

PLYMOUTH  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

April  
2024

Dear friends,

I am writing this before we have celebrated Palm Sunday together. You know we have been getting to know each other now for 3 or so months since I started as your Supply Pastor in January. Well, what have we learned in this short time? For you, I think you have learned something of my fun loving side, where I poke a bit of fun at you and you poke it right back at me. We have learned we easily fit together as pastor and people. And that is good to know. For me, I have met an incredible congregation who love God and each other. I am eager to tell everyone I meet what a great church you are. You are a joy to know! I am getting fewer names wrong each time we greet. And, yes, I keep coming back and so do you! We have been meeting in study during the weeks in Lent, using materials from A Sanctified Art called A Wandering Faith. We have been learning the faith journey of disciple Peter. I think we've found it to be a wonderful discovery of seeing ourselves in Peter, and, this Lent, learning to be vulnerable and honest with each other. The study will continue into the first weeks of April. When we finish, it will be time to ask: How did it go? And, What's next to study?

**What's Next?** Will we choose to study something of a devotional nature? Something like Max Lucado's book "Facing Your Giants"? Will we choose something of a training nature? Will we choose something that will train leaders to improve leadership skills? Will we choose to train the entire congregation in speaking the language of faith and sharing that faith with others? What other skills do we need to have for the journey ahead? [Notice, that I use "we" language not "I" language for a reason. It's because I am a collaborative leader not a dictator.] And I know that I aim for you to be adopting this direction of training as your own. I can't get that buy-in without your input on what you are willing to do and willing to be part of. My style of learning is the type that takes something apart and puts them back together, like my first bike. The week after I was given a bicycle for my birthday, I took it apart to learn how it worked. My father thought I had lost my mind. I continue taking things apart in order to learn. I ask lots of questions. I view things from different angles to learn. I know this, the world looks very different when hanging upside down.

**Longer Range** What do I know about my brief time at Plymouth? We will experience some growth in our membership and budget. That growth will be modest. It will come in one of two ways: those who come back to church or those new to the community looking for the depth of love that Plymouth gives. Our real growth will come from some time of study, then the launching of a new ministry in our midst. (Take note that I haven't mentioned what type of ministry to launch. That direction will come out of the study.) It will include a new staff person or persons. It will take collaborating with an organization or organizations outside of ourselves for funding and/or a sharing of ministry hours. The new ministry could be a self-funded type where the skilled leader must raise his/her own support to cover personal living expenses. Bottom line, we can't do this alone. A new ministry of Plymouth church will take collaborating with our denomination, our Presbytery, and, perhaps as well, a local ministry organization or two to launch and sustain.

Well, I have run out of space for these broad strokes of dreaming of a new day in our congregation. I hope this leads to some healthy discussions among us. God is not finished what has been started in us. So for now. . .

In the grip of grace,

*Pastor Peter*

Pastor Peter J. Blank HR

# Honoring the Life of Becky Frazier

A poem by Doris Perry

## Your Voice

Where does one go, when their candle burns  
out?

When they no longer have a voice?  
Two paths lay ahead for them to choose,  
But, do they really have a choice?

Oh. . . but you already made your choice  
In the way you lived your days.  
So many people you have touched  
In so many different ways.

The students, co-workers, pets and your friends,  
Your giving spirit never seemed to end.  
A helping hand, a sympathetic ear,  
These are the things we hold so dear.

A cup of tea on a cold winter day,  
Helped to guide some on their way,  
A book was written, it came to be . . .  
Only because you gave the key.

You chose love, acceptance and embrace –  
You gave of your soul, and kept up with the  
pace.  
You gave of your life – you volunteered and  
cared,  
So that others could have what you had to  
share.

Little pieces of us died that day  
Leaving a bit of a hold,  
But more important are the parts that remain,  
Carrying with us a part of your soul.

Where did you go when your flame went out,  
When your voice we can no longer hear,  
We know God helped you choose your path  
And your voice will always be near.

*Doris wrote this poem about her best friend,  
Becky Frazier, whom we are missing deeply.*



## April Lectionary Readings

### April 7 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35 and Psalm 133 or Isaiah  
65:17-25 and Psalm 3; 1 John 1:1- 2:2;  
John 20: 19-31

### April 14 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 3: 12-19 and Psalm 4 or Isaiah: 6:  
1-9a and Psalm 40: 1-5; 1 John 3:1-7;  
Luke 24: 36b-48

### April 21 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 4: 5-12 and Psalm 23 or Zechariah  
10: 1-12 and Psalm 80: 1-7; 1 John 3: 16-  
24; John 10: 11-18

### April 28 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 8: 26-40 and Psalm 22: 25-31 and  
Exodus 19: 1-6 and Psalm 118: 19-25;  
1 John 4: 7-21; John 15: 1-8



## Attendance

February 14	7	Ash Wednesday
February 18	27	
February 25	27	
March 3	21	
March 10	25	



## CRAFT FAIR/MISSION MARKET

Financial information for February and March will be available after the April Session meeting. Stay tuned!

### Change for Change

This quarter we are again raising money for the Warm Springs Presbyterian Church and community.



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



## Our First Annual Craft Fair is coming up: Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 3pm

We are getting a lot of great responses from vendors so this is shaping up to be a great day. (We may need more tables than can fit in the Fellowship Hall!) Vendor fees and profits from our own crafts will all go to support our Mission Projects. Hope to see you all there.

If you have crafts or gently used crafting items or supplies that you would like to donate, please see Adrienne.

If you are able to assist with set up that week, help during the day, or clean-up after: please let Adrienne or Gina know.



## Welcoming Visitors

What can you do to make someone feel welcome at Plymouth? Assist greeters in welcoming all. If you see someone sitting alone, sit with them or invite them to join you at your table. All worship attenders can be reminded that they are important members of our church.

## Meeting Schedules

### DEACONS

The next meeting of our Deacons will be on **April 2 at 10:30 a.m.** in person at the church.



Session's next meeting will be on Wednesday, **April 10, at 6:15 p.m. on Zoom.**



The deadline for the May newsletter is **April 19**. If you have information you would like to see in the April newsletter, please send it to [pfbb1202@yahoo.com](mailto:pfbb1202@yahoo.com) or give it to Pat when you see her.



## Fred Meyer Rewards

Please consider signing up for Fred Meyer Community Rewards. By selecting Plymouth Presbyterian Church as your charitable organization, a reward check is sent to PPC each quarter. It does not cost you anything nor take away any of your rewards. It is Fred Meyer's way of giving back to the community.



## YOU'RE INVITED

to an Indoor Work Party to

do some **SPRING CLEANING** in the Church Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall.

Saturday – April 6  
10 am to 2 pm

Supplies will be provided, and a "To Do" list available for you to pick out a Spring-Cleaning chore or two.

You can also be creative and come up with other things to clean!

Come one, come all –

Let's make our building shine!

A simple and hearty lunch will be served at noon for the work party.

Enjoy some fresh bread with cheesy potato or minestrone soup. Hot coffee and tea will be available.



## Sunday Volunteer Schedule

<b>April 7, 2024</b>	<b>Communion Set-up:</b> Adrienne Schilling <b>Communion Servers:</b> Adrienne Schilling, Kathleen Dinwiddie, Doris Perry <b>Greeters/Ushers:</b> Jon Dickson, Doris Perry <b>Lay Leader:</b> Pat Berger <b>Coffee Hour:</b> Ken, Zelda Anderson
<b>April 14, 2024</b>	<b>Greeters/Ushers:</b> Marilyn Brinster, Pat Berger <b>Lay Leader:</b> Gina Harrington <b>Coffee Hour:</b> Anita Kjos
<b>April 21, 2024</b>	<b>Greeters/Ushers:</b> Linda Gaskill, Helen Purkerson <b>Lay Leader:</b> Adrienne Schilling <b>Coffee Hour:</b> Helen Purkerson
<b>April 28, 2024</b>	<b>Greeters:</b> Linda Gaskill, Jill Turner <b>Lay Leader:</b> Bill Eagle <b>Coffee Hour:</b> Jill Turner



### Red Apple Receipts

Remember to save your receipts from Market Fresh (Red Apple) and deposit them in the jar on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Our church receives 1% of all sales from the receipts.

### TO EVERYONE

*Thank you for the opportunity to work with your newsletter for a bit. I hope you will let me know what I can do better or differently so that it remains your newsletter. Becky did wonderful work; I'll do my best to follow in her footsteps. Pat Berger*

# APRIL 2024

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Deacon meeting  
10:30  
Zoom 7:30

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Easter**

Worship  
10:30  
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12:30

Zoom Class  
7:30

Session  
Meeting  
6:15

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Easter**

Worship  
10:30

Newsletter  
deadline

**21**

**22**

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**4<sup>th</sup> Easter**

Worship  
10:30

**28**

**29**

**30**

**5<sup>th</sup> Easter**

Worship  
10:30

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