

PLYMOUTH CROSSING

PLYMOUTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



Marilyn's Meditation

"You are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord."

Ephesians 2:19b-22a

We are not alone, as Christians or as a congregation. The Presbyterian Church (USA) is a connectional church. We are in this together. No congregation is independent, and no one person, like a bishop, is in charge. We form committees so that no one has to carry the responsibility or make decisions alone. We work together to do more than we can do by ourselves.

Yet sometimes we feel alone. Plymouth Presbyterian Church is part of the Presbytery of the Cascades, which includes the entire western two-thirds of Oregon, plus churches in Vancouver and the Gorge and one church on the California side of the Klamath Basin – more than 120 congregations. Yet Plymouth is one of only two PCUSA churches in Columbia County; the other is in Clatskanie.

So the session agreed that we should participate in this year's **Pulpit Exchange**. You'll read more about that in one of the announcements. This is one way to connect with another church from a different region of the presbytery.

We are part of the larger church – the Presbytery of the Cascades, the Presbyterian Church USA, other denominations like the Evangelical Lutherans and Congregational United Church of Christ and Reformed Church in America, like United Methodists and Episcopalians and Baptists. As we serve Christ, we are not alone.

During the coming months, we will continue to plan for the future of our congregation as well as we can. We are expected to pay our own way – I don't want anyone to imagine that the presbytery supplements our income. Together we can plan to use our resources of time and money effectively, and to encourage one another to give what we can in support of our work.

We are working together to be a "holy temple in the Lord," a place of joyful worship, thoughtful study, warm welcome and loving service. I pray that God will bless us, as we are faithful to the call of Christ – together.

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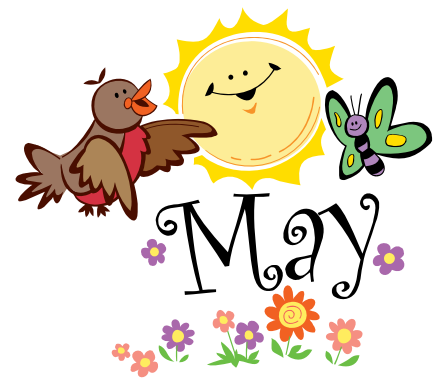
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PRISCILLA CIRCLE

Sixteen ladies were present for Priscilla Circle on April 13th with Shirley Eaton and Helen Purkerson serving a nice spring dessert. Donna McLean gave the devotions and Nikki Sinner was the Person of Faith.



During the short business meeting, Fran mentioned that the donations to Makindu will be sent later this month.

The May 11th Priscilla Circle will be the Annual Spring Salad Potluck beginning at 11:30 am with Audrey Sinner, Regina Bloom, and Charlotte Wilburn bringing dessert, everyone else will bring a salad, and Helen will bring rolls, table settings, etc. Audrey will do devotions for the luncheon and Michele Rae will be our Person of Faith program. Hope to see you there.

Ruth	Cox	M	5	6
Betty	Grady	M	5	6
Jennifer	Daly	F	5	7
Brooke	Gerber	F	5	7
Shirley	Chulufas	M	5	9
Karen	Roldan	M	5	11
Jean	Rickman	F	5	12
Doris	Perry	M	5	16
Rick	Kemp	F	5	19
Shirley	Eaton	M	5	24
Evan	Gerber	F	5	26
Linda	Gaskill	M	5	28

Helen Purkerson, co-leader

ATTENDANCE

March 27	48
April 3	48
April 10	50
April 17	62
April 24	67

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The session has called a meeting of the congregation after worship on Sunday, **May 22**, for the purpose of electing elders and deacons

PULPIT EXCHANGE

How much do you know about Bandon, Oregon? I've probably driven through town once. How much do the members of First Presbyterian Church in Bandon know about St. Helens? We're about to learn more about each other's churches and communities.

The Presbytery of the Cascades has designated May 15 as "Pulpit Exchange Sunday." We have been matched up with Bandon. I'll be there for the weekend, while their pastor, Barbara "Bobbi" Neason, will be here. Audrey and Al Sinner have volunteered to host her overnight. There will be opportunities to get to know Rev. Neason better during the weekend as we share our lives and our faith experience with her.

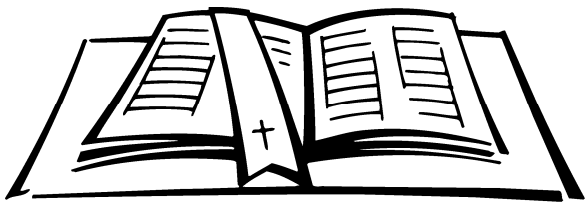
****** Sunday Morning bible study is currently on break. ******

A MISSION MOMENT

Spring has sprung. All around there are signs of new life. Buds are forming and tulips are opening and of course, grass is growing, again. What about the church? Do you see new life and growth in the church? We just took in 7 new members and we have dedicated little children to God and to the care of our congregation. Isn't that exciting?

God is present in our congregation and if we let our faith grow and shine, wonders can and will appear. Our mission, as Christ's church, is to let God's love shine through us, wherever we are and wherever we go. Can we do that? If we do, we will soon have even more new members in our church and more young people as members too. God is ever present and available when we seek Him. So let us pray that we let Christ's love shine in our lives and thanks be to God, it will!

Claudia Eagle, The Mission Commission



SCRIPTURE READINGS

May 1: Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31.

May 8: Acts 2:14a, 36-42; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35.

May 15: Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10.

May 22: Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-15.

May 29: Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21.

NEW MEMBERS

On March 27, we received seven new members into our congregation. Jonathan Dickson comes from First Congregational UCC in Portland. Hal and Maggie Lowry have moved to Columbia City from Yucca Valley, California, where they attended Desert Hills Presbyterian Church. Shannon Gerber and her parents, Bob and Julie Kelly, have family ties to Southminster Presbyterian Church in Beaverton. Christina Quiroz comes from Westminster Presbyterian Church in San Jose, California. We are delighted to have all of you as part of Plymouth Presbyterian Church.

BAPTISMS

Brooke Mahealani and Evan Jon Kekoa Gerber, children of Jon and Shannon Gerber, received the sacrament of Baptism on April 17, surrounded by many members of their extended family. We welcome them as a new brother and sister in Christ.



Clean out your garage and your cupboards and your bookshelves – we're having a rummage sale on **June 10-11**. Please be sure all items are clean and in good repair. Set up will be the week of, June 6-9. We do have some storage if items need to be brought in earlier. Questions? Contact Gayle Clemmer: (503)543-2429.


A Special
THANK YOU


Gary and I want to thank all of you so much for the kindness you have shown us the last couple of months. We so appreciate the prayers, phone calls & beautiful cards. All these things helped us get through these difficult times. A special thanks to Pastor Marilyn for her visits of comfort and prayers. We love you all.

Shirley Eaton



New Address
(temporary)

Jean Anderson
 Rose Valley Assisted Living
 33800 SE Frederick, Room 122
 Scappoose, OR 97056



Mother's Day Brunch
Sunday, May 8th

Hosted by the men of the church, this traditional brunch is always delicious. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship service.


Thank You!
THANK YOU!


Thank you to all who helped during Holy Week:

- ❖ Judy Gilbert and Gina Harrington for the palms and palm fronds for Palm Sunday.
- ❖ Julie and Bob Kelly and Shannon Gerber for a festive coffee hour on Palm Sunday, in honor of the baptisms of Brooke and Evan.
- ❖ Tillie MakePeace for leading the Monday night Bible Study about the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem – both informative and thought-provoking.
- ❖ Randy Dunn, Harold Scudder, Jack Ferrise and Roger Liefeld for lawn care on Tuesday.
- ❖ Gina Harrington for organizing and cooking the Seder dinner for Maundy Thursday, and to the many who helped with the dinner and readings.
- ❖ Adrienne Schilling and Gayle Clemmer for their on-going care of the front of the sanctuary, to visually enhance our worship.
- ❖ To all who helped with our delicious Easter Brunch.
- ❖ Yvonne Schoonover for adjusting her custodial schedule and doing extra cleaning.



Sharing Our Faith

NIKKI SINNER

Nikki Sinner lives in St. Helen with her Dad, stepmother and younger brother Jacob. Around the age of sixteen, she began questioning her understanding of God and made some decisions that were not the best. A very serious car accident nearly took Nikki's life, but God lifted her up, put her into the hands of good doctors, and Nikki miraculously survived. Nikki continues to live with the affects of TBI (Traumatic Brain Injury). Nikki said that she was "truly a sinner" and began attending church with her grandparents as a young girl. She continues to attend church regularly with her grandparents, Al and Audrey Sinner. She feels that God spared her to help Him do His work here on earth. Nikki is a total blessing to all who know her, and we give thanks for her life, especially for her witness on Sunday morning where she is a witness of God's grace to all of us.



From our Seder Dinner - Italian Pesto Lamb (serves 10 – 14)

** 1 (5-7 lb) boneless leg of lamb

Brine: ¼ c. kosher salt (or 2 T. table salt)

¼ c. sugar

12 medium garlic cloves, peeled & crushed

** Combine brine ingredients with 2 qts. water in large bowl/container. Stir well until salt & sugar dissolve. Take mesh sleeve off the lamb to unroll it and submerge lamb in brine, cover and refrigerate for about 2 hours. *Note- I brined mine for about 8 hours. It made the lamb very tender and infused a wonderful garlicky taste.

** About 1-1/2 c. basil pesto...purchased or your own home made. (A firm, drier Pesto is what you want...nothing too runny with too much olive oil)

** Salt

Pat the lamb dry with paper towels and season with salt & pepper. Using a fork, poke the lamb all over. Transfer the lamb, fat side down, to a large piece of plastic wrap. Spread about ¾ cup of pesto evenly over the meat. Roll and tie the lamb to form a tight, cylindrical roast. Smear the outside of the roast with ¼ c. of pesto. Wrap the roast tightly with the plastic wrap & refrigerate up to 24 hours.

Adjust the oven rack to the middle position and heat the oven to 350F degrees. Set a wire rack over a large rimmed baking sheet. (I like to line the sheet pan with foil and spray the rack with non-stick spray for ease of cleanup.) Unwrap the lamb, place on the prepared wire rack, and let sit at room temperature for 30 minutes. Cook until the center of the roast is 125-130F degrees (for medium rare) on a meat thermometer, about 1-1.5 hours. (I recommend beginning to check the temperature after about 30 minutes of cooking. It's important to avoid overcooking lamb.) When done, transfer the lamb to a carving board, tent with foil and let rest for 15-20 minutes to let the juices set up. Remove the twine, slice into ½" thick slices. Take the last ½ c. pesto and put a little on each plate to serve on the side.

(Recipe adapted from "Best Lost Suppers" from Cook's Country)

Sunday Volunteer Schedule

May 1	Communion Set-up: Yvonne Schoonover Communion Servers: Mark & Kathleen Dinwiddie, Lib Hooper Greeters/Ushers: Randy & Linda Dunn Lay Leader: Karen Roldan Flowers: Randy & Linda Dunn Snacks:
May 8	Greeters/Ushers: Roger & Linda Liefeld Lay Leader: Jack Ferrise Flowers: Julie Kelly Snacks: Mother's Day Brunch
May 15	Greeters/Ushers: Roger & Linda Liefeld Lay Leader: Ida Mae Larson Flowers: Marilyn Brinster Snacks:
May 22	Greeters/Ushers: Lorna Bradley & Corrine Humbird Lay Leader: Flowers: Snacks:
May 29	Greeters/Ushers: Lorna Bradley & Corrine Humbird Lay Leader: Flowers: Snacks:
June 5	Communion Set-up: Lorna Bradley Communion Servers: Randy & Linda Dunn, Lorna Bradley Greeters/Ushers: Mark & Kathleen Dinwiddie Lay Leader: Flowers: Snacks: Dixee Partee & Polly Holbrook

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

May: Linda Dunn, Polly Rice, Ron Stites, Lib Hooper, Helen Purkerson



Deadline for the June 2011 Newsletter is:

May 18th

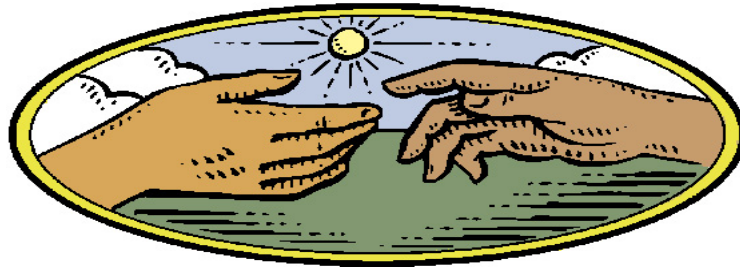
Please submit articles to Linda Dunn

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

May 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion	2 Monday Night Study – 7 pm	3 Deacon’s - 11:15 Music & Worship – 7 pm	4 Pastor’s Retreat Day	5	6	7
8 Mother’s Day Brunch	9 Monday Night Study – 7 pm	10 CME – 2 pm Pastor Vacation	11 Priscilla Circle Potluck – 11:30 am Pastor Vacation	12 Pastor Vacation	13 Pastor Vacation	14 Pastor in Bandon
15 Pulpit Exchange Pastor in Bandon	16 Monday Night Study – 7 pm	17 Session – 6 pm	18 Newsletter Deadline Fellowship – 11:30 Prayers & Squares – 1 pm	19	20	21
22 Congregation Meeting	23 Monday Night Study – 7 pm	24 Pastor at Presbytery Com. Mtg.	25	26	27	28
29	30	30				



**You touched me Lord,
And I am Spring's flower...
You touch me
And joy comes like the morning sun...
You touch me Lord
And it makes all the difference.
I am so alive.**

Sudha Khristmukti

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