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2024

Happy New Year, Friends of Plymouth!

I have only one minute,
Sixty seconds in it.
Forced upon me, can't refuse it.
Didn't seek it, didn't choose it.
But it's up to me to use it.

I must suffer if I lose it.
Give [an] account if I abuse it.
Just a tiny little minute,
But eternity can be found in it.
~Benjamin Elijah Mays

About a year ago, I was scrolling on Facebook and came across this quote: "Time is like a river. You cannot touch the same water twice, because the flow that has passed will never pass again." How true! Many times, we are so in a hurry trying to accomplish many things at once, that we fail to slow down, to pause, and to enjoy the time we have now.

The time we have with family, friends, and loved ones is so precious. The time enjoying the freedom that we have inherited passed down to us through our forebears is of key importance. The time that we spend enjoying the simple things in life is sacred: like sipping hot chocolate on a

snowy day; like the feel of paper pages between our fingers while reading a good book; like the time spent doing absolutely nothing. There is something sacred about these moments.

As you dance across the world's stage in the year 2024, make sure you take time to slow down, to pause, to breathe in gratitude, and to relish the present moment. Remember, God has given you one more day. And, "Time is like a river. You cannot touch the same water twice, because the flow that has passed will never pass again."

In the days ahead, as your new Pastor, I want to know you. I want you to know me too! I plan to make an appointment soon so that our meeting can happen. Let's make 2024 a great year together!

In God's grip,
Pastor Peter J. Blank



January Lectionary Readings

JANUARY 1 | NEW YEAR'S DAY

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13; Psalm 8;
Revelation 21:1-6a; Matthew 25:31-46

JANUARY 6 | EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14;
Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

JANUARY 7 | BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7;
Mark 1:4-11

JANUARY 14 | 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20);
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18;
1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

JANUARY 21 | 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12;
1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

JANUARY 28 | 4TH Sunday after Epiphany

Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111;
1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28



Boxing Day

We will be loading the totes for people transitioning into permanent housing after worship on January 7. Please stay and help with this mission,



Attendance

November 12	27
November 19	28
November 26	30
December 3	33
December 9	23 (Christmas party)
December 10	28



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

January 5	Paulette Mixon-Weller
January 5	Roger Liefeld
January 10	Jonathan Dickson
January 22	Sean Daly
January 25	Marilyn Brinster
January 26	Helen Purkerson

Newsletter
DEADLINE

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

Meeting Schedules



First Tuesday Lunch and Fellowship

First Tuesday lunch and fellowship is taking a break due to lack of attendance. We hope to begin meeting again in the spring, when the weather is nicer.

Deacons Meeting



Deacons' next scheduled meeting will be **January 9 at 10:30 a.m.** at the church.



Session will hold their next meeting on **Wednesday, January 10, at 6:15 on ZOOM.**



Please plan to stay after worship on **January 28** for our **annual congregational meeting**,



November Income and Expenses

	November 2023	January – November, 2023
Income	\$8,144.56	\$131,492.59
Expense	\$3,109.07	\$126,684.47
Net Income	\$5,035.49	\$4,808.12



Change for Change

Donations to Change for Change in November were **\$82.25**. The money will go to the **Amani Center**, as will the money collected in December.

Our first quarter of the year, which begins in January, we will be supporting the **Warm Springs Presbyterian Church** who still have no water and are lacking a communion service.

Thank you for your generosity in supporting this mission.



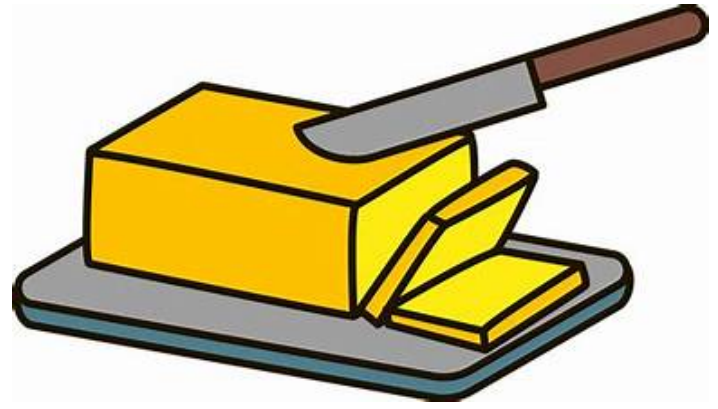
Due to your generosity, the children of Makindu have thrived during the past year. Our goal is to ensure that no child at Makindu ever goes hungry, that they have proper medical and psychological support, adequate shelter, and loving guardians.

You have made a real difference in the lives of the children we serve. Thanks to you, the children of Makindu are blooming this year.

This year your donations have made a great impact.

- 527 children eat regularly at the Center
- 535 children are enrolled and attend school
- 330 guardians have received goat husbandry education
- 455 children have been counseled on proper hygiene and sanitation
- 34 households received ITNs (insecticide treated mosquito nets)
- 337 households received multiple rounds of relief food

As you gather with family and friends to express your gratitude, please remember the children of Makindu.



Butter Shower Continues

PPC will continue to collect butter for Community Meals as an ongoing mission. You can drop off butter at the PPC kitchen refrigerator. It will be counted, then given to Community Meals. Your contributions make a difference.

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Per Capita

Exactly what does per capita do?

Per capita is the amount of support, per member, that our congregation remits to our Presbytery that is then sent on to our Synod and the General Assembly. This money is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. It enables us to work with other Presbyterian churches in our Presbytery and across the country. It also allows us to work with other churches to further the mission of Jesus Christ around the world.

The per capita apportionment for each member is **\$45.60** and shared:
 The General Assembly \$ 9.85
 The Synod of The Pacific \$ 5.22
 The Presbytery of the Cascades \$30.53
TOTAL \$45.60 Per Capita / Member

Thank you to all of you who have already paid your share. By contributing your portion of per capita, you have freed up dollars for the work of our congregation.



Habitat for Humanity Update

Habitat for Humanity has broken ground on the house that is being built for Vernonia resident Cheri Storm and her family on 6th Avenue. "I'm so very grateful for all that everyone is doing... Thank you so very much."

In September we raised \$528 for our drive to help Habitat Maui rebuild the ten homes lost in the Hawaii fire. We have since sent Habitat Maui \$2500 by rounding up the matched donations that we promised to send to them. They have a long road ahead and we are proud to join their effort.

We honor Rosalynn Carter this month. While many people associate President Carter with Habitat, Mrs. Carter was just as much of a Habitat hero. She believed deeply in our mission and many times became very emotional when she talked about the families with whom the couple had worked. President and Mrs. Carter celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on a build site in Chicago; they camped out with volunteers in locations around the world; and they did countless interviews and appearances — many of them as part of long build days — to raise awareness about the need for adequate and affordable shelter. We feel a great loss today, but we are comforted by the knowledge that Mrs. Carter's legacy will live on through the people she touched and the example she set.

Angela Carlson, Administrative Assistant
Columbia County Habitat for Humanity



NEXT TREX PLASTIC RECYCLING

When you are sorting through your plastics after the holidays, please refer to these reminders about what does or does not go into the Trex recycled plastic bin. Checking this list, and checking it twice, will be a big help in processing the recyclable plastic. Thanks!

Plastics NOT recyclable include:

- Gift basket wrap
- Candy and potato chip bags
- Treat bags that are not stretchy
- Apple and grape bags

Plastics that ARE recyclable include:

- #04 plastic bags
- Newspaper bags
- Grocery and drug store plastic bags
- Bubble wrap (any size, air okay in pockets)
- Air pillow packs (poke and squeeze air out)
- Cereal bags (turn inside out and shake)
- Bread bags (turn inside out and shake)
- Case overwraps (like for paper towels and bottled water)
- Zipper bags (if turned inside out, washed and dried)
- Stretchy plastic that you can push your thumb into without breaking



Sunday Volunteer Schedule

January 7	Communion Set-up: Gina Harrington Communion Servers: Gina Harrington, Doris Perry, Sharon Fraser Greeters: Doris Perry, Mark Earhart Lay Leader: Bill Eagle Coffee Hour: Anita Kjos
January 14	Greeters: Kathleen and Mark Dinwiddie Lay Leader: Gina Harrington Coffee Hour: Kathleen and Mark Dinwiddie
January 21	Greeters: Pat Berger and Jon Dickson Lay Leader: Sharon Fraser Coffee Hour:
January 28	Greeters: Zelda and Ken Anderson Lay Leader: Becky Frazier Coffee Hour:

Welcoming Committee

Session will serve as our welcoming committee in January, but we can all be welcoming. Remember to reach out to others: visitors, new members, members you don't usually socialize with.

Watch for more welcoming suggestions next month!



2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 	2	3	4	5	6
7 Worship 10:30 a.m. With communion 12:30 Avamere Boxing Day	8	9 Deacons 10:30 a.m.	10 Session on Zoom, 6:15 pm	11	12	13
14 Worship 10:30 a.m.	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Worship 10:30 a.m.	22 Newsletter deadline	23	24	25	26	27
28 Worship 10:30 a.m. Annual Congregational meeting following worship	29	30	31			



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FIRST CLASS MAIL

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