

PLYMOUTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Summer is here! Warmth, growth and sunshine surround us. What is God doing in our midst?

In January 2022, I came to Plymouth as your Interim Pastor. What fun we have had! We collected items to share with the community during Lent, and you wowed me with your generosity and sense of mission. We looked at the past, present and future of the church. The mission report will soon be handed out.

July 23rd will be my last Sunday with you. The search for a long term Stated Supply Pastor has begun. There is so much hope in the air. Your Parish Associate Rev. Pat Berger will be staying with you. There is goodness ahead. You are a loving congregation committed to each other and to the church. God will hold you through this time of change, and the Spirit will blow fresh winds of joy and expectation around you.

Thank you for your partnership in ministry. My husband Ryan and I will cherish our time with Plymouth, and our prayers go with each of you.

Much love,
Pastor Paulette



July Lectionary Readings

July 2 5th Sunday of Pentecost
 Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6:12-23;
 Matthew 10:40-42

July 9 6th Sunday of Pentecost
 Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Psalm 45:10-17
 or Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Romans 7:15-25a;
 Matthew 11:16-19,25-30

July 16 7th Sunday of Pentecost
 Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112;
 Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 23 8th Sunday of Pentecost
 Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24;
 Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

July 30 9th Sunday of Pentecost
 Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or
 Psalm 128; Romans 8:26-39;
 Matthew 13:31-33,44-52



Attendance

May 14	21
May 21	27
May 28	21
June 4	31
June 11	25



May Income and Expenses

	May 2023	January – May 2023
Income	\$45,545.80	\$92,940.01
Expense	\$43,485.78	\$87,548.27
Net Income	\$2,060.02	\$5,391.74



July 1 Janis Knox
 July 2 Howard Knytch
 July 2 Darrel Purkerson
 July 18 Margaret Smith
 July 20 Connie Gunn
 July 21 Jan Stites
 July 28 Jay Perry



Tuesday Lunch and Fellowship

Bring your own lunch and enjoy fellowship with your church family. Since the first Tuesday is July 4, let's plan to meet on **July 11**, at **noon** in the Fellowship Hall.

Meeting Schedules



Deacons Meeting

Deacons will take a short summer vacation and plan no meetings in July or August. Their next scheduled meeting will be September 5 at 11 a.m. at the church.



Worship Committee,

The Worship and Nurture Committee which meets on the second Tuesday, at 7 p.m. will not be meeting in July.



Elders Meeting

Session is taking July off and will resume their regularly scheduled meeting on August 9, Wednesday, at 6:15 on Zoom.



CHURCH PICNIC

Looking forward to August 6, we are planning to hold a church picnic involving the Presbyterian church, the Methodist church, the Episcopal church, the Lutheran church, and the Christian church. Watch this space for more details.

NewsLetter DEADLINE

The deadline for the August newsletter is **July 22**. If you have articles you would like to see in the newsletter, please send them to beckyfrazier35@yahoo.com



Welcome to new Deacons and Elders

At our last Congregational meeting, held on June 11, we elected new deacons Anita Kjos and Linda Gaskill to three year terms, and Karen Roldan to another one year term. We thanked outgoing deacons Jill Turner and Nancy Moebes for their service.

We also thanked outgoing elder Roger Liefeld and Linda Liefeld, who finished out Wendy Well's term. Linda has agreed to continue in that position. Sharon Fraser will serve as Building and Grounds Elder and Becky Frazier will serve as Administration and Personnel Elder. We currently have no one to serve as Mission Elder, but Pat Berger, with the help of her committee, will head the Mission Commission.

Again, thank you to all in-coming and out-going leaders!



The Gathering

1) Bonnie Childs sustained a fall and is currently living in Portland while she heals. Since she cannot currently fulfill her deacon duties, her list was divided among the remaining deacons until her return to her home.

Her current (and temporary) address is:

Bonnie Childs
Laurel Parc @ Bethany Village
15850 NW Central Drive, Apt 276
Portland, Or 97229

If you plan to visit her, please call before you go. (650-678-5631)

2) We are sorry to see Harold Atkinson leave our church. He is moving to Vancouver, Washington. Best of luck, Harold. We will miss you.



There will not be a rummage sale this year unless someone offers to manage it. Adrienne and her family have done this for years but are unable to do so this year.

After a few years absence of social events the church is rekindling "The Gathering"

What is The Gathering? It is an event with no particular agenda, other than unite church members & their families in a relaxed social environment.

Where: **The Dinwiddie's home**
Date: **Saturday, July 22, 2023**
Time: **4:00 pm**

Menu: Potluck side dish (Burgers & hot dogs provided)

Please join us in a gathering of friends & family.

A sign-up sheet will be provided in the church fellowship hall.

On August 26, the Andersons will host the next gathering at their home. Stay tuned for more information.



Habitat for Humanity

When Habitat initially held informational meetings for homeowners and volunteers for our upcoming Vernonia project, we were blessed to meet Kimberly Normand. Kimberly had been working with R Kelley Construction, but has recently decided to start her own construction company in Vernonia. She has enthusiastically agreed to volunteer as the main contractor and site supervisor for our Vernonia home build. We are so excited to finally begin working on the lot we've waited on for so long, we are bypassing our normal groundbreaking ceremony and are planning to begin excavation this coming week. We hope you get a chance to meet her; her passion for construction as well as the local Vernonia area is infectious!

Angela Carlson
Administrative Assistant



Want to help with Community Meals? Call or text
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kathybauska@comcast.net
Cathy Bowcock, Phone 503-369-9985 or
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Almasi was up early, but the others were still asleep. There was much to be done. Besides the daily trek to the water spigot, there were the goats to milk and eggs to find. She was hoping to have that done before waking the children. So much to do and so little time.

Looking out at her small garden, Almasi wondered if any of the precious seeds she had been given by Makindu Children's Center (MCC) would grow. The family desperately needed these crops to feed the five growing bodies.

She loves watching these children with their amazing hearts and shining smiles each day attending school and learning so much. They are all so smart! There was no way this would have happened if MCC had not provided the tuition for them all. And the uniforms for school. They were all so proud of those uniforms!

Today Almasi would walk to MCC to the support meeting for the children's guardians. She is excited to see her friends there. Almasi's life is not different from theirs. They all struggle to take care of the lively children for whom they care. Together they have supported each other and they look out for those among them who struggle the most. They have learned so much each time MCC gave them training to help them support the children. Already Almasi and her friends had learned to take care of the goats and chickens. Soon they would learn about bee keeping also.

Well, time to wake everybody up, get the bedrolls hung and prepare to set out. After all, there was a lot to be done today.

by Board Member Niki Smith.

Sunday Volunteer Schedule



July 2	Communion Set-up: Zelda Anderson Communion Servers: Zelda Anderson, Pat Brown, Doris Perry Greeters: Doris Perry and Mark Earhart Lay Leader: Pat Berger Coffee Hour : Karen Roldan and Sharon Fraser
July 9	Greeters: Pat Berger Lay Leader: Bill Eagle Coffee Hour: Jill Turner
July 16	Greeters: Mark and Kathleen Dinwiddie Lay Leader: Sharon Fraser Coffee Hour:
July 23	Greeters: Jill Turner and Jon Dickson Lay Leader: Karen Roldan Coffee Hour: Gina Harrington and Louis Sena
July 30	Greeters: Karen Roldan and Sharon Fraser Lay Leader: Becky Frazier Coffee Hour: Anita Kjos




Saying a Sad Farewell to Pastor Paulette

Pastor Paulette's last day at Plymouth will be July 23. We see her go with heavy hearts, but wish her joy in the next phase of her life.

We will be having a special Coffee Hour in her honor on the 23rd. Hope to see you all there.



2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Worship 10:30 a.m. with communion 12:30 Avamere	3	4  Independence Day	5	6	7	8
9 Worship 10:30 a.m.	10	11 Tuesday lunch and fellowship Noon, at church	12	13	14	15
16 Worship 10:30 a.m.	17	18	19	20	21	22 Gathering , 4 pm Dinwiddie's
23 Worship 10:30 a.m.	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 worship 10:30 a.m.						



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