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## PASTOR'S LETTER

REV. WENDY HOLLAND



**24 “Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. 25 Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won’t collapse because it is built on bedrock.  
~ Matthew 7:24-25 (NLT) ~**

A couple of weeks back I was in a car accident. I was at a notorious Arroyo Grande intersection, known well to locals, and a confusing mess to anyone not familiar with the two right turn lanes—one leading to the strip malls up the hill, and one leading to the 101 North. It’s one of those driving situations that causes serious white-knuckles and instigates terse (at best) instructions from parents of new drivers. Take it from me [insert rolling eyes emoji].

And unless you know how it works, you’re almost guaranteed to end up in the wrong lane—and unaware that switching lanes can be a hazard to everyone around you. This is what happened to the guy who hit my car. But what made matters worse is that the road had been recently resurfaced, and there were no lines or reflectors anywhere on the block leading up to these problematic turn-lanes.

Life can be complicated even when we know what we’re doing and where we’re going; even when we define potential obstacles and hazards. I saw this guy a block back, knew he was in the wrong lane, and identified that he probably wasn’t sure how it worked to access the freeway. I passed him and thought I was out of harm’s way . . . and was still hit.

The aftermath was much more encouraging. A witness followed us to a nearby parking lot. The guy who hit me was shaken up, but took full responsibility. And I was able to not take personally that he made a mistake. And the people I dealt with every step of the way facilitated making something extremely inconvenient a reminder that the world is filled with good people, doing their best to make the world a better place.

In Matthew 7:24-27 Jesus compares following his instructions to building on a stable foundation. We follow Christ not because we will be shielded from detriment, but so that when storms do come we are able to withstand them in a way that honors God—and hopefully blesses others in the process.

May we be strengthened for beautiful weather, ferocious storms, and everything in between.

With gratitude,

*Pastor Wendy*

## A WORD FROM OUR DIACONATE



Greetings, Happy July!!

Look on the fellowship bulletin board. There is a sign up for our church in the park breakfast. Back in the day, all the ladies made the same casserole. It was from my mother- in-law, Elizabeth Ann Rowe.

I think there are still some recipes on the bulletin board. Now all recipes are welcome.

We need breakfast casseroles, fruit, juices and coffeecake etc. It is always a very nice fellowship breakfast at 9:30.

Our church service will be at 10:00 in the park. August 11th . Bring your chairs or a blanket.

In the pews you will find cards to put in the collection plate if you would like some help or prayers.

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praying chain is private and your concerns will be kept confidential.

See you in church.

Blessings to all,

Sharon Rowe

BY SHARAON ROWE  
HEAD OF DIACONATE

# Youth Ministry

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BY JULIA SCHULTE  
YOUTH DIRECTOR

## A NOTE FROM OUR YOUTH DIRECTOR

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Hello Plymouth families, and happy July!

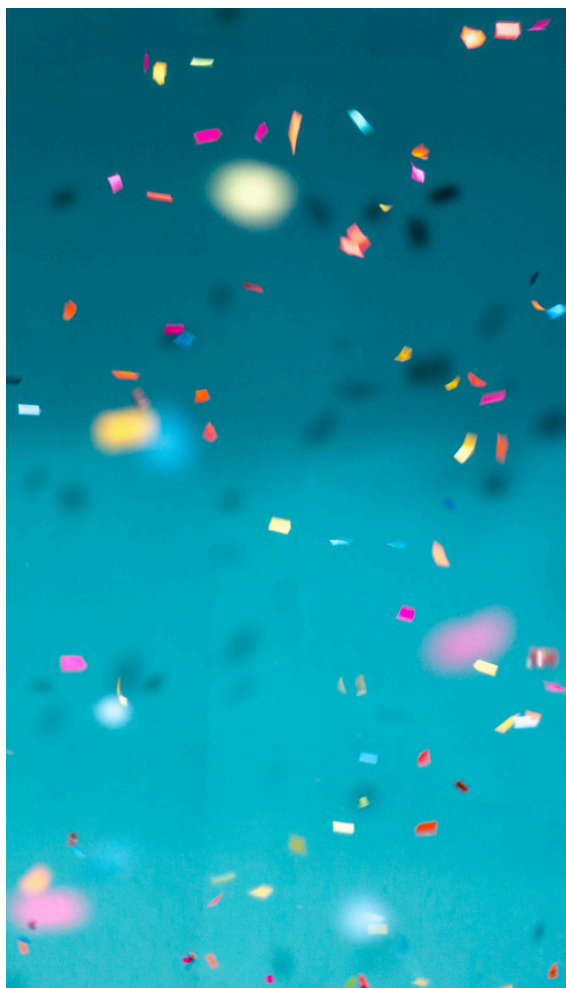
I hope everyone had a wonderful month of June. I wanted to thank our youth who helped out at our pride booth last month, as well as send a giant thank you to the Wallace family for hosting our potluck and camping night at their house! The event was a great success, so we hope you are able to join us at our next all-church activity.

In fact, the all-church event was SUCH a success that we decided to hold another one this month! On Friday July 19th, all our church members are invited to join us at the Youth House and Fellowship Hall for a night of potluck dinner and time in community with our church family. We will spend time together from 5-8PM (this event will be in place of our July Date Night). All are welcome, and feel free to bring friends along!

Our all-church potluck will be followed by an overnight for our Youth Group, 6th grade and up. We will stay overnight in the Youth House 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 7/20 at the Youth House at 10AM, and breakfast snacks will be provided. See you there!

Sunday 7/21 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 will 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.

The 4th Wednesday of the month, 7/24, will be our monthly "Let's Talk About That" meeting for our Youth Group. Youth 6th grade and up are invited to join us in the Youth House from 6:30-8:00PM.



This is a night of youth-led conversations over pizza, where we discuss the topics our church youth most want to talk about. We hope to see you there!

Finally, the last Sunday of the month, 7/28, 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 hope everyone has been having a wonderful summer so far!

Take care,  
Julia Schulte, Youth & Family Director

# MISSION OUTREACH NEWS



**New Donation Process for Loaves & Fishes and Zozu Youth:** The offering envelopes in the pews now have a checklist on the back to accept donations of any denomination for both Loaves & Fishes and for our Zozu boys, and can also be used for other church giving.

Just mark the checklist with the little pew pencil to indicate where you want the donation to go. This means that loose \$1 bills and other money placed in the Sunday offering plates will automatically go to the church general fund. Donations using checks, of course, will be directed to where noted on the memo section.

The intention of this process is to make it easier to donate to Loaves & Fishes and our Zozu boys. If you have any questions, please contact John Svinth.

**“Strengthen the Church – Strengthen Our Church”** Special Mission Offering Collected \$320: This annual special mission offering supports the stability and growth of UCC churches.

As done in the past, half of this wonderful donation will be kept at Plymouth Church to support the growth and stability of our church by being used to defray significant facilities expenses in the coming years.

BY JOHN SVINTH  
MISSION OUTREACH

### **Blood Drive on July 27th**

Our next quarterly blood drive is Saturday, July 27, in our Fellowship Hall, from 10AM – 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), or by calling 877-258-4825, or by just walking in. Up to three lives can be saved by one donation of blood.

### **Plymouth Cares**

The Plymouth Cares meal on June 4th served 99 dinners and all 75 sack lunches.

Taco salad was the delectably cooler main dish that was chosen and organized by Stu and included ground beef, green salad, salsa, sour cream and refried beans, and all prepared by Stu, JoAnne and Chris.

Fritos corn chips were a crunchy side from John T. Chocolate chip cookies were the sweet dessert from Alison. This month's great sack lunch crew was Carlie, Sharon W., Mary, Esther, Olivia, Nikol and John S.

The joyful servers at the ECHO Paso shelter were Stu, JoAnne, Chris, John T., and John S. Feeding the hungry and unhoused, hearts filled by doing God's work, and enjoying delightful fellowship; a wonderful way to spend part of an afternoon.

The next Plymouth Cares meal is July 2nd , with helpers always needed and appreciated.

### **Donations Box for the Unhoused**

The Donation Box for the Unhoused recently received a wonderful assortment of ladies clothes and shoes. These were all delivered to the ECHO Paso shelter to benefit their residents.

### **Mission-Outreach Team**

The Mission Outreach Team needs more members on its board. We are a board of four and would greatly benefit from additional members.

If you feel a tug on your heart when your hear about or participate in the activities we conduct, please consider joining to add your ideas and good energy to help serve those who need a helping hand.

For more information, please see John Svinth, Pearl Munak, Chris Macy, or Sally Vogl.





# CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS



- 5. SALLY VOGL
- 8. JENNIE DOHERTY
- 8. DYLAN FIARCHILD
- 10. HOBIE SMITH
- 15. NEVIN LINTHACUM
- 17. JOANNE STODDARD
- 20. MARY ANN PAUL
- 21. CURTIS SVINTH
- 21. JOEL PETERSON



- 8. JOHN & CARLIE SVINTH
- 12. AMY & RUSSELL BAKER
- 14. ALEX & BECKY DREESE
- 15. ROBERT DUDLEY & MEGHAN BALL
- 24. JAMES & MARGARET SCHAEFER
- 26. SEAN & MARIE BOLING
- 26. GUILLAUME & SOLENE FABRE

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- 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 FOR COMFORT OF 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.
  - CAROLYN KELSO
  - 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 WARTORN 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 SHERELL IN THE CHURCH OFFICE: (805) 238-3321, OR PLYMOUTHCHURCHPASO@GMAIL.COM

# JULY CALENDAR

SUN   JUNE 30	MON   JULY 1	TUES   JULY 2	WED   JULY 3	THUR   JULY 4	FRI   JULY 5	SAT   JULY 6
Worship PCC Sanctuary 10am	PCC Office Open 10-2pm  Rehearsal for Cinderella Plymouth Hall 6-9pm	Plymouth Cares Kitchen/ Hall 1:30-4:30pm  Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Youth House 5-7pm  Rehearsal for Cinderella Plymouth Hall 6-9pm	Men's Bible Study Plymouth Hall 8-9am  Rehearsal for Cinderella Plymouth Hall 6-9pm	Independence Day PCC Office Closed  Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Youth House 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 8:30am

SUN   JULY 7	MON   JULY 8	TUES   JULY 9	WED   JULY 10	THUR   JULY 11	FRI   JULY 12	SAT   JULY 13
Worship PCC Sanctuary 10am  Holy Communion Sunday	PCC Office Closed  Rehearsal for Cinderella Plymouth Hall 6-9pm	Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Youth House 5-7pm  Rehearsal for Cinderella Plymouth Hall 6-9pm	Men's Bible Study Plymouth Hall 8-9am  Rehearsal for Cinderella Plymouth Hall 6-9pm	Pastor Wendy's Bible Study 10-11:30am  Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Youth House 5-7pm  Rehearsal for Cinderella Plymouth Hall 6-9pm	*Just for Today Library 6pm  NA Mtg. (use 13th St. Entrance) *held each Friday except 3rd Friday of the month)	God's Garden 8:30am

SUN   JULY 14	MON   JULY 15	TUES   JULY 16	WED   JULY 17	THUR   JULY 18	FRI   JULY 19	SAT   JULY 20
Worship PCC Sanctuary 10am  Diaconate Mtg. 11:40am		Mission Outreach Library 4:15pm  Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Youth House 5-7pm  Trustees Meeting 6:45  Council Meeting 7pm	Men's Bible Study Plymouth Hall 8-9am	    Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Youth House 5-7pm	*Just for Today Library 6pm  NA Mtg. (use 13th St. Entrance) *held each Friday except 3rd Friday of the month)  Pot Luck/ Youth Date Night 5pm	God's Garden 8:30am  Youth Pick Ups 10am

SUN   JULY 21	MON   JULY 22	TUES   JULY 23	WED   JULY 24	THUR   JULY 25	FRI   JULY 26	SAT   JULY 27
Worship PCC Sanctuary 10am  Youth to Yogurt 11:15am  Mission Mtg. Library 11:40am	PCC Office Closed  Rehearsal for Cinderella Plymouth Hall 6-9pm	Coffee at Cider Creek 9:30am  Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Youth House 5-7pm  Rehearsal for Cinderella Plymouth Hall 6-9pm	Men's Bible Study Plymouth Hall 8-9am  Rehearsal for Cinderella Plymouth Hall 6-9pm	Pastor Wendy's Bible Study 10-11:30am  Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Youth House 5-7pm  Rehearsal for Cinderella Plymouth Hall 6-9pm	*Just for Today Library 6pm  NA Mtg. (use 13th St. Entrance) *held each Friday except 3rd Friday of the month)  Rehearsal for Cinderella Plymouth Hall 6-9pm	God's Garden 8:30am  Vitalant Blood Drive Plymouth Hall 8-4pm

SUN   JULY 28	MON   JULY 29	TUES   JULY 30	WED   JULY 31	THUR   AUGUST 1	FRI   AUGUST 2	SAT   AUGUST 3
Worship PCC Sanctuary 10am  Youth & Family Mtg. Library 11:40am	PCC Office Closed  Rehearsal for Cinderella Plymouth Hall 6-9pm	Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Youth House 5-7pm  Rehearsal for Cinderella Plymouth Hall 6-9pm	Men's Bible Study Plymouth Hall 8-9am  Rehearsal for Cinderella Plymouth Hall 6-9pm	Pastor Wendy's Bible Study 10-11:30am  Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Youth House 5-7pm  Rehearsal for Cinderella Plymouth Hall 6-9pm	*Just for Today Library 6pm  NA Mtg. (use 13th St. Entrance) *held each Friday except 3rd Friday of the month)  Rehearsal for Cinderella Plymouth Hall 6-9pm	God's Garden 8:30am

## JULY SERMONS

SUN   JULY 7	MON   JULY 14	TUES   JULY 21	WED   JULY 28
"Home" Mark 6: 1 - 13	"Promises, Promises" Mark 6: 14 - 29	"Leadership Without Fear" Jeremiah 23: 1 - 6	"Looking For Partners" Mark 6: 34 - 44



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May God bless us all!

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