

THE BEACON

PLYMOUTH
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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July 6th Directly After Service

Sharing Dishes and Ideas;
Join us in discussing who
we are and who we strive
to be, as a church and as
Jesus followers ❤️



PASTOR'S LETTER

REV. WENDY HOLLAND



Dear Plymouth Family,

We are doing something different this Sunday, July 6.

Back in the day—pretty much anytime pre-2000s—if you belonged to a church, active participation was a given. Beyond just showing up every Sunday people gathered throughout the week, not only to lead and serve but to share their wisdom and insight, and to be even more effective as a community of outreach.

Times have changed. In an increasingly frenetic world, it feels like there's not a moment of downtime. Even in the middle of the night we can answer texts or emails, pay bills, update calendars, plan for upcoming meetings . . . It's never ending.

Which means that church—which used to be a primary area of focus—becomes just another hour in a week of 168 hours. And while we find encouragement and inspiration from each other in that hour, the ideas each of us have for how to grow and move forward in changing times rarely make it to the table.

So this Sunday we're creating the opportunity for those conversations, and we want to hear from you. We'll meet as usual in the sanctuary but for the message portion—instead of only hearing from me—we'll move into the fellowship hall for brunch, conversation, and breakout sessions. And if speaking up isn't your thing there's no obligation to say anything. Just come to eat and listen, and feel free to share with me or other leaders later.

The important thing is that we continue Plymouth's traditions of love and encouragement, that we consider new and effective ways of doing church, and that we value each other's voices and experiences in the process.

Thank you as always for making a difference. Even our smallest acts of love and mercy have unseen and continuous impact. Let's keep the conversation going.

In love and prayer,

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

Also bring your pet. We will have animal blessings too!

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

See you in church.

Blessings to all,
Sharon Rowe

JULY

UPCOMING EVENTS

2025

PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

**THURS
7/3**

YOUTH GROUP

7th grade and up

Bible Study & conversations over food

6:30-8PM at the Youth House (1301 Oak St.)

ALL-CHURCH POTLUCK & POOL PARTY

Food, karaoke, swimming, and a camp out-all are invited (not just kids!)

4-9PM + overnight at the Wallace's
3223 S El Pomar Rd, Templeton

See flyer
for more
info!

**FRI
7/11**

**THURS
7/17**

YOUTH GROUP

7th grade and up

Bible Study & conversations over food

6:30-8PM at the Youth House (1301 Oak St.)

YOUTH SUNDAY

All Youth ages- Participate in church!

Do the readings, light the candles, and more

During 10AM Sunday service at Plymouth Church

**SUN
7/27**



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MISSION OUTREACH NEWS



The Plymouth Cares meal on June 3rd saw 12 participants create the meal that served 119 dinners at the ECHO Paso shelter. Melinda created delicious BBQ shredded chicken sandwiches that were a big hit with the guests. Chris created her wonderful green salad with Ranch dressing. Carlie, Pat and Chris buttered the 96 Hawaiian sweet rolls. A scrumptious assortment of cookies was provided by Leslie Ivans, which were bagged by Chris. This meal's amazing sack lunch crew was Olivia, Chris, Sharon W., Pat, Carlie, Anne J., and John S. Our servers at the shelter were Alex, Becky, Will, and John S; Olivia would also have served, except that John S. forgot to wait for her before leaving for the shelter! John sends a humble apology to Olivia for this grave error that is undoubtedly contributed by a senior moment. Thank you to all who shared their time and talent to make this meal, and to the congregation for providing us a budget to conduct this ministry.

BY JOHN SVINTH
MISSION OUTREACH

The Box for Donations for the Unhoused received an enormous outpouring of assorted clothing with blankets. These will be donated to the ECHO Paso shelter in the coming weeks. Thank you for these wonderful contributions to those in need.

This year's Strengthen the Church special mission offering was initiated on June 8. It supports youth ministries and full-time leaders for new churches in parts of the country where the UCC does not have a strong presence, as well supporting new initiatives at existing UCC churches. The amount received will be available in the next Beacon.

Change in Loaves & Fishes Support: We have decided to direct our resources to a ministry/organization more aligned with Plymouth Church's commitment to grace and inclusion. It is this board's consensus to identify another nonprofit to benefit from our congregation's desire to donate to this type of ministry. More information will be forthcoming.

A birthday gift was sent to Kizito Munguci, one of our two Zozu Project boys whose education we sponsor in Uganda. Kizito turned 11 years old on June 15. Kizito received a gift of \$100, half of which will be used to buy gifts on a shopping trip with a Zozu staff member, while the other half will be added to a family savings account for emergency needs. Thank you for your donations to our church Zozu gift fund that is used for birthdays and for Christmas.

Saturday, July 19, is our third quarterly blood drive for 2025. If you are able and agreeable, please donate at the Fellowship Hall between 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. The most efficient way to participate is to make an appointment online at [Vitalant.org](https://www.vitalant.org). Please see the flyer at the back of the Sanctuary that provides appointment options. One donation can save up to three lives!

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 an additional member's ideas and energy for our calling, 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 or just learning more about us at our monthly meetings after service in the Library on the third Sunday.

Upcoming Events



Wine Country Theatre Presents

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

Music by Alan Menken
Screenplay by Charles Griffith
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 INVITES YOU TO A

POTLUCK & POOL PARTY

@ THE WALLACE'S
3223 SOUTH EL POMAR RD, TEMPLETON

JULY 11TH
STARTS AT 5PM

BRING A DISH TO SHARE AND JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP, SWIMMING, KARAOKE, & A CAMPOUT!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

FOR MORE INFO OR TO RSVP, CONTACT US:
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MANDALA CREATION

July 7th - 10th

Come view the World Peace Mandala creation daily here at Plymouth Church from 10:30am-4:30pm with the Tibetan Monks of the Sacred Arts Tour



CELEBRATIONS & PRAYERS



2. Sally Vogl
6. Jennie Doherty
7. Dylan Fairchild
14. Hobie Smith
15. Nevin Linthacum
20. JoAnne Stoddard
26. Mary Ann Paul
27. Curtis Svinth
30. 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

- 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
- Carolyn 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 in the hospital as she deals with a blood clot in her lung
- 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

JULY CALENDAR

SUN JUNE 29	MON JUNE 30	TUES JULY 1	WED JULY 2	THUR JULY 3	FRI JULY 4	SAT JULY 5
		Plymouth Cares Meal Serving Meal Prep: 1:30 - 4:30pm Serving: 4:45 - 6pm at ECHO Shelter	Karaoke at the Backyard - Wine Country Theater fundraiser for Little Shop of Horrors 6-8pm	Bible Study with Pastor Wendy 10-11:30am Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Library 5-7pm Youth Group - Bible Study and Conversations Over Food Youth House 6:30-8pm	 *Just for Today Library 6pm NA Mtg. (use 13th St. Entrance) *held each Friday except 3rd Friday of the month)	God's Garden 9am 

SUN JULY 6	MON JULY 7	TUES JULY 8	WED JULY 9	THUR JULY 10	FRI JULY 11	SAT JULY 12
Worship PCC Sanctuary 10am Holy Communion Sunday Brunch Potluck & Roundtable Discussion after service 	Drepung Gomang Sacred Arts Tour - Mandala Creation 10:30 opening chant, all day mandala creation, 4:30 closing chant, tea puja 	Sacred Arts Tour - Mandala Creation; 10:30 opening chant, all day mandala creation, 4:30 closing chant, tea puja Geshe Chaden and Rev. Wendy Holland discussion on interfaith collaboration for today's world 5pm Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Youth House 5-7pm 	Drepung Gomang Sacred Arts Tour - Mandala Creation 10:30 opening chant, all day mandala creation, 4:30 closing chant, tea puja Men's Bible Study Plymouth Hall 8-9am 	Drepung Gomang Sacred Arts Tour - Mandala Creation Closing dissolution ceremony 2:15pm Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Library 5-7pm 	All-church potluck, karaoke, and campout at the Wallace's  *Just for Today Library 6pm NA Mtg. (use 13th St. Entrance) *held each Friday except 3rd Friday of the month)	

SUN JULY 13	MON JULY 14	TUES JULY 15	WED JULY 16	THUR JULY 17	FRI JULY 18	SAT JULY 19
Worship PCC Sanctuary 10am Diaconate Board Meeting 11:30am		Mission Outreach Library 4:15pm Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Youth House 5-7pm	Men's Bible Study Plymouth Hall 8-9am	Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Library 5-7pm Youth Group - Bible Study and Conversations Over Food Youth House 6:30-8pm		3rd Quarterly Blood Drive Fellowship Hall 10am-2pm 

SUN JULY 20	MON JULY 21	TUES JULY 22	WED JULY 23	THUR JULY 24	FRI JULY 25	SAT JULY 26
Worship PCC Sanctuary 10am Mission Outreach Meeting 11:40am		Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Youth House 5-7pm Trustees Meeting 6pm Council Meeting 6:45	Men's Bible Study Plymouth Hall 8-9am	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)	

SUN JULY 27	MON JULY 28	TUES JULY 29	WED JULY 30	THUR JULY 31	FRI AUGUST 1	SAT AUGUST 2
Worship PCC Sanctuary 10am Youth Sunday Youth and Family Board Meeting 11:40am		Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Youth House 5-7pm	Men's Bible Study Plymouth Hall 8-9am	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)	

JULY SERMONS

SUN JULY 6	SUN JULY 13	SUN JULY 20	SUN JULY 27
"Relevant Among the Living" Psalm 66:1-9	"Something to Cling To" Luke 10:25-37	"Leaning into the Mystery" Luke 10:38-42	"Knock, Knock" Luke 11:1-13



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May God bless us all!
