



Hello August...
Can we please
slow time down!?!



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"No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."

Pastor's Letter ~ August 2023

Reverend Wendy Holland



Remember way back to the beginning of Covid, early in 2020? It was surreal. We had been hearing for weeks about a virus that was incredibly virulent, and had the potential to wreak havoc, but it hadn't yet made an impact on our lives. We each have different memories of how it played out, but for me it was when, on March 11, the NBA *cancelled a game* because a player tested positive, and then the very next day, Disneyland ~ open 365 days a year ~ *closed*. Indefinitely. It was incomprehensible.

We settled into the new normal. For some of us it was a welcome reprieve from our day-to-day. Others of us were already dealing with stressors or crisis, or Covid in our midst. In almost every case, structures and schedules went out the window, and we felt unmoored and insecure. There seemed to be no reassurance; nothing to encourage or stabilize us.

Then, like a light in the darkness ~ and I'm not being sarcastic ~ came John Krasinski, and the YouTube show "Some Good News" (episode one: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F5pgG1M_h_U).

This famous actor, experiencing the same anxiety as the rest of us, knew he had the resources and ability to make a difference. But instead of making something up, he turned to the public, asking *real* people to share the good things happening in their own lives, and they came through with flying colors. It was an instant hit, nationwide.

We forget sometimes the *power* we have to bring light and life and reassurance, in so many different ways. And often it's just by being a reminder that there are "excellent and praiseworthy" things happening ~ in, and through, and around us.

Thank you for being there, for me, and for each other. It's transformative, and it's a reflection of Jesus. And it strengthens us to carry on.

"And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise."
~ Philippians 4:8 (NLT)

With love and gratitude,
Pastor Wendy

"Life is Short. Enjoy the Little Things" ~ Unknown



Worship in the Park

August 13, 2023

A reminder to:

Please sign up on the bulletin board with the breakfast item(s) you'll be bringing to the park. Times:

- * Fellowship Breakfast: 9:30 A.M.
- * Church Service: 10:00 A.M.
- * Remember to bring chairs for use during the service.
- * Please Note... There will be a 'Blessing of the Animals' immediately following our 'Church in the Park Service'.
 - * You are welcome to bring your pets to be blessed.
 - * Your pets will need to be on a leash or in a cage.
 - * If you bring a pet, you will be responsible for cleaning up



Here are a few new '*er*' members who 'somehow' never made it into The Plymouth Beacon!
We are SO GLAD you are part of our Plymouth Church Family! (Thanks for the pics Evelyn!)

Vicki Fairchild
February 12, 2023



Sandy Levoe
February 12, 2023



Chris Macy
April 10, 2022





Submitted by Julia Schulte

Sunday 8/13 Worship in the Park

Friday 8/18- Date Night, 5:30-8:30PM at the Youth House; followed by Youth Group Overnight ~ 6th grade and up.

Saturday 8/19- Overnight pickups 10AM at the Youth House

Sunday 8/20 - Youth to Yogurt after service (6th grade and up)

Wednesday 8/23 - "Let's Talk About That", 6:30-8PM at the Youth House

Sunday 8/27 - Youth Sunday, the last Sunday of the month.

Hello Plymouth families, and happy August! This is one of my favorite months of the year (and not just because it's my birth month!). As we close out the summer season, I hope you're ready for a super fun month filled with our usual monthly church events.

To kick off the month, don't forget about our **Worship in the Park service on Sunday, August 13th!** We will be in downtown Paso park at 9:30AM for a potluck style breakfast, followed by a service in our park gazebo starting at 10AM. Don't forget your lawn chairs! We are hoping to have the youth participate in our service by helping with music. If your youth would like to be involved in a youth-led song, please let me know! It's never too late for them to join in, and we'd all love to have them.

Our monthly Date Night will be on Friday, August 18th. Plymouth youth of all ages are invited to join me at the Youth House (the smaller red building off the side of the main church) from 5:30-8:30PM for a super fun night of games, crafts, pizza, time with friends, and more. It's always a lot of fun, so you won't want to miss it! Youth are welcome and encouraged to invite friends. Parents, if you're interested in helping as a parent volunteer at these events or helping provide food for the kids for the night, please reach out, and thank you so much in advance!

Following Date Night will be an overnight at the church for our Youth Group, 6th grade and up. Join us for a night of lots of snacks, gaming, and fellowship with church peers. Invite a friend if you'd like, and don't forget a pillow and blanket! **Pickups will be the following morning, Saturday 8/19, at 10AM at the church. Hope to see you there!**

The 3rd Sunday of the month, 8/20, will be our monthly Youth to Yogurt! Youth Group are invited to join me as we walk to downtown Paso Park to grab a frozen treat, and then spend some time talking about upcoming plans for our youth programs. It's a great way for them to get involved and to have their voices heard. We are usually out for about 30 minutes and then we return to the church. I hope our youth can join me!

Our monthly "Let's Talk About That" meeting for Youth Group will be the 4th Wednesday of the month, August 23rd. We will be meeting at the church from 6:30-8:00PM for an evening of conversations over pizza with myself and Pastor Wendy. This is a youth-led discussion, where we talk about the things they most want to talk about, from faith to school to life in general. We've had some incredible conversations in the past, so you don't want to miss it. Again, youth are welcome to bring along a friend as well! Our space is open to all.

Finally, our monthly Youth Sunday will be the last Sunday of the month, August 27th. Youth of all ages are invited to participate in our service in whatever way they would like, whether that's bringing the light as acolytes, reading as liturgist, contributing to our service music, welcoming people as greeters, and more. It's a great way to showcase our amazing youth and all that they contribute to our church community. We hope you can join us!

That's all for now for our church events this month. As we close out August, I'll be turning 25(!!!) on the 31st, which is so exciting. I hope everyone has a beautiful month, and I hope the transition back to school is as smooth as possible. See you around at our events!

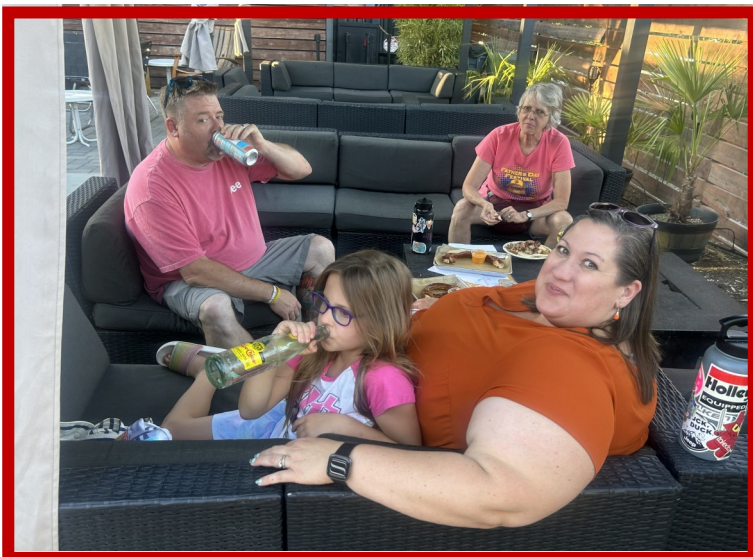
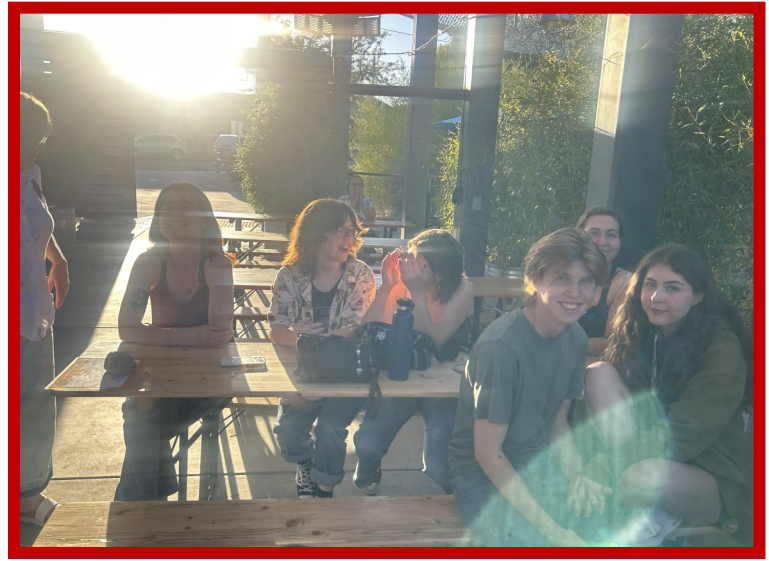
Julia S., Youth & Family Director

 "Joy is the serious business of heaven."

God-
Created me.
Blesses me.
Heals me.
Defends me.
Forgives me.
Loves me.

in a world
where you can
be anything,
BE KIND.

Karaoke Night At The Backyard! 7/26/23







~ Submitted by John Svinth

The Strengthen the Church – Strengthen Our Church special mission offering collected \$745 for this year. One-half this year’s offering, or \$372.50, will remain at Plymouth Church to help defray significant projected facilities expenses in the coming years. The other \$372.50 was sent to the UCC to support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations to promote their stability.

Our Plymouth Cares meal on July 4th provided 78 meals at the ECHO Paso shelter that were expertly served by Julia and her sisters Hazel, Lucy and Marie, with help from Pearl, Sharon W., Stu and John S. The guests enjoyed July 4th fare of hotdogs on buns with potato salad and baked beans prepared by Pearl, Stu and JoAnne; hotdog fixings provided by Wendy; Scottish shortbread by Alison; and PBJ sack lunches assembled by John B., Melinda, Chris, Deb, Sally and John & Carlie S. Special thanks to the Schulte sisters as marvelous servers. Our next Plymouth Cares meal is August 1st, with helpers always appreciated and always needed. Our new preparation time is 1:30-4:30 PM on the first Tuesday of each month.

The Blood Drive in Plymouth Hall on July 15th collected 33 donations that could contribute to saving up to 99 lives (or three times the number of donations). Blood donations are in critical need and go to children and adults who experience traumatic injuries and those needing blood for ongoing medical procedures. Our blood drives occur quarterly in partnership with St. James Church. If you are able and willing, please participate in these life-giving activities and help save lives. **Our next blood drive is Saturday, October 21st.**

The “Donations for Homeless” box continues to receive wonderful gifts, which recently included sleeping bags, shoes, belts, sweaters, shirts, pants, water and toiletries. The ECHO shelter was thrilled to receive these items. A list of acceptable donations is attached to the box in Plymouth Hall, for which we ask for contributions from unwanted possessions at home or perhaps purchased items. Thank you for helping the unsheltered.

“Happiness is a place between too much and too little” ~ Unknown



Greetings from the diaconate board and wishing you a fantastic August! We are all looking forward to August 13th when we will all be in the park for church and breakfast. Make sure to bring chairs for yourselves. **(and if you would like your pet blessed, bring them also. Info on page 2 of Beacon) (Recipe for original egg dish is in the box to the right.)** →

DIACONATE

Please know that any type of breakfast item will be welcomed and consumed. Get out your Grandma's Cinnamon roll recipe or Dad's favorite breakfast casserole. Breakfast will start at 9:30 with church service following at 10:00.

It is always a very nice time. If anybody needs a chair, we can bring some from the church. If anybody needs a ride, let us know.

If any of you are interested in being greeters, please let us know. We need as many as we can get. If you would like to do it more and not being called on a regular basis, please let us know.

If you're looking for a group that gets things done, diaconate is the board for you. We make sure the candles are going to light, prepare Communion, and put out items for coffee service.

Please contact me if you are interested in joining this board.

In the sanctuary pews you will find cards to put in the collection plate if you would like some help or prayers. The praying chain is private and your concerns will be kept confidential.

See you in church. Blessings to all,

Sharon Rowe

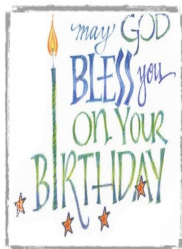
Betty Rowe’s Lunch Special

(A.K.A.—Plymouth Egg Dish)

- Prepare:** Grease 9”X13” baking dish
Preheat oven to 325 degrees
- Ingredients:** 10 eggs
Salt and Pepper
2TBs Corn Starch
1 large can evaporated milk
1 lb. each Cheddar Cheese AND Jack Cheese
1 cup Ortega Green Chiles
1 small jar pimientos
2Tbs green onions – or dehydrated onions
- Method:** Beat 10 eggs (w/salt & pepper to taste) until frothy.
Add 2 TBS. corn starch and evaporated milk.
Grate both cheeses and mix together.
Spread ½ of cheese over baking dish.
Add 2nd half of grated cheese to egg mixture w/diced green chiles, pimientos, and green onions.
Mix well, **but do not beat**
Pour egg mixture over top of cheese layer in casserole dish.
- Bake:** Bake uncovered in 325 degree oven for 55 minutes.
- Note:** This recipe can be prepared ahead of time and reheated. It retains its fine flavor and moistness.

AUGUST CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



Pam Quealy	1 Melinda Sterling	15
Marlyn Hope	5 Shawn Rowe	23
Anne Crabbe	5 Greg Waters	26
Jacob Mottard	6 Andy Anthony	29
Marie Boling	7 Steve Austin	29
Pat Sayne	8 Carolyn Kelso (Turns 91)	31
Pearl Munak	12 Julia Schulte	31

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES



Jim & Charity Marlatt	1
Allen & Barbara Kossett	4
Chuck & Marlyn Hope	8
Nevin & Carol Linthacum	11
Eric & Jill Ogorsolka	17
Bruce & Shirley Mark	17
Bill & Narda Krum	21
David & Anne Jennings	30

A Directory Update:
Michelle Richardson ~ 1040 Gracie Lane, Nipomo, CA 93444



HOPE AND HEALING ~ "POSITIVE ENERGY KNOWS NO BOUNDARIES." ~ LU WEI

- † Prayers requested for Scarlett Rose Andreotti, 3 years old, diagnosed w/Childhood Leukemia.
- † Prayers for Renee Athey, for healing & strength, in body & spirit, as she undergoes chemo for pancreatic cancer.
- † Pete DeGraaf ~ Parkinson's
- † Maisie Egger
- † Barb Hill ~ For her son Ron's recovery and good health
- † Chuck Hope and family ~ Chuck has been diagnosed w/cancer and is in the process of additional testing and connecting with an oncology team.
- † Rev. Wendy Holland and family
- † After a long and debilitating illness, David Jennings was delivered into eternal restoration Friday morning, July 14th. Please pray for his wife Anne, sons Christopher and Michael, and all of their loved ones for peace and comfort.
- † Prayers for Hart & Nancy Junge. ~ Hart had a stroke on Thursday, 6/29 and is in the hospital.
- † Carolyn Kelso
- † Nevin Linthacum ~ He took a fall and badly cut his arm. He was transported to Cottage Hospital in Santa Barbara so a qualified surgeon can operate.
- † Anita Yates
- † For multiple families dealing with health and cognition issues.
- † For the continued good health of all and a final end to Covid.
- † 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 the people in all War Torn Countries.
- † May God heal, bless, and comfort; and give wisdom to the doctors and all medical personnel.

*Please contact the church office to add/remove anyone from this list: 805-238-3321/plymouthchurchpaso@gmail.com

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

**LOVES AND FISHES
GIVE A DARN... GIVE A DOLLAR...
FEEDING THE HUNGRY WITH GOD'S LOVE**

Please remember that every One dollar bill you place in the offering on Sunday morning goes to Loaves & Fishes to assist individuals and families who are hungry. It's not hard to do... and it adds up FAST!

PCC Members have channeled many dollars to Loaves and Fishes, to purchase food for people who are really in need! Please drop a dollar bill in the basket if you are able!

ONE DOLLAR

August on the Central Coast

Plymouth Congregational Church
Paso Robles, CA
August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Plymouth Cares Dinner Prep 1:30-4:30PM Volunteers always welcome "Friends of Bill W. (C, WO) Mtg. 5:30-6:30(L) WCTheatre 6-9:30pm (PH)	2 Men's Bible Study 8AM (PH) Order and watch for OGHs Materials - John Svinth/Ronny WCTheatre 5:30-10pm (L)	3 Pastor Wendy's Bible Study 10:00-11:30 (S) Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Mtg. 5:30-6:30pm (L) Youth Ministry Zoom Meeting 5:30pm	4	5 God's Garden 8:30am 
6 WORSHIP ~ PCC SANCTUARY 10am HOLY COMMUNION New Member Ceremony WCTheatre (PH) 6-9:30pm	7	8 Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Mtg. 5:30-6:30pm (L)	9 Men's Bible Study 8AM (PH) WCTheatre 6-9:30pm	10 Pastor Wendy's Bible Study 10:00-11:30 (S) Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Mtg. 5:30-6:30pm (L)	11	12
13 WORSHIP IN THE PARK Breakfast 9:30am Service 10:00 am *Diaconate Meeting 11:30AM (L) WCTheatre (PH) 6-9:30pm	14	15 Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Mtg. 5:30-6:30pm (L) *Trustees Mtg. (PH) 6:00pm *Council 6:45pm (PH)	16 Men's Bible Study 8AM (PH) *Mission Outreach Mtg. 3:45pm (L) WCTheatre (PH) 6-9:30pm	17 Pastor Wendy's Bible Study 10:00-11:30 (S) Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Mtg. 5:30-6:30pm (L)	18 Youth Date Night 5:30-8:30PM in the (YH) Followed by an <u>Overnight for 6th graders and up</u> <u>Please bring a blanket and pillow</u>	19 Youth overnight pick ups at Youth House 
20 WORSHIP ~ PCC SANCTUARY 10am Youth to Yogurt After Service WCTheatre (PH) 6-9:30pm	21	22 Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Mtg. 5:30-6:30pm (L)	23 Men's Bible Study 8AM (PH) WCTheatre (PH) 6-9:30pm Youth: Let's Talk About That ~ 6:30pm (YH)	24 Pastor Wendy's Bible Study 10:00-11:30 (S) Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Mtg. 5:30-6:30pm (L)	25	26
27 WORSHIP ~ PCC SANCTUARY 10am YOUTH SUNDAY WCTheatre (PH) 6-9:30pm	28	29 Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Mtg. 5:30-6:30pm (L)	30 Men's Bible Study 8AM (PH) WCTheatre (PH) 6-9:30pm	31 Pastor Wendy's Bible Study 10:00-11:30 (S) Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Mtg. 5:30-6:30pm (L)		

AUGUST WORSHIP PLANS ~ We hope you are able to join us for our August Sundays, 10am, Church Sanctuary.

ROOM LEGEND: All Rooms Booked - (AR),
Courtyard - (C),
Plymouth Hall - (PH),
Kitchen - (K),
Library - (L),
Office - (O),
Sanctuary - (S),
Youth House - (YH)
Church Office Hours: Tues. - Fri. ~ 10 A.M. -

AUGUST SUNDAY SERMONS:

Week One (8/6/23): "Bring Them Here" ~ Matthew 14:13-21

Week Two (8/13/23): "Peace Be With You" ~ Matthew 14:22-23

Week Three (8/20/23): "Do You Not See?" ~ Matthew 15:10-20, 21-28

Week Four (8/27/23): "Deliverance" Isaiah 51:1-6

To access our online worship; To find out more about Plymouth Church; or To make an online offering; please visit: plymouthchurchpaso.com. God bless us all!

"When you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change." Wayne Dyer