

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

"She opens her hand to the poor." Proverbs 31:20

"Jesus took her (Peter's mother-in-law) by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her." Mark 1:30-31a

You've heard the saying, "Busy hands are happy hands." Have your hands been busy this summer? I've planted and weeded a small vegetable garden, pruned shrubs, used the computer, played a little piano, and so forth. I saw lots of busy hands at Vacation Bible School, in crafts and games and helping kids crawl through the spectacular tunnel on hands and knees. The creative hands that made and decorated that tunnel belong to Yvonne and Jan. Other busy hands helped in the kitchen preparing healthy snacks.

Our hands can reach out to help. The Community Meals need lots of willing hands to prepare, set up and clean up the meals offered to those who are in need of food and encouragement. Talk with Gina Harrington, our church's coordinator, to get on the list of volunteers. The Fix-Byterian work group needs helpers when a project is scheduled. See Mark Dinwiddie to offer a hand.

Our hands can reach out in welcome. I've noticed a real difference recently in the way we greet visitors and long-time members alike, thanks to the new Welcome Committee and to all who have made welcome a priority.

Our hands can also reach out to receive. We all need some help and encouragement from time to time. Jesus reached out his hand to give hope and healing and life to the people of Galilee. We also are in need of his touch. During these last days of summer, open your hands to gifts of God - gifts of grace and strength and love.

Pastor Marilyn Allen

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**Wishing you a safe and
peaceful August.**

A HUGE Thank-you

A Huge thank-you to all of those who helped with Vacation Bible School this year. It took many hands and many hours of work, but it was well worth it to see the smiles and hear the laughter of the children who attended. On most days there were about 20 children from the St. Helen's area. A special thank-you to Yvonne and Jan for creating a beautiful caring experience for all and to our young adults who helped in all aspects of VBS. You are awesome! Also, to a great kitchen crew who fed hungry kids with nutritious snacks. And last, but not least, THANK-YOU to all who supported this important ministry with financial donations and prayers. Seeds were planted in the hearts of those who attended. Thank-you!

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 Group's

Sunday morning **Bible Study** will start back up on Sunday, September 20th by finishing up 1 Corinthians, chapters 15-16. The class starts at 9:20 and is open to all adults, materials are provided. Please contact Pastor Marilyn for information on this class.

The **Monday Night Study** group will start on September 14th – 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be studying John Ortberg's book 'The Life You've Always Wanted' – a study on spiritual disciplines. The Lily Grant will be covering most of the cost of the books; however, attendees may be responsible for a nominal amount. If you would like to participate in the study, please contact Linda Dunn (503-397-1143), by **August 14** so books can be ordered.



COMMUNITY MEALS

Every Tuesday evening, 5:30 – 6:00 pm, at the Lutheran Church, a meal is being offered, free of charge to anyone in the community who would like a hot meal. Several churches are involved in providing this meal, including Plymouth Presbyterian. There are several ways you can help:

- Volunteer to be a baker – contact Jennifer Anderson, 503-377-0417
- Volunteer to help prepare and/or serve meals. Sign-up sheets are at the Lutheran Church or contact Gina Harrington or the church office for more information.
- Donate garden produce to the food bank that helps provide food for these meals.
- Donate kitchen staples: cream of mushroom soup, shredded cheddar cheese and paper cups for coffee or cold beverages. You can bring these items to the church.
- Pray that this wonderful ministry will reach those who need it most.

Fix-Byterians

Helpers are needed for work projects. Please contact Mark Dinwiddie (503-397-2278) if you can help by either being on a work crew or providing meals for the work crew.

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.



Holly	Barbour	8	2
Clayton	Earl	8	2
Andrew	Rae	8	3
Shari	Gale	8	4
Lois	McFann	8	4
Lynnea	Eagle	8	10
Andrew	Gale	8	11
Charles	Rae	8	11
Judy	Dinsmore	8	16
Lib	Hooper	8	19
Kim	Stites	8	20
Linda	Liefeld	8	21
Fran	Pickering	8	26
Kaitlin	Davis	8	30

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

A membership information class was held in July. On August 16 we will welcome three new members. **Genny Vincent** has been attending Plymouth for about 1½ years. She previously had been active at First Christian Church. She is a long-time resident of the St. Helens-Scappoose area. **Dixee Partee** and **Polly Holbrook** are sisters who grew up in Albuquerque, NM. They have semi-retired here. Dixee lives in Scappoose, and Polly and her husband live on Sauvie Island. Look for Polly and Dixee at the Community Meals many Tuesday evenings.

PPC Directory

An updated Church Directory will be published in September. Please review the draft Directory on the sign-up table in the Fellowship Hall and note any changes, additions or omissions. *Thank-you!*

Favorite Hymn Sunday - 2

We enjoyed the first of two hymn Sundays on July 19. Thanks to Doris Perry for filling in for our pianist Margaret Smith that day. The second hymn Sunday will be **August 9**. You may still request a hymn or two if you haven't already, please contact the church office to request a hymn.

Attendance

June 21	49
June 28	45
July 5	38
July 12	47
July 19	53

FINANCIAL REPORT

May 2009	Income	\$10,551.50
	Expenses	\$10,861.85
	Net	\$ (310.85)
YTD 2009	Income	\$42,568.47
	Expense	\$46,355.55
	Net	\$ (3,787.08)

Note: \$2,000 was transferred from Savings.

Pastor's Vacation

Pastor Marilyn will be on vacation August 19-31. For pastoral care, please call a Deacon. Pastor Don Courtain (Christian Church) and Father Bob Sipe (Christ Episcopal) will be on call for emergencies. Preaching on August 23: Dr. Tillie MakePeace, on August 30: Bill Eagle.



The choir will be starting in September. Please contact the church office if you are interested in joining the choir.

A MISSION MOMENT

“Take heart, all you people, says the Lord. Begin the work, for I am with you, says the Lord of Hosts and my spirit is present among you. Have no fear.”
Haggai 2: 4b-5 (The New English Bible)

The spirit of God is moving through our church in a fresh new way, do you feel it? We, the people of the church, are reaching out to each other, our community and beyond with acts of love and care. Have you ever thought of yourselves as missionaries? Usually we think of a missionary as someone who is called to another country. However, you do not have to leave Columbia Co. to be a missionary. Any time you reach out to another person with the love of Christ and try to help alleviate their burdens, you are a missionary. I hope you read the article in this Newsletter on the **Community Meal** mission in our community and prayerfully consider how you might participate.

We have news from Bolivia through Don Shaw who recently traveled there. Even though the new constitution was passed, it has been difficult to fully implement. Native Bolivians believe that pure water is a gift from God and should be free and available to all living beings on the earth. The constitution granted the right for everyone to have clean, safe drinking water; but the corporations that have tried to control the water, are fighting that part of the new law. Don will be here in October to tell us all about the latest developments and more. If any of you would like to do a little Mission Study in September, before Don Shaw's visit, please let me know.

Claudia Eagle, Mission Commission Chair



Reminder:

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

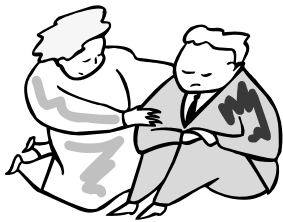
Heart-light Radio

Are you looking for a new challenge? Would you like to learn a new skill? Are you interested in radio and/or communications? Have I got a deal for you! I am willing to share my knowledge of producing “Heart-light, the half hour condensed version of our Sunday service that is broadcasted locally on KOHI and is put on our website as a podcast to be heard around the world.

It would take about 3 hours a week to produce at first, give or take, depending on your learning curve. After some time and experience, it takes about 2 hours to get the program done and sent off. This is not counting the time it takes to copy the week's service onto the computer. The process is as follows:

- Take the recorded service and transfer it to Sonar Cakewalk program on the computer behind the sanctuary.
- Do the narrative part (the glue that will provide intros to the scripture readings, hymns, anthems sermon and ending material.
- Cut and paste the elements of the service with the appropriate narrative piece to introduce each section. Total program length :30 minutes
- Export the finished product to mp3 format.
- Copy program onto a thumb drive
- Send program via FileZilla to Gary Dinsmore to be put on Plychurch.org website.
- Take thumb drive to KOHI to be played following Sunday at 10am.

If you're interested or have any further questions about producing “Heart-light”, contact Gina Harrington either at the church office or at 503-397-1702.



PPC Buddy Program

The Buddy Program is back, a BIG thank-you to Ruth Cox for volunteering to coordinate this program. The Buddy program is a voluntary program for persons who would like to have someone check-in on them on a daily basis. Buddies take turns calling each other. Buddies also share news and information. The Buddy Program is not limited to our congregation, but is also available to anyone you know who could benefit from this important service. Your Deacon's will be contacting you soon to see if you would like to participate. Or, if you know of someone for the Buddy Program, you may call the church office of Ruth Cox, 503-397-5814.

PPC DEACONS

We welcome Ruth Cox back as a Deacon and say good-bye and 'Thank-you' to Shirley Chulufas for her love and care for the past three years. The Deacons are here to help serve the needs of the congregation. Do you know who your Deacon is? August 2nd is 'Meet Your Deacon' Sunday and would be a great opportunity to get to know your Deacon better. The Deacon's administer the church's Prayer Chain and manage an Emergency Assistance Account, funded with your generous contributions. Please join us on August 2nd for snacks and fellowship.



Deadline for the September Newsletter is

August 19

Please submit articles to Linda Dunn

E-mail: red40@opusnet.com

SCRIPTURE READING FOR AUGUST

August 2	Ephesians 4:1-16 John 6:24-35
August 9	Ephesians 5:15-20 Mark 6:45-52
August 16	1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14 Psalm 111 Ephesians 4:25-5:2 Mark 6:53-56
August 23	1 Kings 8:22-43 Psalm 84 Ephesians 6:10-20 John 6:56-69
August 30	Song of Solomon 2:8-13 Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9 James 1:17-27 Mark 7:24-37



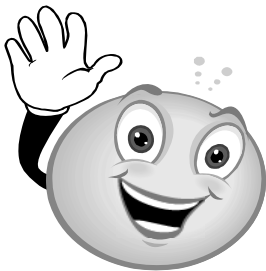
**"For everything that was written in the past
was written to teach us, so that through
perseverance and the encouragement of the
Scriptures we might have HOPE."**

Romans 15:4

Sunday Volunteer Schedule

August 2	Communion Set-up: Yvonne Karreman Communion Servers: Howard & Darla Knytych Greeters/Ushers: Jack Ferrise & Tillie MakePeace Lay Leader: Tillie MakePeace Flowers: Snacks: The Deacons
August 9	Greeters/Ushers: Jack Ferrise & Tillie MakePeace Lay Leader: Mark Dinwiddie Flowers: Snacks: Rose Galloway & Karen Roldan
August 16	Greeters/Ushers: Lib & Steve Hooper Lay Leader: Fran Pickering Flowers: Snacks:
August 23	Greeters/Ushers: Lib & Steve Hooper Lay Leader: Flowers: Snacks: Dixee Partee, Polly Holbrook & Kathleen Dinwiddie
August 30	Greeters/Ushers: TBA Lay Leader: Flowers: Snacks: The Hooper's & The Dunn's – Ice Cream Sundaes
September 6	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.



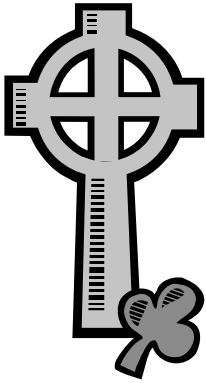
Welcome Committee

August: Harold Scudder, Ida Mae Larsen, Jan Stites, Polly Rice & Jessica Galloway.

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Avamere Communion - 2 pm MakePeace Concert - 4 pm	3	4 Deacons - 2 pm Community Meal – 5:30 - 6 pm Music & Worship - 7 pm	5 Fellowship Hall in use 8-5 pm	6	7	8
9 Favorite Hymns	10	11 Community Meal 5:30 - 6 pm	12	13	14	15
16 Welcome New Members	17	18 No Session Mtg. Community Meal 5:30 – 6 pm	19 Fellowship – 11:30 Newsletter Deadline Pastor Vacation	20 Pastor Vacation	21 Pastor Vacation	22 Men’s Breakfast Pastor Vacation
23 Pastor Vacation	24 Pastor Vacation	25 Pastor Vacation Community Meal 5:30 – 6 pm	26 Pastor Vacation	27 Pastor Vacation	28 Pastor Vacation	29 Pastor Vacation
30 Pastor Vacation	31 Pastor Vacation					



Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort me and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

(From St. Patrick's Breastplate)

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