

PLYMOUTH CROSSING

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

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“Come and rest awhile.” Mark 6:31

These words of Jesus to his disciples seem appropriate at this time of year, when the weather is nice (sometimes), school is out, and we're looking forward to a change in the rhythm of our lives.

We might want to rest from some things, like homework and meetings and bad habits. We might need a break from work, or a change of scene. It's certainly possible to find a few hours to enjoy the beauty of our surroundings and the company of friends and the quiet of the countryside. This spring I've been setting aside a few hours nearly every week to visit one or another of the beautiful places that are within an easy drive – the waterfalls in the Gorge, fields of wildflowers, Mt. St. Helens, and Pixie Park in Columbia City.

We need to rest, but not from everything. I've been surprised at how well we seem to attend Sunday morning worship in the summer. Maybe we're not traveling as much during the gardening season, so after all that physical labor; it feels good to sit in church for an hour on Sunday. Or maybe our hours in nature call us to remember our Creator. So let's not rest from gathering together on summer Sundays.

I hope we don't rest from helping one another. Our "Fix-byterian" team will be doing some practical projects over the summer. Many of us can pitch in to help, with rake and shovel, paintbrush and power washer, with camera and notebook to track what we do, with food to fuel the workers. See the announcement elsewhere in this newsletter.

I hope we don't rest from giving financially to our work here. The bills don't take a vacation, so let's not let our giving lapse. We can also give to the Food Bank – money, nonperishable food, and fresh produce from the garden.

Finally, let's not take a break from prayer. When Jesus called his disciples to rest, it was with him. The beauty of our world, the love of family and friends, the blessing of work, and the benefits of a good nap give us reason to be thankful. We can rest in God's blessings. Have a great summer!

Pastor Marilyn Allen

**Bible Study: 9:20 AM
Worship: 10:30 AM**

June 7 – Guest Preacher
Rev. Ann Richards

Communion

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalms 29

Romans 8:12-17

John 3:1-17

June 14 “Walk by Faith”

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Psalms 20

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

Mark 4:26-34

June 21 “Five Stones and a Giant”

1 Samuel 17:(1-31) 32-49

Psalms 9:9-29

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Mark 4:35-41

June 28 “Abundant Offering”

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

Psalms 130

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Mark 5:21-43



Attention Gardeners!

- Have you gone wild with planting and now have more produce than you know what to do with?
- Remember the Food Bank accepts fresh produce – they even take zucchini!
- Donations are accepted Tuesday – Thursday – 9:00 am – 12:45 pm.

What is a Fix-byterian?

A “Fix-byterian” is a volunteer with the newly formed Work Program who is dedicated to using their talents, skills, and time to assist others with tasks that they cannot do on their own.

The Work Program will begin by assisting member/ regular visitors within the congregation then branch out into the community. Here are two ways you can be involved (sign-up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall):

1. Fix-byterian talent/capability sign up – You agree to help when a need arises using what talents, time and resources you have to offer, such as: general labor, fixing lunch for the work crew, running errands, supplying equipment or taking pictures. Please list your skills that might be useful.
2. Are you a member of the church who needs assistance with household maintenance or yard work that you are incapable of doing on your own? Please see the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall or contact a committee coordinator for information.

First project: June 13th work project, 9:00 am – Noon, sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall if you can be part of the work team.

Work Committee Coordinators are: Ron Stites, Jack Ferrise, Adrienne Schilling and Mark Dinwiddie

Help Feed those in Need

If you are interested in meeting to discuss the possibility of providing meals to people in need in our community you are invited to attend the following meeting. We are hoping to work with as many churches as possible to show our concern for those affected by the economy.

Date: Wednesday, June 3 at noon (soup and bread lunch will be provided)

Where: First Lutheran Church, 160 Wyeth Street, St. Helens

RSVP: 503-

Jennifer Anderson



Session Reports

PEACE KEEPING & MISSION

The Mission Commission thanks everyone who gave to the One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering. That offering is Presbytery's big drive to help suffering people all around the world. This was the 60th anniversary of the One Great Hour of Sharing. Thank-you – this is the work of the Church!

Jesus loved to tell stories to illustrate His message to people. While you are in your yard this summer, consider reading Mark 4: 26-34 and reflect on this story. We should take care with the words we say and with the actions we take, which can and do affect people.

June 21 will be Father's Day. We certainly want to remember to say thank you to all the men in our church, for all the things they do to help in the life of the church and its people. We love you guys. Thank you for being there! A happy and safe Fourth of July to all, our Congregation, and we will talk to you again in August.

Blessings!
The Mission Commission, Claudia Eagle -chair

FELLOWSHIP

Thank-you: to the men of the church for a wonderful Mother's Day Brunch. The food was delicious and the service was outstanding. On Father's Day (June 21st), we will be having our traditional strawberries and shortcake to celebrate Father's Day, please join us after church.

July 19th – Church Picnic – Fellowship will provide hot dogs & buns and drinks. Please bring a covered dish or dessert and your own table service. Please consider bringing a friend to church that Sunday – the more the merrier!

BUILDING & GROUNDS

The trim on the church needs painting. Jack Ferrise would like to paint the trim on Saturday, July 11th and he needs 4 volunteers to help him. Please contact Jack if you can help with this project.

CHRISTIAN ED.

VBS July 20 – 24 (tentative)

We would like to thank all who provided input for VBS by completing the questionnaire that was in the bulletin. The response was wonderfully positive. We will be having a morning VBS with one special evening event for the congregation. The theme for VBS is “**God's Family**”. There are many ways you can help us with VBS:

Games: Remember the games you enjoyed playing as a child?

Music: What songs did you enjoy singing that lifted your spirits, put a smile on your face and brought you closer to God?

We will be asking for these suggestions in the near future. You can also assist VBS by helping with snacks, please contact Linda Dunn if you are interested. And, as always, financial donations are greatly appreciated. VBS is a wonderful ministry for the children of our community; please consider how you can be a part of this summer tradition.

Congratulations Grads! - Four of our young people have completed their high school education – Connor Freeman, Rebecca Stites, Andrew Perry, and Nicki Sinner, all from St. Helens High School. Please give them your congratulations. We also have to say goodbye to Connor, since she and her family will be moving to New Mexico at the end of July. God bless all of you as you enter a new phase of life.

FINANCE

	March 2009	YTD
Income:	\$7,256.02	\$31,847
Expenses:	\$8,017.51	(\$35,493.70)
Total:	(\$761.49)	(\$3,646.70)



CHURCH NEWS

PRISCILLA CIRCLE

May 13th was our last meeting before breaking for the summer. Twenty were in attendance. Bill Eagle was our Person of Faith. Helen Purkerson served cake and Polly Rice closed the meeting with a short devotion. Our next meeting will be September 9th. Helen and Fran will set up the new schedule soon. Have a great summer!

Fran Pickering

DEACONS

The Deacons met on May 5th. There had been one disbursement from the Emergency Fund. There were 12 prayer chain requests in April. Ruth Cox has volunteered to coordinate "The Buddy List". If you would like to participate in the Buddy Program, please contact your Deacon or Ruth Cox.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

It is time to update the Church Directory. A draft copy of the Directory will be in the Fellowship Hall throughout the summer. Please take a moment to verify your information and write-in any corrections or omissions.

ATTENDANCE

April 26	53 **
May 3	50
May 10	56
May 17	47
May 24	39

** 33 people were at Worship and 20 were at the Women's Retreat.

ELECTION OF ELDERS & DEACONS

On May 3rd, the congregation elected the following as Elders and Deacons in the class of 2012: Elders Mark Dinwiddie, Claudia Eagle, and Lib Hooper; Deacons Ruth Cox and Jan Stites. Our thanks to each of them for agreeing to serve our congregation in this way. Also, thanks also to Shirley Chulufas who completed her term as a Deacon.

RECEIVE NEWSLETTER VIA E-MAIL

Please contact Linda Dunn (red40@opusnet.com) if you would like to receive the newsletter by e-mail rather than a paper copy. The newsletters will be sent in a Microsoft Word document. By getting the newsletter via e-mail you can help the church save money and help the environment

FREE CPR CLASS

Larry and Angie Meres will be offering a "free" CPR class at PPC on Saturday, June 13 at 1:00 pm. The class will be about 3 hours and open to any church member age 14 and up. Wear comfortable clothing as there will be a lot of practicing! The class size is limited to 16 participants. There is a signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

PRAYERS & SQUARES

Prayers & Squares will meet, for the last time this spring, on June 16, 2009 at 1:00 P.M. The next meeting will be in Sept. on the 15th; same time and same place. Thanks to all who have given material, made labels, put in ties, made squares, put squares together to produce quilt tops, and of course, those of you who have said prayers, as you tied knots in the wool yarn, to ask God to give peace and comfort to the people that the quilts were going to be given to.

Yours in Faith,

Audrey Sinner, Prayers & Squares Chair.

Reminder:

**November 21, 2009
Church Bazaar &
Lunch**



DEDICATION OF NEW LIGHTS

On May 17th we dedicated the new suspended lights in the sanctuary. Our thanks to all who made these lights possible: Marilyn Brinster, Helen Purkerson, and Harold Scudder chose the lights; Jim Galloway did the installation, with help from Randy Dunn, Jessica and Josie Galloway, Harold Scudder, and Jan, Ron and Becca Stites. The names of those whose memorial funds contributed to lights are on a plaque in the sanctuary. Our thanks for these gifts of time and money that made the lights possible.



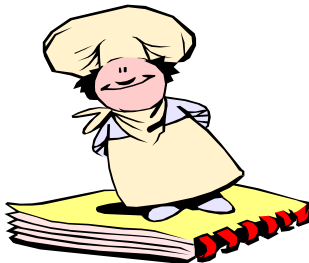
THANK-YOU!

Thanks to our choir, to Rick Kemp and Margaret Smith for their inspiring music throughout the year. The choir will be on summer break after June 7. Look for announcements about when rehearsals will resume in the fall. If you have ever sung in a choir or think you might like to, please consider joining us in September.

COMMUNITY WORSHIP

“I pray that they all may be one,” Jesus said. We are all invited to community worship and praise service at Sunset Park Community Church on Sunday evening, June 14, at 6:00 pm. The music will be inspiring, and there will be a social time afterwards. There is no agenda, just a time of fellowship with Christians in our community, and a demonstration that we are more alike than different, in the family of God.

Lynnette	Nunn	6	1
Gary	Eaton	6	3
Marsea	Roldan	6	3
Leanne	Fischer	6	13
Connor	Freeman	6	19
Larry	Meres	6	20
John-Paul	Daly	6	21
Kristen	Perry	6	24
Howard	Knytych	7	2
Darrel	Purkerson	7	2
Corrine	Humbird	7	17
Nate	Rieman	7	17
Grace	Rieman	7	17
Margaret	Smith	7	18
Tyler	Simmons	7	19
Connie	Gunn	7	20
Jan	Stites	7	21
Al	Sinner	7	26
Larry	Bloom	7	30
Kelly	Pence	7	31



Breakfast Casserole Recipe served at Mother's Day Brunch

Melt ½ c. butter in bottom of 9X13 pan.

Mix together:

4 oz can chopped chilies

1 c. cooked ham or 1 c. bacon or 1 lb cooked sausage

1 lb. grated Jack or Cheddar cheese or a mix of both

1 pt. Cottage cheese

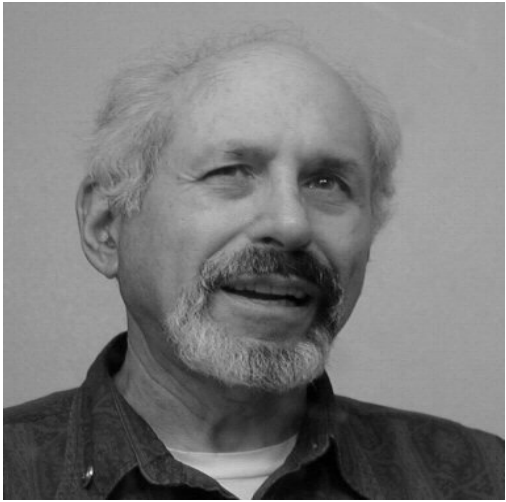
7 beaten eggs

1 cup milk

1 cup Bisquick

Pour into pan and bake at 350 for 40 minutes.

The Lord is my light and my salvation... The Lord is the stronghold of my life... Psalm 27:1



Sharing Our Faith

BILL
EAGLE

I was born in Los Angeles California, on December 13, 1939. I have two sisters and three Stepbrothers, and all are older than me. My nearest sibling is eight years older than I am.

I am a retired District Conservationist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). I have been a resident of St. Helens since 1990, and have lived in the area since 1964. I have served in both the U.S. Air Force and the U.S. Army. I retired as a First Sergeant in the U.S. Army Reserve after 28 years of service. I have been married to my wife, Claudia, for 42 years. We have two children, Lynnea and Tim. I have attended Santa Monica College, UCLA, and Portland State. I graduated from the Clatsop College's Forest Technology program. I am also a graduate of Oregon State University where I obtained a degree in General Agriculture. In 2001, Claudia and I traveled to Washington D.C. where I was honored with the USDA National Earth Team Award for Volunteer Service.

I am a past chair of the St. Helens Parks Commission. I served on that commission for 7 years; my appointment expired in December of 2000. I was re-appointed to the City Parks Commission in 2008. I am presently the Chair of the Columbia County Parks Commission. I have also served on the Wilkerson Forest Advisory Committee, and I am a former Chair of the Columbia county Surface mining Advisory Committee. I am an elected Director of the Columbia Soil and Water Conservation District, where I serve as Secretary. I was appointed by the County to serve on the Columbia County Cultural Coalition. I am also the SWCD liaison to the Northwest Oregon Resource Conservation and Development organization and I sit on their board of directors. I serve as the North Coast Basin Earth Team Volunteer Coordinator. I am a member of the Friends of Fox Creek group. I am the Secretary and a past President of the Kiwanis Club of St. Helens and a past Kiwanis Lieutenant Governor. I am the Chair of the Division Lt. Governors Association. I also serve on the Board of Directors for the Kiwanis Doernbecher Children's Cancer Program. I am a member of the St. Helens Budget Committee and an elected Democratic Precinct Person. I enjoy writing a column on local issues for the Mt. St. Helens Bugler in Longview Washington, and I publish a weekly webpage and a daily humor list.

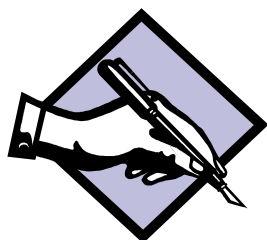
I was not raised in a religious family; my father was an immigrant from the Ukraine. My mother died when I was eight, and my father remarried when I was ten. I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal savior, late in my teen years. I attended a number of different churches as a youth and for a number of years considered myself a Free Methodist.

I like to credit one of my sisters and her husband for helping me grow in faith. I lived with them as a young teen and worked on their farm. "They worried about my soul, and continually prayed for me."

I had a very interesting life while living in Los Angeles. I give full credit to the Lord for rescuing me from Los Angeles and taking care of me throughout my later life. I thank God for making it possible for me to attend college, meet my wife and work in a field that I loved.

"God has been good to me. God has taken care of me, and for this I will ever be thankful."

DATE	COMMUNION SET UP		COMMUNION SERVERS	
7-June	Gina Harrington		Judy Gilbert and Yvonne Karreman	
5-July	Lorna Bradley		Gina Harrington and Kathleen Dinwiddie	
2-Aug	Yvonne Karreman		Howard and Darla Knytych	
PPC Welcome Committee	June - July – August		Harold Scudder Ida Mae Larsen Jan Stites Polly Rice Jessica Galloway	
*GREETERS/USHERS Arrive at 10:00 am	DATE	SNACKS	FLOWERS	LAY LEADER
Richard & Shirley Chulufas	7-June	Mark & Kathleen Dinwiddie	Juanita Shearer	
	14-June	Al & Audrey Sinner	Lib & Steve Hooper	Fran Pickering
Ron & Jan Stites	21-June	Fellowship	Larry & Angie Meres	Marsea Roldan
	28-June		Marilyn Brinster	Rose Galloway
Ida Mae Larsen and Yvonne Karreman	5-July			
	12-July			Linda Dunn
Bill & Claudia Eagle	19-July			
	26-July			
Jack Ferrise and Tillie MakePeace	2-Aug			
	9-Aug			



Newsletter Deadline: July 22nd

Linda Dunn – Editor

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 : Our secretary Gina Harrington will work Tuesday and Thursday **afternoons** during the summer,
 : beginning on June 16. Pastor Marilyn will be in the office Tuesday through Friday mornings and
 : most afternoons
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**How full of peace this world could be
If it would sing in tune
With all the sweet and peaceful sounds
Of a summer afternoon.**

Dorothy Fischler

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