

PLYMOUTH CROSSING

PLYMOUTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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Marilyn's Meditation

"We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

Lent and Easter are always busy times for any pastor, but I want you to know how much I appreciate everything the whole congregation does, especially during these special seasons of the church year. **THANK YOU!**

- To the Maundy Thursday readers: Harold Scudder, Ron Stites, Mark Dinwiddie, Gina Harrington, Yvonne Schoonover, Karen Roldan, Jack Ferrise, Val Gauen.
- To Adrienne Schilling and Gayle Clemmer for selecting and arranging the Easter flowers.
- To Rick Kemp, Margaret Smith and the choir for Holy Week music, and to Fran Pickering and Marsea Roldan for Maundy Thursday.
- To the kitchen crew and all who provided food on Easter Sunday.
- To Jan Stites and the teens and young adults for a great Youth Sunday.
- To Bill Eagle for preaching on April 25.
- To all who helped paint the Fellowship Hall on March 27.
- To Randy Dunn and Harold Scudder for taking such good care of the church grounds.
- To all whom help with Sunday morning tasks that help make our church inviting.
- To Gina Harrington for organizing Women's Retreat and also for editing the Sunday service for the Heartlight radio program.
- To Yvonne Schoonover for keeping the church buildings clean.
- To all who pray for our congregation, its people and ministries.

We believe we are doing the work of the Lord here on Sunday morning, to refresh and inspire and equip all the "saints" of Plymouth Church. You are the ones who go out to do the work of the Lord all week long. I give thanks to God for all of you. May you serve Jesus Christ with joy.

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PPC STUDY GROUPS

PRISCILLA CIRCLE

On April 14th, nineteen ladies met for Priscilla Circle in the church fellowship hall and enjoyed wonderful refreshments provided by Lorna Bradley, Audrey Sinner, and Joanne Young.

Carol Jones has offered to contact the entire Priscilla Circle list each month as a "reminder" and we are grateful to her. Fran will be sending donations to the Makindu Childrens' Program at the end of April with the future donations being sent in November. A planning committee was formed to prepare for Pastor Marilyn's "first grandchild" baby shower which will be held on Saturday, May 22nd at 1:30 in the fellowship hall.

Our Woman of Faith was Kathleen Dinwiddie who provided an entertaining glimpse into her life and her walk of faith, with interesting anecdotes about their restored farm house where she and Mark now live. On May 12th, Priscilla Circle's regular meeting will be a potluck salad luncheon from 12-2 p.m. Darla Knytych will be doing a special devotional activity at the luncheon. We hope you can attend.

Helen Purkerson, co-leader

ELECTION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

The Session has set the date of May 2, 2010, after worship, for the election of three elders and two deacons for the class of 2013, one deacon for the class of 2012, and one deacon for the class of 2011. This will be a very short meeting, since the election is the only business to be done.

Karen Roldan, Clerk of Session

Have you ever tried to read the parables of Jesus "Through Peasant Eyes?" The **Sunday morning adult study group** will resume during the month of May at 9:20 am in the Hutchinson Hall classroom. The topic will be "Parables in Luke," based on the cross-cultural work of Dr. Kenneth E. Bailey and Dr. Richard L. Rohrbaugh. When these two scholars talked with Middle Eastern village people about the parables, they learned that what we've always been taught or assumed may not be what Jesus intended us to understand. For more information, contact Pastor Marilyn.

The Monday Night study group is taking a break this spring. However, we will be meeting on Monday, May 10th to have a conversation with Rabbi Rob. We will meet at 6:30 pm for a light dinner with the program to follow.

FINANCIAL REPORT

March-10

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| Income | \$7,525.97 |
| Expenses | \$8,394.99 |
| | (\$869.02) |

Year to Date

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| Income | \$20,836.16 |
| Expenses | \$24,576.10 |
| | (\$3,739.94) |

Thank You!
THANK YOU! **Butter Shower**

Fifty-three pounds of butter was collected on April 18th for Community Meals. Thank-you!



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| Ruth | Cox | 5 | 6 |
| Betty | Grady | 5 | 6 |
| Jennifer | Daly | 5 | 7 |
| Shirley | Chulufas | 5 | 9 |
| Karen | Roldan | 5 | 11 |
| Doris | Perry | 5 | 16 |
| Rick | Kemp | 5 | 19 |
| Shirley | Eaton | 5 | 24 |
| Linda | Gaskill | 5 | 28 |

DEACONS REPORT

The Deacons met on April 6th. There were three requests, totaling \$100 that were paid out of the Emergency Fund. The Deacon's would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Emergency Fund on March 7th. There were 13 prayer requests in April. Our next meeting is May 4th at 4:00 pm. Linda Dunn will have devotions.

Attendance

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| March 21 | 52 |
| March 28 | 47 |
| April 4 | 73 |
| April 11 | 50 |
| April 18 | 53 |

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Due to recurring vandalism on the church grounds, Session has decided to have the Arborvitae in the courtyard cut down. Please contact Jack Ferrise if you would like to help with this effort.

A MISSION MOMENT

Go forth for God; go to the world in peace;
To serve God's people every day and hour,
And serving Christ, our every gift employ,
Rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.

Go forth for God; to the world in love and joy.

From a poem by John R Peace

Spring is here and with it will come new growth. The Mission Commission feels that we are experiencing new growth in the spiritual life of our church. A strong mission program is a sign of a healthy, alive church. With our participation in the Community Meals program (see www.CMeals.org for more information) and our other outreach programs; we are reaching out to our own community and to the world. *Our One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering* that was taken on Easter Sunday came to \$729. We thank all of you who participated by giving to that very important offering. Everyone please remember to continue to pray for our church and our Mission Program.

God is with us! *The Mission Commission*

FELLOWSHIP

Thank-you to all who work in the kitchen and provide food for our congregation. Please consider hosting Fellowship Hour a Sunday this summer. The next Fellowship meeting is May 19th at Ixtapa in Scappoose. Here are some dates to keep in mind:

- May 9th** Mother's Day Brunch hosted by the Men of the church
- May 16th** Special coffee hour to say farewell to Val Gauen
- June 20th** Father's Day strawberry shortcake
- July 18th** Church picnic



May 23rd

Celebrate the church's birthday by wearing something red

SUNDAY READINGS & WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- May 2:** "Welcome to the Family" - Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Rev. 21:1-6; John 13:31-35.
- May 9:** "Do You Want to Be Made Well?" Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Rev. 21:10, 21:22-22:5; John 5:1-9; John 14:23-29.
- May 16: Gideons:** Dan Logan, Bruce Hall. Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Rev. 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26.
- May 23:** Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17 (25-27).
- May 30:** Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15.

Confirmation Sunday is also on May 23rd. Please join us in welcoming **Alexa Gaskill** into our family of faith.

Sunday May 16th the Fellowship committee will host a reception for Val Gauen who has moved to Portland. Please join us for coffee hour and share your memories of Bob & Val. Val's new address and phone number are:

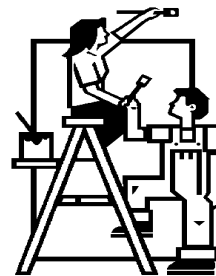
Val Gauen
1300 NE 16th Ave. Apt. 711
Portland, OR 97232-1483
(503) 280-2391



A baby shower for Pastor Marilyn's grandson, **Cade Jefferson Allen**, will be on **Saturday May 22nd**, 1:30 pm in the church fellowship hall. The entire PPC church family is welcome to attend and meet Cade and his parents. His nursery is decorated in woodland forest animal theme, and suggested clothing size is from 12 mos. – 2 years.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONER

Claudia Eagle has been elected to be one of four elder commissioners from Cascades Presbytery to the 219th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Four ministers from our presbytery will also attend the Assembly, which will meet in Minneapolis, Minn., July 3-10, 2010. You can find more information about the General Assembly at pcusa.org.



Thank-you to those who painted the fellowship hall:

Adrienne Schilling, Gretchen Daly, Roger Liefeld, Randy Dunn, Nicki Sinner, Al Sinner, Yvonne Schoonover and Jack Ferrise. And a special thank-you to Jean Anderson for the delicious cupcakes.



Sharing Our Faith

**KATHLEEN
DINWIDDIE**

I was born in 1952 in Indianapolis, Indiana to Robert & Marcella Richards. I am the second youngest of a family of 8 children, 5 girls and 3 boys. My family moved from the city of Indianapolis to a farm in Brown County when I was 6 months old. There I lived in the same house for the next 18 years.

I graduated from high school in January 1971, mid term of my senior year. I went to work in Indianapolis and moved in with my sister in Greenwood, for a closer commute to work. I returned to high school in May to attend the graduation ceremony with the rest of my classmates. That is where I met Mark for the first time. Mark moved to Brown County the second semester of his senior year. We were married eleven months later on April 15, 1972. Mark joined the Air Force and left for boot camp in June 1972. After his 8 month technical training at Lowery AFB in Denver, Colorado, the military moved us every two years for the next eight years. We have lived in Colorado, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and Oregon.

We are blessed with 3 children. Chad was born in Colorado in 1974, Kyle in Michigan in 1977, and Tabitha in Colorado in 1978. We were foster parents for 2 years while living in Colorado and that's where we met our daughter, we adopted her when she was 5 years old. Kyle married Araina Bergstrom (a St Helens local) in 2006. They gave birth to our Grandson, Zebulun Tek Dinwiddie on October 23, 2009, sharing the same birthday as Chad. Both sons are in the Air Force and stationed in Kansas & Oklahoma. Our daughter is living in Twin Falls, ID.

My journey of Faith...

As a child I attended Bear Creek Church, a little, one room, non-denominational church about 5 miles down the road. This was my introduction to the love of God. Mark and I attended church on an irregular basis while he was in the military. We attended more regularly when our kids got to be old enough to attend Sunday school. The kids drifted away from church in their teen years, but Mark and I began to attend more regularly. The Presbyterian churches have been our first choice.

When we moved to St. Helens we searched the Internet for a Presbyterian Church and came upon Plymouth Presbyterian Church. We listened to Heartlight for over a year, while refurbishing our old home, before we made our first visit. The sermons and fellowship kept us coming back and eventually we entered into membership. I am blessed to be a part of Plymouth Presbyterian Church.

Sunday Volunteer Schedule

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| May 2 | Communion Set-up: Jan & Ron Stites Communion Servers: Harold Scudder, Gina Harrington, Larry Bloom Greeters/Ushers: Randy & Linda Dunn Lay Leader: Judy Gilbert Flowers: Snacks: |
| May 9 | Greeters/Ushers: Rose, Jessica and Jose Galloway Lay Leader: Linda Dunn Flowers: Snacks: Mothers Day Brunch - Men |
| May 16 | Greeters/Ushers: Rose, Jessica and Jose Galloway Lay Leader: Flowers: Snacks: Fellowship |
| May 23 | Greeters/Ushers: Lorna Bradley and Corrine Humbird Lay Leader: Flowers: Snacks: |
| May 30 | Greeters/Ushers: Lorna Bradley and Corrine Humbird Lay Leader: Flowers: Snacks: |
| June 6 | Communion Set-up: Gina Harrington Communion Servers: Ron Stites, Yvonne Schoonover and Judy Gilbert Greeters/Ushers: Richard and Shirley Chulufas 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

May: Linda Dunn, Adrienne Schilling, Ron Stites, Josie Galloway and Helen Purkerson



Deadline for the June/July Newsletter is:

May 19th

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.

May 2010



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 2 Communion Election of Officers Avamere, 2 pm | 3 | 4 Deacons – 4 pm Music & Worship – 7pm | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 Mothers Day Brunch | 10 Monday Night Class – 6:30 pm | 11 CME – 2 pm | 12 Priscilla Circle – 1-3 pm | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 Gideon Sunday Gauen reception | 17 | 18 Prayers & Squares – 1 pm Session – 6:30 pm | 19 Newsletter Deadline SNAPP – 11 am Fellowship – 11:30 | 20 | 21 | 22 Men’s Breakfast – 8 am Baby Shower – 1:30 pm |
| 23 Pentecost Confirmation | 24 SNAPP – 11 am | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 | 31 Memorial Day | | | | | |

O LORD

of hosts, HAPPY
is everyone who trusts in
YOU.



PSALM 84:12

*Said the Robin to the Sparrow:
'I should really like to know
why these anxious human beings
rush and worry so.'*

*Said the Sparrow to the Robin:
'Friend, I think that it must be
that they have no heavenly Father
such as cares for you and me.'*

Elizabeth Cheney

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