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CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
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"NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE, OR WHERE
YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, YOU ARE
WELCOME HERE.

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***Come see “It’s a
Wonderful Life - A Live
Radio Play” at Plymouth
Church, presented by Wine
Country Theatre! Get tickets
now at my805tix.com***



Christmas Eve Service December 24th, 5pm



Join us for our service to enjoy our youth Christmas play, singing by candlelight, and celebrating the miracle of the season. We encourage you to invite your friends and family to join us for this special service!

A WORD FROM OUR DIACONATE

It is a wonderful time of the year. A magical time of the year. Advent starts Nov 30. We will light an advent candle every Sunday with an explanation of the significance of that Sunday. It is something nice you could do at home as well.



We have a beautiful tradition of flooding the front of the sanctuary with a lot of **Poinsettias**. If it is convenient for you to get a **poinsettia** any time during the Advent season, bring it and place it in the front of the church. You can take it back home Christmas Eve. It looks beautiful when it is a sea of **red poinsettias**.

If you have wanted to be a liturgist or a greeter but have not been asked, let us know. It takes no training.

Or if you want to get more involved in our church, read about the different boards on our website. Diaconate members take care of buying supplies, Keeping the tablecloths clean, changing the color of the alter cloths according to the season, getting greeters and preparing communion. It sounds like a lot of work but we each do a little part.

Christmas eve is on a Wednesday, December 24 5:00 PM. It is always a lovely and meaningful service. Make a point of being in church all the Sundays of Advent. There is not a more **caring or friendly** Church than Plymouth. **We are so blessed.**

Christmas Blessings,, Sharon Rowe

YOUTH & FAMILY DECEMBER EVENTS



Youth Group

Weds 12/10 7-8:30PM

BIBLE-BASED
DISCUSSIONS FOR
YOUTH 7TH GRADE
AND UP!



VINE STREET All-Church Christmas Party

DECEMBER 13TH

JOIN US IN
THE CORNER
HOUSE ON
13TH & VINE!



DATE NIGHT

Dec 19th 5-8PM

CRAFTS,
PIZZA,
GAMES &
MORE FOR
ALL AGES OF
YOUTH!



& White Elephant

AFTER DATE NIGHT,
YOUTH 7TH GRADE
AND UP ARE
INVITED TO
PARTICIPATE IN A
WHITE ELEPHANT
GIFT EXCHANGE,
FOLLOWED BY AN
OVERNIGHT WITH
PICKUPS SATURDAY
AT 10AM!

Pioneer Day Parade



OCTOBER
2025



& Date Night



MISSION OUTERREACH NEWS



Another successful Plymouth Cares meal occurred on November 4. We had 14 wonderful volunteers who prepared food that served 100 dinners, 85 PBJ sack lunches, and about a dozen packets of dog food. Melinda was the preparer for the main dish of sliced ham and yams with assistance from Susan and can-opening help from me. Chris created her green salad with Ranch dressing with assistance from Stu. Pat buttered the 96 Hawaiian sweet rolls. Melinda acquired enough dessert to give each guest two cookies, which were bagged by Chris, Mary and Margaret. This month's sack lunch crew was Sharon W., Pat, Carlie, John, Margaret, Anne J., Mary, Susan and Chuck. Our joyous servers at the ECHO Shelter were Jan, Melinda, Margaret, Will and me. The ample help was greatly appreciated to make this meal another success to feed the hungry, while also warming our souls. Our next meal is December 2, for any who would like to join us. (No prior experience needed!)

 Please see the separate Christmas Missions message in this Beacon for important information about our annual Christmas ministries.

BY JOHN SVINTH
MISSION OUTREACH

The Board of the Mission Outreach Team is saddened to lose Pat Stone when Pat moved to New Mexico. We wish Pat a fulfilling new chapter in her life and send her our thanks for the wonderful impact she made at Plymouth in her short time with us. We are also thrilled to welcome Anne Jennings to our board. Anne is a previous member of the Missions Board who is returning after several years. We are always welcoming of additional members, so if our activities and purpose tug on your heart, please consider joining us. Those interested can learn more about us at our monthly meetings or by contacting John Svinth, Chris Macy, or Sally Vogl. We will not be meeting in December due the Christmas season.

The Neighbors in Need Special Mission Offering collected a wonderful \$50 according to the October financial report. Two-thirds of the offering will be used to promote justice and compassion activities in our nation, and one-third will be used to support our Native American UCC congregations. We are grateful for the contribution to this UCC offering, which seeks to make our society more just and caring.

The November donation requests for goodies for the Plymouth Cares blessing bags received a wonderful response. The large, plastic collection bin in front of the alter flower stand was filled with treats, including candy, knit caps and gloves. One hundred, one-gallon blessing bags will be created and be distributed at the ECHO Shelter during the Plymouth Cares meal on December 2nd. This is another wonderful annual Christmas-season treat for the unhoused and hungry guests. We appreciate the wonderful response from the congregation.

The collection box for Donations to the Unhoused received eight hand-knitted blankets that are being held for the guests of the Warming Center Program that occurs in Fellowship Hall when the weather is very cold and raining. These blankets were donated by a friend of the church who enjoys knitting and desires to bring comfort to those in need.

2025 Christmas Missions Message

By John Svinth

*As you are able, please support our Christmas Missions to help spread Christmas joy and love.
Any amount of support to any of these Christmas Missions is truly appreciated.*

Paso Robles Toy Bank Collection through Sunday, December 7: A Toy Bank collection box is in Fellowship Hall for donations of new, unwrapped toys for ages of infants to 12-years-old, which are given to children in need in Paso Robles, San Miguel, Bradley, Shandon and Heritage Ranch. Recommendations can be found online at www.ptoybank.org. To let the Toy Bank do the shopping, money can be donated directly to the Toy Bank at the website or by mailing checks payable to "Toy Bank of Greater Paso Robles," addressed to PO Box 2801, Paso Robles, CA 93447. **Please do not send money or checks to Plymouth Church for the Toy Bank.** The last Sunday for toy donations to the collection box in Fellowship Hall is December 7.th

Bellringers for the Salvation Army Red Kettle on Friday, December 19: Volunteers are requested for one-hour shifts from 10AM – 6PM, at the Walmart main entrance. The Salvation Army provides Christian love and relief to suffering at home and abroad, and the red kettle is an important fundraiser. Ringing is a heartwarming experience as people value the Salvation Army and appreciate the bellringers. Bellringers may join on the sign-up sheet on the Outreach bulletin board or by contacting John Svinth, who can answer any questions.

Zozu Youth Christmas Gift Money is Funded; Thank You! The congregation is invited to share additional Christmas gift money for the 2026 birthdays of Daniel and Kizito, our boys in Uganda, whom we sponsor through the Zozu Project. The boys will turn 12 on February 26 and June 15, respectively. Donations can be given using our checklist offering envelopes, checks payable to Plymouth Church with a notation for Zozu, or the church website at plymouthchurchpaso.com using the "Give" tab and providing a note for Zozu Youth.

UCC Christmas Fund Offering on Sunday, December 21: The Christmas Fund is an annual special mission offering providing financial support for active and retired UCC clergy, lay employees, and their surviving spouses. This offering provides necessities (e.g., utilities, rent, home and auto repairs). Donations can also be made using our offering envelopes, checks payable to Plymouth Church with a notation for Christmas Fund, and online at plymouthchurchpaso.com using the "Give" tab with a note for Christmas Fund.

Heifer Project "Living Gift Market" through December Sundays: Since 1944, the Heifer Project has helped struggling communities around the world to end hunger and poverty through success in agriculture. Their strategy is to empower farmers to earn a living by providing training, resources and marketing support, after which these farmers pass on their skills and resources to the next generation. A Living Gift Market will be set up in Fellowship Hall on Sundays in December to accept donations and orders, which are made in a two-step process:

1. A Heifer Living Gift Market Order Form is available in Fellowship Hall, in the Church Office, and is attached to this message.
2. Completed order forms with money or checks payable to Plymouth Church with a notation for Heifer, are sent to the Church Office or may be delivered to John Svinth on Sundays.

Wishing you a blessed Christmas season!



LIVING GIFT MARKET ORDER FORM 2025

LIFE-CHANGING GIFT		QTY	PRICE	TOTAL
Gift Ark	2 each of cows, oxen, sheep, pigs, water buffalo, beehives, goats, trio rabbits, trio ducks, trio guinea pigs, flocks geese, flocks chicks, schools fish, community animal vet kits		\$5,000	\$
Heifer			\$500	\$
Share of a Heifer			\$50	\$
Fish			\$300	\$
Share of Fish			\$30	\$
Clean Water(pump,rainwatertank)			\$300	\$
Send a Girl to School <small>(only gets resources & training to pay for school)</small>			\$275	\$
Water Buffalo			\$250	\$
Share of a Water Buffalo			\$25	\$
Goat			\$120	\$
Share of a Goat			\$10	\$
Sheep			\$120	\$
Share of a Sheep			\$10	\$
Pig			\$120	\$
Share of a Pig			\$10	\$
Garden Seeds <small>(fruit&vegetable seedlings & saplings)</small>			\$60	\$
Share of Garden Seeds			\$10	\$
Honeybees <small>(honeybees,hive,bee box)</small>			\$30	\$
Flock of Chicks <small>(10-50)</small>			\$20	\$
Where Most Needed			\$	\$
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED				\$

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Phone: (____) _____ - _____ Donation Method (circle one): **CHECK CASH**

Make checks payable to **PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH** with a notation for **Heifer**.

Two ways to turn in your order form and tax-deductible donation:

- 1) Deliver them to the Church Office, or**
- 2) Give to John Svinth who will deliver them to the Church Office.**

Ask about sending a free honor card to a person in whose name you made a donation.

Save the Date:

YOUTH WINTER RETREAT

FEBRUARY 6-8, 2026

Get away with friends for the weekend to explore your faith, have fun, and hopefully play in the snow! Reserve your place with Trago or Leslie today.
Cost is free!

WINE COUNTRY THEATRE *Presents*

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

A LIVE
RADIO
PLAY



NOV 29TH
thru
DEC 13TH
2025

This beloved
American holiday
classic comes to
captivating life as a
live 1940's radio
broadcast.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PASO HIGH
THEATRE
Co. ***

Shakespeare in Love.

HIGH SCHOOL
EDITION



DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS



1. Kitty Hoffman
5. Finn Railsback
9. Sandy Tuttle
16. Leslie Wallace
18. Jim Davis
18. William Wallace
20. Argentina Dudley
20. Vicki Fairchild
24. Carlie Svinth
25. Jason Cybulski
29. Dawn Stemper
31. Jessica Fullerton



29. Cynthia & Andy Anthony

DECEMBER PRAYERS

- Prayers for Robert Clark, recently diagnosed with prostate cancer
- Prayers for Shirley Mark's sister, Marilyn, recently diagnosed with breast cancer
- 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
- Prayers for Hart & Nancy Junge.
- Barb Hill
- Rev. Wendy Holland and family
- 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
OFFICE: (805) 238-3321, OR PLYMOUTHCHURCHPASO@GMAIL.COM

DECEMBER CALENDAR



SUN NOVEMBER 30	MON DECEMBER 1	TUES DECEMBER 2	WED DECEMBER 3	THUR DECEMBER 4	FRI DECEMBER 5	SAT DECEMBER 6
Worship PCC Sanctuary 10am First Sunday of Advent 		Men's Bible Study Plymouth Hall 9-10am Special Election in Plymouth Hall 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		Bible Study with Pastor Wendy 10-11:30am Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Library 5-7pm	It's a Wonderful Life – a Live Radio Play Presented by Wine Country Theatre 7-10pm *Just for Today Library 6pm NA Mtg. (use 13th St. Entrance) *held each Friday except 3rd Friday of the month)	It's a Wonderful Life – a Live Radio Play Presented by Wine Country Theatre 2-5pm, 7pm-10pm

SUN DECEMBER 7	MON DECEMBER 8	TUES DECEMBER 9	WED DECEMBER 10	THUR DECEMBER 11	FRI DECEMBER 12	SAT DECEMBER 13
Worship PCC Sanctuary 10am Second Sunday of Advent Holy Communion Sunday It's a Wonderful Life – a Live Radio Play Presented by Wine Country Theatre 2-5pm		Men's Bible Study Plymouth Hall 9-10am Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Youth House 5-7pm	Youth Group Youth House 7-8:30pm	Bible Study with Pastor Wendy 10-11:30am Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Library 5-7pm	It's a Wonderful Life – a Live Radio Play Presented by Wine Country Theatre 7-10pm *Just for Today Library 6pm NA Mtg. (use 13th St. Entrance) *held each Friday except 3rd Friday of the month)	It's a Wonderful Life – a Live Radio Play Presented by Wine Country Theatre, 2-5pm Vine Street All-Church Christmas Party in the corner house on 13th and Vine 

SUN DECEMBER 14	MON DECEMBER 15	TUES DECEMBER 16	WED DECEMBER 17	THUR DECEMBER 18	FRI DECEMBER 19	SAT DECEMBER 20
Worship PCC Sanctuary 10am Third Sunday of Advent Diaconate Board Meeting 11:30am It's a Wonderful Life – the Radio Play Presented by Wine Country Theatre 2-5pm		Men's Bible Study Plymouth Hall 9-10am Trustees Meeting 6pm Council Meeting 6:45 Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Youth House 5-7pm	Preschool Co-op Christmas Play Rehearsal in Fellowship Hall	Bible Study with Pastor Wendy 10-11:30am Preschool Co-op Christmas Play in Fellowship Hall Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Youth House 5-7pm	Date Night Youth House 5-8pm Overnight + White Elephant Youth Group 7th Grade and Up 	

SUN DECEMBER 21	MON DECEMBER 22	TUES DECEMBER 23	WED DECEMBER 24	THUR DECEMBER 25	FRI DECEMBER 26	SAT DECEMBER 27
Worship PCC Sanctuary 10am Fourth Sunday of Advent		Men's Bible Study Plymouth Hall 9-10am Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Youth House 5-7pm	Christmas Eve Service 5pm - Bring a friend to celebrate with us! 		*Just for Today Library 6pm NA Mtg. (use 13th St. Entrance) *held each Friday except 3rd Friday of the month)	

SUN DECEMBER 28	MON DECEMBER 29	TUES DECEMBER 30	WED DECEMBER 31	THUR JANUARY 1	FRI JANUARY 2	SAT JANUARY 3
Worship PCC Sanctuary 10am Youth Sunday		Men's Bible Study Plymouth Hall 9-10am Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Youth House 5-7pm		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) *held each Friday except 3rd Friday of the month)	God's Garden 9am 

DECEMBER SERMONS

SUN DECEMBER 7	SUN DECEMBER 14	SUN DECEMBER 21	CHRISTMAS EVE	SUN DECEMBER 28
"To Learn and to Grow" Romans 15:4-13 (NLT)	"Favored???" Luke 1:26-38 (NLT)	"Afraid" Luke 2:1-20 (NRSVUE)	Bring friends and family to celebrate our Christmas Eve service together!	"Immigrants" Matthew 2:13-23



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