

JUNE
2023



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

Pastor's Letter ~ June 2023

Reverend Wendy Holland

When my kids were small, the compliment I received most frequently was how genuinely courteous and engaged they were: That they had firm handshakes, looked people in the eye when communicating, and always used "please" and "thank you" with utmost sincerity.

As any parent or caregiver is aware, outside communication doesn't always reflect the interactions we're having at home. But it does demonstrate core values—the ones we're learning, and the ones we're carrying into the real world.

I was recently thinking about how I often communicate in the language of gratitude, and that this was modeled for me. I let people know they are having an impact on me by thanking them for their work and their presence. I sign off with gratitude in correspondence.

However, it's not just about going through the motions of being polite and saying, "thank you." It's about acknowledging that it is not always easy to do the work; it's about acknowledging and appreciating sacrifice ~ which then ironically makes it a little bit easier to live sacrificially.

Oftentimes our expressed gratitude doesn't come close to the sacrifice being made, which brings us to the Plymouth Estate Sale. One person had a vision, others jumped onboard, and it was a reminder of what we have the power to accomplish.

So, *thank you*, not only to the people who made the Estate Sale happen, but to *all* who contributed. Thank you to the people who make this church amazing. Thank you for the privilege of pastoring, and leading, and serving alongside you; of getting to see you in your most real moments and allowing me to be real.

Thank you for being a community that is compassionate and accessible, and for making it safe for others to be authentic. Thank you for walking the talk.

Doing church (and life) ethically and sacrificially is not the easiest, but it is the most impacting. Let's keep brainstorming, and talking, and doing the work. It's not easy to be and do, all the things that Jesus calls us to ~ that doing church *ethically* calls us too. But I'm here for all the conversations. Please don't hesitate to reach out.

The way forward is love.
The way to open doors is love.
The way to social change is love.
The way to peace is love.
The way to equality is love.
Let go of the anger and fear
and let love show you the way.

With love and gratitude,
Pastor Wendy

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~ Submitted by John Svinth

Strengthen the Church – Strengthen Our Church” special mission offering, began May 28: The Strengthen the Church special mission offering is taken each year by churches in the United Church of Christ, which we began on Pentecost Sunday, May 28th. The “Strengthen the Church” offering supports leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations to promote their stability. As done previously, Plymouth Church will keep half of this year’s offering to support the growth and stability of our church thereby making this offering “Strengthen the Church – Strengthen Our Church.” Our current need is to help defray significant projected facilities expenses in the coming years. Please plan to give, as you are able, to support UCC churches and the growth and stability of Plymouth Church. Donations may be by check payable to Plymouth Church with a notation for “STC” or by using the Strengthen the Church offering envelopes.

Our Blood Drive on April 29th collected 21 donations! Plymouth Hall was again the scene of lifesaving giving as Vitalant staff collected this precious gift that saves lives. Blood donations are in critical need and one donation can save up to three lives, including children and adults who experience traumatic injuries and those needing blood for ongoing medical procedures. Our blood drives occur quarterly and are in partnership with St. James Church. If you are able and willing, please participate in these life-giving activities. **Our next blood drive is scheduled for Saturday, July 15th.**

Our Plymouth Cares meal on May 2nd served 97 meals. Yes, ninety-seven! We were fortunate to have plenty of Stu’s “hearty hamburger soup,” buttered rolls by John T., Pearl’s green salad with Ranch dressing, chocolate-chip cookies by Alison, bottled waters from Alex, and PBJ sack lunches. Wonderful helpers prepared the meal on time while sharing their delightful company that made the time productive and fun: Alex, Becky, Linda, John B. Carlie, Jim & Charity. **Our next Plymouth Cares meal is June 6th,** for which helpers are always appreciated and always needed.

Help feed the hungry with GleanSLO door hangers: If you observe a residence that is growing produce, you can help them feed the hungry in the North County by getting a GleanSLO door hanger from the back of the church sanctuary and placing on the grower’s door. The GleanSLO door hanger politely informs the grower how to get unused produce gleaned and delivered to feed the hungry.

The “Donations for Homeless” box continues to receive wonderful items that are delivered to the ECHO Paso shelter. A list of acceptable donations is attached to the box in Plymouth Hall. Should you find items on the list that are at home and no longer needed, or perhaps that you might purchase to donate, please place them in the box so that they may benefit the unsheltered.

The One Great Hour of Sharing special mission offering, which was taken from March 19 through early February, collected \$1,418 that the UCC will use to provide relief to crises occurring locally and around the world. The importance of this offering seems never more evident, and we are so very thankful for our congregation’s expression of support that makes real this year’s OGHs theme: *It’s Time to Share*.

Pridefest “Pride in the Plaza” 2023 is Sunday, June 4th, from 1:30 – 5:30 PM, at the SLO Mission Plaza. This is a free celebration of LGBTQ+ and a fundraiser to support and empower people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and expressions to strengthen and unite our Central Coast Community. Attendees will enjoy live entertainment, food, family activities, and many booths offering wares, support resources and information to promote inclusivity. Volunteers from Plymouth Church are requested for the UCC booth to serve alongside members of the Community Church of Atascadero and the San Luis Obispo UCC. **Contact Pastor Wendy if you are interested in volunteering at the UCC Booth.**



6/16: Date Night 5:30-8:30PM ~ Youth House; w/overnight (6th grade and up)

6/17: Overnight pickups 10AM at the Youth House

6/25: Youth Sunday AND Youth to Yogurt (after service)

6/28: "Let's Talk About That" 6:30-8:00PM at the Youth House

Hello Plymouth youth and families, and happy June! I hope everyone has had a beautiful start to their month so far, and is looking forward to the transition into the summer season. First of all, congratulations to all of our youth who are graduating and promoting this year! If your youth will be graduating or promoting in 2023, feel free to send me a photo so that we can include a celebration for them in our service slides on Sunday, June 18th. We would love to celebrate their accomplishments!

Our monthly Date Night will be Friday, June 16th, from 5:30-8:30PM. Join us at Plymouth’s Youth House for a night of games, crafts, snacks, and fun with friends. All ages of youth are invited, and welcome to bring friends! Parents, we are always looking for more helpers and volunteers. If you are able to volunteer 3 hours of your time to help keep an eye on the kids for the duration of the event, or if you feel like helping out with food for the night (or both!), please let me know, and thank you so much in advance!

Date Night will be followed by an overnight for our Youth Group, 6th grade and up. We will be staying overnight at the Youth House for a night of lots of snacks, lots of board games, card games, and video games, and lots of fun. It’s a great time for our youth to connect with their church peers, and our welcoming group of teens is accepting to all. Youth are also more than welcome to bring friends along for the overnight! Pickups will be the following morning, Saturday 6/17, at 10AM, and breakfast muffins will be provided. **Don’t forget a pillow and blanket!**

We will be moving our Youth to Yogurt meeting this month from the 3rd to 4th Sunday, since June 18th is Father’s Day! On Sunday 6/25, our youth group (6th grade and up) is invited to join me after service ends to walk to the downtown Paso park for a frozen treat. We grab frozen yogurt or gelato, and then hang out in the park for a bit to discuss plans for upcoming youth events and to check in with each other. It’s a great way for our youth to get involved in the planning process and get their voices heard, so I hope they can make it!

Sunday the 25th will also be our monthly Youth Sunday! Youth of all ages are invited to participate in our church service in whatever way they would like. They can read as liturgist, welcome people as greeters, light the candles as acolyte, run the slides, help with song leading and music, and more! Whatever they are interested in doing, we will make sure they are trained and comfortable doing it. We would love to have our church youth participate in our service, so please consider how you would like to get involved.

Finally, our monthly “Let’s Talk About That” meeting for our youth group will be happening on Wednesday, 6/28. We will be meeting at Plymouth from 6:30-8:00PM for conversations over pizza with myself and Pastor Wendy. This is a time for our youth to discuss whatever topics they would like, whether that’s church, school, life, faith, friends, and more. We always have meaningful and insightful conversations, and it’s a great experience for our youth to be able to have discussions like this with their peers, in an accepting environment. We hope our youth group is able to join us this month!

As always, please don’t hesitate to reach out if you have any questions about anything, and I hope you are able to join us for our events this month! Have a beautiful June, and take care of yourself and others. I hope we can all find some time to relax this summer!

“It was June, and the world smelled of roses. The sunshine was like powdered gold over the grassy hillside.” — Maud Hart Lovelace



JUNE CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS



SUNDAY, JUNE 18TH, 2023 ~ HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
PLEASE JOIN US FOR A BARBEQUE AFTER SERVICE

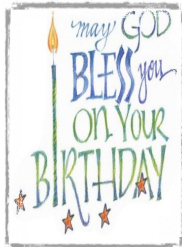
† HOPE AND HEALING

- † Prayers are requested for Scarlett Rose Andreotti, 3 years old, diagnosed with Childhood Leukemia.
- † Tom Bradley ~ Please pray peace and comfort for all of Tom's loved ones on his passing April 30, 2023.
- † Pete DeGraaf ~ Parkinson's
- † Maisie Egger
- † Barb Hill ~ For her son Ron's recovery and good health
- † Rev. Wendy Holland and family
- † David Jennings ~ Now in hospice with PSP.
- † Carolyn Kelso
- † Prayers for Chris Macy after 'right eye' surgery .
- † Prayers of comfort for Michelle Richardson, on the passing of her husband of 54 years, Steve.
- † Sherry Sauret ~ For a swift, healing in her recovery from hip surgery.
- † Prayers for Melinda Sterling for a complete and successful recovery from hip replacement surgery .
- † 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.

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*Please contact the church office to add/remove anyone from our prayer list: 805-238-3321 ~ plymouthchurcpaso@gmail.com

JUNE BIRTHDAYS



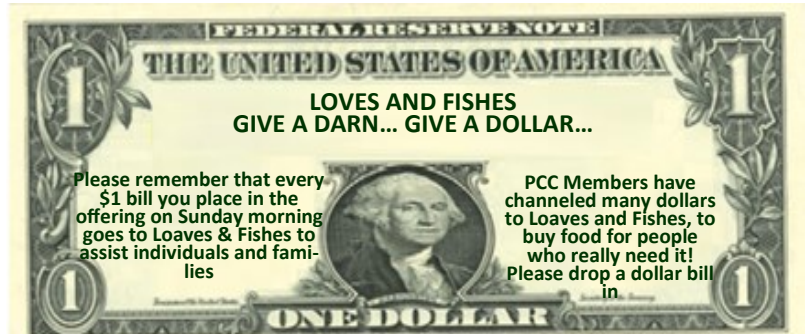
Isabelle Holland	5	Hazel Jean Dudley	21
Britt Fairchild	8	Joyce Singelman	21
Ainsley Hope	8	Sharon Schulte	22
Doug Barth	10	Charity Marlatt	23
Solene Fabre	15	Cameron Stoddard	24
Gina Grieb	17	Marcus Stemper	27
Jeff Railsback	20	Russell Baker	29
Evelyn Bradley	21		

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES



John & Kathleen Burkle	1
Scott & Ashley Mottard	8
Jillian & Greg Waters	21
Les & Dawn Stemper	26

Sometimes your
only available
transportation is a
leap of faith!



~ Submitted by Sharon Rowe

Summer is coming and I know some kids that are anxious for vacation, camp, and free time. It is definitely a great time of the year. Once again, we are going to be enjoying a wonderful breakfast and Church in the Park, August 13, 9:30AM. Dig out your favorite breakfast recipe or grab some fruit at the store. We always end up with a delicious spread. Put the date on your calendar so you won't miss it! :)

In case you were wondering what the Diaconate Board does, here are many of the jobs we take care of.

- † We prepare the elements for communion.
- † Greeters, acolytes, and liturgists are scheduled by Diaconate.
- † We fill the candles with oil, stock the pews with caring cards etc., and manage membership.
- † Diaconate members also make sure we have people signed up for fellowship and flowers.
- † Basically, we do what is needed for Church and fellowship.

It is a good board for those who like to do tasks that make a difference in worship and coffee time. If you want to know more about Diaconate Board, please let me know. **Now you know why I keep reminding everyone to sign up for flowers and treats.** It takes all of us to keep this wonderful church rolling along.

Blessings to you and your families, Sharon Rowe

Plymouth Congregational Church Shell Beach, Pismo Beach, CA

June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Glorious June, Beginning of Summer, May you scatter blessings of Health, Happiness, and Prosperity to all.</p>				<p>1 Pastor Wendy's Bible Study 10:00-11:30 (S) Youth Ministry Zoom Meeting 5:30pm PCC Singers (S) 7PM</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 God's Garden 8:30am  Charlotte Dreesse Baptism-Noon</p>
<p>4 WORSHIP ~ PCC HOLY COMMUNION 10am PCC SANCTUARY  PRIDE IN THE PLAZA 1:30 PM - 6 PM MISSION PLAZA - SLO</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 Plymouth Cares Dinner Prep 1-4PM Volunteers Welcome </p>	<p>7 Men's Bible Study 8AM (PH)</p>	<p>8 Pastor Wendy's Bible Study 10:00-11:30 (S)</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11 WORSHIP ~ PCC SANCTUARY 10am *Diaconate Meeting 11:30AM (Library)</p>	<p>12 Piano Recital  Linda Wilson (L) 5pm ~ 8pm Private Booking</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 Men's Bible Study 8AM (PH)</p>	<p>15 Pastor Wendy's Bible Study 10:00-11:30 (S)</p>	<p>16 Youth Date Night 5:30-8:30PM @ the Youth House Followed by an Overnight for 6th grade and up</p>	<p>17 Youth overnight pickups 10am Youth House</p>
<p>18 WORSHIP ~ PCC SANCTUARY 10am  After Sunday Service</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 *Trustees 6PM *Council 6:45PM</p>	<p>21 Men's Bible Study 8AM (PH) *Mission Outreach Mtg. 3:45pm (L)</p>	<p>22 Pastor Wendy's Bible Study 10:00-11:30 (S)</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 WORSHIP ~ PCC SANCTUARY 10am YOUTH SUNDAY Youth to Yogurt After Service </p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 Men's Bible Study 8AM (PH) Youth: Let's Talk About That ~ 6:30pm (PH)</p>	<p>29 Pastor Wendy's Bible Study 10:00-11:30 (S)</p>	<p>30</p>	<p> Start Each day with a grateful heart!</p>

JUNE WORSHIP PLANS ~ We hope you are able to join us for our June Sundays, 10:00am, in our Church Sanctuary.

SUNDAY SERMONS: "Christian Ethics Series"

Week One (6/4/23): "God, Theology, and Sacred Texts" ~ Psalm 19:1-11

Week Two (6/11/23): "Creation, Morality, and Virtue" ~ Genesis 1:24-31

Week Three (6/18/23): "Kingdom, Jesus, and the Sermon on the Mount" ~ Matthew 6:22-33

Week Four (6/25/23): "Kingdom vs. Kin-dom: Created for Community" ~ Colossians 3:1-17

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!