

# PLYMOUTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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From the Pastor,

Staying connected during these strange times of disconnection is at the heart of why we treasure the community of the church. I mean both connections to one another and to God. But it is not always clear how best to stay connected, when our primary Sunday gathering has been disrupted. So the Deacons, and Elders of Plymouth have a few new things we will be trying out.

The Deacons will work with Elder Wendy Wells to write a monthly column in the church newsletter devoted to our lives. Each month the column will feature a few people. The focus is not prayer concerns which are already shared through the email prayer chain, and on our online Sunday meeting. Instead interesting little tidbits like you might share during coffee hour will comprise this "church chatter". The goal is not lengthy reports on any one person, but just little snapshots of the whole variety of who we are.

Another possibility is in small groups. If you are interested in a small group of 4-8 people who would meet possibly outdoors, and appropriately socially distanced, with masks, etc., contact me or Elder Adrienne Schilling. We will provide resources to these groups for prayers or readings you might do together. Or if you already have such a group for fellowship but would like to add a spiritual element, I will provide resources, and could even attend one meeting to lead a prayer with you. Since we have decided to suspend our large in person worship gathering on Sunday morning in the sanctuary for a few more months because of health concerns and safety, this offers an opportunity for prayer time in person, with a few others.

We continue to emphasize our Sunday coffee hour and prayer time online at 11am. This is our primary gathering and we have been getting an average of 25 people weekly. If you want an invite and are not yet attending contact me by email. Other online classes and all this information are listed on our website, where you can find a half hour recorded worship service with a sermon, music and prayers.

If you would like to check out a book from the church library, or sit for an hour in the sanctuary and pray during the week, contact Gina Harrington to schedule an appointment. You will need to wear a mask while indoors, and we will sanitize the area after each visit. But this may provide another resource for some of us.

Whatever you are doing, it is probably not like it used to be. However, hopefully new patterns and even sacrifices and isolation can provide lessons in what is truly important in our lives. Most simply, if you feel lonely or depressed in these times, please call someone, or let them know when they call you. Our Deacons continue to pray for us all, and we trust in God's presence with us.

Grace and Peace,

David Hutchinson



## October Lectionary Readings

### October 4

Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19: 1-14  
Philippians 3: 4b-14; Matthew 21: 33-46

### October 11

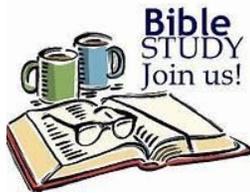
Exodus 32: 1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23  
Philippians 4: 1-9; Matthew 22: 1-14

### October 18

Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99: 1-9;  
Thessalonians 1: 1-10; Matthew 22: 15-22

### October 25

Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17;  
Thessalonians 2: 1-8; Matthew 22: 34-46



## Adult Bible Study on Sunday

Pastor David will lead a half hour Sunday School class on **Zoom**. Class will start at **10am**. We will read the preaching text for the week, and discuss the reading. You can either listen to or read the sermon prior to attending as it will have been online since midweek, or you can wait and listen to the worship recording after the online coffee hour and prayer meeting. If you want to be included, email pastor David at: [davidplychurch@gmail.com](mailto:davidplychurch@gmail.com) for an invite.



## Monday Evening Study Group

### Topic: Five Evenings of Prayer

This five part class will look at a few ideas about prayer from some of the masters: Mother Theresa, Brother Roger of Taize, Henri Nouwen, Anne Lamott, Ted Loder and Thomas Merton. These people have guided Rev. Hutchinson on sabbatical. We will spend time praying prayers written by them, after a brief time considering a key idea about prayer from one of them. And we will have the opportunity to write and pray our own prayers. To sign up for the class email pastor David at [davidplychurch@gmail.com](mailto:davidplychurch@gmail.com), and you will receive an invite to attend the online class from your computer or phone.

Dates: **September 28 – Oct. 26, 6:30pm** on **Zoom**

1. September 28  
Mother Theresa and Brother Roger  
Some ideas from Roger and Theresa  
Some prayers from Roger and Ted Loder
2. October 5  
Henri Nouwen  
Some ideas from Nouwen  
Prayers from Nouwen and Ted Loder
3. October 12  
Anne Lamott  
Some ideas from Lamott  
Prayers from Lamott and Ted Loder
4. October 19

Ted Loder  
 Some ideas from Ted Loder  
 Our prayers  
 5. October 26  
 Thomas Merton  
 Some ideas from Merton  
 Our prayers



**Zoom Attendance**

Mark Earhart - 4  
 Carol Jones - 14  
 Cedric Haeberlin - 18  
 Larry Cole - 25  
 Patricia Craig - 26  
 Charlotte Wilburn - 31

September 6 : 25  
 September 13: 27  
 September 20: 26 +  
 September 27:



**August 2020 Income and Expense**

	August 2020	YTD 2020
Income	\$7,783.35	
Expense	\$11,082.90	
Net Gain/Loss	\$3,299.55	

The Women's Retreat, scheduled for 9\11-13 has been **postponed indefinitely**. We want to meet in a safe manner, and so we will go to Trudeau's beach house when things have calmed down and meeting in groups is safe once again.

**Priscilla Circle**

We are still a group and **we are still supporting our two missions**—locally, **the PJ's project for DHS** and the global mission for the **Children of Makindu**. If you would like to donate to either or both of these endeavors, **please send a check to the church with the**

**notation on the envelope: Attn: Carol Jones.**

Carol does the shopping for DHS usually in November and delivers to them and she makes our donation to Makindu at the end of December.

We thank you in advance for your generosity, and we look forward to seeing you as soon as it is safe for us to gather together and CELEBRATE !

With blessings and joy,



**Faith Build Project**

Two members were busy staining boards a few weekends ago. Painting opportunities are on the horizon.

And, the good news is that all five participating churches have met their financial pledge. Thank you to everyone.



There will be no rummage sale this year. We had hoped to be able to do it in August or September, but it is just not possible at this time.

If you have donations you cannot continue to hold you have a couple of options. 1) You  
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could sell items directly and donate the amount or a portion to the church. Just note "rummage sale" on any donations. Some are already doing this. Or 2) we still have limited space to store items for a future sale, contact Adrienne at 503-975-4201 to arrange storage.



Thank you so much for the gorgeous bouquet of flowers and for all the lovely cards, memories and good wishes. My 90th could not have been more perfect.

It was a gift to be able to "hang out" with my Corazza sons, daughter-in-law and grandchildren for several days.

It was a first and special moment in time. You have a special place in my heart .

Fran Pickering



And my God will provide all of your needs according to his riches in glory in Jesus Christ.

Philippians 4: 19 NASB



## Peace and Global Witness Offering

We will continue to receive the Peace and Global Witness Offering in October. A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness. The Session, at its September meeting, decided that our 25% portion will go to the Backpack for Kids. This program provides meals for food insecure children over weekends and holidays when school breakfast and lunch is not available. You can donate by sending a check to the church at 2615 Sykes Rd, St Helens, OR 97051. Make sure to put P&GW in the memo line. You can go online to PCUSA Special offerings and go to the "Give Now" tab and give. You can also text "peace" to

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20222 to give \$10. I encourage you to go to the PCUSA website and look at what the offering provides around the world and closer to home.



The deadline for the November newsletter is **October 19**. If you have articles you would like to see in the newsletter, please send them to [beckyfrazier35@yahoo.com](mailto:beckyfrazier35@yahoo.com)

## Stewardship

A Stewardship letter along with a pledge card will be mailed to you in October. The information gathered will assist the finance commission in preparing the church budget and future activities in the coming year. Please return your pledge card in the envelope provided via mail or delivery to the Church office, Attn: Finance Secretary, Carol Jones.

Plymouth Presbyterian Church continues.... Our missions are still alive behind the doors. With your support Habitat for Humanity continues to build homes, Wildfire communities are being funded, Community Meals continue feeding when and where needed, through your Special Offerings, Presbytery is reaching countless of mission needs. The bills are being paid, Employees are being paid. Volunteers are still working hard. The church building is still holding a

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place for you. We are present in God's mission! Thank you for your support.

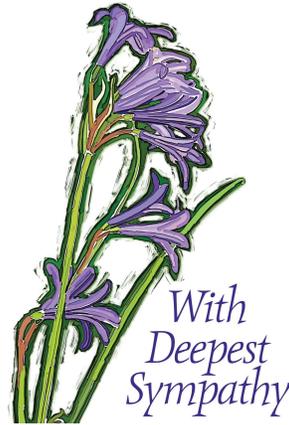


**Boxing Day** is still happening. The Covid -19 pandemic has upturned so much in our world. We are still going ahead with Boxing Day, though it might look a little different. You can still donate items for the totes. Contact the office for a time to drop them off. Or you can send a check to the church with "Boxing Day" in the memo line. Thanks for all your generous donations to these worthy causes, especially during these tumultuous and scary times. These are tangible ways to help in the world.

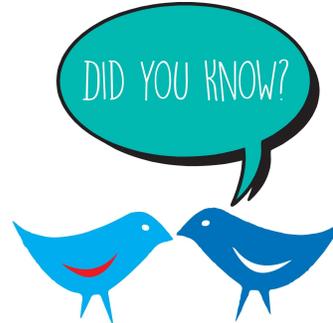


### **Fred Meyer Rewards**

From April 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020, 15 household from Plymouth Presbyterian were signed up for the Fred Meyer Rewards program. This resulted in a donation to Plymouth from Fred Meyer of **\$41. 67**. This program costs nothing to participate, so if you are not already signed up, please consider doing so.



We give thanks for our dear member Gary Eaton. He was born in 1930 and lived his entire life in Scappoose and St Helens. Gary owned and operated Eaton's Tire Co. in St Helens. He served as a Deacon here at Plymouth. Our prayers go out to his wife Shirley, his family and friends.



### **Church Chatter**

This space is for little bits of newsy info. we can share with our church family. Upbeat trivia one might only learn if sharing a table or circulating during fellowship. Please let your Deacon know or share with Becky and we can spread the fun!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
4 10:00am Online (Zoom) <b>Bible study</b> 11:00am Online (Zoom) <b>World Communion and coffee hour</b>	5 10 am (Zoom) <b>Deacons Meeting</b> 6:30 pm Online(Zoom) <b>Study Group</b>	6	7	8	9	10
11 10:00am Online (Zoom) <b>Bible study</b> 11:00am Online (Zoom) <b>Coffee hour</b> <b>Pastor Appreciation !</b>	12 6:30pm Online(Zoom) <b>Study Group</b>	13 6:00 pm Online(Zoom) <b>Session</b>	14	15	16	17
18 10:00am Online (Zoom) <b>Bible study</b> 11:00am Online (Zoom) <b>Coffee hour and prayer</b>	19 6:30 pm Online (Zoom) <b>Study Group</b>	20	21	22	23	24
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Coming on Sunday, October 4:  
 World Communion  
 Special online recorded music  
 10:00am-- Online (Zoom) Bible study  
 11:00am-- Online (Zoom) Communion and coffee hour

**Sunday, November 1 : Time Change**  
 Remember to **Fall Back!**

“ Every tomorrow has two handles. We can take hold of it with the handle of anxiety or the handle of Faith.”

Henry Ward Beecher

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