

# PLYMOUTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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We are finally feeling some spring weather as I write this article, and there is more light around after Daylight Savings Time. I am ready to welcome the light of the Resurrection at Easter in just a few weeks. Did you realize that every single Sunday we celebrate the Resurrection? We worship together on Sunday because that is the day of Jesus' resurrection. Our friends that are 7th Day Adventist worship on Saturday because that day was set aside as a Sabbath. In a way we celebrate on the 8th day in terms of creation. In Genesis 1 God created everything in 6 days and rested on the seventh day. Easter, Resurrection Day, is the 8th day or the new creation. We have much to celebrate!!

This year we celebrate Palm Sunday on April 2nd and Easter on April 9. The fun continues in worship, and we will even have Bill Eagle preaching on April 23 as we acknowledge Earth Day and our stewardship of God's creation.

This Easter season, I hope you find new life all around you. There is so much hope. Life is not a dead-end street.



2023

One of the many gifts I have received from my time with you is the hymn "In the Bulb There is a Flower" written by Natalie Sleeth. I had never heard or sung this precious song before. Here it is to ponder this season:

In the bulb there is a flower;  
in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise; butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;  
There's a dawn in every darkness bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; what it holds a mystery, unrevealed until its season, Something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning;  
In our time, infinity;  
In our doubt there is believing;  
In our life; eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection;  
At the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

Celebrate my friends with your Resurrection glasses on! There is hope all around.

Much love, Pastor Paulette



## April Lectionary Readings

### April 2 Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 118:1-2,19-29 or  
Psalm 31:9-16; Philemon 2:5-11;  
Mathew 21:1-11

### April 6 Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14;  
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1Corinthians 11;23-26;  
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

### April 7 Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22;  
Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9;  
John 18:1-19:42

### April 9 Easter

Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6;  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4 or  
Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or  
Matthew 28:1-10

### April 16 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a,22-32; Psalm 16: 1 Peter 1;3-9;  
John 20:19-31

### April 23 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a,36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19;  
1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

### April 30 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47, Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25;  
John 10:1-10



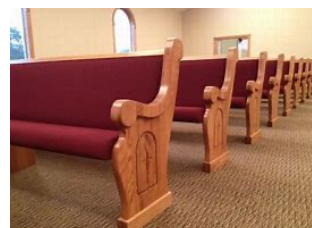
### First Tuesday Lunch and Fellowship

Bring your own lunch and enjoy fellowship  
with your church family. We will meet on  
**April 4 at noon** in the Fellowship Hall.



## April BIRTHDAYS

April 3	Claudia Eagle
April 4	Nancy Moebis
April 7	Katelyn Wells
April 13	Harold Atkinson
April 13	David Hutchinson
April 13	IdaMae Larsen
April 19	David Schilling
April 26	Gary Dinsmore
April 27	Wendy Wells
April 29	Tom Roldan



### Attendance

February 12	34
February 19	32
February 26	0
(closed due to snow)	
March 5	42



## One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)



### February 2023 Income and Expenses

	February 2023	2023 YTD
Income	\$5,353.32	\$12,243.78
Expense	\$5,198.62	\$13,999.18
Net Loss	\$ 154.70	\$ (1,755.40)



Our last two evening studies will be held Monday evening, April 3 and April 10 at 7:00, on Zoom, led by Pat Berger. The class is titled, "Reflections on the Lord's Prayer."



Deacons will meet on **Wednesday, April 5, at 7:00 p.m.** on Zoom.

Session will meet on **Wednesday, April 12 at 6:15 p.m.** on Zoom. **Meeting ID: 876 0550 3247**

Lenten Study will meet on **Monday evening, April 3, April 10. Meeting ID: 827 7009 1590**

We will be accepting donations toward One Great Hour of Sharing on Palm Sunday and on Easter. This is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. The three programs supported by OGHS are Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP), and Self-Development of People (SDOP).

PDA helps people to recover from natural or human caused disasters and supports refugees. Nationally, grants have been given to those recovering from wildfires, floods, hurricanes, and storms. Internationally, grants have been awarded in more than 16 countries. PDA receives 32% of the funds raised for OGHS.

PHP acts to alleviate hunger, care for creation, and ease the systematic causes of poverty so that all may be fed. Internationally it provides money, seeds, land, water, equipment, and training so that people are able to feed themselves and their families. PHP also distributes boxes of fresh and non-perishable food to communities in the United States. PHP receives 36% of the funds raised for OGHS.

SDOP Invests in communities experiencing oppression, poverty, and injustice. Projects and grants go to national partners such as the Afghan Cattle Cooperative in Bristow, Virginia. International partners include the Civil Society Coalition for Poverty Eradication in Nigeria. SDOP receives 32% of the fund raised for OGHS.



Celebrating the Magic of Makindu for 25 years



As we begin our 25th year of feeding and helping the kids of Makindu, I cannot help but look back at the incredible accomplishments of Makindu Children's Program. Thousands of children have been saved from the streets - fed, educated and cared for in supportive homes. They have grown into mature, responsible, employed adults and loving parents. In spite of the constant challenges including poverty, food insecurity, drought and disease, the kids and guardians with Makindu Children's Center are doing well. Makindu Children's Program and Children's Center will continue to stay true to the mission of helping feed, educate and care for the most vulnerable of kids.

## NewsLetter DEADLINE

The deadline for the May newsletter is **April 22**. If you have articles you would like to see in the newsletter, please send them to [beckyfrazier35@yahoo.com](mailto:beckyfrazier35@yahoo.com)



## Change for Change

Beginning in April, our change will be going to a program run by the St. Helens DayBreakers Kiwanis in conjunction with the St. Helens School District primarily to help teens who are unaccompanied and not living with a parent or guardian.

This program provides food bags during the long school breaks, gift cards for emergency food, Christmas gifts, clothing, school supplies, personal care products, bedding, and gas so they can get to school.

The goal is to help these teens stay in school, increase attendance, and graduate.

Currently, the school district has over 100 students who have housing insecurity and about 33 students who are considered unaccompanied and are helped with this program.

This program provides positive messages and lets the students know the community care about them,



Bill Eagle will be preaching and acknowledging Earth Day on April 23.



## Welcome to the Trainer family



Gavon, Quinn, and Liam Trainer

On Easter Sunday, we will be welcoming Gavon, Liam, and Quinn Trainer into Plymouth Church. Liam and Quinn will also be baptized that morning.

Gavon grew up in Washtucna, a small town in Eastern Washington. He has been living in the Yankton Hills for the past 13 years, where his family owns a five-acre farm. They are attempting to be self-sufficient, so they raise their own food. They are also looking to get some dairy goats for the milk.

Gavon is a maintenance technician, currently employed at CMZ Materials in Hillsboro. He and his wife, Erica, will celebrate their 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary in September. Erica is the EMT coordinator at Emmanuel Hospital.

The twins were born at Emmanuel Hospital twelve years ago. They are now in the sixth grade at St. Helens Middle School. Liam is learning to play the alto sax. He enjoys petting his cats and eating fish and chips, Quinn enjoys singing, reading, and writing, She is currently writing a horror book.

You may have noticed our church bell is ringing on Sunday mornings again. This is thanks to Liam and Quinn who take turns ringing the bell.

The family loves to go camping, kayaking, fishing, and crabbing. They will be a wonderful addition to our church family.



## Season of Easter

### **Palm Sunday**

April 2

### **Maundy Thursday**

April 6

We will hold a communion service  
Time to be announced.

### **Easter Sunday**

April 9

Baptisms  
New members

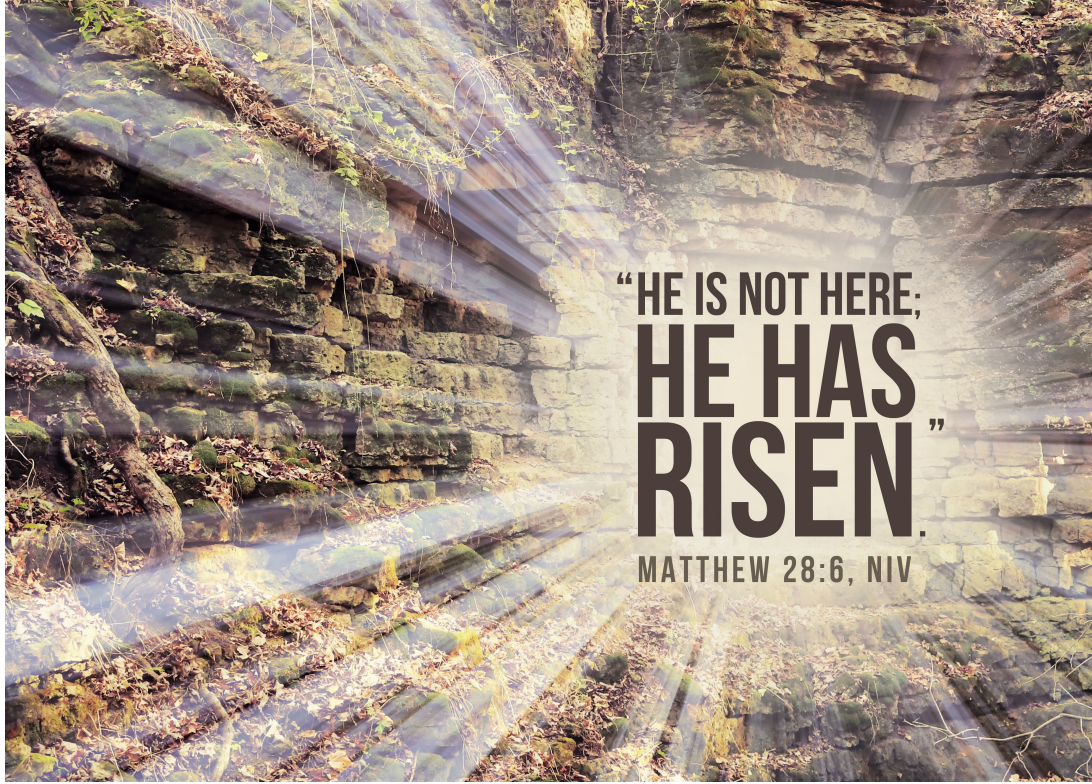
# Sunday Volunteer Schedule



<p><b>April 2</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b></p>	<p><b>Communion Set-up:</b> Zelda Anderson  <b>Communion Servers:</b> Zelda Anderson, Linda Liefeld, Gina Harrington  <b>Greeters:</b> Helen Purkerson, Mark Earhart  <b>Lay Leader:</b> Pat Berger  <b>Coffee Hour Host:</b></p>
<p><b>April 9</b> <b>Easter</b></p>	<p><b>Greeters:</b> Karen Roldan, Lorna Bradley  <b>Lay Leader:</b> Marilyn Brinster  <b>Coffee Hour Host:</b> Anita Kjos</p>
<p><b>April 16</b></p>	<p><b>Greeters/Ushers:</b> Anita Kjos, Bonnie Childs  <b>Lay Leader:</b> Bill Eagle  <b>Coffee Hour Host:</b></p>
<p><b>April 23</b></p>	<p><b>Greeters:</b> Carol Jones, Sharon Fraser  <b>Lay Leader:</b> Mark Dinwiddie  <b>Coffee Hour Host:</b></p>
<p><b>April 30</b></p>	<p><b>Greeters:</b> Pat Berger, Jon Dickson  <b>Lay Leader:</b> Sharon Fraser  <b>Coffee Hour Host</b></p>

# April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 April Fools' Day
2 <b>Palm Sunday 10:30 Communion Avamere</b>	3 Lenten study 7 pm on Zoom	4 <b>Fellowship lunch noon</b>	5 <b>7 p.m. Deacons meeting on Zoom</b>	6	7	8
9 <b>Easter service 10:30</b>	10 Lenten study 7 pm on Zoom	11	12 <b>Session 6:15 Zoom</b>	13	14	15
16 <b>10:30 worship</b>	17	18 	19	20	21	22 Newsletter deadline
23 <b>10:30 worship Bill Eagle preaching</b>	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 <b>10:30 worship</b>						



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