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YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, YOU ARE
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VBS!



“Have you ever noticed the details in a butterfly’s wings? Have you ever focused on the flowers, blooming in spring? Look closer.....Then you’ll discover... There’s always something God wants you to see....MAGNIFIED...The BIGNESS of GOD is MAGNIFIED in the smallest of things. MAGNIFIED, we stand in awe, He’s MAGNIFIED in everything.....”

By the middle of August we hope you’ll be singing that song right along with our youth and children as we put on our very first Vacation Bible School August 11th & 12th at PCC, from 9am-12pm.

If you’re new to VBS, it’s a chance to invite elementary age children to our campus for lots of singing, dancing, bible stories, crafts, snacks, and games. One favorite part is rallying the teenagers to come lead the charge and show the younger kids it’s ok to be silly, to learn about Jesus, and to worship God in all kinds of ways. It’s also the perfect opportunity to invite friends and other families to come inside our church and be welcomed into our safe and inclusive community. Basically, it helps bridge the gap for the multigenerational worship and community we all love so much.

This year we were truly blessed by San Luis Obispo’s UCC church as they donated all of their leftover decorations, crafts, and curriculum to our church. However, that’s just the starting point. To transform our campus into God’s Garden on the inside, set up for 20ish kids to create, eat, and play in the fellowship hall we need YOUR help.

BEFOREHAND: Saturday August 9th at 9:30 we'll be meeting at the church to help decorate and set up. Donuts provided.

DURING: Can you come set up the snack trays each morning? Can you come take pictures through the day? Can you help kids with crafts? Could you be on stand by for First Aide?

AFTER: Can you come help clean up the church Tuesday August 12th at 12:30pm?

THROUGHOUT: Can you pray that families who need this connection will hear about it and bring their children?

If you'd like to volunteer in anyway, please enter your contact information here so we can keep you updated: [Volunteer Sign Up](#)

TO LEND: We also have some things we'd love to borrow for our skits and bible stories: a canoe that could sit on the fellowship hall stage or a decorative well for a bible skit? Pig stuffed animals, Jesus- or disciple-like robes or frocks for our teenage actors...

TO BUY: Here's a link to our wishlist of things we'd love to have for this summer and beyond at church: [Amazon Wishlist](#)

Lastly, how to Register your kids or Invite Friends: [Sign up TODAY](#)

Got a paper copy? Scan these QR codes instead:



Thank you SO much for considering helping with this program geared especially for our Little Lights at Plymouth,

Leslie Wallace

Youth & Family's Board Chair

PASTOR'S LETTER

REV. WENDY HOLLAND



Dear Plymouth Family,

You know how we sometimes just assume people know what we're talking about? This can apply especially to church. We have terminology or events that are just so much a part of our routine that we don't even think to clarify . . .

Which is why we've dedicated extra Beacon space to our upcoming Vacation Bible School, also known as VBS. This is going to be a wonderful, safe, encouraging, fun time for the kids in our community, centered on learning about Jesus, and God's unconditional love for us.

We also have a bunch of other cool things happening, so put the following events on your calendar and reach out with any questions.

- God's Garden, Saturday 8/2 at 9AM. Donuts, coffee, and great company while we get ready to show off our campus at the Block Party!
- Church in the Park, Sunday 8/10, 9:30AM. Brunch potluck, blessing of the animals, and one of my favorite speakers, UCC SCNC Conference Minister Rev. Rachael Pryor.
- VBS, Monday-Tuesday 8/11-12, 9AM-Noon.
- Weekly Bible Study resumes, Thursday 8/14, 10AM. Lots of great conversation; not a lot of over-simplified answers 😊
- Block Party and Barbecue, Thursday 8/28, 5-8PM. Food, bounce house, terrific company . . . Invite your friends and neighbors, and let's introduce our community to what's happening at PCC 🎉

It's always better when you're there, so please join us.

In love and prayer,

Pastor Wendy

A WORD FROM OUR DIACONATE

August is here and summer is in full swing.... The Fair, and yes... church in the park. Get your folding chairs dusted off and find your straw hats. August 10, by the gazebo, we will have a potluck breakfast at 9:30 provided by church members. Juice, coffee and whatever your heart desires. Just sign up on the clipboard to let us know what you are bringing. If you cannot sign up just bring something to share. We will have plates, silverware, and cups. Or bring your own mug.



A church service will commence at 10:00 with music, singing and of course a message to inspire us. We will also have a great guest speaker SCNC minister, Rachael Pryor.

Due to popular demand, there will be a blessing of animals during the church service at the park. Put your dog, cat, rabbit, or lizard on a leash and throw them in the car with your chairs or blanket and food.

We have brought back a tradition in our church of Rose on the Alter. Bring a rose for new babies, loss of a loved one, or any thing or person you would like to honor. Let Wendy know that morning who it is for. We have bud vases in the cupboards. Ask any diaconate member if you need help finding one.

There are many Sundays where we have had to find flowers or snacks last minute because no one signed up. Please take a moment to look at the Sundays that are blank and fill in a slot. It is a small way to offer service that is greatly appreciated. We all love Plymouth Congregational Church. Remember it takes all of us to keep it running.

Blessings, Sharon Rowe

PLYMOUTH CHURCH

EVENTS

SCHEDULE

2025

AUGUST

8/7+
8/21

YOUTH GROUP

Discussions over food with friends for youth 7th grade and up; bring a friend!

UPDATED TIME: 7-8:30PM

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

TK- 5th grade; Singing, dancing, skits, crafts, and games as we learn about Jesus; Snacks provided

9:00AM -12:00PM/ REGISTER NOW!

8/11+
8/12



8/15
5-8

DATE NIGHT + OVERNIGHT

All ages at 5PM for games, crafts, and snacks - pickups at 8PM; Parents Night Out at The Backyard starting 5:30pm!

Youth Group (7th grade and up) sleepover at church - 10AM pickups Saturday



BLOCK PARTY!

Party on the back patio with our neighbors and friends; Food to share, Drinks for purchase
Playground for kids; All are welcome!


8/28
5-8

We're praying for a great last couple of weeks of summer and great first day. Please keep our students who are heading away to college in your prayers: Cole, Cohen, Connor, Zoe, and Hannah!

MISSION OUTREACH NEWS



The Plymouth Cares meal on July 1st saw 15 participants create the meal that served 101 dinners at the ECHO Paso shelter. Stu and JoAnne created their popular Aunt Eleanor's Beef Noodle Casserole, with assistance from Susan, Alex, and Becky. Chris created her delicious green salad with Ranch dressing. John T. and Linda provided their last contribution of 96 buttered Hawaiian sweet rolls, as they have now moved to Colorado. Meghan baked and wrapped about 150 scrumptious cookies for the dessert. This month's amazing sack lunch crew was Chris, Anne J., Carlie, Ari (age 7), Kitty, Sandy and John S. The meal was joyously served at the ECHO Paso shelter by Stu, JoAnne, Chris and John S. A good time was had by all who enjoyed each other's outstanding company, all while serving the hungry and unhoused in Paso. Thank you to all who were able to share their time and talent to make this meal, and to the congregation for providing our budget to conduct this ministry.




The Box for Donations for the Unhoused that was delivered to the ECHO Paso shelter for July consisted of a large portion of the huge assortment of clothes received in May, which included a purse, a lady's sweater and a baggy of craft jewelry. We are thankful for these wonderful contributions.

This year's Strengthen the Church special mission offering was initiated on June 8. The amount received was \$420. This UCC offering supports youth ministries and full-time leaders for new UCC churches in parts of the country where the UCC does not have a strong presence, as well as supporting new initiatives at existing UCC churches. We are thankful to those who were able to contribute to this offering.

The SLO Food Bank is selected to receive our monetary donations to support a food pantry ministry to the hungry in SLO County. We believe the Food Bank is the best local ministry/organization that is aligned with Plymouth Church's commitment to grace and inclusion, as stated in the Food Bank's website at slofoodbank.org:

- Every human being has the right to nutritious food, regardless of the reasons that they may not be able to obtain it for themselves.
- The SLO Food Bank's intent is not only to help make nutritious food available through programs and agencies, but also to encourage and support each person served, recognizing their possible vulnerabilities and sensitivities.
- Everyone the SLO Food Bank serves, whether individuals, families or agencies, deserve to be treated with kindness, respect, and dignity.

Offerings to the Food Bank can be done via our offering envelopes when marked for "Food Bank;" checks should be made payable to Plymouth Church with a notation for "Food Bank." Accordingly, donations to Loaves & Fishes will no longer be processed through Plymouth Church. Those wishing to continue supporting Loaves & Fishes may find information at their website at loavesandfishespaso.org.



We received a thank-you letter from Kizito Munguci, one of our two Zozu Project boys whose education we sponsor in Uganda. Kizito shares his appreciation for our providing a gift for his 11th birthday. Kizito turned 11 years old on June 15 and was sent a gift of \$100. Half of Kizito's gift money is used to buy presents for himself and items needed for his family, while the other half will be placed in a family savings account for emergencies. Kizito's letter can be seen on the Outreach bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Thank you for those who could donate to this Zozu gift fund that is used for birthdays and for Christmas.

Saturday, July 19, was our third quarterly blood drive for 2025. The number of donations received was 32, which was well above the donation target. Our spacious Fellowship Hall was a scene of tranquil service with the floor cleared for the Vitalant team's equipment and donors providing the gift of life, while others waited to be called. As usual, St. James Church provided wonderful greeters who checked in the donors and directed them to snacks and water as they awaited their turn. We appreciate the availability of our hall to provide this valuable service in which each donation is used for medical emergencies or routine medical care and has the potential to save up to three lives each.

The Board of the Mission-Outreach Team is again down to four voting members, with the passing of our beloved Pearl Munak. We would dearly like our number to be at least five voting members, which would provide one more person's ideas and energy for our various ministries, and to make us an official board according to our church constitution. If our activities and purpose tugs on your heart, please consider joining us. Those interested can learn more about us at our monthly meetings on the third Sunday, in the Library after the service.

Upcoming Events



TICKETS
WineCountryTheatre.org
Non-profit 501(c)(3) charitable organization
MY 805 TIX
On sale May 1, 2025

Book & Lyrics: Howard Ashman
Based on the film by Roger Corman
Directed by Jacob Shearer

Music by Alan Menken
Screenplay by Charles Griffit
Music Direction by Joanne Stoddard

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

August 1 - 10, 2025

Templeton Performing Arts Center
1200 Main Street, Templeton (located on the high school campus)

7:30 pm on Fridays & Saturdays
2:00 pm matinee on Sundays

In this deviously delicious Broadway and Hollywood sci-fi smash hit, mild-mannered floral assistant Seymour Krelborn discovers a strange plant with a mysterious craving for fresh blood ("Feed Me!") As the plant, named Audrey II, grows, so does Seymour's success - but at a deadly cost.

Featuring a catchy score that combines rock, Motown, and doo-wop, LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS is a darkly comedic musical with an edge. LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS is a hilarious dark tale of love, ambition, and the lengths we go to for success, no matter how monstrous. Get your tickets, but don't feed the plants.



PLYMOUTH CHURCH DATE NIGHT

5-8PM
3rd Friday of the month
All ages of youth are welcome!

After Date Night,
Youth Group Overnight!

Youth 7th grade and up can sleepover at church with snacks, games & friends;
Pickups at 10AM Saturday morning

For further information, visit:
www.plymouthchurchpaso.com
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BLOCK PARTY

PLYMOUTH CHURCH 1301 OAK STREET

AUGUST 28, 5-8PM

POTLUCK & BBQ
KIDS ACTIVITIES
BOUNCE HOUSE
MUSIC AND FUN!

BRING SOMETHING TO SHARE OR NOT; WE WILL BE GRILLING FOR EVERYONE!

BEVERAGES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

CELEBRATIONS & PRAYERS



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| 1. Pam Quealy | 26. Greg Waters |
| 5. Marlyn Hope | 29. Andy Anthony |
| 5. Anne Crabbe | 29. Steve Austin |
| 6. Jacob Mottard | 31. Carolyn Kelso |
| 7. Marie Boling | 31. Will Schulte |
| 8. Pat Sayne | |
| 15. Melinda Sterling | |
| 23. Shawn Rowe | |



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

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- Prayers for Robert Clark, recently diagnosed with prostate cancer
 - Prayers for Shirley Mark's sister, Marilyn, recently diagnosed with breast cancer
 - Continued prayers for five-year old Scarlett in remission: healing, comfort, and peace for her and loved ones.
 - Lily Kate Comstock and her family ~ For healing and comfort as she lives with a rare form of epilepsy.
 - Pete DeGraaf ~ Parkinson's
 - Maisie Egger
 - Carilyn Payne, mother of John Svinth's niece ~ on kidney dialysis due to kidney failure
 - Barb Hill

- Rev. Wendy Holland and family
- Prayers for Hart & Nancy Junge.
- Anita Yates ~ Prayers for strength and comfort for her pain from fibromyalgia
- Prayers for Nicole, for strength and comfort to her and family as she battles with breast cancer
- 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 Torn 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 LUCY IN THE CHURCH
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AUGUST CALENDAR

SUN JULY 27	MON JULY 28	TUES JULY 29	WED JULY 30	THUR JULY 31	FRI AUGUST 1	SAT AUGUST 2
					*Just for Today Library 6pm NA Mtg. (use 13th St. Entrance) <i>*held each Friday except 3rd Friday of the month)</i>	God's Garden 9am 

SUN AUGUST 3	MON AUGUST 4	TUES AUGUST 5	WED AUGUST 6	THUR AUGUST 7	FRI AUGUST 8	SAT AUGUST 9
Worship PCC Sanctuary 10am Holy Communion Sunday		Men's Bible Study Plymouth Hall 9-10am Plymouth Cares Meal Serving Meal Prep: 1:30 - 4:30pm Serving: 4:45 - 6pm at ECHO Shelter Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Youth House 5-7pm		Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Library 5-7pm Youth Group (+ hot tub time) Wallace's 7-8:30pm	*Just for Today Library 6pm NA Mtg. (use 13th St. Entrance) <i>*held each Friday except 3rd Friday of the month)</i>	VBS Setup (+ donuts!) Fellowship Hall 9:30AM VBS Volunteer Training Fellowship Hall 11AM

SUN AUGUST 10	MON AUGUST 11	TUES AUGUST 12	WED AUGUST 13	THUR AUGUST 14	FRI AUGUST 15	SAT AUGUST 16
Church in the Park Downtown Park 9:30am Diaconate Board Meeting 11:30am 	VBS 9am-12pm 	VBS 9am-12pm  Men's Bible Study Plymouth Hall 9-10am Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Youth House 5-7pm		Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Library 5-7pm Bible Study with Pastor Wendy 10-11:30am	Date Night Youth House 5-8pm Parents' Night Out The Backyard 5:30pm Overnight Youth Group 7 th grade and up	Overnight Pickups Youth House 10am

SUN AUGUST 17	MON AUGUST 18	TUES AUGUST 19	WED AUGUST 20	THUR AUGUST 21	FRI AUGUST 22	SAT AUGUST 23
Worship PCC Sanctuary 10am Mission Outreach Meeting 11:40am		Men's Bible Study Plymouth Hall 9-10am Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Youth House 5-7pm Trustees Meeting 6pm Council Meeting 6:45		Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Library 5-7pm Bible Study with Pastor Wendy 10-11:30am Youth Group 7-8:30pm	*Just for Today Library 6pm NA Mtg. (use 13th St. Entrance) <i>*held each Friday except 3rd Friday of the month)</i>	

SUN AUGUST 24	MON AUGUST 25	TUES AUGUST 26	WED AUGUST 27	THUR AUGUST 28	FRI AUGUST 29	SAT AUGUST 30
Worship PCC Sanctuary 10am Youth Sunday Youth and Family Board Meeting 11:40am		Men's Bible Study Plymouth Hall 9-10am Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Youth House 5-7pm		 BBQ, potluck, music, & fun! 5-8pm Bible Study with Pastor Wendy 10-11:30am Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Library 5-7pm	*Just for Today Library 6pm NA Mtg. (use 13th St. Entrance) <i>*held each Friday except 3rd Friday of the month)</i>	

AUGUST SERMONS

SUN AUGUST 3	SUN AUGUST 10	SUN AUGUST 17	SUN AUGUST 24	SUN AUGUST 31
"God's Children" Hosea 11:1-11	Church in the Park; Guest Preacher Rev. Rachael Pryor	"Click Bait and Switch" Isaiah 5:1-7	"More Grace" Luke 13:10-17	"Somebody's Watching" Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14



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May God bless us all!
