

# PLYMOUTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**March 2019**

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



There is a connection between feeling free, and being at home. Often a person wanders for a time, usually early in life, before settling into a place they call home. This wandering is different from what I mean by freedom. Others find their home by staying rooted in the place they were born, and this rootedness does not negate freedom. Either way, it is difficult to feel really at home if you feel confined or afraid. Wandering may help you find your home, but freedom is how you feel when you are truly at home.

The *Four Freedoms* is a series of oil paintings by the American artist Norman Rockwell. The four freedoms refer to President Franklin D. Roosevelt's January 1941 State of the Union address in which he identified four essential human rights that should be universally protected: freedom of speech and worship, and freedom from want and from fear. The paintings are now in a museum in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. The theme was the basis for the Atlantic Charter at the end of World War II, and then the charter of the United Nations. The paintings, completed in 1943, were reproduced in the *Saturday Evening Post* over four weeks along with essays by famous writers of the time.

During the weeks of Lent (March 10-April 7) these paintings will be a launching pad for sermons and worship. The Lenten worship theme this year is: "Wandering and Coming Home". The scripture texts from the lectionary are threaded together with this theme as well. Both Jesus and Israel wander in the wilderness at first. But the people of Israel eventually return home "like a people in a dream" (Psalm 126). And as Paul tells us, our "true home is in heaven" (Philippians 3:20).

Wherever your life's journey takes you in the next month, I hope you will spend some of it with us in worship, and that will help you feel more at home spiritually. In addition to Sunday morning worship, we have Monday night opportunities for prayer and study described in more detail in this newsletter. Maybe feeling a little more at home spiritually will even help you discover a new sense of freedom in your life.

Grace and Peace,  
David Hutchinson



### March Lectionary Readings

#### March 3 Transfiguration of the Lord

Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99;  
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)

#### March 6 Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12;  
Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10;  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

#### March 10 First Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16;  
Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

#### March 17 Second Sunday in Lent

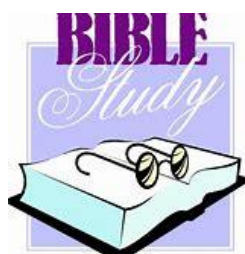
Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27;  
Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35  
or Luke 9:28-36

#### March 24 Third Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8;  
1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

#### March 31 Fourth Sunday in Lent

Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32



### 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. On the Mondays that fall during lent, we will also 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.

The chapters include stories, humor, ideas, and examples. Each chapter is only about 5-10 pages, and very readable. 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.

Schedule:

March 4

Goff Chapter 9, Lindvall chapter 5

March 11

Goff chapter 4, Lindvall chapter 11

March 18

Goff chapter 12, Lindvall chapter 14

March 25

Goff chapter 14, Lindvall chapter 12

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



Madison Kramer	March 4
Nancy Federici	March 8
Alexa Gaskill	March 16
Melissa Wolfe	March 16
Bob Kelly	March 17
Patricia Ayerza	March 17
Adrienne Schilling	March 23



**January 2019 Income and Expense**

	January 2019	YTD 2019
Income	\$11,172.30	\$11,172.30
Expense	\$10,144.73	\$10,144.73
Net Gain/ Loss	\$ 1,027.57	\$ 1,027.57



**The Gathering**

Unfortunately, our February gathering had to be cancelled due to snow, but plans are in the works to reschedule. Watch for details as they become available.



**PRISCILLA CIRCLE "heads up"**

**APRIL 24<sup>th</sup>** will be our annual **Spring Potluck Salad Luncheon** so be thinking about your favorite salad to bring and maybe a guest.

Also, please consider sharing/showing something in under 5 minutes about a favorite hobby or interest that you have—we will all be the program!

More details will appear in the April newsletter.



**Attendance**

January 20	43
January 27	35
February 3	44
February 10	32



Maundy Thursday is April 18  
 Good Friday is April 19  
 Easter Sunday is April 21



### Chuck Falconer is coming

Please plan to stay after church **Sunday, March 17th**. Chuck Falconer will present the "Sitka Alaska Show". The program is about the history of Sitka, Alaska, including the Native Alaska, Russian and American history and the Presbyterian history including the then college, now Fine Arts Camp, and what to see and do there. He will also be talking about his family heritage in Alaska - his grandparents were missionaries in three areas for over three decades. A small lunch will be provided by the Worship & Fellowship committees. Mark your calendars - we hope to see you there.



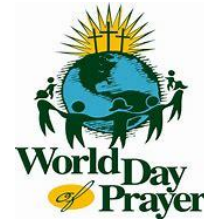
### Souper Bowl Sunday Report

Souper Bowl Sunday was quite a success. We collected \$278.42 and 14 food items. We will donate the money to the back pack program and the food will go to the local food bank. **Thank you Addison and Kaitlyn** for collecting the money,

This event is part of the Souper Bowl of Caring organization. Churches across the country participated in this effort, raising over eight million dollars nationally. **Thank you, Bill Eagle**, for reporting our donation amount to the national organization.



The deadline for the April newsletter is **March 22**. Please submit your articles and/or information to [beckyfrazier35@yahoo.com](mailto:beckyfrazier35@yahoo.com)



People from more than 170 countries will celebrate World Day of Prayer this year in a worship service prepared by the women of Slovenia. With the words "Come-Everything is Ready," we are invited to learn Slovenia's history and rich cultural diversity. The women of Slovenia share their stories of intergenerational wisdom, traditions, and experiences of God's profound love and acceptance.

Join us on **March 1 at noon at the St. Helens First Methodist Church** for this inspirational service. A light lunch will follow the service.



### Lenten Evening Prayer

Mondays from March 11 through April 8 at 6 p.m. we will hold a half hour service of prayer and reflection centering on the scripture reading from the previous Sunday. There will be a time to respond to the text, and to share our daily prayers. Services conclude by 6:30 so the study group can begin.



### New Website

It was a time for change to our Plymouth Presbyterian Church Website. The advancement in technology has brought us more options in communication. If you have not already visited the new WordPress website for Plymouth Presbyterian Church: [plychurch.org](http://plychurch.org) take a few minutes to review what it can do for you.

The history of our website began with Webmaster Gary Dinsmore who created a Wiki website for the church over 20 years ago. He created the church website as a way for the members to connect and stay informed. It was the best for the times and allowed our Church to share our events, calendars, program, invitations, and much more. It served the purpose well! Gary and his son Glen continued to support the site by overseeing the technology and internet security. As we move forward to the new website, it is with great appreciation for Gary and his son Glen for the media foundation they originated for our Church.

Thank You Gary & Glen!

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Kathleen Dinwiddie



**Daylight savings time** begins on Sunday, March 10 at 2 a.m. Don't forget to set your clocks!



We have made some changes at the church lately, including the new web site (see article to the left), security cameras, and new computers in the office. All of this costs money, but we have good news. The Communications and Technology Team for the Presbytery of the Cascades awarded us a grant of \$4,000 to offset those expenses. Thank you, finance committee and David for filing the request.



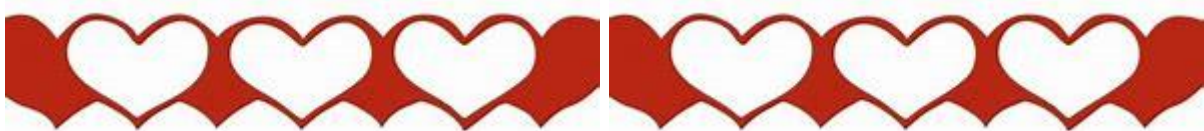
### Ash Wednesday

We will gather for Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, March 6 at 6:30 p.m. A service of prayer and contemplation will lead our way as we begin our journey through the season of Lent. During this service, we will receive the imposition of ashes, an ancient tradition recognizing our mortality and need for forgiveness.



## Sunday Volunteer Schedule

<b>March 3, 2019</b>	<b>Communion Set-up:</b> Linda Dunn <b>Communion Servers:</b> Linda Dunn, Gina Harrington, Nancy Hutchinson <b>Greeters/Ushers:</b> Helen Purkerson and Jon Dickson <b>Lay Leader:</b> Linda Dunn <b>Snacks:</b> Deacons
<b>March 10, 2019</b>	<b>Greeters/Ushers:</b> Michele Rae and Janis Knox <b>Lay Leader:</b> Adrienne Schilling <b>Snacks:</b> Helen Purkerson and Adrienne Schilling
<b>March 17, 2019</b>	<b>Greeters/Ushers:</b> Pat Brown and Jill Turner <b>Lay Leader:</b> Wendy Wells <b>Snacks:</b> Wendy Wells
<b>March 24, 2019</b>	<b>Greeters:</b> Ken and Zelda Anderson <b>Lay Leader:</b> <b>Snacks:</b> Jill Turner and Helen Purkerson
<b>March 31, 2019</b>	<b>Greeters:</b> Helen Purkerson and Marilyn Brinster <b>Lay Leader:</b> Becky Frazier <b>Snacks:</b>
<b>April 7, 2019</b>	<b>Communion Set-up:</b> Linda Gaskill <b>Communion Servers:</b> Linda Gaskill Adrienne Schilling, Pat Brown <b>Greeters/Ushers:</b> Mark and Kathleen Dinwiddie <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*



# March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3  Bible Study 9:15 Worship 10:30 a.m. Communion Worship committee 12:00 Avamere 1:30 p.m.	4 Spiritual Practices at noon  Deacons meet at 1:30  Study group 6:30	5	6 Ash Wednesday 6:30	7	8	9
10 Daylight savings time  Bible Study 9:15 Worship 10:30 a.m.	11 Lenten Evening Prayers 6:00  Study group 6:30	12	13  Session meets 6:15	14	15 Presbytery meeting in Corvallis	16 Presbytery meeting in Corvallis
17  Bible study 9:15 Worship 10:30 a.m. Chuck Falconer speaks	18 Lenten Evening Prayers 6:00  Study group 6:30	19	20	21	22	23
24  Bible study 9:15 Worship 10:30 a.m.	25 Lenten Evening Prayers 6:00  Study group 6:30	26	27	28	29	30
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Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony.

Colossians 3:14

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