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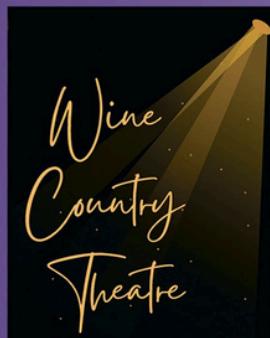
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Presents:
**Tiny
Beautiful
Things**

Based on the New York Times bestselling book by Cheryl Strayed (author of *Wild*) and adapted by Academy Award nominee Nia Vardalos (*My Big Fat Greek Wedding*.)

Tiny Beautiful Things explores Strayed's time as the anonymous, unpaid, advice columnist Dear Sugar. While strangers on the internet tell her their most personal secrets (which they are terrified to even share with their own families), Sugar weaves together her own personal experiences to create a column full of light, laughter, and humanity. The letters being read are actual letters and not fabrications, thus adding even more sincerity and catharsis to this powerful, often funny and reflective play.



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PASTOR'S LETTER

REV. WENDY HOLLAND



"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."
~~ John 13:34-35 (NIV)~~

As we've stepped into the new year I'm incredibly encouraged by our unified focus on connection, outreach, and the spirit of inclusion. Over the past few weeks our leadership has been prayerfully considering how we can continue to open our doors—not just to events, but to people looking for a place to belong.

From the beautiful reflections of our loving-kindness meditation this past week; Wine Country Theater's upcoming production of *Tiny Beautiful Things*; our annual Talent Show and Estate Sale in May; and musical performances on the horizon—each event provides the opportunity to share our space, build relationships, and extend the radical hospitality that defines our church.

I've heard over and over that "these events allow us to show people the kind of church we are . . ." Meaning one that provides a safe space and a warm welcome to those who might otherwise feel out of place in Christian community.

Luke 15 reminds us that Jesus didn't just welcome the outsider—he went looking for them. The shepherd rejoices over the lost sheep, the woman celebrates finding her lost coin, the dad welcomes back the imperfect son. Their joy wasn't just in recovering what was missing, but in making whole what was incomplete.

It can be uncomfortable to stretch ourselves, especially when we have so many ideas about what it means to lead and serve our church. But true belonging is about including those who have felt excluded. And we never look more like Jesus than when we welcome others into the love we ourselves have received.

From our *31 Days of Prayer* study, may this be the cry of our hearts: "*Lord, cause people to come to love you with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength; and to come to love their neighbor as themselves.*"

With deep gratitude for the work God continues to do in and through us,

Pastor Wendy 2

A WORD FROM OUR DIACONATE

Greetings! Spring is around the corner and new growth and blossoms have been beautiful.

The Lenten season starts this month with Ash Wednesday, March 5. The church will be open from 9-10 AM and 4-5 PM.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Plymouth Church, and if you are interested in being baptized let Wendy know or call the office.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to bring flowers and fellowship goodies. It is so nice to have variety. Please check the sign-up sheet on the fellowship wall for empty dates.

Spring blessings to you all,

Sharon Rowe
Head of Diaconate



DIACONATE

A NOTE FROM OUR YOUTH DIRECTOR

Hello Plymouth families, and happy March! I hope everyone is having a good start to your month and looking forward to our upcoming events. As with last month, our youth are again invited to help out with our Plymouth Cares meal serving! The first Tuesday of the month, March 4th, is when John Svinth coordinates our Plymouth Cares meal preparation and serving for our homeless community members. Meals will be prepped during the time most of our youth are in school, but any who are able to help out are invited to join us at the ECHO shelter in Paso at 4:45PM to help set up, and we will be serving meals from 5-6PM. Please join us if you can!

Our Youth Bible Study will be on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, 3/12, at the Youth House from 6:30-8PM! Youth Group (6th grade and up) are invited to our Bible study led by Trago Wallace, to come talk about different scripture and Bible passages and discuss them with peers. Youth are welcome to invite friends, and there will also be pizza! If you have any questions or would like to RSVP, please reach out to me or Trago Wallace. We hope to see you there!

Our monthly Youth to Yogurt will be the 3rd Sunday of the month, 3/16. Youth Group 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, and it's a great way for our youth to be involved in the planning process and to get their input heard. We are typically out for about half an hour before heading back to the church around 11:45 AM.

Our monthly Date Night will be on the 3rd Friday of the month, 3/21! Youth of all ages are invited to join me at the Youth House from 5-8PM for a night of crafts, games, food, and fun with church friends. Parents, if you would like to help provide food for the kids for the night, please let me know! All our church youth are invited and are welcome to bring friends. Just make sure to RSVP so that we can have a headcount for food for the night! Date Night will be followed by an Overnight for our Youth Group, 6th grade and up. Join us for a sleepover in the Youth House, where we'll eat snacks, play games, and have fun in fellowship with church peers. Don't forget a pillow and blanket! Pickups will be the following morning, Saturday 3/22, at 10AM at the Youth House, and breakfast snacks will be provided. We hope to see you there!

The 4th Wednesday of the month, 3/26, will be our monthly "Let's Talk About That" meeting for our Youth Group. Youth 6th grade and up are invited to join me and Pastor Wendy at 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, from faith, church, school, friends, family, and beyond. Youth are welcome and invited to bring friends, just make sure to RSVP so we have a headcount for pizza.

Finally, the last Sunday of the month, 3/30, will be 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. If you're available, please join in! It's always a great opportunity to get our youth involved in church.

I hope everyone has a beautiful start to their month and a lovely beginning of spring. I hope we see you at our upcoming events!

Julia Schulte, Youth & Family Director

MISSION OUTREACH NEWS



The Plymouth Cares meal on February 4th served an unusually low 60 dinners, which was probably affected by the cold, wet weather that evening. The meal was produced by 18 wonderful volunteers. Melinda made delicious sloppy joes for the main dish with assistance from Susan and Tanya. Chris made her colorful and crisp green salad with Ranch dressing. John and Linda T. provided the tasty, buttered dinner rolls. Leslie Ivans provided beautifully decorated Valentine's cookies for the dessert. The amazing PBJ lunch crew was superbly coordinated by Chris and included Chris, Vicki, Jim, Charity, Anne J., Pat, Olivia and Carlie. Our servers on that cold, wet evening were Melinda, Stu, Julia, Hannah and Hannah's friend, Bella. Our next Plymouth Cares meal is the first Tuesday of next month, March 4th, with helpers always requested and always appreciated.

BY JOHN SVINTH
MISSION OUTREACH

The Board of Mission-Outreach welcomes a new and fifth member in Pat Stone. According to our church constitution, now that our board has five voting members, we are officially a functioning board. Thank you to Pat for making our board constitutionally official.

The Warming Center Needs Blankets and Coats to help the guests endure the cold temperatures and wet weather. The warming center is conducted overnight in Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays and Thursdays when the program determines the temperature will be below 40 degrees and/or it will rain. If you can donate a blanket or coat, please place it in or around the Unhoused Donations box in Fellowship Hall.

Estate Sale

We are again having an Estate Sale as a fund raiser at the church on Friday, May 16 and Saturday, May 17. More details will follow soon but for now our emphasis is on securing as large an inventory of sale items as we can. We are asking for contributions of items you have available that could be included in the sale.

Following are the types of items we are looking for:

- Paintings
- Artworks
- Collectibles
- Shop tools
- Yard tools
- Small tables
- Mirrors
- Antiques
- Bicycles
- Jewelry
- Handbags
- Sporting goods
- Kitchen appliances
- Musical instruments

We have tried selling clothes in the past and the effort simply wasn't worth the trouble. If you have clothing items you wish to donate, we can take them to either Goodwill or NCI, both of whom are located here in Paso Robles.

If there is something special about an item that would be helpful in the sale, please include a note to that effect. You can bring donation items to church on Sunday or drop them off at the church office. For larger items or if you just need to have them picked up, contact Bill Krum:

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CELEBRATIONS & PRAYERS



- 7. Sean Boling
- 7. Robert Dudley
- 12. Hannah Rougeot
- 17. Jim Ball
- 19. Jackson Quealy
- 20. Colter Tannehill
- 22. Lei Norman
- 22. Sharon Wood
- 23. Christopher Rowe
- 25. John Tubb
- 26. Amelia Baker
- 26. David Rowe
- 29. Mark Elterman
- 31. Hart Junge
- 31. Sharon Rowe



- 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
- Mary Hyatt ~ Friend of Pearl Munak. Extreme trouble breathing-AST, COPD, Crohn's Disease, etc.
- Prayers for Hart & Nancy Junge.
- Carolyn Kelso
- Prayers for Craig Kelso as he suffers with Lewy body dementia and Parkinson's
- 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.



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MARCH CALENDAR

SUN MARCH 2	MON MARCH 3	TUES MARCH 4	WED MARCH 5	THUR MARCH 6	FRI MARCH 7	SAT MARCH 8
Worship PCC Sanctuary 10am Holy Communion Sunday	Tiny Beautiful Things Rehearsal Fellowship Hall 6-8pm	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	Men's Bible Study Plymouth Hall 8-9am Ash Wednesday Ashes and prayer offered from 9-10am and 4-5pm Tiny Beautiful Things Rehearsal Fellowship Hall 6-8pm	Pastor Wendy's Bible Study 10-11:30am Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Youth House 5-7pm Tiny Beautiful Things Rehearsal Fellowship Hall 6-9pm	*Just for Today Library 6pm NA Mtg. (use 13th St. Entrance) <i>*held each Friday except 3rd Friday of the month</i>	

SUN MARCH 9	MON MARCH 10	TUES MARCH 11	WED MARCH 12	THUR MARCH 13	FRI MARCH 14	SAT MARCH 15
Worship PCC Sanctuary 10am	Tiny Beautiful Things Rehearsal Fellowship Hall 6-9pm	Tiny Beautiful Things Rehearsal Fellowship Hall 4-7pm Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Youth House 5-7pm	Men's Bible Study Plymouth Hall 8-9am Youth Bible Study Youth House 6:30-8pm Tiny Beautiful Things Rehearsal Fellowship Hall 6-9pm	Pastor Wendy's Bible Study 10-11:30am Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Youth House 5-7pm Tiny Beautiful Things Rehearsal Fellowship Hall 6-9pm	*Just for Today Library 6pm NA Mtg. (use 13th St. Entrance) <i>*held each Friday except 3rd Friday of the month</i>	

SUN MARCH 16	MON MARCH 17	TUES MARCH 18	WED MARCH 19	THUR MARCH 20	FRI MARCH 21	SAT MARCH 22
Worship PCC Sanctuary 10am Youth to Yogurt After Service Mission Outreach Meeting 11:40am	Tiny Beautiful Things Rehearsal Fellowship Hall 6-9pm 	Tiny Beautiful Things Rehearsal Fellowship Hall 4-7pm Mission Outreach Library 4:15pm Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Youth House 5-7pm Trustees Meeting 5:5-45pm Council Meeting 5:50-6:30pm	Men's Bible Study Plymouth Hall 8-9am Tiny Beautiful Things Rehearsal Fellowship Hall 6-9pm	Pastor Wendy's Bible Study 10-11:30am Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Youth House 5-7pm Tiny Beautiful Things Rehearsal Fellowship Hall 6-9pm	Date Night Youth House 5-8pm Youth Group Overnight (6th grade and up) Youth House 8pm	Youth Overnight Pickups Youth House 10am

SUN MARCH 23	MON MARCH 24	TUES MARCH 25	WED MARCH 26	THUR MARCH 27	FRI MARCH 28	SAT MARCH 29
Worship PCC Sanctuary 10am Tiny Beautiful Things Rehearsal Fellowship Hall 4-7pm	Tiny Beautiful Things Rehearsal Fellowship Hall 6-9pm	Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Youth House 5-7pm Tiny Beautiful Things Rehearsal Fellowship Hall 4-7pm	Men's Bible Study Plymouth Hall 8-9am Let's Talk About That (Youth) 6:30-8pm Youth House Tiny Beautiful Things Rehearsal Fellowship Hall 6-9pm	Pastor Wendy's Bible Study 10-11:30am Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Youth House 5-7pm Tiny Beautiful Things Rehearsal Fellowship Hall 6-9pm	*Just for Today Library 6pm NA Mtg. (use 13th St. Entrance) <i>*held each Friday except 3rd Friday of the month</i>	TBT Move-In Fellowship Hall 4-8pm

SUN MARCH 30	MON MARCH 31	TUES APRIL 1	WED APRIL 2	THUR APRIL 3	FRI APRIL 4	SAT APRIL 5
Worship PCC Sanctuary 10am Youth Sunday Youth and Family Board Meeting 11:40am	Tiny Beautiful Things Tech Rehearsal Fellowship Hall 5-10pm					

MARCH SERMONS

SUN MARCH 2	SUN MARCH 9	SUN MARCH 16	SUN MARCH 23	SUN MARCH 30
"Stuck on the Mountain Top" Luke 9:27-43a	"The Assignment" Luke 4:1-3	"Chicks and Foxes" Luke 13:31-35	"Shrewd" Luke 16:1-15	"This Surprising God" Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



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May God bless us all!
