

PLYMOUTH CROSSING

PLYMOUTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Bible Study: 9:20 AM, Worship: 10:20 AM

**OPEN HEARTS,
OPEN MINDS IN A
FAMILY OF FAITH**

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Marilyn's Meditation

*"The righteous flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon. They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our Gods. In old age they still produce fruit."
Psalm 92:12-14a"*

Does 113 years of history mean that Plymouth Church is in "old age"? I don't think so, but even if it is, I am encouraged by that observation from Psalm 92: "In old age they still produce fruit."

That is what we are here to do: to proclaim the Gospel, teach and encourage one another, reach out to those in need, and live God's love so that our community will catch a glimpse of what God intends for all of us. May Plymouth Church continue to bear fruit in the years to come.

Pastor Marilyn Allen

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We are having a Birthday Party and you are Invited!

We are 113 years old! As a congregation, that is. Plymouth Congregational Church was chartered in September of 1896. We are also 50 years old. Plymouth became a Presbyterian church in 1959. So we're having a party! Join us on **September 20th** and help us celebrate. See page 4 of this newsletter for more information.

Young Adult Second Sunday

Who? All young adults from Plymouth and friends

What? Your time to decide what you'd like to do as a group

When? Second Sunday, Sept. 13, 7 pm

Where? TBA - either at the church or at Pastor Marilyn's house

Why? You're an important part of our church family

PRISCILLA CIRCLE

Priscilla Circle will meet on Wednesday, **September 9th at 1 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Audrey Sinner and Helen Purkerson will be hostesses and Fran Pickering will have the devotions. Our "Person(s) of Faith" will be a double-header featuring Gary and Judy Dinsmore who will share their faith journey with us. We look forward to seeing you September.

PPC Study Groups

The Sunday morning adult class will begin on **September 27, 9:20-10:05 am.** We'll continue the study of 1 Corinthians, picking up at chapter 15. We meet in Hutchinson Hall, around the corner from the offices. The study is led by Pastor Marilyn and all are welcome

The **Monday Night Study** group will start on September 14th - 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Children's Sunday School

Please contact Jan Stites or Yvonne Schoonover if you would be willing to rotate as a Sunday School teacher.



COMMUNITY MEALS

Every Tuesday evening, 5:30 - 6:00 pm, at the First Lutheran Church (360 Wyeth, St. Helens), a meal is being offered, free of charge to anyone in the community who would like a hot meal. Contact the Lutheran church, 503-397-0090, if you would like to assist with this worthwhile mission. Items that are needed for September: Butter, Vegetables for Tossed Salads and BBQ sauce. Please drop donations off at the Lutheran church on a Monday or Tuesday.

Fix-Byterians

We will be trimming the bushes at Juanita Shearer's house on **September 19.** The fun will start at 9:00! Please let Mark Dinwiddie know if you'll be available to help out or if you would like to serve lunch to the workers.

Serving Each Other

Please consider helping the church in these ways:

- Sponsoring flowers for Sunday worship
- Being a Lay Leader
- Hosting Fellowship Hour

Sign-up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall.



Reminder:

**November 21,
2009
Church Bazaar &
Lunch**



Lorna	Bradley	9	1
Gayle	Clemmer	9	2
Candy	Cole	9	13
Alexander	Prettyman	9	25
Sophie	Earl	9	28
Val	Gauen	9	28
Elizabeth	Harrington	9	28
Linda	Dunn	9	30

DEACONS REPORT

The Deacon's met on August 4th and elected Ruth Cox as Head Deacon. Ruth will be coordinating the prayer chain and managing the Deacon's Emergency Fund. There were two disbursements from the Deacon's fund in July and we had 14 prayer requests on the prayer chain. The Deacon's would like to thank everyone who made donations to the Emergency Fund during the 'Meet Deacon Sunday'.

There will be several Deacon's on vacation during September and October, we ask for your patience during this time.



Texas Drought

It's so dry in Texas that the Baptists are starting to baptize by sprinkling, the Methodists are using wet-wipes, the Presbyterians are giving out rain-checks, and the Catholics are praying for the wine to turn back into water.

Now THAT's Dry!

CHOIR NOTES

Make a joyful noise! On Wednesday September 2nd at 6 pm, the adult choir will begin the season with a potluck picnic at the Warren home of Margaret Smith, our pianist. Our first regular rehearsal will be on Sept. 9, 7:30 pm at the church. Our first Sunday to sing in church will be Sept. 13. New members are always welcome. You don't have to read music – just have a song in your heart.

Attendance

July 26	47
August 2	58
August 9	45
August 16	35
August 23	42

FINANCIAL REPORT

July 2009	Income	\$ 8,191.16
	Expenses	\$ 7,734.63
	Net	\$ 456.53
YTD 2009	Income	\$57,251.99
	Expense	\$60,947.49
	Net	\$(3,695.50)

A MISSION MOMENT

“Oh Lord, open my eyes that I may see the needs of others;

open my ears that I may hear their cries;
open my heart so that they need not be without succor;
let me not be afraid to defend the weak because of the anger of the strong,
nor afraid to defend the poor because of the anger of the rich.

Show me where love and hope and faith are needed,
And use me to bring them to those places.”

The above is from a prayer poem by Alan Paton of South Africa.

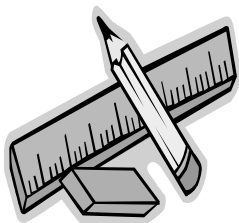
Is that not the mission, the very work of the Church? On that note, the Presbytery has just lowered the age limit to 16. So 16 year olds may now do a summer or other vacation mission and stay in Presbyterian Volunteer Villages.

We need also to mention that the Cascades Presbytery is listed among the top ten in total giving by dollar amount and for total giving by dollar amount per member, basic mission support and for special offerings. Support from presbyteries helped to fund an increase in: international mission personnel, new church developments, support for military chaplains and worship and study resources for pastors and church leadership. Presbytery thanks all who have helped.

One last important item, for your calendar, The Special Peacemaking Offering is set for the first Sunday of October (October 4th).

Big question of the month: What do you think about health care and how do you place, how you feel within your Christian belief?

Your Mission Commission
Claudia Eagle – Chair



Back to School

Please pray for our students and teachers as they go back to school.

PPC Birthday Party – September 20th

On Sunday, September 20, we will celebrate our birthday after morning worship, with cake and presents. (113 candles? I'm not sure the fire marshal would approve....)

Suggested presents:

- A gift card to an office supply store, such as Office Depot
- A case of toilet paper (with a big bow, of course)
- A promise to pay for garbage pickup for a month, or for the whole year
- Postage stamps
- Large cans of coffee, regular and decaf
- Batteries – both 9 volt and AA
- Soaker hoses, hose cart with wheels
- Cleaning supplies
- An extra gift of money to be used as needed

This is only a partial list. A complete list will be posted in the Fellowship Hall by Sept. 1. If you have other ideas, please give them to Jack Ferrise or leave a note in the church office. To help with party refreshments, contact Lib Hooper. Thanks. See you at the party!

Pastor Marilyn and Elder Ron Stites, celebration coordinator

Church Bazaar and Luncheon
November 21st, 9 AM – 3 PM

It's time to remind everyone to work on your craft items for the bazaar. If you have any used jewelry to contribute, please get them to Adrienne Schilling no later than two weeks prior to the sale so she can get items cleaned and tagged ahead. If you have any questions regarding items you would like to donate or wish to assist in any way, please contact Gayle Clemmer regarding the bazaar or Linda Dunn to assist with the luncheon.

E-mail Newsletter

Thanks to everyone who has signed up to receive the newsletter by e-mail. In doing so you help the church save money and help the environment. If you would like to receive the newsletter by e-mail, please contact Linda Dunn (red40@opusnet.com). The newsletter can also be viewed on our website: www.PlyChurch.org.



Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for the September Newsletter is
September 16th

Please submit articles to Kathleen Dinwiddie
E-mail: mkdinwiddie@gmail.com

The Peace of Wild Things

When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may
be, I go lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water,
and the great heron feeds.

I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.
And I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting with their light. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

Wendell Berry

(From the *Selected Poems of Wendell Berry* -
Counterpoint, 1999)

SCRIPTURE READING FOR SEPTEMBER

September 6	Psalm 125 James 2:1-17 Mark 8:22-26
September 13	Psalm 1 James 3:13 – 4:3, 7-8 Mark 9:30-37
September 20	Psalm 19 James 3:1-12 Mark 8:27-38
September 27	Esther 7 & 9 (selected verses) Psalm 124 James 5:13-20 Mark 9:38-50



**"Blessed is the one who does not walk in the
counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of
sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But their
delight is in the Law of the Lord and on his
law they will meditate day and night."**

Psalm 1:1-2



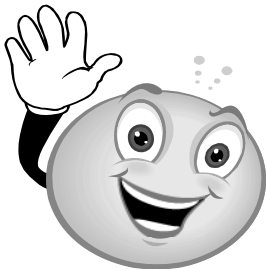
A little boy told his pastor, "My mommy
taught me three of the Ten Commandments:
"Settle Down." "Act your age." And, "Take
that out of your mouth".

- via Rev. Harry Mahoney, Dedham MA

Sunday Volunteer Schedule

September 6	Communion Set-up: TBA Communion Servers: TBA Greeters/Ushers: Gayle Clemmer Lay Leader: Karen Roldan Flowers: Snacks:
September 13	Greeters/Ushers: TBA Lay Leader: Linda Dunn Flowers: Snacks:
September 20	Greeters/Ushers: TBA Lay Leader: Bill Eagle Flowers: Snacks: Helen Purkerson & Fellowship Committee
September 27	Greeters/Ushers: TBA Lay Leader: Flowers: Genny Vincent Snacks: Les Christie and Gary & Shirley Eaton
October 4	Communion Set-up: TBA Communion Servers: TBA Greeters/Ushers: TBA Lay Leader: Flowers: Snacks:

Attention: Greeters/Ushers – Please be at the church by 10:00 AM. And, please provide name tags for visitors and ‘Welcome Packets’ for first-time visitors.



Welcome Committee

September & October: Ruth Cox, Larry Bloom, Roger Liefeld, Karen Roldan and Lorna Bradley

September 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Deacons – 4 pm Music/Worship – 7pm	2 Pastor’s Study – 10:30 am Choir Picnic – 6 pm	3	4	5
6 Communion Avamere – 2 pm	7	8 CME – 6:15 pm	9 Priscilla Circle 1-3 pm Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 pm	10	11	12
13 Young Adult Social – 7 pm	14 Bible Study – 7 pm	15 Prayers & Squares - 1 pm Session – 6:30 pm	16 Fellowship – 11:30 Country Inn Newsletter Deadline – Kathleen Dinwiddie, editor	17	18	19 Presbytery Ecojustice Conf. @ Trout Lake
20 Happy Birthday Plymouth	21 Bible Study – 7 pm Pastor Study Leave	22 Pastor Study Leave	23	24	25	26 Men’s Breakfast – 8 am, Warren Country Inn
27	28 S.N.A.P.P. – 11:00 am Bible Study – 7 pm	29 Pastor Vacation (tentative)	30 Pastor Vacation (tentative)			



Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.
Know that the Lord is God.
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.
For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
His faithfulness continues through all generations.

Psalm 100

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