

PLYMOUTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Dear friends,

I had an unwelcome visitor the other day. I was having a conversation in the church office and I bumped into thinking there wasn't enough. There wasn't enough time, too few resources. It had to do with my bank account. I found I was focused on scarcity thinking! There is a scarcity thinking, says Rachel Isbell (Scarcity vs. Abundance, Jan. 5, 2021). She says that the mindset with which we approach life makes a difference. Scarcity thinking can stem from insecurity that drives us into thinking there is never enough time, resources, achievements. It may be that we're driven by fear that was trained into us early on. It may be simply a habit to think, "I will never have enough, there won't be enough." Scarcity thinking may be why we rush to the next thing, strive for more, and stress over finances. When we have a scarcity mentality:

- we miss out on gratitude. If we never feel like we have enough, then we aren't exploring thankfulness for what is there.
- We hold back on generosity. As we strain for more, we tighten the grip on what was never ours in the first place.
- We develop a false security. We foster the thinking that if there were enough, we could rest and feel safe. Scarcity thinking: no amount is enough to satisfy the insecurity in our hearts.
- We can strive to create for ourselves rather than trusting God. We try to secure whatever we lack rather than choosing to wait on God to be our provider.

There is an alternative: abundance thinking. It is a posture of satisfaction. It is the sense that we have what we need with some leftover.

- We are at peace, There is less pressure to strive for more.
- We can look for opportunities for generosity. Because we have enough, we have freedom to give from what we have.
- We steward what is given to us with wisdom and health for ourselves and those around us.
- We recognize God's provision; God knows our needs and meets them. Abundance recognizes the grace of what we have.

I'm kicking that unwelcome visitor out of my head. Getting back to where I started: my bank account balance. I had just paid off a large balance on my credit card, leaving less in the bank. My pantry was stocked due to having been to the grocery store. My rent was paid, my truck gas tank was full. My scarcity thinking came from some numbers being small at the bank. Truth is, I really was going to be fine. It was time to relax in God's hands. With the Shepherd, I have everything I need (Psalm 23). And here at Plymouth, we will get through, too!

Warmly,
Pastor Peter



June Lectionary Readings

June 2 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

I Samuel 3: 1-10 (11-20) and Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18; II Corinthians 4: 5-12; Mark 2: 23—3:6

June 9 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

I Samuel 8: 4-11 (12-15), 16-20 (11: 14-15) and Psalm 138; II Corinthians 4: 13 – 5: 1; Mark 3: 20-35

June 16 4th Sunday after Pentecost

I Samuel 15: 34 – 16: 13 and Psalm 20; II Corinthians 5: 6-10 (11-13), 14-17; Mark 4: 26-34

June 23 5th Sunday after Pentecost

I Samuel 17: (1a, 4-11, 19-23) and Psalm 9: 9-20; II Corinthians 6: 1-13; Mark 4: 35-51

June 30 6th Sunday after Pentecost

II Samuel 1: 1, 17-27 and Psalm 130; II Corinthians 8: 7-15; Mark 5: 21-43



Attendance

April 14 24
April 21 33
April 28 29
May 5 21

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

JUNE 2

We hope you will be staying after worship on June 2, for a special congregational meeting at which we will be electing Elders and a Deacon. If you are a voting member of Plymouth, your attendance is important!



February Income and Expense Report

	Feb 2024	2024 YTD
Income	\$6,238.32	\$23,883.10
Expenses	\$5,151.94	\$40,414.56
Net Gain	\$1,086.38	(-\$16,531.46)

Reports for March and April await the next newsletter.

So far, our offerings for Pentecost have totaled \$130.00. More may be coming in: stay tuned! The 40% that we keep will be added to our Change for Change amount for this quarter for Fostering Love Kits.



June 13 Leanne Fischer
June 21 John-Paul Daly

A Note From Karen Roldan

I wish to thank everyone at Plymouth for the prayers, and cards during my loss. I feel so loved by all of you. I know that God is wrapping his arms around me, and all of you with your hugs. Tom would always say, "Have I received my hug yet today?" Hugs are great, and every day, tell each other you love them, because you never know when it could be the last.

God Bless you all!
Karen Roldan

Meeting Schedules

DEACONS

The next meeting of our Deacons will be on **June 11** at **10:30 a.m.** in person at the church

WORSHIP AND NURTURE

Worship and Nurture Committee plans to meet next on **June 4**, at 1:00, in person at the church.



Session's next meeting will be on Wednesday, **June 12**, at 6:15 p.m. on Zoom.

Three Makindu Homes Destroyed in Flood, Many Others Severely Damaged

The Makindu Children's Center, nestled in a vulnerable region of Kenya, is facing a dire situation due to ongoing floods. The majority of families associated with the program reside in mud huts, which offer little resistance against the heavy rains and floodwaters. Furthermore, essential structures like latrines and kitchen huts are also constructed from mud brick, compounding the vulnerability of the community.

Those most affected are the orphaned and vulnerable children, who now find themselves without a stable home. The emotional toll of displacement, coupled with the loss of familiar surroundings, poses significant challenges to their well-being and development.

In the wake of this crisis, the Makindu community is rallying together to commence cleanup and rebuilding efforts. However, the magnitude of the damage suggests that the road to recovery will be lengthy and arduous. Despite these challenges, the Makindu Children's Center stands as a beacon of safety and stability, providing a lifeline for the affected families and ensuring continuity in support for the children.

As the community embarks on the journey of rebuilding, there is an urgent need for external support to alleviate the suffering of the affected families. Contributions in the form of shelter, food, and resources are crucial to restoring normalcy and providing hope for a brighter future.

Our gifts are necessary, and very much appreciated.

Sunday Volunteer Schedule

June 2, 2024	Communion Set-up: Zelda Anderson Communion Servers: Linda Gaskill, Doris Perry Greeters/Ushers: Marilyn Brinster and Karen Roldan Lay Leader: Pat Berger Coffee Hour: Jill Turner
June 9, 2024	Greeters/Ushers: Mark Earhart, Adrienne Schilling Lay Leader: Gina Harrington Coffee Hour: Deacons
June 16, 2024	Greeters/Ushers: Pat Berger and Jon Dickson Lay Leader: Mark Dinwiddie Coffee Hour: Linda Liefeld and Fellowship Committee
June 23, 2024	Greeters: Ken and Zelda Anderson Lay Leader: Adrienne Schilling Coffee Hour: Jill Turner
June 30, 2024	Greeters: Cedro and Anita Kjos Lay Leader: Gina Harrington Coffee Hour: Ken and Zelda Anderson

Red Apple Receipts

Remember to save your receipts from Market Fresh (Red Apple) and deposit in the jar in the fellowship hall.



Our church receives 1% of all sales from the receipts.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

There will be a newsletter next month, too! It will be helpful if articles that you hope to see in that newsletter could be to Pat by June 19. Thanks very much!

Did we celebrate Pentecost or what? Many thanks to those who decorated the Fellowship Hall all in red, to those who brought all things red for the tables, to the one who brought the balloons, to the one who baked the cake (and those who arranged for it and transported it), and to all who stayed to celebrate!

JUNE 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 <i>2nd after Pentecost</i> Worship, 10:30; Cong. Mtg. Avamere 12:30	3	4 Worship/Nurture meeting 1:30, at church	5	6	7	8 10:00 – 2:00 Work party at Menucha Retreat Center
9 <i>3rd after Pentecost</i> Worship 10:30	10	11 Deacon meeting, 10:30, at church	12 Session meeting 6:15, on Zoom	13	14	15
16 <i>4th after Pentecost</i> Worship 10:30 Father's Day	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 <i>5th after Pentecost</i> Worship 10:30 <hr/> 30 <i>6th after Pentecost</i> Worship 10:30	24	25	26	27	28	29



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