



# Plymouth Crossing

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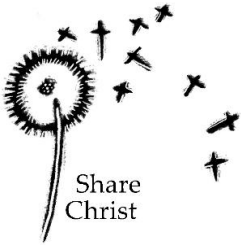
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## Sunday Worship

- Worship Service  
10:30 – 11:30
- Coffee & Snacks  
Following worship service

## Special events...

- VBS – Aug. 1-5
- Blessing of the animals- Sept 10
- "The Gathering"- Sept. 16
- PPC Birthday Party- Sept. 18



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## Marilyn's Meditation

**“Every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.” Matthew 13:54**

Jesus had been teaching his disciples about what God’s rule, the kingdom of heaven, is like. It’s like seed scattered on all kinds of ground, waiting for soil conditions to be right. It’s small, like a mustard seed or a bit of yeast that grows unseen. It’s mixed, like wheat and weeds. It’s like a treasure in a field or a pearl of great price. The kingdom is like a net, scooping up fish of all kinds. And finally, Jesus says plainly, God’s kingdom comes to us in ways both old and new. The apostles spread the new story of Jesus, with strong echoes of ancient Jewish teaching.

The early church went from being a despised minority to the official religion of the Roman Empire. The Reformation turned the Church inside out. The Great Awakening of the 1700’s changed the way people heard the Gospel yet again. The basic story remains the same, yet the way it is told and lived by followers of Jesus develops in unexpected ways.

The leader of the workshop I attended in June liked to say, “God is messing with us.” The Church is in the midst of change. It’s not a failure of church leaders and members, but it is a new movement of the Spirit of God, who is stirring the pot, trying to get our attention. I wonder if we are ready to be stirred, to find new ways to do whatever it is God wants us to do.

The session has approved my participation in a leadership training process with other Presbyterian pastors and a leadership “coach.” We’ll meet once a month, September 2011 through May 2012.

I don’t know what new things will come of this, to go with the old treasured history of our congregation. I expect to learn something about how to help us reach out into our community in new ways. I believe that the Spirit is waiting to guide us, as we face the future with courage and hope.

**Pastor Marilyn Allen**

## The “Missional” Church

In June, I attended a workshop called “Leading in Times of Discontinuous Change.”

Pastors were invited to become part of a 9-month project with a peer group and a coach, to help us develop our skills and turn our congregations toward the local mission to which God calls us.

This is not a “how-to” program, but leadership training for pastors.

The session has approved my participation in this project, with other pastors from Cascades Presbytery. It is mostly funded by a joint grant to the Synod of the Pacific and the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii. I’ll let you know how it’s going. Please pray for this group of pastors and for all our churches.

Pastor Marilyn



*Left behind A father was reading Bible stories to his young son. "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city," he said, "but his wife looked back and was turned into a pillar of salt."*

*The boy asked, "What happened to the flea?"*



**Curried Cranberry Chicken Salad**  
**From Ocean Spray's "Holiday Exceptional" cookbook**  
**and someone who made it for a women's lunch at church (Shari Gale?)**

- ½ cup mayonnaise
- 2 teaspoons lime juice
- ¾ teaspoon curry powder
- 2 cups cubed, cooked chicken
- 1 medium apple, cut into ½ inch chunks
- ¾ cup sweetened dried cranberries
- ½ cup thinly sliced celery
- ¼ cup chopped pecans
- 2 tablespoons thinly sliced green onion

Combine mayonnaise, lime juice and curry powder in a large mixing bowl. Stir in remaining ingredients. Cover and chill. Best prepared and served within 8 hours.

Makes 5 cups.

For the July 17, 2011, church picnic, I doubled the recipe, except for the chicken (about 3 cups) and added 2 cups cooked pasta, medium shells. I also substituted walnuts for the pecans.

Marilyn Allen  
 Recipe from Shari Gale

### Pricilla Circle

September 14<sup>th</sup>  
 Fellowship Hall  
 1:00 – 3:00pm

We are a friendly group of women who meet in the church fellowship hall from 1-3 pm every second Wednesday of each month. Fun and fellowship along with mission projects are high priorities. Everyone is invited to come.

We resume meetings on September 14<sup>th</sup> after a summer recess.

Steve Hooper is the Person of Faith. Audrey Sinner and Helen Purkerson are hostesses, and Fran Pickering is doing the devotions.

We hope you will join us, all are welcome.

### Deacon's Report

Deacons received 2 requests for assistance in June; 1 request was granted for \$50 toward a home rental deposit. The balance of the deacons fund \$793.38.

Next meeting: August 9<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.

Ruth Cox  
 Head Deacon

### Men's Breakfast

The men of the church meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month at 8:00 a.m. at Village Inn. There is no agenda--just lively and wide-ranging conversation.

Meeting: August 27th

### Prayers & Squares

October 19, 2011  
 1:00 pm

We are a group of women who meet at 1:00 pm on the 1st Wednesday after the 2nd Thursday of the month. We turn scrap fabric into treasured lap quilts for those needing comfort. After a summer recess, we will resume our monthly meetings on October 19th. Please join us, all are invited. Contact Audrey Sinner for further information.

Audrey Sinner



### S.N.A.P.P.

S.N.A.P.P. is serving at the St. Helens Senior Center. The schedule is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday & the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month.

If you would like to be a part of this service, contact Juanita Shearer.

Serving this Month: August 17th & August 22, at 11:15 a.m.

### Worship Attendance

June 19	56
June 26	52
July 3	37
July 10	42
July 17	51

A Moment for Mission

**Watch o'er your church. Oh Lord, in mercy, save it from evil, guard it still: Prefect it in your love, unite it, cleansed unto your will.** 2<sup>nd</sup> Century Greek, Translated by F. Bland Tucker 1982

Greetings from the Mission Commission, we hope you are enjoying your summer, even on all the rainy days. Keep the church and its mission in your prayers.

Pray that we will be able to continue our work in the community and the world beyond.

We are planning a special Mission Evening to be held on Friday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September, so please reserve that date, so that you can join in a very special time, with author and songwriter The Rev. John Pitney.

The Mission Commission is planning to hold a silent auction on September 11<sup>th</sup>, to help with part of the cost of our special mission evening.

We would like to have baked goods, plants, books or other items, that you think others would like to have, that you could bring.

Also, we intend to decorate the tables for this event with fresh fruits and veggies that we will later take to the food bank. So, be thinking about what nice looking food items that you might like to contribute. There will be more information provided later, in bulletins and emails.

Remember friends, God is always available to you and understands all your needs and hopes!

*The land does not belong to us, to Marduk or Ba'al, (Psalm 24)  
 Or any gods who beckon us in marketplace and mall,  
 While fashioning great monopolies of poverty and war  
 And teaching some can have it all, when more of us are poor.  
 Now empires come and empires go, so teach your children well  
 The wisdom to distrust them all  
 The lies they want to sell. (Deut. 15:12, 23:24)  
 But follow after Yahweh or your Exodus be lame  
 And new worlds won't be different than the  
 Ones before you came.*



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 The Mission Commission  
 Claudia Eagle, Chair

“Stewardship is the act of organizing your life so that God can spend you.”

— Lynn A. Miller, author



Per Capita  
 \$22.90

Financial Report

**June 2011**

Income: \$6,886.70

Expenses: \$7,608.81

Loss: \$ 722.11 -

**Jan – June 2011**

Income: \$47,193.36

Expenses: \$49,752.07

Loss: \$ 2,558.71 -

Mission CD: \$37,806.73 @ 4.65%

Custodial Acct: \$11,739.19 @ 3%

**NEW ELDERS AND DEACONS**

New elders and deacons were ordained and/or installed in June and July. Thanks to those who have agreed to serve our congregation:

Elders: Gayle Clemmer, Kathleen Dinwiddie, Audrey Sinner, and Al Sinner

Deacons: Gary Eaton, Linda Liefeld, and Fran Pickering

Thanks to those retiring from active service:

Elders: Jack Ferrise, Judy Gilbert

Deacon: Jean Anderson

Please keep all our elders and deacons in your prayers, as they lead us in the way of Christ.

**PASTOR'S SCHEDULE**

I will be "on duty" at the church campout, August 12-14. Elder Bill Eagle will preach on August 14. I will be on vacation August 24-30; at this writing, I'm not sure where I will be during that week. Last year and the first part of this year, I neglected to take my vacation time, and by Easter I really needed a break. Thank you for providing for my time away. Any time I am out of town, please call your deacon or any of the deacons for pastoral care questions. Emergency care will be provided by one of the other local pastors, whose name will be available from Ruth Cox.

Pastor Marilyn

**VBS**

Making Peace Around the World...in 5 Days!

August 1-5, 9-Noon

3 yrs. – 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Invite a neighbor!

*We need cans, either soup or the 15-16 oz. size works too. Contact Jan Stites for more information.*

**"THE GATHERING"**

How well do we know one another? A short visit after church isn't enough time to get acquainted and keep up, so you are invited to "The Gathering," a picnic potluck on Friday, September 16. This first Gathering will be hosted by Ron and Jan Stites at their home, 58331 Chase Lane, Warren. Turn west on Millard Rd (at Bing's Restaurant), go one-half mile, and turn right on Chase Lane.

We'll gather any time after 5:30 and eat sometime after 6:00 pm. Please bring a dish to share, your table service, and a lawn chair if you like. There is no agenda other than time to relax and talk with new members, not-so-new members, and long-time friends. Questions? Call Ron Stites, 503-366-3800, or Pastor Marilyn at the church, 503-397-0062.

**CHOIR NOTES**

The choir season will open on Wednesday, August 31, at 6 pm, with a picnic at the home of our pianist, Margaret Smith, 55559 Fullerton Rd., Warren. Bring some food to share, as we enjoy a relaxed evening.

The first choir rehearsal will be on Wednesday, September 7, at 7:30 pm at the church.

Our first Sunday to sing will be September 11. On Sunday mornings, the choir gathers to warm up at 10:00 am in the Hutchinson Hall classroom/library/choir room. New members are always welcome.

**MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDIES**

The Monday Night Study group will resume on September 12<sup>th</sup> for a study of the book of Romans. There will not be a companion study book; all you need is your Bible. However, please contact Linda Dunn if you are interested in recommendations for additional study material. The class meets at 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED**

With school fast approaching, it has come to our attention that many in our community will need help providing school supplies for their children. Community Meals will distribute donated supplies in a few weeks. You may bring items to Plymouth, and we'll see that they get to the Lutheran Church for distribution at Community Meals.

**YOU ARE INVITED**

10 Sept '11 at 10am, In the meditation garden  
A Blessing of the Animals

Facilitated by Dr. Tillie MakePeace, Polly Holbrook,  
Dixee Partee

For hundreds of years, Christians have appreciated St. Francis of Assisi's special connection to animals. The contemporary service of Blessing the Animals is a modern reflection of St. Francis' understanding that the animals who are our service animals are often servants in God's work, whether that be to give milk, carry a load or lick our hands and lay by our sides in comfort.

"The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain." Isaiah 11: 6

On Saturday, 10 Sept, in the Meditation Garden, we will offer a service of Blessings to the dogs and cats who are our companions; bringing joy, purpose, companionship, and comfort to our lives. This year we are only Blessing the dogs and kitties of Plymouth Presbyterian congregates. If this service is enjoyed and offers ministry, we will plan to repeat it next year, perhaps with more species included for Blessings.

Please bring your dog or cat in a safe manner; in a cat carrier if the kitty isn't used to being outside ...or in the presence of dogs. Please bring your dog either in a carrier or on a leash. Water and treats will be provided. If your kitty or dog is not comfortable coming to the service and you would like them to receive a Blessing, please bring a picture or a stuffed animal as their representation. With that representation, and the affection you bring in your heart, as well as sharing the story of their blessing to you, they will be Blessed as if they were present.

If you need assistance with bringing your dog or cat, we will try to assist. Please let Polly or Dixee or Tillie know your need.

Be prepared to fill out a card with you dog or cat's name and a little information about how they are a Blessing to you. Please plan to come a little early if you and your dog would like to socialize before the service.



Lorna Bradley	Sept 1
Gayle Clemmer	Sept 2
Plymouth Church	Sept 16
Alexander Prettyman	Sept 25
Sophie Earl	Sept 28
Val Gauen	Sept 28
Elizabeth Harrington	Sept 28
Linda Dunn	Sept 30

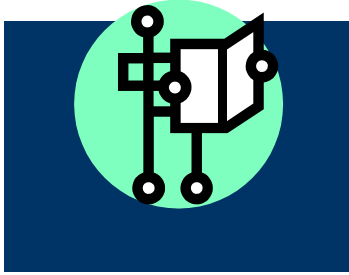


*birthday party*

*celebrating 115 years*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, PLYMOUTH!**

September 16 will mark the 115th anniversary of Plymouth Church's official beginning. We will have a birthday celebration after worship on September 18. You may bring practical gifts for the church – cans of coffee, packages of toilet paper and paper towels, office supplies, and of course money either for a special project or for the general fund. Watch for a complete list of suggestions. If you want to wrap your gift, the party will be even more festive!



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Aug. 7	Communion Set-up: Linda & Randy Dunn Communion Servers: Bill & Claudia Eagle & Jack Ferrise Greeters/Ushers: Jack Ferrise & Tillie MakePeace Lay Leader: Teens & Young adults Flowers: Lorna Bradley Snacks: Lorna Bradley & Fran Pickering Summer Music:
Aug. 14	Greeters/Ushers: Lib & Steve Hooper Lay Leader: Claudia Eagle Flowers: Ida Mae Larson Snacks: Summer Music:
Aug. 21	Greeters/Ushers: Lib & Steve Hooper Lay Leader: Fran Pickering Flowers: Snacks: Summer Music: "You are the Christ", Shirley Griffin
Aug. 28	Greeters/Ushers: Lay Leader: Flowers: Marilyn Brinster Snacks: Summer Music: "Follow Me", Holly & Fran

*Attn: Greeter/Ushers*

*Please be at the church by 10:00 AM. And please provide nametags for visitors and "Welcome packets for first time visitors.*

*If you would like a nametag, please contact Gina Harrington.*

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September Newsletter  
Deadline: August 17<sup>th</sup>

*Sept. Editor: Linda Dunn*  
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*Welcome Committee*  
*for June, July, & August:*

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