth donated over \$400** to the Christmas Joy offering this year. This offering helps provide assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need. It provides leadership development for people of color, developing future leaders at Presbyterian related schools and colleges and equipping communities of color. The offering also supports the Board of Pensions.



Nancy and David are so grateful for the generous Christmas gifts from all of you this year. We appreciate your continued remembrance of us each year at Christmas and look forward to a happy New Year.



### The Gathering

The first Gathering of 2019 is scheduled for Saturday, **February 9, 4-6 pm**, at **Fultanos** in Scappoose in their meeting room. There is a sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up if you plan to attend so it is easier for those planning this event. And do plan to attend...it should be a great way to relax and socialize as well as eat some good food.



If you look at the volunteer schedule, you will see that we have some holes in schedule. We are relying on the same few people all the time. Please consider offering your help. It would be very much appreciated.



### Music Music Music

We ended 2018 with the choir singing during the Advent season. Thanks to Bill Sulser for directing the choir and to all those who raised their voices and made a joyful sound to the Lord. We so appreciate having our choir together to bring music to the service. We look forward to having them sing around Easter, or before.

We also had the St Helens Library Ukulele Orchestra play for us the end of January.

The first Saturday of this month renowned Portland Gospel singer, **Rae Gordon**, will join us. On February 24, a **jazz trio** led by Kathy James will play for us. There will be much more, including **Doris Perry** playing a solo.

If you know of anyone that could share their gift of music, please call, text, or email Gina in the office and give her the contact information.



### Souper Bowl Sunday February 3

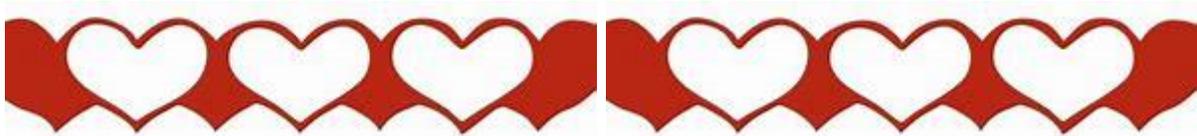
The Souper Bowl of Caring utilizes Super Bowl weekend in America to mobilize young people to fight hunger and poverty in their local communities. Its vision is to transform the weekend into America's largest youth-led weekend of giving and serving.

We will participate in this on February 3 by collecting change, bills and checks. Wendy Wells' granddaughters, Addison and Katelyn will be holding big soup pots as you leave church. Let's fill them up and help with hunger in our community.



# Sunday Volunteer Schedule

<b>February 3, 2019</b>	<b>Communion Set-up:</b> Linda Liefeld <b>Communion Servers:</b> Linda Liefeld, Linda Dunn, Adrienne Schilling <b>Greeters/Ushers:</b> Linda Dunn and Mark Earhart <b>Lay Leader:</b> Wendy Wells <b>Snacks:</b> Linda Dunn
<b>February 10, 2019</b>	<b>Greeters/Ushers:</b> Wendy Wells and Carol Jones <b>Lay Leader:</b> Linda Dunn <b>Snacks:</b> Julie Kelley and Wendy Wells
<b>February 17, 2019</b>	<b>Greeters/Ushers:</b> Marilyn Brinster and Jon Dickson <b>Lay Leader:</b> <b>Snacks:</b> Liefelds and Andersons
<b>February 24, 2019</b>	<b>Greeters:</b> Roger and Linda Liefeld <b>Lay Leader:</b> Marilyn Brinster <b>Snacks:</b>
<b>March 3, 2019</b>	<b>Communion Set-up:</b> Wendy Wells <b>Communion Servers:</b> Wendy Wells, Gina Harrington, Nancy Hutchinson <b>Greeters/Ushers:</b> Lorna Bradley and Jon Dickson <b>Lay Leader:</b> <b>Snacks:</b>



## Remember to Welcome Those New to Plymouth

Welcoming Committee for January, February, March 2019  
**Janis Knox, Darla Knytych, Wendy Wells, Gretchen Daly**

The welcoming committee should arrive early for church and be ready to greet people new to our church. Introductions, name tags, the newsletter, and connecting during coffee hour make our church warm and inviting. Thank you for your kindness

Hospitality is one form of worship.

*The Talmud*



## February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2  Groundhog day
3  Bible Study 9:15 Worship 10:30 a.m. Communion Souper Bowl Sunday Worship committee 12:00 Avamere 1:30 p.m	4 Spiritual Practices at noon  Deacons meet at 1:30	5	6	7	8	9  The Gathering at Fultanos, 4-6 p.m.
10  Bible Study 9:15 Worship 10:30 a.m.	11	12	13  Session meets 6:15	14 Valentine's Day 	15	16
17  Bible study 9:15 Worship 10:30 a.m.	18  <i>President's Day</i>	19	20	21	22	23
24  Bible study 9:15 Worship 10:30 a.m. Annual Congregational Lunch and Meeting, noon	25  Study group 6:30	26	27	28		



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