

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

"I believe in ... the communion of saints."

from the Apostles' Creed

"The Saints among Us" was the theme for Vacation Bible School this year. We celebrated saints from long ago as well as those in our own church and community who do the work of Christ. And we sang "there's not any reason, no, not the least, that I shouldn't be one too."

The communion of saints in the Apostles' Creed reminds us that we are all part of the family of faith, all called to be saints who follow Christ whole-heartedly. It was after my mother's death that I began to realize what that might mean. As I took the bread and cup of the Lord's Supper, I remembered the times when I had received the Communion elements as a child, sitting next to my mother in church. I felt that we were still connected through the sacrament. Then I realized that we are all in communion (communication) with the saints of old and the saints among us, as we celebrate the feast.

Because of so many recent deaths in our congregation, I am more aware than ever that we continue to celebrate with those who have gone before us. Bob, Jeannette, Lois, Gil and Kay invite us to join them in the eternal song of praise at the table of the Lord.

At Plymouth Church, we celebrate the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of each month. I hope to see you at table on September 5th, and again on October 3rd for World Communion and Peacemaking Sunday. God bless you.

Pastor Marilyn Allen

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WELCOME TO



Plymouth Presbyterian

PRISCILLA CIRCLE

Wednesday, September 8th, Priscilla Circle will meet at 1 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. Hostesses will be Juanita Shearer and Donna McLean with Fran Pickering providing the devotions. Gary Eaton will be our 'Person of Faith'. Everyone is invited and we hope to see you there.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Children's Sunday School will be held during the last half of the Sunday worship service.

Teens/Young Adults – Give us your suggestions and plan to be part of our youth group activities. Some of our young adults have been discussing an evening alternative worship to be held at least once a month. If you have suggestions or questions, call or email Marilyn. We hope to have a planning meeting during the first part of September.

Adult studies:

Sunday morning, 9:20 am, the study will be parables of Jesus in their cultural context, using resources by Kenneth Bailey and Richard Rohrbaugh – Pastor Marilyn
The **Monday Night Class** will continue a brief hiatus until January, 2011.

Attendance

July 25	44
August 1	50
August 8	38
August 15	50
August 22	51

Note: 8/15 includes the church campout.

A MISSION MOMENT

Psalms 55:14 “We had intimate talks with each other and worshiped together-“and Acts 2:47 – “praising God and enjoying the good will of all the people.’

These statements express how we all felt in our committee, (Church Growth and Education) at General Assembly. I believe all the committees should have been able to say the same. However, as we well know, things do not always go as we would like and from the voices that I often heard in the halls and on the streets, not all was well with many of the other committees. I was blessed. I have not talked a great deal, as yet, about my one time great experience at General Assembly. I will be giving you a little more information about the work of my committee, on the 26th of September. I hope to see many of you there, that day, during the fellowship time.

I believe, because of the attitudes and faith of the people in our church, we will continue to reach out to others, both in our own community and the world. I also believe that in that reaching out process, we, the people, of our church; will grow in both numbers and spirit. God be with you all.

The Mission Commission, Claudia Eagle – Chair



Choir Notes

Make a joyful noise! On Wednesday September 1st at 6 pm, the adult choir will begin the season with a potluck picnic, location to be announced. Our first regular rehearsal will be on Sept. 8, 7:30 pm at the church. Our first Sunday to sing in church will be Sept. 12. New members are always welcome. You don't have to read music – just bring the song in your heart.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

The Blessing of the Animals is a long-standing tradition in many churches, in other faith traditions, and in cultures around the world. All such services of blessing share a common theme of gratitude for animals and for God’s grace in their companionship and service. One of the saints of the Roman Catholic Church, Francis of Assisi, was known for his respect for all of life, including the animals, so his example has inspired many blessing services.

Tillie MakePeace, Polly Holbrook and Dixee Partee are making arrangements for Plymouth Church to celebrate a blessing of our companion animals, with details and a date to be announced later.

Wine Country Tour

On October 23rd, the Fellowship Commission is hosting a tour of Oregon Wine Country. Sign-up sheets will be in the Fellowship Hall in October.

Holiday Bazaar & Luncheon

Saturday, November 20th, 9 am – 3 pm at the church.

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

PRAYERS & SQUARES

September is here and I look forward to seeing the "NIFTY NEEDLERS" of the church back from summer vacation and chatting and working on putting ties into 2 quilts for the stash.

When: **September 21, 2010**
 Time: **1:00 P.M.**
 Where: **Fellowship Hall**

Please note that the above date is a week later than normal because your “run around” quilt maker is going to be gone the week of Sept. 13 - 19, 2010. Thanks for helping out in the past and hope to see you all on the 21st of Sept.

Love & prayers, Audrey Sinner



Gilbert Pickering – August 10, 2010

Gil Pickering was born on December 23, 1924, in Portland. Immediately after he graduated from Washington High School, he went into the Army. He took part in the Normandy invasion, and went through five major battles in Europe, receiving five battle stars. He was discharged on December 28, 1945. He graduated from the University of Oregon with a degree in Business Administration. He and Aldine Hudson were married in 1947, raised five children in St. Helens, and enjoyed 28 years together before her death in an auto accident. Gil and Fran married in 1980.

Gil worked for Crown Zellerbach for 30 years, retiring in 1980. He loved to fish and hunt, and even after his stroke, his best days were in a boat with a friend or two, on the river or a lake. Gil and Fran enjoyed camping in their fifth-wheel, especially with the Traveling Beavers trailer club.

Fran and Gil became members at Plymouth in 1984. He served a term on session, helped with buildings and grounds work, and did the yearly financial audit of the church books. He liked gospel music, and even when he no longer came to church regularly, would come when Fran played her violin.

Gil was buried in Portland with a private family service on August 13, 2010. We will remember him with an informal service on Sunday, August 29, after worship.

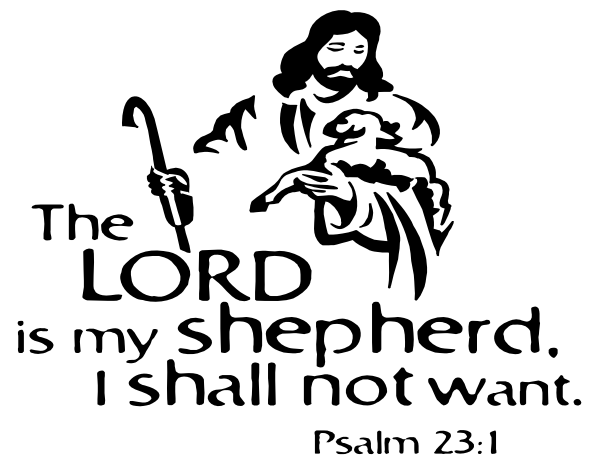
Kay Pieper – August 17, 2010

A graveside service will be held for Kay Pieper at the Masonic Cemetery, on Liberty Rd. on the northwest side of St. Helens, on Friday, September 10, at 2 pm. Her daughter, Leslie Ramsdell, will host a reception after the service at the Ramsdell home, 105 K St., Columbia City.

We'll publish a more complete "In Memoriam" for Kay in the next newsletter.

Lois McFann – March 27, 2010

Lois Montanye was born in Altadena, California, on August 4, 1928. She grew up in Pasadena. She and Russ were married for more than 62 years, with four children. While Russ taught high school history, she was a very full-time homemaker: homework supervisor, driver of "Mom's Taxi," Sunday School teacher and librarian at the First Presbyterian Church of Covina, leader of PTA and Girl Scout programs, and later worked as a crossing guard and school library volunteer. Since Russ retired in 1993, they have divided their year between El Monte, CA, and Warren, Oregon. She transferred her church membership to Plymouth, because she felt so at home here. Her service was held on April 5 at Village Presbyterian Church in Arcadia, CA. We celebrated her life at Plymouth Church in a memorial service on June 27.



Pastor's Schedule

Sept. 2-3. Study leave at Menucha. Paul S. Wright lecture series, with Dr. Rodger Nishioka, Associate Professor of Christian Education at Columbia Theological Seminary. "What will ministry look like in the 21st century?"

Sept. 14-15. Organizing retreat for Presbytery committees, at Shalom Prayer Center, Mt. Angel. I've been elected to serve on the Professional Support Committee for the next three years.

Sept. 20-21. Study leave at Shalom Prayer Center, Mt. Angel. Annual Lectionary Retreat, to study Scripture for preaching in the next church year.

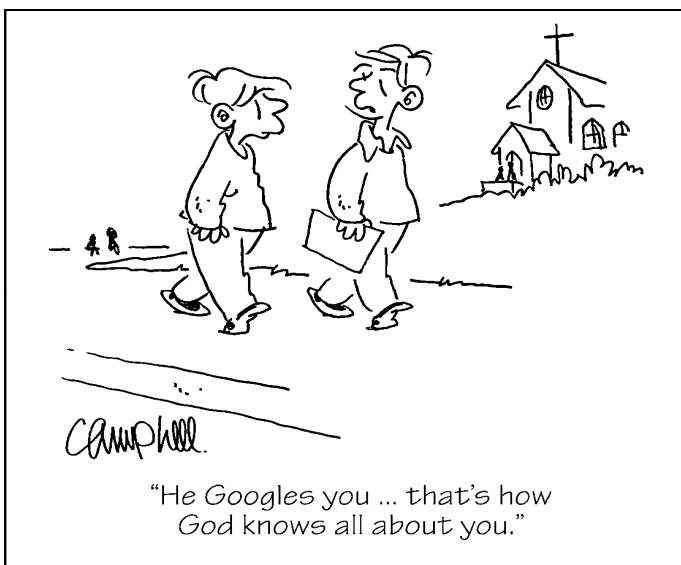
SUNDAY READINGS

Sept. 5: Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33.

Sept. 12: Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14; 1 Tim. 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10.

Sept. 19: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 75:1-9; 1 Tim. 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13.

Sept. 26: Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6:15; Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16; 1 Tim. 6:6-19; Luke 15:19-31.



Recipe File

LEMON-COCONUT CHEESECAKE DESSERT

Crust:

3 cps flaked coconut, toasted, *divided*

1 ½ cps flour

¾ cp butter, softened

½ cp powdered sugar

Filling:

1 pkg (8 oz) cream cheese, softened

2/3 cp sugar

2 eggs, beaten

1/3 cp lemon juice (1 large lemon)

1 T. grated lemon rind

Topping:

1 ½ cp sour cream

1/3 cp sugar

½ tsp vanilla extract

Place 1 cp toasted coconut, flour, butter, and powdered sugar in food processor; cover and process until combined. Press into an ungreased 9 x 13 baking dish. Bake at 350 degrees for 15-20 minutes or until slightly browned.

Beat cream cheese and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs, lemon juice, and peel and combine. Pour over crust. Bake for 18-20 minutes or until edges are lightly browned and filling is set.

Combine topping ingredients; spread over filling and sprinkle with remaining coconut, then return to oven and bake about 10 minutes longer or until topping is set. Cool on wire rack. Refrigerate for at least 4 hours before cutting. Yields: 15 servings

Helen Purkerson (from *Country Women*)

Sunday Volunteer Schedule

September 5	Communion Set-up: Helen Purkerson Communion Servers: Helen Purkerson, Adrienne Schilling and Juanita Shearer Greeters/Ushers: Adrienne Schilling and Ruth Cox Lay Leader: Flowers: Gary & Shirley Eaton Snacks:
September 12	Greeters/Ushers: Carol Jones and Russ McFann Lay Leader: Kristin Perry Flowers: Snacks: Mark & Kathleen Dinwiddie
September 19	Greeters/Ushers: Carol Jones and Russ McFann Lay Leader: Mark Dinwiddie Flowers: Snacks: Lib & Steve Dinwiddie
September 26	Greeters/Ushers: Hiram and Micah Schoonover Lay Leader: Flowers: Genny Vincent 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: Ruth Cox, Larry Bloom, Roger Liefeld, Karen Roldan & Lorna Bradley



Deadline for the October Newsletter is:

September 22nd

Please submit articles to Linda Dunn

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September 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Choir Picnic – 6pm	2 Pastor @ Menucha	3 Pastor @ Menucha	4
5 Communion Avamere – 2 pm	6	7 Deacons – 2 pm Music & Worship – 7pm	8 Priscilla Circle – 1-3pm Choir – 7:30pm	9	10 Kay Pieper Service – 2pm	11
12 Choir – 10am	13	14 CME – 2 pm Pastor @ Mt. Angel	15 SNAPP Pastor @ Mt. Angel	16	17	18
19 Adult Study – 9:20am	20 Bible Study – 7pm Pastor @ Mt. Angel	21 Prayers & Squares – 1pm Pastor @ Mt. Angel Session 6:30 pm	22 Newsletter Deadline	23	24	25 Men’s Breakfast – 8am - WCI
26 Outreach Sunday	27 SNAPP	28	29	30		



If there is righteousness in the
heart,

there will be beauty in the
character,

If there is beauty in the
character,

there will be harmony in the
home.

If there is harmony in the home,
there will be order in the nation.

If there is order in the nation,
there will be peace in the world.

So let it be

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