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February 2020



At the beginning of a project I am usually aware of two very different feelings. One is the sense how much there still is left to do to complete the task. Particularly if the project is a big one, it can seem a little overwhelming to look down the road, or at the new blueprint, or the pile of unassembled parts. But the other feeling I often have is the sense of possibility. Nothing has been spoiled or broken yet. Things are still more or less as I imagine them, images of the future and of what could be. It seems to me that this second feeling could help offset the first.

In the middle of February, we have our first opportunity to do hands on work toward our community Habitat for Humanity faith build house. It is the beginning of our project, and it all is still out there to do. There will certainly be an opportunity for a lot of volunteer hours, and there will be challenges along the way. But the endless possibilities are still all there too.

Whatever else our project is, it is an opportunity to create a peaceful home for someone in a chaotic world. The prophet Isaiah encouraged people in the time of the Old Testament with a vision of secure and peaceful homes. He said: "My people will live in peaceful dwelling places, secure homes, in undisturbed places of rest" Isaiah 32:18 I hope that as the first cabinets are assembled we all remember what they are intended to be a part of, namely something much bigger. They are not just cabinets, they are part of a future peaceful home.

Another thing our project offers is the opportunity to strengthen our own bonds of community and support. As we build a house, we can also build one another up as people and as a neighborhood and community. Paul wrote something similar in his letter to the church in Thessalonica: "Encourage one another and build one another up" 1 Thess. 5:11

Whatever your February looks like and whether you are able to show up on February 15 to help, I hope you have a place in your life that can be touched by peace and rest, and where you can dwell secure. Remember that when it seems like there is no where on earth like that for you, God's compassion might create a place like that in your heart and soul.

Grace and Peace,

David Hutchinson



February Lectionary Readings

February 2

Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31;
Matthew 5:1-12

February 9

Isaiah 58:1-9a, (9b-12), Psalm 112:1-9 (10);
1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16); Matthew 5:13-20

February 16

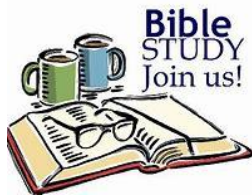
Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8;
2 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37

February 23 – Transfiguration of the Lord

Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2 or Psalm 99;
2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

February 26 – 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



Sunday Morning Bible Study

Sunday morning Bible study has resumed its weekly schedule, **9:15** in the library. Class focuses on the lectionary reading for the day, (see the list above) is led by Reverend Hutchinson and he will share some of his background. Come ready to share your thoughts and opinions.



Choir Rehearsals:

Wednesday, February 19 and 26
at 7pm. Bring your voice and join us!



Monday Evening Study Group

Tattoos On The Heart, The Power of Compassion

On February 10 and 17, Monday Night study group will read and discuss several chapters of this book by Father Gregory Boyle. Each chapter contains stories from the lives of people living in the ghetto neighborhood and gang capital of Los Angeles. The book is available on Amazon. 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 Mondays from 6:30pm-7:30pm in the social hall at church.

February 10 - Intro and chapter 1

February 17 - chapter 3 and chapter 8



Attendance

December 15	37
December 22	39
Christmas Eve Service	37
December 29	31
January 5	35



December 2019 Income and Expense

	December 2019	YTD 2019
Income	\$7,798.76	\$93,998.07
Expense	\$8,052.29	\$91,412.20
Net Gain	(\$253.53)	\$2,585.87



“Souper Bowl” Offering

Collected **Sunday, February 2**

This offering supports Columbia County Food Bank

On Super Bowl Sunday, we have an opportunity to give back and help support local efforts to feed people with soup and other good things. Come prepared to help fill our soup pots.



- Nancy Hutchinson February 3
- Jassa Gunn February 9
- Ron Stites February 9
- Judy Gilbert February 11
- Robert Harmen February 13
- Jean Anderson February 19
- Georgine Williamson February 21
- Randall Dunn February 24



**Ash Wednesday Evening Worship Service
6pm, Wednesday, February 26**

Each year as we anticipate the coming of Easter Sunday, we have an opportunity to spend time in renewed or increased prayer, contemplation, or service. The season for reflection and prayer, service and sacrifice begins February 26, “Ash Wednesday” with a service of imposition of ashes. This ancient Christian practice is a way to acknowledge our mortality and to thank God for our precious lives. If you wish there will be an opportunity to receive the sign of ashes on your forehead.



Newsletter Deadline

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



I want to thank this wonderful congregation for their support and generosity. Katelyn and Addison Wells had their annual fundraiser for the American Heritage Girls on Sunday, Jan. 12, 2020. The group is a faith based scouting organization that runs on a tight budget.

I appreciated that there was so much interest in their K-Cups and biscuits as well as what their program is all about. They absolutely enjoy coming to Plymouth Presbyterian Church because of the love our members show them. They will carry these memories of our Church and the love of God forever. Thank You.

Wendy

Habitat Fund Raising Update

Things are moving right along on the Faith Building project. The edges of the foundation are poured! They will be putting gravel down, installing the plumbing, and then the foundation slab will be poured. It's beginning to happen!!

At the end of last month, our congregation's generous giving put us over our initial pledge amount of \$3,500. Thank you for the quick response to get us off to a fabulous start!

We have a "Wish List" provided to us to see what we might want to do. There are quite a few options of things to buy, such as grass seed, appliances, windows, and sinks, to name a few.

in the near future, I will get an updated wish list to post.

Faith Build Project



Saturday, February 15th, we will be having an IKEA cabinet building party. We will be putting together the cabinets at the Christian Church at 185 S. 12th Street. We will begin at **10am**.

This is a good opportunity for volunteering. Besides the cabinet making, there will be stations to put the hinges for a cabinet in zip lock bags and label them. This is pretty low tech!

We will also be providing a soup to share. Each church will provide a soup and some bread. Zelda Anderson is in charge of the soup and bread from Plymouth. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall with the other sign-up sheets. Please put down your name if you're going to be part of the cabinet crew. If you have these tools, please label them with your name and bring them with you:

- Medium Phillips Screwdriver
- Rubber Mallet
- Tape measure
- utility Knife
- Work Gloves

We could also use some duct tape and quart size Ziploc bags.

Jennifer Anderson will have a computer on site if you haven't yet taken the safety education piece.

2020 Plymouth Presbyterian Schedule of Events

January

Annual Congregational Meeting, Sunday
January 26
CCC Coffee & Commerce, Jan 24, 8 am

February

Souper Bowl of Caring Feb 2
Ash Wednesday Service Feb 26
OGHS Offering Feb 26 – Apr 12

March

World Day of Prayer, March 6, 11 am
Lent, March 1 – April 10
Lenten Services Mondays March 2-30
 Lenten prayer 6:00
 Lenten study 6:30
Nominating Committee Report
Congregational meeting
OGHS offering through April 12

April

Palm Sunday April 5
Maundy Thursday Service April 9
Lent March 1 – April 18
Good Friday April 10
Easter celebration brunch April 12
Priscilla Circle spring luncheon April 15, noon
Volunteer appreciation week April 19-25
Pastor's sabbatical April 20-August 17
OGHS offering through April 12
Pentecost Offering April 13-May 31

May

Mother's Day celebration, May 10
Women's Retreat May 1-3 •
Yard Work Party May 16 @ noon,
Rummage Sale May 29-30
Pentecost Offering Apr 13-May 31
Pentecost Sunday & PPC Birthday Celebration,
May 31 (*bring birthday gifts for the church*)

June

Father's Day celebration, June 21

July

Table in the Yard – July 8, Wednesday

August

Annual Church Camping trip - Aug 7-9
Pastor returns from Sabbatical -Aug 17

September

Priscilla Circle Dessert—Sept 9 @ 1pm

October

World Communion, October 4
Peacemaking Offering – Dec 1 – Dec 29th

November

Christmas Bazaar – November 14th

December

Priscilla Circle Christmas Luncheon- December 9
@ noon
Christmas Eve Service, Thursday December 24
Boxing Day, Sunday, December 27
Christmas Joy Offering



At the November 2019 Presbytery meeting it was passed unanimously to encourage the adoption of the Native American Land Acknowledgment Practice. To this end:

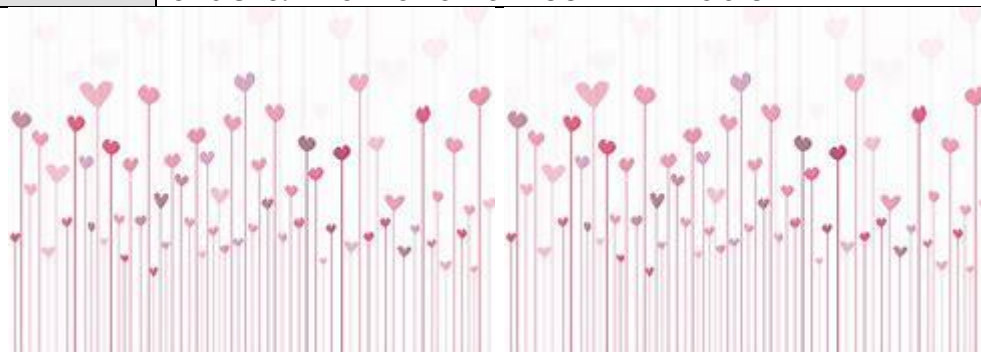
We acknowledge that this gathering of Plymouth Presbyterian Church, St. Helens, Oregon is occurring in the traditional land of the **Chinook, Cowlitz** people, and we offer our gratitude to the elders, past and present, who have stewarded it through the generations.



Sunday Volunteer Schedule

Our Volunteers ROCK!

February 2, 2020	Communion Set-up: Jill Turner Communion Servers: Jill Turner, Linda Dunn, Doris Perry Greeters/Ushers: Wendy Wells and Becky Frazier Lay Leader: Gina Harrington Snacks: Linda Dunn
February 9, 2020	Greeters/Ushers: Jon Dickson and Carol Jones Lay Leader: Bill Eagle Snacks: Pat Brown and Lorna Bradley
February 16, 2020	Greeters/Ushers: Linda and Roger Liefeld Lay Leader: Becky Frazier Snacks: Janis Knox
February 23, 2020	Greeters: Nancy Hutchinson and Mark Earhart Lay Leader: Adrienne Schilling Snacks: Audrey Sinner
March 1, 2020	Communion Set-up: Kathleen Dinwiddie Communion Servers: Kathleen Dinwiddie, Mark Dinwiddie, and Linda Liefeld Greeters/Ushers: Lay Leader: Mark Dinwiddie Snacks: Mark and Kathleen Dinwiddie













Remember to Welcome Those New to Plymouth

Welcoming Committee for January, February, and March 2020
 Kathleen Dinwiddie, Linda Liefeld, Helen Purkerson, 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.



February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2  Souper Bowl Sunday Bible study 9:15 Worship 10:30 a.m. Worship committee noon Avamere 1:30	3 Spiritual Practices noon Deacons' meeting 1:30	4	5	6	7	8
9  Bible Study 9:15 Worship 10:30 a.m.	10  Study group 6:30	11	12  Session meets at 6:15	13	14 	15 Cabinet Building, 10:00, Christian Church
16  Bible Study, 9:15 Worship 10:30 a.m.	17  Study group 6:30	18	19  CHOIR Choir rehearsal 7 pm	20	21	22
23  Bible Study, 9:15 Worship 10:30 a.m.	24	25	26 Ash Wednesday. 6 pm worship  CHOIR Choir rehearsal 7 pm	27	28	29



If you look at the world, you'll be distressed.
If you look within, you'll be depressed.
If you look at God, you'll be at rest.
Corrie ten Bloom

My presence will go with you and I will give you rest.
Exodus 33:14 NIV

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