

Plymouth Presbyterian Church



2024

Dear Friends,

We need a few small failures, small intelligent failures. You and I both know that success or failure comes from trying something new, something entirely different and even climbing out on a limb we've never been on before. It involves taking a risk. Taking risks involve risking failure. What's the benefit? Well, how about these for example:

- 10,000 failures led to the discovery of the electric light bulb.
- Blind dates lead to success: finding the right one.
- Dr. Spencer Silver failed to develop a bigger, stronger, tougher adhesive for 3M Company. He instead discovered microspheres that retained their stickiness and yet a removable characteristic that became the Post-It Note.
- Navel engineer Richard James was working on developing sensitive springs to keep fragile equipment steady on ships. When he knocked one of his new springs from a shelf, it did not just hit the floor, instead it did that famous Slinky walk down. Slinky was born for Christmas, 1945.
- The Washburn Crosby Company was busy in 1922 preparing a gruel mixture when a clumsy dietician spilled some on a hot stove, which led to the gruel drops sizzling and crackling into flakes. When tasted, this accident led to the breakfast cereal named as the Breakfast of Champions: Wheaties!

The examples could go on and on (plastic bottles and jugs, saccharine as a sugar substitute, penicillin or the pacemaker). Failures of one kind have led to the invention of another. So I say, we need a few small intelligent failures.

From the excellent book, *Right Kind of Wrong: The Science of Failing Well*, Amy Edmondson points out that "we tend to avoid failure at all costs...Our smarter missteps are worthwhile because they can force us to take a different path that points us toward personal and professional success." And elsewhere she says, "An intelligent failure is an undesired result in new territory." These are the days for trying and failing. Learning from that failure and trying again. We have the words of Thomas Edison to guide us, "I have not failed. I have found 10,000 ways that won't work."

Here are some ways we could take intelligent risks:

1. Host a catered dinner for our neighbors as Plymouth's "get-to-know-you" dinners.
2. Host outdoor movie and popcorn for __ (number) of nights of summer 2025.
3. Set a goal for 2025 budget and fully support it.

Let's risk a few small, intelligent failures together!

Pastor Peter

Pastor Peter J. Blank

October 2024

OCTOBER LECTIONARY READINGS

October 6 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 2:18-24 and Psalm 8;
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

October 13 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 and Psalm 90:12-17;
Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

October 20 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 53:4-12 and Psalm 91 9-16;
Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

October 27 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 31:7-9 and Psalm 126;
Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52



June Income and Expense Report -- Revised

	June 2024	2024 YTD
Total Income	\$4,681.00	\$40,297.00
Total Expenses	\$7,940.00	\$47,460.00
Net Operating	\$(3,259.00)	\$(7,163.00)

ABOUT THIS REVISION:

The Net Operating Budget deficit reported in the last newsletter was misleading. It included as an "expense" a transfer of funds from our checking account to a new Certificate of Deposit (CD) at InRoads Credit Union back in February. Even though it was a withdrawal from the checking account, it was not technically an expense. The "Total Expenses" and the "Net Operating Budget" highlighted above reflect the actual balances.

GOING FORWARD:

As the new Finance Elder, I had forgotten about the explanation Elder Kathleen had given to Session about this transfer. To avoid confusion in the future, this type of in/out transaction will be reported as "Other Income" (into checking) or "Other Expense" (out of checking). Please let me know if you have any questions.

---Sharon Fraser, Finance Elder



October 4 Mark Earhart
October 14 Carol Jones
October 25 Larry Cole



Attendance

August 18 26
August 25 26
September 1 25
September 8 25

July Operating Budget -- Revised

	July 2024	YTD 2024
Total income	\$15,610	\$55,907
Total expenses	\$17,560	\$63,520
Net operating	\$(1,950)	\$(7,613)

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STEWARDSHIP SEASON: RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!

October 6: Stewardship Season kicks off during worship at Plymouth Church with a stewardship moment given by Stewardship Elder Sharon Fraser. Stewardship letters and pledge cards will be distributed before and after the service. If you are not able to attend worship this Sunday, materials will be mailed to you on Monday.

October 13: Stewardship continues with testimonies and special liturgy.

October 20: Stewardship Sunday will be celebrated with a sermon on stewardship by Pastor Peter along with testimonies and special liturgy during worship.

October 27: Stewardship testimonies conclude; special liturgy during worship.

November 3: Stewardship Season concludes with Dedication Sunday. We return our pledge cards and dedicate our pledges to the work of the church. ALL SAINTS DAY will also be commemorated. We will honor the Saints of Plymouth Church who have come before us, especially those who have died during the previous year.



The deadline for the November newsletter is **October 16**. If you have articles you would like to see in the newsletter, please send them to pfbb1202@yahoo.com, or phone her, or give her articles on Sundays, or send them to her home: 459 NE 3rd Ave, Hillsboro, 97124.

MANY THANKS

We had a note from Candy and Larry Cole. They would like to thank the congregation for many birthday cards in honor of Candy's birthday. Also, they are most grateful for the prayers for their son. Thank you to all!

SAVE THE DATE!

Plymouth Christmas Party and Potluck is scheduled for Friday, December 13th. Lots of yummy food, games, and carol singing. Please plan to attend and put it on your calendar now!

MEETING SCHEDULES

Worship Committee will meet at the church on Tuesday, October 1, at 1:00 p.m.

DEACONS

The next meeting of the Deacons will be held on **Thursday, October 10, at 10:30, in person, at the church**. Hope to see all Deacons there!

SESSION

Session's next meeting will be on Wednesday, **October 9, at 5:30 p.m., on Zoom**. Please remember our new meeting time: **5:30 p.m.**

BAZAAR

Are you beginning to prepare for our bazaar? Adrienne is! Mark your calendars for November 23. If you are working on items to sell, see to it that they are progressing. Questions? Ask Adrienne, please.

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WELCOME, NEW OFFICERS!

We recently had the privilege of installing – and in one case, also ordaining – new officers for our congregation. On Sunday, July 14, we had the privilege of ordaining and installing Candy Cole as an elder. We also installed Mark Dinwiddie and Gina Harrington as Elders. Installed as Deacons were Carol Jones and Karen Roldan. On August 11, we installed Marilyn Brinster as a Deacon. We are grateful that these people have agreed to serve, and look forward to supporting the work that all of them will do. Thank you!

WARM SPRINGS NEWS

Many thanks to all of you who have been able to bring some water that will be going to the people in Warm Springs! It will be much appreciated – every little drop of water makes life a bit easier for our friends there.

AND: work on the manse at the Warm Springs Church has begun! On September 5, a group from Rose City Park Presbyterian Church in Portland worked to empty the manse so that electrical work could begin. This electrical work is possible only because of donations from churches – like PLYMOUTH! – and people from around the Presbytery of the Cascades!

They are ready for volunteers to spend some time doing all kinds of projects. Perhaps we can start to talk about what we might be able to do to help. Retired pastors Jim Moiso and Beverly Crow are on the Administrative Commission for the church, and would be happy to come talk with us about possibilities.

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

On Sunday, October 1, we will again gather offerings for the Presbyterian Church Peace and Global Witness Offering. This offering was first gathered in 1980, and benefits groups that work at “addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world.” Our congregation will keep 25% of what we gather, to be given to groups within our community that work at this. Another 25% goes to mid-councils of the church dealing with conflict and injustice. The remaining 50% goes to General Assembly, for their efforts in this country and around the world.

One small congregation heard about another small church's laundry ministry, which they called Loads of Love. They had found how hard it is on a limited budget to need to do one's laundry at a laundromat. Their 25% of their congregation's Peace and Global Witness offering began to be used by taking lots of quarters and some snacks to a laundromat close to them. They would go near the end of the month, when many limited budgets are even more limited. They got to know some of those who were there often; they found many children there with nothing to do while parents dealt with laundry. That led them to think about bringing coloring pages and crayons and markers. Eventually, they qualified for a grant from the PCUSA funds to continue to grow the program.

Plymouth finds many ways to make local use of special offerings, too. Thank you for your generosity on behalf of those who sometimes don't have enough to do things that many of us can take for granted.

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GRAND CLEAN UP DAY AND PEOPLE!



From Mark: Thanks to everyone who participated in the September 19 work party. The goal: to provide an updated, fresh look to the front of the church. Work party members were Ken, Roger, Karen, Kathleen, Adrienne and Mark. Please check out the new look!

From the rest of us to the work crew:
Thanks ever so much to each of you!
We are extremely grateful!





Sunday Volunteer Schedule

October 6, 2024	Communion Set-up: Adrienne Schilling Communion Servers: Gina Harrington, Adrienne Schilling Greeters/Ushers: Doris Perry, Marilyn Brinster Lay Leader: Pat Berger Coffee hour: Gina Harrington, Louis Sena
October 13, 2024	Greeters/Ushers: IdaMae Larsen, Jill Turner Lay Leader: Gina Harrington Coffee hour: Helen Purkerson
October 20, 2024	Greeters/Ushers: Kathleen and Mark Dinwiddie Lay Leader: Adrienne Schilling Coffee hour: Kathleen and Mark Dinwiddie
October 27, 2024	Greeters: Marilyn Brinster Lay Leader: Doris Perry Coffee hour: Anita Kjos

NEWS FROM MAKINDU

Our women's group supported Makindu Children's Program in eastern Kenya for many years, and we still get news from them. In May, devastating floods severely impacted the families supported by this Program, displacing dozens and disrupting the lives of hundreds more. The floods caused significant damage to homes in the community, creating an urgent need for shelter and recovery.

Thanks to the generous support of donors and partners, they have been able to respond quickly and effectively. They have constructed new concrete houses, providing housing for 26 individuals who were among the first affected by the floods. These sturdy homes not only offer protection from future natural disasters but also restore dignity and stability for those who lost nearly everything.

In addition to these completed homes, the program is currently overseeing major reconstruction efforts on five additional houses. These homes are scheduled to be completed within the next month, allowing 24 more people to return to a safe and secure living environment. This progress is a crucial step in rebuilding the lives of families who were displaced by the disaster.

However, the work is far from over. Twenty more homes remain on the list for repairs, pending the availability of funds and labor. The need is still great, but the impact of these newly reconstructed homes cannot be overstated. They have provided a sense of security and renewed hope for the families, empowering them to rebuild their lives in the aftermath of the disaster.

Makindu Children's Program is committed to continuing this vital work, ensuring that all affected families regain a place they can call home.

October 4: Happy Birthday, Plymouth!!

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		01	02	03	04	05
		Worship Committee 1:00, at the church				
06	07	08	09	10	11	12
Worship 10:30 World Communion Sunday Avamere 12:30			Session meeting 5:30 , on Zoom	Deacon's Meeting 10:30, at the church		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Worship 10:30			Newsletter Deadline			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Worship 10:30						
27	28	29	30	31		
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