

Even though Gina and I had to turn on the heat this week in our offices to warm us from the damp chill in the air, it is officially summer. I can feel hope beginning to bubble up. There are fun plans at the church and in the community. We will be celebrating outgoing officers and ordaining and installing new ones. We are off and running with the mission study, and I am really pumped about it.

The Mission Study Leadership Team (MSLT) is made up of Gina Harrington, Bill Eagle, Doris Perry, Becky Frazier, Linda Liefeld, Sharon Fraser, Nancy Moebs and myself. We are meeting weekly to pray and plan the mission study for the congregation. The Team will be commissioned in worship on June 26th. Our first big event planned for the congregation will be on Sunday July 17th at 10:30. Please come!! The focus will be on the History of Plymouth Presbyterian Church. We will have lunch (thanks to the Membership/Outreach/Fellowship Commission!), an interactive timeline, a historical tour of the church, and a space for you to walk a labyrinth and reflect on a few questions and learn from a special speaker MaryJean Rivera. This should be a very meaningful event.

My role as Interim is to walk with you through this time of transition and to help you articulate what is important to Plymouth. Who are you as a congregation? What difference have you made in the life of each member and friend and in the surrounding community? Times of transition can feel awkward and uncomfortable but also exciting and hopeful. God has been with Plymouth from its inception, and God is still very much with Plymouth. Where do you feel God at work in the congregation? Are there places in the community that need the loving outreach and mission from us? Please ponder these questions and others that arise. This is the time to wonder and dream and use your imagination and your memory.

The Scripture passages for the summer are mostly about being a follower of Jesus and how to live out our faith. We will be courageously looking into what that means for us.

I am having a great time with you! Thank you for letting me be a part of your kind, creative and welcoming congregation. What a joy!

With love,
Pastor Paulette