

PLYMOUTH CROSSING

PLYMOUTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Bible Study: 9:15 AM, Worship: 10:30 AM



Marilyn's Meditation

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his."

Psalm 100:1-3a

We have a long tradition of giving thanks in the harvest season. Thanksgiving is more than food, more than the music and singing mentioned in Psalm 100. It is a call to remember what God has done in our own lives, and to respond in ways that show our gratitude. When we give to charity, when we spend our time and energy to help others, when we support our congregation and the wider church, we are giving thanks to God.

So I'd like to give thanks for you. I give thanks for the elders on session, who continue to be proactive in looking at the future of the church. I give thanks for deacons who minister to those in need. I give thanks for the welcome committee members, who encourage us all to greet visitors and long-time members alike. I give thanks for those who provide snacks on Sunday, so that we have a reason to stay and talk. I give thanks for those who help lead in worship and who teach classes for children and adults. I give thanks for those who contribute financially. And for musicians and yard workers, the custodian and secretary and newsletter editors, and I know I've left some people out, so consider yourself thanked.

I especially thank all who pray for Plymouth Church, for our ministries to one another and in our community. May God continue to bless us with the strength, the joy, and the necessary resources to do the work of Christ in this place.

"Give thanks to God, bless his name. For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations." Psalm 100:4-5

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November
Happy Thanksgiving

PRISCILLA CIRCLE



Thirteen ladies gathered for Priscilla Circle on October 12th. A delicious dessert was served by Carol Jones and Charlotte Wilburn amidst an October setting of autumn decorations and cute Halloween characters.

Carol Jones has offered to send birthday, get well, and sympathy cards on behalf of Plymouth church and we thank her for that. Any extra cards and stamps could be put to good use by Carol.

Christina Quiroz gave a most interesting presentation of her journey of faith. She provided wonderful stories of her growing up years complete with many family photos. Christina's belief in prayer has carried her through both good and difficult times of her life, and her faith remains steadfast to this day. We thank her for being a special part of our church family.

Following "joy and concerns", Juanita Shearer closed Priscilla Circle with an interesting devotion taken from SIMPLE ABUNDANCE concerning "A Tale of Two Times"—chronos and kairos.

The November meeting will be Wednesday, the 9th, at 1 p.m. in the church fellowship hall with hostesses Donna McLean and Shirley Eaton. Les Christie will give the devotions and Richard Chulufas will be our Person of Faith.

VISIT TO BETTY GRADY

Anyone wishing to go with the members of Priscilla Circle is invited to visit Betty Grady on Monday, **November 7th**. We will car pool from the church; leaving at 11 a.m. and arriving for our no-host lunch at Frances Xavier Restaurant on NE 181st Street, Portland and eventually arrive at Betty's place about 1:30. Her son, Jim, will have a room reserved for us.

If you would like to go, please let Helen Purkerson know by Sunday, November 6th so that we have adequate cars/drivers.

Tim	Eagle	11	2
Rachel	Connor	11	3
Darla	Knytych	11	3
Joanne	Young	11	3
Sarah	Harrington	11	4
Juanita	Shearer	11	4
Gretchen	Daly	11	7
Mark	Dinwiddie	11	24
Gwen	Asbury	11	26
Genny	Vincent	11	29
Becky	Frazier	11	30

ATTENDANCE

September 25	41
October 2	46
October 9	49
October 16	NA
October 23	46



Thank-you to all who donated butter for Community Meals, we collected 39 pounds of butter.

Baby Shower for Natasha Bails

Friends of Mark & Violeta Bails will have a baby shower for Natasha at the church on Sunday – November 6th at 2:00 pm. All are welcome.

A MISSION MOMENT

If you did not make it to our special Mission Study, you missed a wonderful evening, with good food and fellowship, fun singing and a great conversational talk with Rev. John Pitney. We thank everyone who participated in the Mission Day, Silent Auction.

The auction took care of our expenses including a love gift for John Pitney, for his ongoing work with social justice issues. We were also able to add a little money to our special Mission account.

We will soon be entering the Holiday Season; first a time of Thanksgiving, followed by the Christmas Season, a time of Joy, when we celebrate the birth of Jesus, who willingly, became our Savior. We hope to hear from you and see you at the special services held at this time of year.

Remember, 'God is love' and is always available to hear from you, The Bible says to 'pray without ceasing' and you may talk to God, any time, anywhere, the same way you would talk to a best friend, because God is your best friend.

We hope to see you at our Holiday Bazaar on November 19th, please stop in and shop at our Fair Trade Market – our way of helping others help themselves.

Blessings, the Mission Commission



The fall grounds cleanup day will be Saturday, Nov. 5, 9am. If it's raining, the backup date is Nov. 12. Bring your rakes, leaf blowers, and gloves. Gutters will need cleaning, too. Many hands make light work.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS HELPERS

Can you change a light bulb? Pull weeds? Rake some leaves? Wax the Fellowship Hall floor? Maybe you have some suggestions. Please see Al Sinner if you're interested in helping with grounds upkeep and/or small building repairs and maintenance.

Also, the large beech tree by the kitchen entrance will probably be removed in the near future. Its roots are under Hutchinson Hall and in the water pipes, and its leaves are causing roof problems.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT

Nov. 13, 2011

Stewardship is our grateful response to God's grace and goodness, as we commit ourselves to serving God with all that we are. We appreciate all that members and friends of Plymouth Church have given financially this year, and we look forward to hearing from you again for the year 2012. You will receive a letter and pledge card soon. On November 13, we will make our financial commitments for 2012 and dedicate ourselves once more to the work of this part of Christ's church.





COMMUNITY

Thanksgiving

WORSHIP SERVICE

Nov. 20, 2011, 7:00 pm

The annual Community Thanksgiving Service will be held this year at First Lutheran Church, 360 Wyeth St., St. Helens. Pastor Don Courtain of the Christian Church will preach. The combined choir will rehearse at 6:30 pm. Let's join our neighbors in giving thanks



**November 19th
9:00 – 3:00 pm**

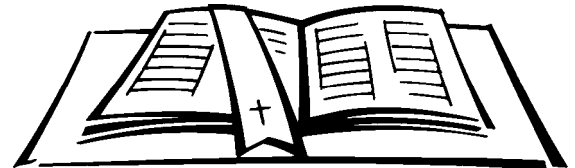
**Plymouth Presbyterian Church
Bazaar, Lunch and Free Trade Market**



"Christmas Around the World"

The Music and Worship Committee is planning some special additions to our worship services during Advent, which begins on November 27. We'll have more information later. Consider inviting some family members and friends to come with you on the Sundays of Advent, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ with customs from around the world.

On the Wednesday evenings of Advent, we will have a quiet 20 minutes of music, Scripture and prayer at 7 pm, beginning on November 30.



SUNDAY READINGS

- Nov. 6:** Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 25:1-13.
- Nov. 13:** Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 25:14-30.
- Nov. 20:** Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46.
- Nov. 27:** First Sunday of Advent



Sharing Our Faith

CHRISTINA QUIROZ

As a young girl, my mother, who was Catholic, sent me to mass every Sunday morning but would never go with me. This I began to resent. I felt so alone. The other children's parents were always with them but whether or not I liked it, I was taught to obey so I kept going. One Sunday morning, I was skipping along on my way to church, but when I walked across the small bridge of a ditch that separated Lariat, the Hispanic section from the English part of the city, I stopped and looked to the left of Meadow, then to the right. Instead of going straight ahead, to where I was supposed to go, I went the other way. I went one more block, stopped at the corner. Beautiful wonderful music was coming from the church on the corner, something I'd never heard. It was too late to turn back so I crossed the street, went up the steps, and followed a group around my age down the stairs. This was my first experience of hearing about God. When I arrived home, naturally late, Mom asked why I was late. "Oh, I stopped to play", but there I knew I had gone one hour later. I don't remember what I said to Mom, but anyway she let me go at 10 o'clock.

I was a happy camper, looking forward toward Sunday so I could go to Sunday school and listen to the stories of Jesus. One day my dad, who was the school's truant officer, received a call from the Pastor regarding some kids skipping school. During their conversation, the pastor invited dad to the upcoming revival meetings. When dad hesitated, the pastor said "It's strange that you hesitate, your daughter hasn't missed a Sunday since she began coming." That night at dinner, dad who had never questioned me about church surprised me by asking "Have you been going to church?" I looked over at Mom who looked as shocked as me. My answer, naturally, was yes. Question: which church? Answer: the brick church. Question: which brick church? Answer: the purple brick church. (The Catholic Church was red brick). The look on my mother's face I'll never forget. With tears in her eyes she asked me why I had done such a thing. My explanation was that I didn't understand the Holy Father, because all he would say "bla bla etc" in a strange language, but at the purple church I heard stories about Jesus and they sang so nice.

I asked my father how he had found out about my secret and told me of the revival meeting invitation the pastor had extended. Right away, I asked him "You're going to take me, aren't you?" He looked at mother and she shook her head no so no it was for dad. Naturally I was very disappointed but I remembered that Aunt Dulainia had told me that Grandma Christina was a Presbyterian. That was an ace in the hold. So the conversation followed: "Dad, if you don't take me, I'll go by myself and take Aunt Nia, she's a Presbyterian like Grandma Tina—you should be a Presbyterian like them." Needless to say, I won and all of us went, even mom. The last night of the meetings when the invitation was given, I got up, started to walk, although mother kept pulling back, I continued walking. When I got to the front, dad and my aunt were standing with the group. Mom and Gilbert, my brother, joined two years later.

Our conversation that night led to the beginning of establishing the first Spanish Community Church in Lariat.

My one and only big challenge of my faith was when my first son, Roger, was to be christened. Like my father, I married a Catholic man. Pete, although he never attended church, came from a family with a deep Catholic background; including two priests, one at the Del Norte church. The family interfered and made all the arrangements to have Roger christened in the Catholic Church. After a number of arguments, a lot of praying, I had a feeling that God would lead me to do the right thing. I agreed for them to go ahead with their plans, but there was a condition. It would be Roger's father who would have to instruct him in their faith, take him to church, and the rest that went with it....not his mother or sister or sister-in-law. Needless to say, their plans fell thru and my son was baptized by Rev Tallman in the Presbyterian Church.

My faith has carried me thru many rough times. I never forget that as long as I can put my troubles in the hands of God and do his will; my life will continue to be a happy one.

Sunday Volunteer Schedule

November 6	Communion Set-up: Al & Audrey Sinner Communion Servers: Ron & Jan Stites & Adrienne Schilling Greeters/Ushers: Hiram & Micah Schoonover Lay Leader: Linda Dunn Flowers: Snacks:
November 13	Greeters/Ushers: Julie & Bob Kelly Lay Leader: Fran Pickering Flowers: Marilyn Brinster Snacks:
November 20	Greeters/Ushers: Juanita Shearer and Jean Anderson Lay Leader: Flowers: Snacks: Bazaar Soup - Fellowship
November 27	Greeters/Ushers: Carol Jones and Joanne Young Lay Leader: Flowers: Les Christie Snacks: Les Christie, Al & Audrey Sinner, Gina Harrington
December 4	Communion Set-up: Jan & Ron Stites Communion Servers: Karen Roldan, Helen Purkerson & Judy Gilbert Greeters/Ushers: Kathleen & Mark Dinwiddie Lay Leader: Flowers: Helen Purkerson Snacks:

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

Welcome Committee

November: Ruth Cox, Larry Bloom, Roger Liefeld, Karen Roldan & Lorna Bradley



Deadline for the December/January Newsletter is:

November 16th

Please submit articles to Kathleen Dinwiddie

E-mail: mkdinwiddie@gmail.com

Please contact Kathleen if you would like to receive the newsletter via e-mail or if you would like to stop receiving the newsletter.

November 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Pastor @ Missional Leadership	2	3	4	5 Grounds Cleanup – 9 am - Noon
6 Daylight Savings Ends Avamere – 1:30 Baby Shower – 2 pm	7 Bible Study – 7 pm	8 Deacon’s – 11:15 CME – 2 pm Music & Worship – 7:15 pm	9 Priscilla Circle – 1 pm	10	11 Presbytery Mtg. @ Corvallis	12 Presbytery Mtg. @ Corvallis Kiwanis DD dance, 4 - 9 pm
13 Stewardship Sunday	14 Bible Study – 7 pm	15 Session – 6 pm	16 Newsletter Deadline SNAPP – 11:15 am Fellowship – 11:30 Prayers & Sq. – 1:00 Bazaar Setup	17 Bazaar Setup Pastor Retreat Day	18 Bazaar Setup	19 Holiday Bazaar & Fair Trade Market 9 am – 3 pm
20 Community Thanksgiving Service – 7 pm, 1 st Lutheran Church	21 Office Open	22	23	24 Happy Thanksgiving! Office Closed	25 Office Closed	26 Men’s Breakfast – 8 am
27 1 st Sunday in Advent	28 SNAPP – 11:15	29	30 Advent Worship – 7 pm			



**I will praise the name
of God with a song;
I will magnify him
with thanksgiving.”**

Psalm 69:30, NRSV

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