

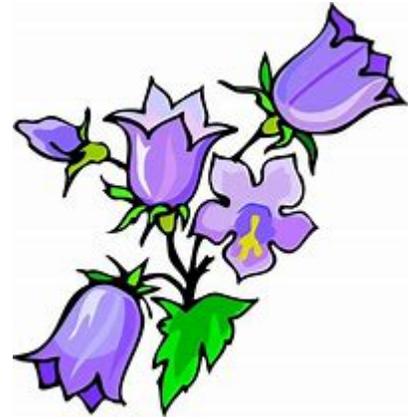
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May 2019

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



By 2:30pm on Monday, April 15 the Wikipedia page on Notre Dame had been updated, and the section that described the spire height read: "Spire height (formerly) 90 metres. The fire was still burning and the extent of the damage was not yet determined, but the spire had fallen. Within minutes, the entire world had watched it happen. The seven hundred and fifty year old cathedral that took over 100 years to build changed dramatically in a matter of hours. By contrast, 800 years ago there were people who spent their entire lives working on the cathedral and never saw it complete. Those who did first see it completed, never saw it during the early years of construction because it happened before they were born."

Since then I have been reflecting on the word "formerly", and the things that we hope to rely on as permanent in our lives. The increased rate of change in our culture these days can be disorienting. We all know that nothing lasts forever, and we are all mortal, but in order to tell a story, or build a career, or create community, we need to choose some things to serve as a foundation. Until this year the image of Notre Dame seemed to be a safe bet, when looking for something that would always be there, and had always been.

The Temple in Jerusalem is a central image in both the Old and New Testaments. It is the goal for which the Old Testament strives, and it is used by Jesus to reinterpret the past to his followers, in hopes for the future. And it is destroyed and then rebuilt more than once. Luke's gospel describes Jesus in a conversation about the Temple this way, "...some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 'As for these that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another...'" (21:5-6) John tells us that when Jesus referred to the Temple and its destruction he was using it as an image for something else: "The Jews said, 'This Temple has been under construction for 46 years and you will raise it up in three days?' But Jesus was speaking of the Temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead..." (John 2:20-21)

The hope of our faith is the future as a time of redemption and not destruction. Lots of things come and go in this world. But the more things that seemed permanent pass away, the more important the message of God's eternal love and mercy become. These truly are the things on which we can depend no matter what.

Grace and Peace,
David Hutchinson



May Lectionary Readings

May 5 – Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-6 (7-20); Psalm 30;
Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

May 12 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23;
Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

May 19 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

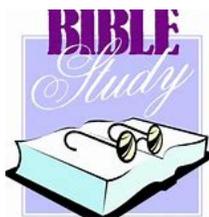
Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148;
Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

May 26 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67;
Revelation 21:10, 22 – 22:5;
John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

May 30 - Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47 or Psalm 93;
Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53



Sunday Morning Bible Study

These Sunday morning classes study the Biblical texts for preaching and worship. Called the "lectionary" these readings are found online, in the column to the above, or you can call the church office and ask. Participation is intended to prepare one more fully for worship that morning. No special background is necessary, just the desire to learn and discuss. The class is led by pastor Hutchinson and elder Linda Dunn.

May 5 will be the last class for the summer, and will resume in September
Meets in the library



Monday Night Study Group Old Testament Prophets

Beginning on **April 29**, Monday study group will read through the prophetic books. The prophets have long been key figures providing comfort and challenge. Their strong words have emphasized justice and devotion in our faith walk.

The class is led by Pastor David and all are welcome and encouraged to bring a snack to share (though it is not required). Class meets from **6:30-7:30 pm** in the social hall at church. A study guide is available from the pastor for \$6. Biblical material is as follows:

- April 29 - Prophetic calls
 - May 6 - Amos and Micah
 - May 13 - Isaiah of Jerusalem (1st Isaiah)
 - May 20 - Hosea and Jeremiah
 - BREAK - **NO class May 27** (Memorial Day)
 - June 3 - Ezekiel and Second Isaiah
 - June 10 - Jonah and Third Isaiah -
- LAST CLASS for the summer**

An Apache Blessing

May the sun bring you new energy by day
May the moon softly restore you by night
May the rain wash away your worries
May the breeze blow new strength into your being
May you walk gently through the world and
Know its beauty all the days of your life.



March 2019 Income and Expense

| | March 2019 | YTD 2019 |
|-------------------|------------|------------|
| Income | \$5955.02 | \$22986.29 |
| Expense | \$3823.64 | \$22678.75 |
| Net Gain/ Loss | \$2131.38 | \$307.54 |



Attendance

| | |
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| March 24 | 40 |
| March 31 | 33 |
| April 7 | 39 |
| April 14 | 42 |
| April 18 | 17 |
| April 21 | 46 |



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| Jennifer Daly | May 7 |
| Brooke Gerber | May 7 |
| Karen Roldan | May 11 |
| Doris Perry | May 16 |
| Shirley Eaton | May 24 |
| Evan Gerber | May 26 |
| Linda Gaskill | May 28 |



Congregational Meeting

We will be holding a short congregational meeting on **May 5 after worship** to elect new deacons and elders for the coming year. These will be our new leaders. Please come and make your voice heard,



Dessert for Community Meals

On the 3rd Tuesday of every month, Plymouth Church provides cookies or bars as dessert for Community Meals. If you are willing to help with this ministry, please contact Linda Dunn (rldunn342@gmail.com)



Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the June newsletter is May 17. If you have articles you would like to see in the newsletter, please send them to beckyfrazier35@yahoo.com



Faith Centered Habitat Project

In April, the Session voted to give the go-ahead to enter into a partnership with other churches in the area to work on projects for Habitat for Humanity. The next meeting on April 30, will show how many, and on what level, the other churches will be involved in the project.

There are a couple of options for us going forward. If the interest and "buy-in" from the other churches is great enough, we will help construct a home. If that is beyond the group's grasp, then we will commit to helping monetarily and with physical labor to build ramps for homes.

We already have at least 16 members of the church who have signed our "interest list". There are opportunities to help monetarily, with physical labor and also to provide food for the weekend warriors as they build the project.

Also we will be having a "Habitat Sunday" on May 26th. Dick King, a volunteer for Habitat, will be preaching and we will be singing some hymns related to building and habitat.

Be prepared to hear more in the future in church and in the newsletter as we determine what we will be doing for Habitat.



WATCH THIS SPACE.....

The women's retreat, which historically is held in the spring, will be moving to the fall this year.

Our planned date is **September 6-8**. We are looking into a number of options for location. The Trudeaus are having an elevator installed at their beach house this summer.. That will help with those with mobility issues. I believe the basement is also being finished, so we might be able to have more women attend. But we are also looking at other options. Stay tuned!



Just a reminder that we do have a prayer chain here at Plymouth. If you have a need for prayers, there are three way to get your concern shared with everyone. You can contact Pastor David, contact your deacon, or contact Jill Turner directly since she is in charge of the prayer chain.

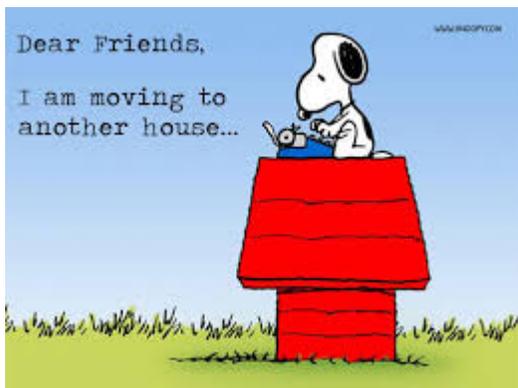
Also, if you are not on the prayer chain and would like to be, again you can contact Pastor David, your deacon, or Jill Turner.

Also, please do not use the prayer chain for anything other than prayers

Rewards Program

Fred Meyer Rewards

We recently received our second quarter payment from Fred Meyer. From January 1 through March 31, 15 of our households earned our church **\$38.27**. Thank to those who signed up for this easy way to earn some money for Plymouth.



New Addresses

We hated to see Charles and Michele Rae go, but we wish them well in their new home:

Charles and Michele Rae
33401 J Place
Ocean Park WA 98640

It is so good to have Lorna back with us. Her cottage is quite lovely:

Lorna Bradley
33800 SE Frederick St., Cottage #12
Scappoose, OR 97056



Seeking Baskets

It is time to start accumulating baskets for our gift baskets we sell at our annual bazaar in November. So, while you are hitting the yard sales, the thrift stores or cleaning out your homes, please bring clean, gently used baskets to the church. Thank you.



Table in the Yard

A reminder that the Table in The Yard committee will be meeting **May 26** after church once everyone has their coffee.

Lakota Sioux proverb

Inner peace and love are the greatest of God's gifts.



Sunday Volunteer Schedule

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| May 5, 2019 | Communion Set-up: Helen Purkerson Communion Servers: Gina Harrington, Jill Turner, Pat Brown Greeters/Ushers: Janice Knox and Jon Dickson Lay Leader: Wendy Wells Snacks: |
| May 12, 2019 | Greeters/Ushers: Linda Dunn and Mark Earhart Lay Leader: Gina Harrington Snacks: Adrienne Schilling |
| May 19, 2019 | Greeters/Ushers: Ken and Zelda Anderson Lay Leader: Linda Dunn Snacks: Helen Purkerson, Jill Turner |
| May 26, 2019 | Greeters: Marilyn Brinster and Jill Turner Lay Leader: Gina Harrington Snacks: |
| June 2, 2019 | Communion Set-up: Adrienne Schilling Communion Servers: Adrienne Schilling, Pat Brown, Linda Dunn Greeters/Ushers: Lay Leader: Snacks: |



Remember to Welcome Those New to Plymouth

Welcoming Committee for April, May, June 2019
Helen Purkerson, Becky Frazier, Wendy Wells

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



May 2019

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5  Bible Study 9:15 Worship 10:30 a.m. Communion Congregational Meeting 11:45 Worship committee 12:00 Avamere 1:30 p.m. | 6 Deacons meet 1:30  Study Group 6:30 | 7 | 8  Session meets 6:15 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12  Worship 10:30 a.m. Mothers' Day  | 13  Study Group 6:30 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17  | 28 |
| 19  Worship 10:30 a.m. | 20  Study Group 6:30 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26  Worship 10:30 a.m. Table in the Yard meeting at Noon | 27 Memorial Day  | 28 | 29 | 30 | | |



I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
Psalm 34:1

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