

PLYMOUTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2615 Sykes Rd, St. Helens, OR 97051

Phone: 503-397-0062

Website: www.PlyChurch.org

E-mail: plymouth@plymouthchurchsh.com



September

2023



A fast-moving wildfire on Hawaii's island of Maui has virtually destroyed the historic town of Lahaina, killing over 100 people, and officials say the toll is expected to rise. Multiple fires were still burning on the island as teams spread out to search charred areas.

"You can't imagine, even from the pictures. It's— everything is gone. There's nothing left," local resident and business owner J.D. Hessemer said. After seeing the devastation in Lahaina, Hawaii Gov. Josh Green called it "the worst national disaster that Hawaii has ever faced."

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is working with the Presbytery of the Pacific by collaborating with UCC and other National VOAD members to respond. An initial response grant has been disbursed to address emergency needs, and PDA will be present through the long-term recovery phase. Emergency needs include but are not limited to food, shelter, WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene), medicine and more. To support them, call 800-872-3283 or mail your check to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700. Be sure to designate your gift goes to DROOO165.

Other opportunities for donations include:

redcross.org, call 1-800-RED-CROSS (800-733-2767), or text REDCROSS to 90999 to donate \$10.

The Hawai'i Community Foundation. To donate, go to hawaiicommunityfoundation.org.

Maui United Way. All donations are processed online at Mauiunitedway.org.

Maui Food Bank To donate visit mauifoodbank.org.

Maui Nui Strong You can make a donation on their website, mauinuistrong.info.

Maui Humane Society mauihumanesociety.org



September Lectionary Readings

September 3 14th Sunday of Pentecost

Exodus 3:1-15;
 Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b;
 Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

September 10 15th Sunday of Pentecost

Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149;
 Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

September 17 16th Sunday of Pentecost

Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114 or
 Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21;
 Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

September 24 17th Sunday of Pentecost

Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45;
 Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20: 1-16



Attendance

June 18	27
June 25	31
July 2	15
July 9	28
July 16	27
July 22	27(gathering)
July 23	37
July 30	27
August 6	29



June Income and Expenses

	June 2023	January – June 2023
Income	\$5,372.77	\$98,312.78
Expense	\$4,386.90	\$91,935.17
Net Income	\$ 985.87	\$ 6,377.61

July Income and Expenses

	July 2023	January – July 2023
Income	\$6,045.13	\$104,357.91
Expense	\$5,105.91	\$97,041.08
Net Income	\$ 939.22	\$7,316.83



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

September 1	Lorna Bradley
September 2	Gayle Clemmer
September 13	Candy Cole
September 30.	Linda Dunn



First Tuesday Lunch and Fellowship

Bring your own lunch and enjoy fellowship with your church family. **Tuesday, September 5 at noon** in the library.

Meeting Schedules



Deacons are back from vacation! Their next scheduled meeting will be September 5 **at 10:30 a.m.** at the church.



Worship Committee,

The Worship and Nurture Committee will meet on the **second Tuesday, September 12, at 7 p.m.**



Session will continue their regularly scheduled meeting on **Wednesday, September 13, at 6:15 on Zoom.**



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Tom & Karen Roldan's 40th wedding Anniversary celebration –

Don't forget – come help them celebrate!

Saturday, Sept. 23rd, 2 p.m. in the church fellowship hall.

Cake and refreshments served.

All are invited!



Harold Atkinson has been removed from the membership rolls per his request since he has moved to assisted living in Vancouver, Washington. Best wishes to you, Harold!



Our NexTrex plastic recycling program has been going well, but there are a few things we need to remember to do to make the job of sorting and cleaning the plastic less time consuming and messy.

- Turn all bread bags inside out and shake the bits into your trash can – even if you don't see anything inside the bag.
- Used Ziplock must be clean, dry, and free of organic residue. Please turn them inside out to rinse and dry ahead of time.
- Crunchy bags or very shiny plastic are not recyclable for this program. Examples of non-acceptable plastic are the bags grapes come in or gift basket wrap. The plastic must be stretchy, not rigid.
- An easy test for acceptable plastic is to stick your thumb into the plastic. If it stretches and does not break, then it's recyclable plastic that may be put in the bin.
- Breakfast cereal bags are the exception to the thumb rule, but they must be turned inside out and shaken or wiped clean to remove any cereal residue.

Keep up the great work!



Peacemaking and Global Witness

Peacemaking And Global Witness offering will be received on **World Communion Sunday, Oct 1**. Twenty-five percent is kept by our congregation for peace and witness efforts, twenty-five percent goes to the Presbytery and Synod for their peace and witness efforts and fifty percent goes to Presbyterian Mission Agency for peacemaking, reconciliation, and global witness.



The deadline for the October newsletter is **September 16**. If you have articles you would like to see in the newsletter, please send them to beckyfrazier35@yahoo.com



Word from Winnie Barron
Makindu, Kenya

I am hoping that the start of 2023 is treating you well. It has been a long time since I have been able to visit you all at Plymouth Circle. How lovely to see yet another generous donation from your group!

It is hard to believe that this year is MCC's 25th anniversary--makes my heart SO very happy. The 20th anniversary celebration at MCC was a hoot--so many previous graduates returned for the day which was incredibly heartwarming.

Thank you---and please give my best to Fran and everyone at Plymouth.

Asante sana,
Winnie



First Day of Fall

Fall begins on September 23 this year, the same day of the autumnal equinox in the northern hemisphere. During an **equinox**, the Sun crosses what we call the "celestial equator"—an imaginary extension of Earth's equator line into space. The equinox occurs precisely when the Sun's center passes through this line. Welcome, fall!



Our annual Christmas bazaar will be held on November 18, so be thinking about what you can donate and start those fingers working. More information about set-up and basket making will be coming next month. Let's make this year's bazaar the best one ever!



Pastor Schedule for September

September 3	Reverend Pat Berger
September 10	Reverend Bill Russell
September 17	Reverend Pat Berger
September 24	Unconfirmed at this point



Sunday Volunteer Schedule

September 3	Guest Preacher: Reverend Pat Berger Communion Set-up: Jill Turner Communion Servers: Jill Turner, Mark and Kathleen Dinwiddie Greeters: Doris Perry and Jon Dickson Lay Leader: Doris Perry Coffee Hour: Anita Kjos
September 10	Guest Preacher: Reverend Bill Russell Greeters: Pat Brown and Carol Jones Lay Leader: Bill Eagle Coffee Hour: Jill Turner
September 17	Guest Preacher: Reverend Pat Berger Greeters: Anita Kjos and Mark Earhart Lay Leader: Sharon Fraser Coffee Hour:
September 24	Guest Preacher: Greeters: Mark and Kathleen Dinwiddie Lay Leader: Mark Dinwiddie Coffee Hour: Mark and Kathleen Dinwiddie

Need something to do? Consider signing up to host coffee hour on the 17th!



2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 Worship 10:30 a.m. with communion Pat Berger preaching 12:30 Avamere	4	5 Deacons 10:30 1 st Tuesday lunch & fellowship noon	6	7	8	9
10 Worship 10:30 a.m. Bill Russell preaching	11	12 Worship committee, 7 p.m.	13 Session 6:15 on Zoom	14	15	16 Newsletter deadline
17 Worship 10:30 a.m. Pat Berger preaching	18	19	20	21	22	23 Tom & Karen Roldan anniversary 2pm
24 Worship 10:30 a.m.	25	26	27	28	29	30



PLYMOUTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2615 SYKES ROAD
ST. HELENS, OR 97051

FIRST CLASS MAIL