

# PLYMOUTH CROSSING

## PLYMOUTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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### PASTOR'S MEDITATION

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God=s holy name. @ Psalm 103:1*

I=m counting my sabbatical blessings B blessings of personal renewal and renewed friendships, of new experiences and beautiful places, of church history and family history.

During my sabbatical leave I worshiped with many congregations in many settings. One of the leaders of Westminster Abbey in London sent her greetings to Plymouth Presbyterian Church. I shared the Lord=s Supper in Presbyterian churches in Portland, Estacada and Santa Fe, with a United Church of Christ in San Diego, and in Church of Scotland and Church of England services. I witnessed one baptism in Brighton, England, and another in Santa Fe, New Mexico. I discovered Astreams in the desert@ in Big Sur and Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, on the island of Iona and at the Ghost Ranch Presbyterian conference center north of Santa Fe. I found beauty in the art museums and galleries I visited, and especially enjoyed the landscapes by Georgia O=Keefe. The sunrises and sunsets, the sheer cliffs and blue skies (even in Scotland!), the flowers and birds and budding trees all called me to rejoice in the beauty of God=s creation.

My three months away helped me to renew my call to ministry and gave me a different perspective on how we can work together more effectively. Pastor Chuck Falconer helped the session and congregation to consider that as well. I=m very pleased with the renewed energy I sense as some of you have talked with me about your ideas. You=ll hear more about this soon.

On a personal note, the renewal time was bracketed with my father=s 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in February and his death in May. This is the end of an era for my family, but his strong faith and sense of humor live on. His life is still a blessing.

I encourage you to find the blessings in your life, to name them and to give thanks.

*Pastor Marilyn Allen*

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

**August 3:** AA Wilderness Encounter@

Communion  
Genesis 32:22-31  
Psalm 17:1-7, 15  
Romans 9:1-5  
Matthew 14:13-21

**August 10:** Church campout  
Guest preacher: Bill Eagle  
Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28  
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b  
Romans 10:5-15  
Matthew 14:22-33

**August 17:** AFor My Child@  
Genesis 45:1-15  
Psalm 133  
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32  
Matthew 15 :( 10-20) 21-28

**August 24:** AOffering Ourselves@  
Exodus 1:8-2:10  
Psalm 124  
Romans 12:1-8  
Matthew 16:13-20

**August 31:**  
Guest Preacher: Gary Heide  
Exodus 3:1-15  
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c  
Romans 12:9-21  
Matthew 16:21-28



# Session Reports

## PEACE KEEPING AND MISSION

Bible School begins August 4th. It is a Mission too. Please pray during the week and if there is a way that you can help let the church know.

For the first two weeks in July the Mission Commission has tried to answer a question that some people in our congregation have asked, concerning the management of donations to Presbyterian Mission Projects. We thought it might be good to repeat the information in the newsletter. Presbytery sets goals for specific Mission Projects. If you give a donation to, say the Bolivian Hunger Program, 100% of your donation will go to that project unless the goal has been met. Let's say that a donation overshoots the goal by \$10 more or less. They will not do anything with that money until they contact the donor to find out what the donor wants done. They will even return the money if that is what the donor desires.

Now, if you give a donation to the general mission fund, that money is divided among needed projects, 5%, of which, goes to overhead, but only 5% folks. You won't find that with many organizations. The church is special and very responsible, so you can give with confidence. It might also be of interest to you that our Presbytery of the Cascades is doing quite well in our mission giving. Thirty seven presbyteries have been recognized as tops in mission giving for the 2007 calendar year. Our presbytery has received top ten honors in 6 of the 8 categories, which includes the special offerings. For total giving to Shared Mission Support and Directed Mission Support we placed third. For per member giving to Shared Mission Support and Directed Mission Support we placed fourth and for per member giving to the Special Offerings, we placed seventh. So go ahead, clap and give a shout today as long as you remember that we are not done. As long as there is a hungry, frightened child or a homeless family we, the church, have more work to do.

God bless all of you who are concerned and help with our Mission work.

## FINANCE

### June Report

Income	\$9,558.35
Expenses	\$9,452.11
Net	\$ 106.24

## FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship commission will not meet in August. The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 AM at the Warren Country Inn.

## CHRISTIAN ED.

Beginning in September, we will be offering Sunday School before church. Pastor Marilyn will be teaching an adult class. We plan to offer two other classes, one for elementary age children and one for teens. To be able to offer this very important ministry to our youth, **we need your help.** Teachers are needed for both groups, and two or more people may share the duties for a class.

Think back to the people who had a positive impact on your life when you were a child or young adult. If you were involved in church, your Sunday School teacher was one of the people who nurtured you and your faith. Where would any of us be if we did not have someone to share the love of Christ with us? We are called to "go out and make disciples", what better way than to start with our children and youth.

The curriculum is easy to use, but also flexible enough for you to add your own unique touch. Please, prayerfully consider whether this is a ministry within the church that you could fulfill. And a reminder, Sunday School teachers are not limited to women! It would be wonderful to have some men in the congregation sign up to teach and share their perspective with our children. **Note:** All volunteers need to be finger-printed by the Sheriff's Office.

# Upcoming Activities and Events

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



at 9:30 AM. The choir will rehearse at 10:15 AM.

## PRISCILLA CIRCLE

Priscilla Circle will resume meeting on September 10<sup>th</sup> with Russ and Lois McFann as Members of Faith. Priscilla Circle meets in the Fellowship Hall from 1-3 PM.

## PRAYERS & SQUARES

Prayer and Squares will not be meeting in the summer, but will start up again in the fall.

## DEACONS

The Deacons met on July 10<sup>th</sup> and welcomed two new Deacons, Les Christie and Linda Liefeld. Jan Stites was elected Head Deacon, Carol Jones will manage “request for assistance” from the Emergency Fund, and Linda Dunn will be responsible for the prayer chain. The next Deacons meeting will be August 12<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 PM at the church.

**S.N.A.P.P.** Our church serves lunch at the St. Helens Senior Center on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month. Serving: August 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

Meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month at 8:00 a.m. at Warren Country Inn. There is no agenda--just lively and wide-ranging conversation. **Next meeting – August 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

## CHOIR

The first choir rehearsal of the fall will be on Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 PM, to prepare for

## Follow, Follow, Jesus

August 5-8  
9am-12pm

3-12 year olds welcome



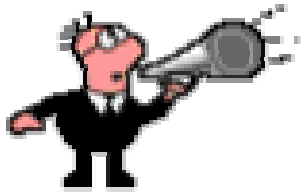
**New Sunday  
Schedule**

**September 7<sup>th</sup>  
10:30 AM**

Starting September 7<sup>th</sup>, Sunday morning worship will begin at 10:30 AM. This will accommodate our new Sunday School Schedule, allowing for 45 minutes of

our first Sunday, September 7. Because of the worship **time change** to 10:30 AM and the education time before church at 9:30, on Sundays please arrive by 10:10 and be ready to warm up at 10:15.

**All singers are welcome!**



# Announcements

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

*A Come, let us worship the Lord. Let us praise God's name together. @*

We've had good services this summer, relaxed and with an inspiring variety of special music and gospel hymns. We hope to see you as often as possible in August. Attendance record:

June 1	47
June 8	46
June 15	44
June 22	45
June 29	44
July 6	54
July 13	61

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## PRESBYTERY MEETING

First Presbyterian Church in Klamath Falls gave the presbytery a warm welcome (literally!) on July 11-12. Our elder commissioner was Yvonne Karreman Schoonover. We heard reports from the 218<sup>th</sup> General Assembly that met in San Jose in June, and other reports from various churches, committees and mission projects. Julie Dunsmore, who was here at Plymouth last fall, gave a report with several people who have worked with the Bolivia project for environmental concerns, Joining Hearts and Hands.

We are a Aconnectional@ church, so that what we do has an effect on other Presbyterians, and what is done by the church as a whole is also part of our work.

For more information about what our presbytery is doing, check the website [cascadespresbytery.org](http://cascadespresbytery.org). For information about the national church, see [pcusa.org](http://pcusa.org).

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## Boys Brunch Bunch!!

Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> the men of the congregation will once again WOW us with their culinary talents by serving brunch for Fellowship Hour after church.

## LET THERE BE LIGHT!

We have new lights in the sanctuary! Our thanks to **Harold Scudder, Marilyn Brinster, and Helen Purkerson** who have been working for over a year - researching availability, costs, and design. Thanks to **Fran Pickering** for her assistance with the memorial funds that paid for the lights. A big thank-you to **Jim Galloway** who did the installation, and to **Harold Scudder, Randy Dunn, Ron and Jan Stites, and Josie Galloway** who helped on the day of installation, July 12.

The memorial funds for these lights had been part of our savings account and earning interest for some time. If you would like to make a special gift to help replenish the savings account, please see Fran Pickering, or make a note on your check memo line. If you have any other questions, please talk with Harold Scudder or any member of the committee.

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## SABBATICAL UPDATE

Because of my father's death, I had to spend the last week of my sabbatical in Michigan. The session has encouraged me to take a final week in August, so I will be at Twin Rocks conference center in Rockaway Beach from the afternoon of August 24 through August 29. This will give me time to reflect on and write about the whole renewal leave. *Pastor Marilyn*

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## Monday Night Bible Study

**"What's so Amazing about Grace?"** 10-week discussion on Grace starts Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:0 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please let Linda Dunn know if you are interested in this class. Approximate cost of book is \$10.

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**Annual Holiday Bazaar and Luncheon – November 22nd, 9 AM – 3 PM at the church.**

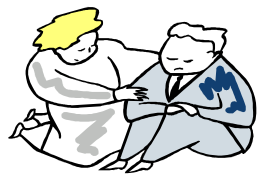
# HEART TO HEART

## THANK-YOU

Chuck and Jan Falconer would like to thank the members of Plymouth Church for the gracious cards and comments we have received. We would also like to thank the congregation for the plant and gifts which we received at the Welcome Back dinner.

It has been good to be with all of you the past three months and we look forward to seeing you again from time to time.

*Chuck and Jan Falconer*



## Opportunities to Serve.....

### Sunday School Teachers Needed

Sign up in Fellowship Hall

### Native American Circle of Hope

**Saturday August, 2nd 1:30 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. This time has been scheduled to start making lap quilts and medicine bags for the Native American Circle of Hope (an organization that provides encouragement and support for those Native Americans who have been diagnosed with cancer). We'd like to encourage those with sewing/beading talents, or anyone wanting to learn these crafts to please come and help. Please see **Rose Galloway** for additional information.

### Red Apple Receipts/Pop Cans

The church continues to collect Red Apple Receipts to aide in projects within the church, primarily the Youth Group. There is a jar in the Fellowship Hall for your receipts. Additionally, the youth group collects pop cans/bottles with a deposit to help fund their activities. Thank-You!

Please say Athank you@ to our new elders and deacons who were ordained and installed on June 29. **Jack Ferrise** and **Kathleen Dinwiddie** were elected as elders, and **Gayle Clemmer** was reelected. New deacons are **Les Christie** and **Linda Liefeld**.

Thanks for a job well done to retiring elders **Darla Knytych** and **Gina Harrington** and to retiring deacons **Ruth Cox** and **Ida Mae Larsen**.

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## Happy 90th birthday to Clayton Earl!!!

Celebrate Clayton's 90th birthday on Sunday, August 3rd, the Earl family will provide cake and refreshments.

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### August Birthdays

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
Curtis Sinner	8/26
Chelsea Armstrong	8/29
Kaitlin Davis	8/30

## NEW ELDERS AND DEACONS

DATE	COMMUNION SET UP		COMMUNION SERVERS	
3-August	Yvonne Schnoover			
7-September				
5-October				
*GREETERS/USHERS Arrive at 9:30 am	DATE	SNACKS	FLOWERS	LAY LEADER
Gayle Clemmer and Shirley Eaton	3-Aug	The Earl Family		Fran Pickering
	10-Aug		Linda Liefeld	
Lib & Steve Hooper	17-Aug	The Rae Family		
	24-Aug			
	31-Aug			
	7-Sept			
	14-Sept			
	21-Sept	Boys Brunch Bunch		
	28-Sept			

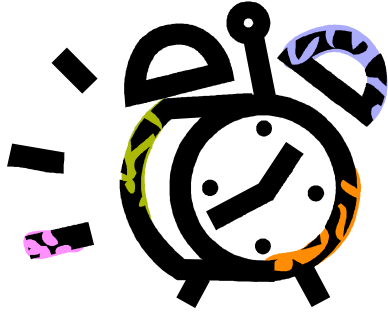
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## August

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Newsletter Deadline

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# Time Change Reminder!!!

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