

# PLYMOUTH CROSSING

## PLYMOUTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



### Marilyn's Meditation

*"No one can do everything, but everyone can do something."  
"A harvest of justice is sown in peace for those who make peace."  
James 3:18*

This verse from James is the theme for this year's Peacemaking Offering. There is a clear connection between peace and justice. No part of a society can truly be at peace when one part is being treated unfairly, held back by unjust laws, customs or prejudices. No community can truly be at peace without the reconciliation that comes through justice.

The Presbyterian *Directory for Worship* says that "the biblical vision of doing justice calls for dealing honestly in personal and public business; exercising power for the common good; supporting people who seek the dignity, freedoms and respect that they have been denied; working for fair laws and just administration of the law; welcoming the stranger in the land; seeking to overcome the disparity between rich and poor; bearing witness against political oppression and exploitation; redressing wrongs against individuals, groups, and peoples in the church, in this nation, and in the whole world."

That is challenging list, and difficult to accomplish. If we each tried to change our own attitudes or actions about one of those, we could make a difference. We can all deal honestly in our personal lives. The session can make decisions for the good of Plymouth Church. The deacons support people who seek dignity, freedom and respect. We might have opportunities to vote for fair laws or at least contact our local and state representatives with our views. Maybe you are in a position to welcome the stranger. And so forth. What we decide to do can bring justice and peace to others.

*"No one can do everything, but everyone can do something."*  
We can all put the love of Christ into action in some small way every day, and that will help to create a more peaceful world.

*Pastor Marilyn*

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## OCTOBER

## Priscilla Circle

Fourteen ladies were present on September 14th to hear Steve Hooper present a most interesting Journey of Faith program. Steve's faith journey began in a basement sand box of their family church in Iowa and has continued throughout his life. The strong Christian values that began forming as a child and have carried him into adulthood are evident. We appreciated Steve taking off time from work to share his journey with us.

Dessert was served by hostesses Fran Pickering and Helen Purkerson and Fran also read a wonderful story "The Old Telephone" as the devotion.

The October 12th Priscilla Circle finds Charlotte Wilburn and Carol Jones as hostesses, Juanita Shearer will do devotions, and the Woman of Faith will be Christina Quiroz.

Helen Purkerson and Fran Pickering, co-leaders

## Attendance

|              |    |
|--------------|----|
| August 21    | 39 |
| August 28    | 42 |
| September 4  | 42 |
| September 11 | 50 |
| September 18 | 43 |

## Sunday Morning Study

9:15 - 10:00 am, Hutchinson Hall

The Sunday morning adult study resumed at the end of September. **Peacemaking and peacemakers** will be our emphasis for the first part of October. Each Sunday is a stand-alone discussion time, so don't hesitate to drop in. Pastor Marilyn facilitates this study.



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|-----------|------------|----|----|
| Polly     | Rice       | 10 | 2  |
| Mark      | Earhart    | 10 | 4  |
| Micah     | Schoonover | 10 | 5  |
| Becca     | Stites     | 10 | 6  |
| Steven    | Harrington | 10 | 11 |
| Carol     | Jones      | 10 | 14 |
| Les       | Christie   | 10 | 19 |
| Charlotte | Wilburn    | 10 | 31 |

## Financial Report

### August MTD:

|                 |             |
|-----------------|-------------|
| Income          | \$7,045.45  |
| Expenses        | \$ 7,311.49 |
| Net Gain/(Loss) | \$ (255.04) |

### YTD

|                 |               |
|-----------------|---------------|
| Income          | \$ 63,293.93  |
| Expenses        | \$ 65,645.45  |
| Net Gain/(Loss) | \$ (2,351.52) |

**Mission CD:** \$38,110.10 @4.65% as of August 21, 2011

**Custodial Account:** \$9,789.48 @ 2.75% as of August 3, 2011



Butter Collection

## Community Meals

Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will once again be collecting butter quarters for Community Meals. Please drop butter off in the kitchen.

*Thank-you!*

## A Mission Moment

"Let there be Peace on earth, and let it begin with me."

Can one person bring about peace on earth? How about one church? Perhaps a small community is enough to bring peace on earth? Peace, bringing about peace, can seem a bit overwhelming. The solution is to start small. Cultivating peace in your own heart, your own mind and then promoting peace within your own families and with your friends. Peace of mind is not always easy, but with God's help, it becomes possible.

I hope you came to our special Mission Evening on Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> and picked up some ideas on social justice and peacemaking from Rev. John Pitney. The church is here to help and remember that we, the people, are the church. Working together, we may help bring peace alive for all of us and for our community. A special **thank-you** to all who participated in the silent auction to raise money for our Mission evening. We collected \$114.75.

**October 2<sup>nd</sup>** is designated as **Peacemaking Sunday**, and we will be taking a special Peacemaking Offering which will be joined with other Peacemaking offerings, all over the country and around the world. These offerings will be used to help people and spread peace ideas and solutions all around the globe. It is not too late to give to the Peacemaking Offering.

God is with us in trying to attain peace world wide.

*Claudia Eagle - chair*

## Fellowship Commission

The purpose of this commission is to minister to the congregation by planning and preparing functions that promote fellowship. The committee meets monthly for lunch to plan upcoming events, although attending the meetings is not required. Please contact Lib Hooper (503.401.8210) if you would like to be a part of this committee.



*Coming  
This Fall*

## Oktoberfest – Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>

It is time to get out your lederhosen and freshen up the goat hair on your Bavarian hat. We will be celebrating Oktoberfest after church. Fellowship will be serving: Brats, German Potato Salad, Green Beans and Apple Crisp. There will be music and games. Get in the spirit by dressing in your favorite German/Bavarian attire – there will be a contest for best dressed. We will be collecting a free will donation to help with the costs.

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## Butter Shower for Community Meals

## Fall Cleanup of building and grounds

The fall grounds cleanup day will be Saturday, Nov. 5, 9am. If it's raining, the backup date is Nov. 12.



*Christmas  
Bazaar*

**November 19<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 – 3:00 pm**

**Bazaar, Lunch and Free Trade Market**  
See Gayle Clemmer, Claudia Eagle or Linda Dunn if you would like to volunteer to help.

# Thank You! THANK YOU!

## Plymouth's Birthday Party

On September 18, we celebrated the 115<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the chartering of Plymouth Church. As part of the sermon, some people in the congregation spoke briefly about the gifts they have received from this church, and many more put notes in the offering.

A few of those gifts: spiritual food; a closer walk with the Lord; fellowship and prayers in good times and bad; a place to sing; opportunities to share joys and sorrows; peace and safety in the storm; a place to serve; the grounds and wildlife; amazing friendships; where we are part of the family of God.

We also gave gifts: \$808, lots of copy paper, coffee, a 40-cup coffee maker, stamps, a new wastebasket, and office supplies. Thanks to all who gave.

## Women's Restroom in Working Order!

A special thank-you to Randy Dunn and Harold Scudder who installed a new toilet in the women's restroom in the Fellowship Hall. And, thank-you to the person who donated funds toward this effort. It was a difficult, frustrating task, and the women of the church thank-you!



## Prayers & Squares

Prayers and Squares will meet at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. This is a heart-warming ministry that provides warmth, comfort and prayers during difficult times. All are welcome to join in.



**Needs  
Your  
Help**

It is a long standing tradition at Plymouth to offer snacks after services on Sunday. This is a wonderful time of fellowship that is enjoyed by all. However, it requires dedicated volunteers who are willing to provide snacks and clean-up afterwards. If we want to continue having fellowship time, we need your help. Please consider partnering with a friend and signing up to host Fellowship Hour. The snacks can be as simple as coffee and cookies. It does not matter what is served, what matters is the time we spend together. On the Sunday's that there are no hosts there will be no coffee hour.

## Alter Flowers

The Committee that works to insure that we have lovely flowers each Sunday is in need of volunteers. Please contact Pastor Marilyn if you would like to assist with this ministry. Also, we are in need of flowers/monetary donations for flowers in October. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.



## SUNDAY READINGS

**Oct. 2:** Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 21:33-46.  
**Oct. 9:** Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-5, 19-23; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 22:1-14.  
**Oct. 16:** Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; Romans 15:1-7, 13; Matthew 22:15-22.  
**Oct. 23:** Deut. 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 22:34-46.  
**Oct. 30:** Joshua 3:7-17; Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 23:1-12.



# Sharing Our Faith

STEVE  
HOOPER

I grew up on a farm near the German community of Lincoln, IA, population 250 (at the time). My faith journey started in Lincoln Salem church, which was a federated church of about 100 members that was formed by combining the two local congregations, the United Church of Christ and Presbyterian churches into a single church. The youth of this church benefited from a strong Christian education program that was anchored by two matriarchs, Selma Tessau taught the nursery class for as long as I can remember and Hazel Jipp taught the adult Sunday school class. The adult class was the source of teachers for the remainder of the Sunday school. Catechism classes were held for portions of two years. Students were required to memorize the Heidelberg catechism and this was my experience during the first year. A new Pastor was called prior the second year's classes and he emphasized the development of a Statement of Faith in lieu of rote memorization. In hind site, both experiences proved valuable.

After graduating from Iowa State and marrying Lib, we moved to Wichita, KS where we joined Grace Presbyterian church with over 800 members. Dr. Bill Keesecker was the Senior Pastor. He was elected Moderator of the Presbyterian Church USA a year or so after we joined the church. Upon being accepted as members, he announced that Lib and I were going to teach 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. So teach 2<sup>nd</sup> grade we did, which was probably not the most enjoyable church responsibility I've shouldered. We returned to Grace after a few more years at Iowa State, where we both earned PhD's. Grace had experienced internal turmoil in our absence and Lib was instrumental in breathing life back into the congregation.

Grace church faced a choice at that time:

1. To stay at the current location, which was on the boundary between the black community and an established white community; or
2. To move to the suburbs as many other congregations were doing.

We elected to stay and supported the fund-raising for a general-purpose room (a gymnasium with a kitchen). While this was a significant burden for the 650-member congregation, we were rewarded by the development of number of very successful programs including a food ministry program, an after-school tutoring program and an exchange program with a Presbyterian congregation in Kenya.

Finally, our careers brought us to the Pacific Northwest where we found yet another Church family at Plymouth. Like the previous churches, the attraction of Plymouth lies in the relationships we enjoy with other members, which are priceless, but its value lies not in the service its members provide to one another, but rather in the values that Plymouth imparts to our community. Success in this endeavor requires little more than for Plymouth to be a moral cornerstone where community members can worship. No denomination performs this role as well as Presbyterians because we accept all and provide this moral leadership in a nonjudgmental manner.

# Sunday Volunteer Schedule

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| <b>October 2</b>  | <b>Communion Set-up:</b> Lorna Bradley<br><b>Communion Servers:</b> Marilyn Brinster, Adrienne Schilling & Gayle Clemmer<br><b>Greeters/Ushers:</b> Marilyn Brinster & Adrienne Schilling<br><b>Lay Leader:</b><br><b>Flowers:</b><br><b>Snacks:</b> |
| <b>October 9</b>  | <b>Greeters/Ushers:</b> Steve & Lib Hooper<br><b>Lay Leader:</b> Linda Dunn<br><b>Flowers:</b><br><b>Snacks:</b> Helen Purkerson   |
| <b>October 16</b> | <b>Greeters/Ushers:</b> Hal & Maggie Lowry<br><b>Lay Leader:</b><br><b>Flowers:</b> Carol Jones<br><b>Snacks:</b>  |
| <b>October 23</b> | <b>Greeters/Ushers:</b> Lorna Bradley & Ruth Cox<br><b>Lay Leader:</b><br><b>Flowers:</b><br><b>Snacks:</b> Oktoberfest Celebration – Fellowship Committee   |
| <b>October 30</b> | <b>Greeters/Ushers:</b> Helen Purkerson & Linda Gaskill<br><b>Lay Leader:</b><br><b>Flowers:</b><br><b>Snacks:</b>   |
| <b>November 6</b> | <b>Communion Set-up:</b> TBD<br><b>Communion Servers:</b><br><b>Greeters/Ushers:</b><br><b>Lay Leader:</b><br><b>Flowers:</b><br><b>Snacks:</b>  |

**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

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



Deadline for the November 2011 Newsletter is:

**October 19th**

Please submit articles to Linda Dunn

E-mail: red40@opusnet.com

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

# October 2011



| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday              | Friday                | Saturday                                      |
|---|---|--|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|---|
|   |   |  |  |                       |                       | 1   |
| 2<br>Peacemaking<br>Sunday & World<br>Communion<br>Avamere – 1:30 | 3<br>Bible Study –<br>7:00 pm                   | 4<br>Deacons – 11:30                             | 5  | 6<br>Pastor Retreat   | 7                     | 8   |
| 9   | 10<br>Bible Study –<br>7:00 pm                  | 11<br>CME – 2 pm<br>Music & Worship<br>– 7:15 pm | 12<br>Priscilla Circle – 1<br>pm   | 13                    | 14                    | 15  |
| 16  | 17<br>Bible Study –<br>7:00 pm                  | 18<br>Session – 6pm                              | 19<br>SNAPP – 11:15 am<br>Fellowship – 11:30<br>Prayers & Sq. – 1:00 pm<br>Newsletter Deadline | 20                    | 21                    | 22<br>Men's Breakfast –<br>8 am – Village Inn |
| 23<br>Oktoberfest<br>Butter Shower                                | 24<br>SNAPP – 11:15<br>Bible Study –<br>7:00 pm | 25<br>Pastor Vacation                            | 26<br>Pastor Vacation  | 27<br>Pastor Vacation | 28<br>Pastor Vacation | 29<br>Pastor Vacation                         |
| 30<br>Chuck Falconer<br>preaching<br>Pastor Vacation              |   |  |  |                       |                       |   |



“How beautiful on the mountains  
are the feet of those who bring good  
news, who proclaim peace, who  
bring good tidings, who proclaim  
salvation, who say to Zion,  
‘Your God reigns!’”

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