



Plymouth Congregational Church ~ UCC ~ 1301 Oak Street, Paso Robles, CA 93446 ~ (805) 238-3321
plymouthchurchpaso@gmail.com ~ "No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."

Pastor's Letter ~ April 2024
Reverend Wendy Holland



I was talking with my sister April the other day — who is not a churchgoer about a meme I'd seen recently, referring to Easter as "church prom." This got us talking about the pressure on pastors and leaders to provide an *experience* at times like Christmas and Easter: create especially impacting sermons, do even -more-dynamic music, and roll out the red carpet for those who may not attend regularly (if ever).

April made the comment that these would be the times of year when I as the pastor should remind our members to convey to visitors — whoever shows up, however they're dressed, whatever they believe — that they are genuinely welcome, and that we would love to include them in our community.

My immediate response was to tell her how incredibly grateful I am to have landed in a church filled with people who do this naturally, without needing to be told.

Which simply means we are living out the way of Jesus. He didn't pretty it up for special gatherings or holidays. In fact, the more visible the occasion, the more effort he poured into making it clear that he wasn't playing by the old rules. He was far more concerned with letting people know that "outsiders" were just as welcome as insiders, and he constantly went the extra mile to demonstrate this.

There's a reason that Plymouth Congregational Church is marking it's **130th** anniversary this April. May we continue to do the work of seeing, and welcoming, and loving *everyone* who needs community and the hope of Christ, as we head towards our next 130 years.

And may the Spirit be our continual guide and constant companion.
Pastor Wendy

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***Dear friends, you are being faithful to God when you care for those who pass through, even though they are strangers to you. They have told the church here of your loving friendship. Please continue providing for them in a manner that pleases God.***

***~ 3 John 1:5-6 ~***

# Diaconate. . .

April is upon us and we have some great things happening at Plymouth Church.

Happy Birthday to Plymouth Congregational Church. April 14<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate 130 years of our church's existence. Of course we will have cake!! Come and join in the celebration!!!

We have some new members in our Diaconate team. Our wonderful team is: Cynthia Anthony, Anne Crabbe, Jim Hawkins, Rev. Wendy Holland, Sandy Levoe, Shirley Mark, Sharon Rowe, Mary Sayne, JoAnne Stoddard, and Gail Lloyd.



We prepare communion, get greeters and liturgists for every service, Make sure we have fellowship treats and flowers every Sunday, order supplies, launder tablecloths, restock the pews, fill the candles, and make sure the liturgical colors are correct. Yes, we are busy and we get it all done! If you are asked to be a greeter or liturgist please say, "Yes."

Plymouth is known for our wonderful fellowship time after church. We have several blank lines on the flower and fellowship sign-ups. Please find a Sunday where you could sign up. Snacks and flowers are appreciated by all. Remember there is assistance for monetary compensation if needed.

Time to do some Spring cleaning. Take time to go through cupboards and drawers. We're going to have a Spring-Cleaning Day at Church also.

Plymouth's Estate sale will be in May.

Spring Blessings to you all, Sharon Rowe



On April 7, 2024 ~ The Sunday Sermon Will Be "Ask Anything"  
What does the Bible say (or not say) about:

Politics, Relationships? Identity? Sex? The supernatural? Social justice?

These timeless topics don't have easy answers -  
Even when it come to Scripture -  
But we're committed to the conversation, and finding  
Jesus in the midst of all of it!

Please submit the questions you have by April 3rd  
to be reviewed before April 7th..

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Anonymously through the office door's mail slot

Anonymously in the offering plate on Sunday

Or by phone 805-238-3321



We would love to hear from you,

so... ASK Anything!





Submitted by  
Julia Schulte

- Sunday 4/14:** Youth to Yogurt (6th grade and up) after service  
**Thursday 4/18:** Bingo Night at The Backyard  
**Friday 4/19:** Date Night 5:00-8:00PM at the Youth House; Youth Group Overnight (6th grade and up) in the Youth House  
**Saturday 4/20:** Overnight pickups 10AM at the Youth House  
**Wednesday 4/24:** "Let's Talk About That" 6:30-8:00PM at the Youth House (6th grade and up)

Hello Plymouth families, and happy April! I hope everyone had a peaceful Lent and a beautiful Easter.

To kick off the month, Sunday the 14th will be our monthly Youth to Yogurt! Youth Group members 6th grade and up are invited to join me after service to walk to the downtown Paso park for a frozen treat. We spend some time discussing upcoming youth events and plans. We are typically out for about half an hour before heading back to the church around 11:45 AM. Please note, this event is usually held on the 3rd Sunday of the month and will be one Sunday early this month!

All our Plymouth family is invited to join us on Thursday 4/18 for a Bingo Night! We will be going to The Backyard in downtown Paso to join in on the fun of their bingo night, so come meet us there if you can. Food and drink will be available for purchase, and we'll have some tables set aside for our Plymouth folks!

Our monthly Date Night will be the 3rd Friday of the month, April 19th, at the Youth House. Remember, we now have an updated time of 5:00-8:00PM! Youth of all ages are invited to join us for a night of themed crafts, games, snacks, and time with church peers. Youth are also welcome to bring friends! This month, we'll be celebrating Earth Day and taking advantage of the springtime weather by taking a trash collecting walk. We will walk from the Youth House to the Paso park, where the kids are invited to help clean up any garbage they find along the way.

Parents, if you are available this month to provide food for the night and/or serve as parent volunteer, please let me know, and thanks so much in advance! Date Night will be followed by an overnight for our Youth Group, 6th grade and up. We will stay overnight at the church for games, snacks, and time with friends. Don't forget a blanket and pillow! Youth are welcome to bring a friend. Pickups will be Saturday morning 4/20 at the Youth House at 10AM, and breakfast snacks will be provided. See you there!

Our weekly Youth Band & Bible study will be getting back in swing soon, so keep an eye out for an announcement about that!

The 4th Wednesday of the month will be "Let's Talk About That", where we meet with Pastor Wendy to discuss topics chosen by our youth, from faith, family, church, life, and beyond. This month, that will be Wednesday 4/24, at the Youth House from 6:30-8:00PM.

Finally, the last Sunday of the month, 4/28, is our monthly Youth Sunday! Youth of all ages are invited to participate in our service in whatever way they would like; they can read as liturgist, light the candles as acolyte, pass out bulletins as greeters, help with music, run slides, and more! It's a great way for them to be involved in our service, and to showcase their talents and dedication to the congregation.

Thanks all, and I wish everyone a very beautiful, peaceful spring.

Take care,

Julia Schulte, Youth & Family Director





## MISSION-OUTREACH NEWS FOR APRIL 2024

John Svinth

**The Mission-Outreach Team needs more members on its board.** Our board has only four members and would greatly benefit from additional members to help us plan and develop our outreach activities to our community and beyond. If you feel a tug on your heart when you hear about or help with the activities we conduct, please consider joining our board to add your ideas and good energy to help serve those who need a helping hand. For more information about us please see John Svinth, Pearl Munak, Chris Macy, or Sally Vogl.

**One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) update in May.** Since this UCC special mission offering was taken on March 10<sup>th</sup>, information about the amount contributed by our congregation is not yet available. I will report back in the May Beacon. Remember that OGHS sends support for advocacy, sustainable development, refugee and asylum issues, migration, disasters, and assisting those most in need and vulnerable among us.

**Daniel Opkobua's 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday Thank You Message.** Please see the wonderful "Thank You" message and photo included in this Beacon that was received from Daniel for the gift money we sent for his 10<sup>th</sup> birthday. You will note that the items he purchased all have a practical use. Daniel spent up to half of the \$107.50 of gift money, while the other half was placed in a savings account to support his family.

The **Plymouth Cares meal on March 5<sup>th</sup>** served 96 dinners and all 75 sack lunches at the ECHO Paso shelter. This meal was prepared by 15 people, three of whom are not PCC attendees. Stu organized and with Chris prepared the main dish of delicious chili con carne with corn bread. The delightful sides were green salad with Ranch dressing by Chris, buttered Hawaiian sweet rolls by John and Linda T., and sugar cookies from Alison. With the Fellowship Hall used for voting, the Youth House was the scene for making PBJ sack lunches and was crewed by Terri, John & Carlie S., Jim & Charity, Mary, Sharon W., Lynn, Nikol and Olivia. The guests at the ECHO Paso shelter were served by Stu, Terri, Chris and John S. Throughout this activity was heard our cheerful voices enjoying the Lord's work and each other's company. Our Plymouth Cares meals are always the first Tuesdays of each month, so the next is April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Helpers are always needed and appreciated.

**Blood Drive on April 27: Our next blood drive is Saturday, April 27, in our Fellowship Hall, from 10 AM – 2:00 PM.** A flyer is on the Outreach bulletin board with extras at the back of the sanctuary, and a wealth of information is available online at [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org). If you are eligible and would like to be a donor, please join us or give at another local event by making an appointment online at [donors.vitalant.org/dwp/portal/dwa](http://donors.vitalant.org/dwp/portal/dwa), by calling 877-258-4825, or by just walking in. Up to three lives can be saved by one donation of blood, so if you are eligible and available, **please help save lives!**

**Last December's donation to the Heifer Project was doubled!** Heifer International sent a letter stating that our church's donation of \$6,730 from last December's Living Gift Market was matched by a group of anonymous donors. This makes the impact of our enhanced donation to be \$13,460! This matching of fundraising totals is a regular occurrence from anonymous donors who support the work of the Heifer Project to help end world hunger through providing a helping hand to struggling farmers who will pass on their skills and resources to the next generation.



# APRIL CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

## APRIL BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

|                |   |                   |    |
|----------------|---|-------------------|----|
| Jean Fabre     | 2 | Patrick Boling    | 10 |
| Bill Krum      | 2 | Greyson Quealy    | 12 |
| Estey Boling   | 3 | Frank Teague      | 12 |
| Zoe Smith      | 3 | Paul Burkle       | 16 |
| Linda Tubb     | 4 | Kyle Hoffman Wood | 16 |
| Bill Tuttle    | 7 | Juliette Fabre    | 17 |
| Deb Bradley    | 7 | Quinn Tannehill   | 20 |
| Dagny Peterson | 8 | Guillaume Fabre   | 25 |

## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

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| JoAnne and Stu Stoddard | 3  |
| Steve & Mary Ann Austin | 26 |
| Steve & Britt Fairchild | 27 |



**HOPE AND HEALING ~ “DEAR GOD, PLEASE BLESS US WITH GOOD HEALTH AND STRENGTH. HELP US TO TAKE CARE OF OUR BODIES AND MINDS, AND TO ALWAYS BE GRATEFUL FOR THE GIFT OF LIFE. AMEN.”**

- ✝ Prayers for five-year old Scarlett’s ongoing battle with cancer: healing, comfort, and peace for her and loved ones.
- ✝ Prayers for Renee Athey, for healing & strength, body & spirit, as she undergoes chemo f/pancreatic cancer.
- ✝ Lily Kate Comstock and her family ~ For healing and comfort as she lives with a rare form of epilepsy.
- ✝ Dix DeGraaf ~ Has an upcoming surgery for an aortic embolism. Prayers for healing.
- ✝ Pete DeGraaf ~ Parkinson’s
- ✝ Maisie Egger
- ✝ Rachana Feit ~ Prayers of comfort for Cancer
- ✝ Barb Hill
- ✝ Rev. Wendy Holland and family
- ✝ Mary Hyatt ~ Friend of Pearl Munak. Extreme trouble breathing-AST, COPD, Crohn’s Disease, etc.
- ✝ Prayers for Hart & Nancy Junge.
- ✝ Prayers f/Strength & Recovery of Emily, JoAnne Stoddard’s niece, beginning Radiation treatments 3/11/24 .
- ✝ Carolyn Kelso
- ✝ Prayers for Tanya Railsback as she recovers from surgery and is treated for thyroid cancer.
- ✝ Alyssa Reid ~ Alyssa is 35 and her liver has failed. She’s waiting for a transplant at Scripps in San Diego. Please pray for Alyssa and her family. Her mom works for Marlyn and Chuck Hope.
- ✝ Anita Yates
- ✝ For multiple families dealing with health and cognition issues.
- ✝ For the continued good health of all.
- ✝ For God to bless PCC with continued, abundant, love and unity, and to add to our numbers, as we can be a mutual blessing to those who join us.
- ✝ Prayers for all people in War Tor n Countries.
- ✝ May God heal, bless, comfort; and give wisdom to the doctors and all medical personnel.



To add to the prayer list, or make changes, please call or email Ronny in the church office:  
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**COFFEE AT CIDER CREEK BAKERY AND DELI**  
205 OAK HILL RD., STE #102  
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PCC singles and anyone who feels the need for a coffee get together every Tuesday at 9:30am at Cider Creek Bakery and deli. If you are interested in starting this group, please call or text Kathy Johansing (805) 440-5758. This is VERY informal just a nice cup of coffee or a snack with some friends.



# Plymouth Congregational Church

## April 2024



| Sunday                                                                                                                                          | Monday                                                                                                                                                                                          | Tuesday                                                                                                                                    | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Thursday                                                                                                                                         | Friday                                                                                                                                                                 | Saturday                                                                                                                 |
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| <p>Hello April, New Month, new beginning, New mindset, new focus, new start, New intentions, new results...</p>                                 | <p>1 PCC Office Closed Mondays</p>                                                                                                                                                              | <p>2 Coffee at Cider Creek 9:30am<br/>Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Mtg. 5:00-7:00pm (YH)<br/>Plymouth Cares Dinner Prep~ 1:30- :30pm (YH)</p> | <p>3 Men's Bible Study 8AM (PH)<br/>*Youth Band AND Youth Bible study! 6:30-8:30PM (Y/H)<br/>Bell Practice 6:30pm Sanctuary</p>                                                                                                                                                                                         | <p>4 Pastor Wendy's Bible Study 10:00-11:30 (PH)<br/>Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Mtg. 5:00-7:00pm (YH)</p>                                         | <p>5 *Just for Today NA Mtg. Location Library 6PM (Pls Note: use 13th St .Entrance) ~ Held Each Fri except the 3rd Friday of the Month- to accommodate Date Night</p>  | <p>6 God's Garden 8:30 A.M.<br/></p>  |
| <p>7 WORSHIP ~ PCC SANCTUARY 10am<br/> HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY</p> | <p>8 PCC Office Closed Mondays<br/>*Clipper Club 4-9pm Pat Stevens 805-239-1774 Dinner &amp; Meeting<br/></p> | <p>9 Coffee at Cider Creek 9:30am<br/>Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Mtg. 5:00-7:00pm (YH)</p>                                                  | <p>10 Men's Bible Study 8AM (PH)<br/>*Youth Band AND Youth Bible study! 6:30-8:30PM Y/H (Y/H)<br/>Bell Practice 6:30pm Sanctuary</p>                                                                                                                                                                                    | <p>11 Pastor Wendy's Bible Study 10:00-11:30 (PH)<br/>Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Mtg. 5:00-7:00pm (YH)<br/><b>*PCC's 130th Anniversary</b></p>    | <p>12 *Just for Today NA Mtg. Location Library 6PM (Pls Note: use 13th St .Entrance) ~ Held Each Fri except the 3rd Friday of the Month- to accommodate Date Night</p> | <p>13</p>                                                                                                                |
| <p>14 WORSHIP ~ PCC SANCTUARY 10am<br/>*Mission Outreach Mtg. 11:40am (L)<br/>Youth to Yogurt After Service</p>                                 | <p>15 PCC Office Closed Mondays</p>                                                                                                                                                             | <p>16 Coffee at Cider Creek 9:30am<br/>Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Mtg. 5:00-7:00pm (YH)<br/>*Trustees Mtg.6pm(L)<br/>*Council Mtg .(L)</p>  | <p>17 Men's Bible Study 8AM (PH)<br/>*Youth Band AND Youth Bible study! 6:30-8:30PM (Y/H)<br/>Bell Practice</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <p>18 Pastor Wendy's Bible Study 10:00-11:30 (PH)<br/>Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Mtg. 5:00-7:00pm (YH)<br/>Bingo night at the Backyard</p>        | <p>19 Youth Date Night (YH) 5-8pm Followed by an Overnight for 6th graders and up. <u>Please bring a blanket/pillow</u></p>                                            | <p>20 *Youth overnight pick ups at Youth House</p>                                                                       |
| <p>21 WORSHIP ~ PCC SANCTUARY 10am<br/>*Diaconate Mtg. 11:30am (L)<br/>PCC's 130th Celebration at Sunday Service !</p>                          | <p>22 PCC Office Closed Mondays<br/> EARTH DAY</p>                                                           | <p>23 Coffee at Cider Creek 9:30am<br/>Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Mtg. 5:00-7:00pm (YH)</p>                                                 | <p>24 Men's Bible Study 8AM (PH)<br/>Bell Practice 6:30pm Sanctuary<br/>Youth: Let's Talk About That ~ 6:30-8:00pm (YH) 6th Grade and up</p>                                                                                                                                                                            | <p>25 Pastor Wendy's Bible Study 10:00-11:30 (PH)<br/>Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Mtg. 5:00-7:00pm (YH)<br/>Maundy Service 5pm Fellowship Hall</p> | <p>26 *Just for Today NA Mtg. Location Library 6PM (Pls Note: use 13th St .Entrance) ~ Held Each Fri except the 3rd Friday of the Month- to accommodate Date Night</p> | <p>27<br/> BLOOD DRIVE 10am—2pm</p> |
| <p>28 WORSHIP ~ PCC SANCTUARY 10am<br/>YOUTH SUNDAY<br/></p>  | <p>29 PCC Office Closed Mondays</p>                                                                                                                                                             | <p>30 Coffee at Cider Creek 9:30am<br/>Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Mtg. 5:00-7:00pm (YH)</p>                                                 | <p>"Life Begins Again In April" Lenore Hetrick<br/>"Life begins again in April! How this dead earth comes to flower! How the dry boughs wake and quicken, In this blooming, springtime hour! Life begins again in April! And the bird is on the wing, Brooks are flowing, Breezes tender, In a rhapsody of spring."</p> |                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                          |

April Sunday Sermons ~ We hope you are able to join us for our April Services, 10am.

Week One (4/7/24): "Ask Anything" John 20:19-31  
 Week Two (4/14/24): "Not a Ghost" Luke 24:36b-48  
 Week Three (4/21/24): "With Us Everywhere" Luke 24:36-53 (NIV)  
 Week Four (4/28/24): "Who We Are" John 15:1-8

To access our online worship; to Find out more about Plymouth Church; or to make an offering online; please visit: [plymouthchurchpaso.com](http://plymouthchurchpaso.com). May God bless us all!

\*A Warming Center may be held on Wednesdays or Thursdays depending on the weather\*