

# PLYMOUTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## March, 2020



The Holy Spirit is often characterized as unpredictable. Presbyterians are often characterized as predictable. We have an orderly form of government. The Holy Spirit is often disorderly and disrupts things. So it is no wonder that Presbyterians spend less time talking about the Holy Spirit than some other denominations like Pentecostals. But in spite of all that, The Holy Spirit is central to the life of the church and our liturgical year. Our worship calendar and scripture readings point to the Holy Spirit every year in the months after Easter.

So this year I hope we can spend a little more time with the Holy Spirit. We will be starting in Lent rather than waiting until after Easter. Sundays in March will be devoted to the book of Acts which is the Biblical record of how the Holy Spirit worked in the early church. As we reconsider the Biblical account of the Spirit I hope we will experience something of an aha. Maybe our living can be inspired in new ways by the living Christ. I think you may be surprised by how much this experience could draw us together as a church family, and send us out into the community around us.

Accompanying the reading of Acts as our historical or first text each Sunday, will be the gospel of John. Chapters of John are designated as our lectionary readings in March. This year I will begin each Sunday with the history of Acts, and then let the stories in John serve as illustrations. Each of the chapters in John that are designated for worship are about a particular character: Nicodemus, the woman at the well, and the man born blind, for example. Even though John and Luke (who wrote Acts) approach things very differently, they can complement each other. These two books of the Bible say different things about the Holy Spirit too. But the difference can serve to expand our understanding. John will also be the topic of our Monday evening study.

I hope you will take time this Lent to listen for the Holy Spirit in your life, and that worship can be one of your guides.

Grace and Peace,

David Hutchinson



## March Lectionary Readings

### March 1 – First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32;  
Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

### March 8 – Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121;  
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17 or  
Matthew 17:1-9

### March 15 – Third Sunday in Lent

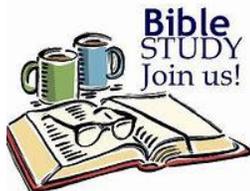
Exodus 1:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11;  
John 4:5-42

### March 22 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14;  
John 9:1-41

### March 29 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11;  
John 11:1-45



## 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.



## Coming soon - Easter!

**Palm Sunday** this year is April 5 and **Easter Sunday** is April 12. More to come about Holy Week and Easter in the April newsletter



## Monday Evening Lenten Worship

Each Monday evening in Lent there will be a half hour service of prayer at **6:00pm**.

You may choose to stay for the class that follows, or just come to pray.



## Monday Evening Study Group

### “The Spirit and the People in John”

Discover or rediscover the Gospel of John through the people he meets and how the Holy Spirit is described. This class will look at some of the unique aspects of John's theology, and how it plays out in how John describes Jesus' encounters with the people he meets. If you have never read John, or have read it dozens of times, the class promises to have something for you!

Schedule:

WEEK ONE: “John's Unique Perspective”

Scripture: John 3:16-19; 1:38, 20:15

WEEK TWO: “Secure Believers”

Scripture: John 3

WEEK THREE: “High Noon”

Scripture: John 4

WEEK FOUR: “On Trial”

Scripture: John 9

WEEK FIVE: “Weeping and the Glory of God”

Scripture: John 11

Class meets at 6:30 pm. If you wish, you may bring treats to share.



### Attendance

- January 12 - 38
- January 19 - 33
- January 24 (Coffee and Commerce)- 30
- January 26 - 37
- January 26 (Congregational meeting) - 30
- February 2 - 44
- February 9 - 41



The February edition of the newsletter listed all our annual events and dates. Unfortunately, two of the dates were wrong. The September meeting of **Priscilla Circle** will be on **September 16**. The December meeting will be on **December 16**.



### January 2020 Income and Expense

	January 2020	YTD 2020
Income	\$12,736.15	\$12,736.15
Expense	\$9,947.43	\$9,947.43
Net Gain	\$2,788.72	\$2,788.72

### What is Per Capita?



Per capita is the amount of money, per member, that our church sends to the Presbytery. Portions are then sent on to the Synod and the General Assembly. This enables us to work with other Presbyterian churches in our area and across the country. The 2020 per capita is **\$36.50**, of which \$8.95 goes to The General Assembly, \$5.22 goes to the Synod of The Pacific, and \$22.33 stays with the Presbytery of the Cascades.



- Alexa Gaskill March 16
- Melissa Wolfe March 16
- Patricia Ayerza March 17
- Bob Kelly March 17
- Adrienne Schilling March 23

You may choose to donate to offset the cost of your per capita. If you do, be sure to write "per capita" on the memo line of your check. This will be noted by the Finance Secretary Carol Jones on your statement of giving for tax purposes.

Thank you for your generosity to this Church.



### Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the April newsletter is **March 20**. If you have articles you would like to see in the newsletter, please send them to [beckyfrazier35@yahoo.com](mailto:beckyfrazier35@yahoo.com)



### Fred Meyer Rewards

From October 1, 2019 Through December 31, 2019, Plymouth Presbyterian received **\$43.84** from the Fred Meyer Rewards program. Fourteen household signed up with Fred Meyer and a percentage of what they spent in Fred Meyer is sent to us. This program does not affect your personal rewards points. If you are interested and have not yet signed up, please contact Linda Dunn for the details.



### Daylight Savings Time Returns

Don't forget to reset your clocks on March 8. It's time for more sunshine!



### Cookies Needed

On the third Tuesday of most months, Plymouth Presbyterian Church provides cookies or bars for Community Meals. They can be home baked or store bought. A small faithful group has been sustaining this project for quite sometime. If you would like to be added to the list of bakers for third Tuesday, and provide cookies or bars, please contact Linda Dunn. Thank you for supporting this mission.



God is with is on our daily walk. But what does a walk with God actually entail?

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Deuteronomy 6:5-7



## Cabinet Building

Many hands make light work. It was certainly true for the Habitat for Humanity Faith Build Project IKEA cabinet making work party the 15th of February at the Christian Church.

More than 45 volunteers (including food preparers) gathered around 7 tables that Saturday morning and began the laborious and oftentimes humorous project of putting together more than 30 cabinets. If you've ever put together an IKEA piece you might already know it's a challenge to figure out the directions. More than once pieces were assembled, disassembled and reassembled when more correct information was discovered.

It was a fun (and at times frustrating) experience. We finished the 30+ pieces in about two and a half hours. We then got an opportunity to break (corn)bread and have soup and sweets with our fellow cabinet builders, helping to build the sense of camaraderie within the group. It was hugely satisfying to take flat boxes filled with pieces and make something we know the families will use and enjoy when they move into their new home.

When new volunteer opportunities come up, Gina will have the sign-up sheet ready! This IS the work of the Church. Thanks be to God.



## Fultano's Gathering

Mark your calendar for our Spring Fultano's Gathering. Last year we had a huge turn out and it was a very enjoyable sharing of food and friends.

This year we will be sending Pastor David and Nancy off on their adventurous sabbatical. Sooooo.... **Saturday March 28, 2020 at 5 pm to 6:30 pm** we will gather again. A sign-up sheet will be on the table by the kitchen in the Fellowship Hall.



## HELP WANTED

The Fellowship Commission has an opportunity for a volunteer who would like to work from home.

We are looking for a person to update the calendar and activities sites on the Plymouth Presbyterian Church website. Kathleen Dinwiddie is ready to hand this off to someone who wants to be a substitute or full time volunteer. She is ready to train and mentor for as long as necessary.

Benefits: Work on your own schedule, be comfortable at home and stay informed about activities at the church.

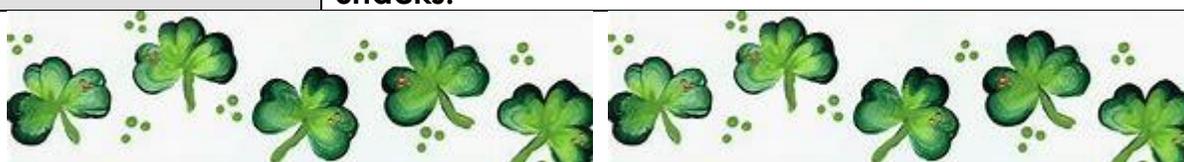
If you are interested, please contact Wendy Wells.



## Sunday Volunteer Schedule

Our Volunteers ROCK!

<b>March 1, 2020</b>	<b>Communion Set-up:</b> Kathleen Dinwiddie <b>Communion Servers:</b> Kathleen Dinwiddie, Mark Dinwiddie, and Linda Liefeld <b>Greeters/Ushers:</b> Becky Frazier and Doris Perry <b>Lay Leader:</b> Mark Dinwiddie <b>Snacks:</b> Mark and Kathleen Dinwiddie
<b>March 8, 2020</b>	<b>Greeters/Ushers:</b> Jon Dickson and Nancy Hutchinson <b>Lay Leader:</b> Wendy Wells <b>Snacks:</b> Wendy Wells
<b>March 15, 2020</b>	<b>Greeters/Ushers:</b> Pat Brown and Janis Knox <b>Lay Leader:</b> Gretchen Daly <b>Snacks:</b> Helen Purkerson and Jill Turner
<b>March 22, 2020</b>	<b>Greeters:</b> Ken and Zelda Anderson <b>Lay Leader:</b> Gina Harrington <b>Snacks:</b> Zelda Anderson and Linda Liefeld
<b>March 29, 2020</b>	<b>Greeters:</b> Mark Earhart and Jill Turner <b>Lay leader:</b> Adrienne Schilling <b>Snacks:</b> Janis Knox and Anita Kjos
<b>April 5, 2020</b>	<b>Communion Set-up:</b> Zelda Anderson <b>Communion Servers:</b> Zelda Anderson, Adrienne Schilling, Gina Harrington <b>Greeters/Ushers:</b> Nancy Hutchinson and Doris Perry <b>Lay Leader:</b> <b>Snacks:</b>



### 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.



## March 2020

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<p>1 </p> <p>Bible Study 9:15 Worship 10:30 Avamere 1:30</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Deacons' meeting 1:30 Evening Prayers 6:00 Study group 6:30</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Worship and Music committee meeting, 1:30</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Choir rehearsal 7 pm</p>	5	6	7
<p>8 </p> <p>Daylight savings time begins</p> <p>Bible study 9:15 Worship 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Evening Prayers 6:00 Study group 6:30</p>	10	<p>11</p> <p>Session meeting 6:15</p> <p>Choir rehearsal 7:30</p>	12	13	14
<p>15 </p> <p>Bible Study 9:15 Worship 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Evening Prayers 6:00 Study group 6:30</p>	17	18	19	<p>20</p> <p>Presbytery meeting in Portland at Westminster</p> 	<p>21</p> <p>Prebytery meeting in Portland at Westminster</p>
<p>22 </p> <p>Bible Study, 9:15 Worship 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Evening Prayers 6:00 Study group 6:30</p>	24	25	26	27	28
<p>29 </p> <p>Bible Study, 9:15 Worship 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Evening Prayers 6:00 Study group 6:30</p>	31				

I asked God to remind you that He is in control. Every detail of your life is in His hands. So why not simply let go?



Don't worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.

Philippians 4:6

God's strength makes us strong. His comfort comforts us. With Him we no longer run, we rest. Dillon Burroughs

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