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



### Pastor's Letter ~ May 2023



Reverend Wendy Holland

This month I want to use our front page to talk about the upcoming Estate Sale ~ complete with a bounce house for the kids ~ happening at our church on Friday, May 19 and Saturday, May 20, 8am-2pm.

We might be tempted to think of this as a rummage sale, which is not an uncommon thing to see at churches, and which also helps motivate us in our spring-cleaning efforts, but Plymouth's Estate Sale is *NOT* that.

Just a few months back this was simply an idea put forth by church member (*and international art dealer*) Peter Lameray. He knew from experience that so many of us have beautiful items around our homes, as well as useful quality items in 'like-new' condition, that for whatever reason we would be willing to part with ~ and that others would treasure. He brought this idea to Bill Krum, and our leadership team agreed it was a terrific idea for a church fundraiser.

The momentum around this effort has been fantastic, we have a bunch of leaders and volunteers stepping up to make it happen, and the items being donated are genuinely stunning.

So, join us, and invite your family and friends. Come away with something you'll treasure, hang out with church family, let your kids play in the bounce house, and support the ongoing work and ministry of Plymouth Congregational Church.

Good things are happening here.

With gratitude,  
Pastor Wendy



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.



# Mission-Outreach News for May 2023

~ Submitted by John Svith

**Help feed the hungry with GleanSLO door hangers:** If you observe a residence that is growing vegetables or fruit, you can help them feed the hungry in the North County by getting a GleanSLO door hanger from the back of the sanctuary and placing it on the grower's door. The GleanSLO door hanger politely explains how unused produce can be collected and delivered to feed the hungry. Of course, excess fruit or veggies grown on your property can be donated to GleanSLO by using the instructions on the flyers at the back of the sanctuary, at [gleanslo.org](http://gleanslo.org), or by contacting GleanSLO at: 805-238-4664 or [gleanslo@slofoodbank.org](mailto:gleanslo@slofoodbank.org). This is another way we can make a difference for those in need!

**The Paso Robles Warming Center for the Homeless** is over until next winter. By all accounts this program was a resounding success with Monday and Tuesday nights hosted by the Nazarene Church, Wednesday and Thursday nights hosted by Plymouth Church, and other nights occasionally covered by other churches. The warming center was conducted by a collaborative of three nonprofits - Hope and Faith Street Outreach, Paso Cares Homeless Services, and LAGS Recovery Center – and operated when the winter nighttime temperatures were particularly cold (below 40 degrees) and/or when it was raining. Plymouth Church will participate in future winter seasons.

**Our Plymouth Cares meal on April 4<sup>th</sup>** served 75 meals, with this lower number probably due to some guests eating at the Warming Center hosted that night at the Nazarene Church. Hearty Hamburger Casserole was the delicious main dish prepared by Alex and Becky. The delectable sides were Pearl's crisp green salad with Ranch dressing; buttered Hawaiian sweet rolls by John & Linda T.; large chocolate M&M cookies by Meghan; and refreshing bottled waters from Alex. The PBJ sack lunches were prepared by the wonderful crew of Ronny, Chris, John B., Jim & Charity Marlatt, and Carlie & John S. Our cheerful servers at the ECHO Paso shelter were Alex, Becky, Pearl and John S. It was another successful afternoon of serving those in need while fulfilling our need to serve. Our next Plymouth Cares meal is May 2<sup>nd</sup> and helpers are always needed and appreciated.

**The One Great Hour of Sharing** special mission offering collected \$1,417 as of the end of March, which the UCC will use to provide relief to crises occurring locally and around the world. The importance of this offering seems never more evident with news of those in need near and far. 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*.

**The "Donations for Homeless" box** is receiving wonderful items for the unsheltered, some of which was shared with our warming center guests, while the majority is delivered to the ECHO Paso shelter. A list of acceptable donations is attached to the box in Plymouth Hall. Should you find listed items unused at home or wish to purchase them for donations, please place them in the box. Thanks so much for your contributions.

**Our Blood Drive on April 29<sup>th</sup>** occurred too late in that month to be included in this Beacon, so watch for an update next month.

*April showers sure brought us May flowers! :)*



## DIACONATE REPORT ~ Submitted by Sharon Rowe

It is finally Spring!!! The blossoms and blooms are everywhere and also the beautiful green hills.

Happy May!

Leading up to our big Estate Sale, we are planning a **Spring 'Cleaning Out the Church Day'**. Hah! **It will be Saturday, May 6, coinciding with God's Garden which starts at 8:30. (I hear there are donuts and coffee.) : )** We will get into all the nooks, crannies, cupboards, and closets. If you are afraid something you use will get tossed, you better come.

- **May 14 is Mother's Day! And we will have a nice fellowship hour to honor all.**
- **May 28 is Pentecost. It is when the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles and other followers of Christ. If you have any RED CLOTHING, please wear it that day.**
- **Please look in the Plymouth Hall hallway with the bulletin boards, for the clipboards to sign up for fellowship or flowers. We all enjoy our social time after the service. Find someone to share a Sunday with you.**
  - **Thank you to all who continually provide snacks and flowers.**

This is a beautiful time of the year. Join us in Church for inspiration and strength. See you there!

**\*One More Thing... Please put a note on your calendars that: 'Church In The Park will be held on August 13th'!!!**



# YOUTH MINISTRY ~ ~ Submitted by Julia Schulte



Sun 5/21: Youth to Yogurt (after service; 6th grade and up)

Weds 5/24: "Let's Talk About That" 6:30-8PM; Youth House

Fri 5/26: Date Night, 5:30-8:30PM in the Youth House; Youth Group Overnight 6th grade and up)

Sat 5/27: Overnight pickups 10AM at the Youth House

Sun 5/28: Youth Sunday

Hello Plymouth families, and happy May! I hope everyone is having a wonderful springtime so far. I wanted to let you know about all of the fun events that will be happening this coming month!

On the 3rd Sunday of the month, 5/21, we'll be having Youth to Yogurt! This is a time when our church youth group (6th grade and up) are invited to join me after service ends to walk to the downtown Paso park. There, we grab a frozen treat like yogurt or gelato and spend some time discussing future plans for our youth programs. It's a great way for our church youth to get involved and to give their input on what they'd most like to see in the church's programs, so I hope our youth group members can make it!

Our monthly "Let's Talk About That" meeting for our youth group will be happening on the 4th Wednesday of the month, 5/24! Join us at Plymouth Church from 6:30-8PM for an evening of conversations over pizza with myself and Pastor Wendy. During this time, we talk about whatever topics our youth would like to discuss, whether that's school, life, friends, family, faith, or anything else. We always have insightful and interesting conversations, and it's a judgment-free environment for our youth to connect with their church peers. I hope to see you there!

Our monthly Date Night will be Friday, May 26th! Normally, we hold this event on the 3rd Friday of the month, but decided to move it back a week to accommodate the Estate Sale happening at Plymouth the previous weekend (*Please see Page 5 of this May Beacon!*) Youth of all ages are invited to join us on 5/26 at Plymouth's Youth House from 5:30-8:30PM for a night of games, crafts, snacks, and more. It's always so much fun, and youth are welcome and encouraged to bring friends; the more, the merrier! Parents, please let me know if you're interested in serving as parent volunteer for the event, and/or providing food for the kids. It's **your** help that makes our youth events possible, and I appreciate you so much!

Date Night will be followed by an overnight for our youth group, 6th grade and up. We'll be staying overnight in Plymouth's Youth House for a night of board games, video games, lots of snacks, good conversations, and time with friends. This is a welcoming and incredible group of kids, and we welcome them to invite friends to stay overnight as well. **Don't forget to bring a pillow and blanket!** Pickups will be the next morning, Saturday 5/27 at 10AM, and breakfast muffins will be provided. Hope to see you there!

Finally, our monthly Youth Sunday will be taking place on the last Sunday of May, 5/28 (*which is also Pentecost!*) This is a great opportunity for our church youth to be involved in our Sunday morning service, in whatever capacity they would like. They can bring the light as acolyte, (*Please see article below on this page.*) read scripture as liturgist, help with tech by running slides or sound, contribute to our service music, or do whatever else they would like to do to be involved! We will make sure they know what to do, so that it can be a fun experience and they don't have to be anxious about trying something new. This is a great way for our youth to play an active role in our weekly services, and it's great for our congregation to get to see them in positions of leadership as well. We want our youth to know that there's always a role they can fill and a place for them to occupy here at Plymouth Church.

That's all from me for May! I hope that everyone's month is beautiful, and I'm sure you'll be getting more detailed emails from me soon about all our upcoming events. Take care all.

## Looking for Acolytes

Are you interested in bringing the Light of Christ into our services as an acolyte? We are looking for more youth to light our church candles on Sunday mornings! Plymouth youth of all ages are welcomed to participate in this. If you are interested, please contact Anne Crabbe or Julia Schulte. We will provide training for the kids and get their names on our acolyte schedule. We hope more kids will join us in our wonderful Sunday morning tradition!



"Nothing is impossible... the word itself says... I'm possible!"

Audrey Hepburn

# APRIL CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

## HOPE AND HEALING



- ✚ Prayers are requested for Scarlett Rose Andreotti, 3 years old, diagnosed with Childhood Leukemia.
- ✚ Tom Bradley at Sydney Creek on Hospice
- ✚ Prayers of comfort for the family of Stan Case.
- ✚ 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
- ✚ Chris Macy has been accepted by Dr. Chen as a new patient! Thanks be to God! "Dr. Chen is wonderful and I now feel like I am in very capable hands." Right eye surgery is currently set for May 10th.
- ✚ Prayers of comfort for Michelle Richardson, on the passing of her husband of 54 years, Steve. 🌸
- ✚ Sherry Sauret ~ For a swift, healing with recovering 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.

\*To add or remove anyone from our prayer list:

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**"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." Anne Frank**

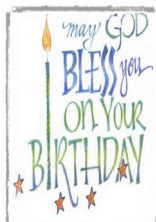


### MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Robby Smith & Jennie Doherty 3

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

Jessica Learned	2	Katharine Reisig	15
Chelsea Hope	3	Stu Stoddard	15
Lilah Waters	4	Ryan Tannehill	20
Avery Hope	5	Kalista Peterson	21
Narda Krum	6	Tom Moore	27
Austin Hope	10	John Burkle	31
Catherine Kingsbury	12		





**W**e are having a **Plymouth Church Estate Sale** in our **Plymouth Hall** on **Friday, May 19 and Saturday May 20, from 8AM ~ 2PM each day.** On Saturday there will be a Kids Area for the young ones who are attending with their parents. We have five teams actively working on all areas from publicity to security.

**W**e are asking for contributions from items you might have available, that could be included in the sale.

- ⇒ **Paintings**
- ⇒ **Artworks**
- ⇒ **Collectibles**
- ⇒ **Shop tools**
- ⇒ **Yard tools**
- ⇒ **Small tables**
- ⇒ **Mirrors**
- ⇒ **Antiques Bicycles**
- ⇒ **Jewelry**
- ⇒ **Designer or high-end clothing**
- ⇒ **Handbags**
- ⇒ **Sporting goods**
- ⇒ **Kitchen appliances**
- ⇒ **Musical instruments**
- ⇒ **And more...**



**I**f you have any items for our sale the ideal time for you to bring them to the church would be on **Sunday May 14th.** If there is something special about an item that would be helpful in the sale, please include a note to that effect.

**T**he sale will be held in **Plymouth Hall**, and we will begin work setting it up **immediately** after the worship service on **Sunday, May 14th.** If that day doesn't work for you, you could bring your items on another Sunday or contact Bill Krum for an alternative time. We will come to your home to pick up items if that is best for you.

Bill Krum  
805-434-7897  
[williamkrum@gmail.com](mailto:williamkrum@gmail.com)

**A**lso... While we have five teams working on this, we need further help getting everything set up the week before the sale and then doing the tear-down after it is concluded. If you can help, please contact:  
Dagney Peterson  
805-610-4025  
[bonitapress@gmail.com](mailto:bonitapress@gmail.com)

# Plymouth Congregational Church

May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>*Photo taken by Ronny at the Carrizo Plains Lake 4/8/23</p> 	 <p><b>HAPPY MAY DAY</b></p>	<p>2 Plymouth Cares Dinner Prep 1-4PM Volunteers Always Welcome</p> 	<p>3 Men's Bible Study 8AM (PH) Meghan Ball 10-12 (PH)</p>	<p>4 Pastor Wendy's Bible Study 10:00-11:30 (S) Youth Ministry Zoom Meeting 5:30pm PCC Singers (S) 7PM</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 God's Garden 8:30AM</p>  <p>*All Church</p>
<p>7 COMMUNION SUNDAY WORSHIP ~ PCC SANCTUARY 10am</p> 	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 Men's Bible Study 8AM (PH) Meghan Ball 10-12 (PH)</p>	<p>11 Pastor Wendy's Bible Study 10:00-11:30 (S) PCC Singers (S) 7PM</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14 WORSHIP ~ PCC SANCTUARY 10am *Diaconate Meeting 11:30AM (PH) MOTHER'S DAY</p> 	<p>15</p>	<p>16 *Mission Outreach Mtg. 3:45pm (PH) *Trustees 6PM *Council 6:45PM</p>	<p>17 Men's Bible Study 8AM (PH)</p>	<p>18 Pastor Wendy's Bible Study 10:00-11:30 (S) PCC Singers (S) 7PM</p>	<p>19 8am TO 2pm PM EACH DAY</p> 	
<p>21 WORSHIP~PCC SANCTUARY 10am Youth to Yogurt After Service</p> 	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Men's Bible Study 8AM (PH) Youth: Let's Talk About That ~ 6:30pm (PH)</p>	<p>25 Pastor Wendy's Bible Study 10:00-11:30 (S) PCC Singers (S) 7PM</p>	<p>26 Youth Date Night 5:30-8:30PM @ the Youth House followed by Overnight</p>	<p>27 Youth Pick ups 10am Youth House</p>
<p>28 Pentecost Sunday WORSHIP~PCC SANCTUARY 10am YOUTH SUNDAY</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 Men's Bible Study 8AM (PH)</p>	<p>April Showers <u>Definitely</u> Brought May Flowers!</p>		

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

## SUNDAY SERMONS:

Week One (5/7/23): "You Must No Longer..." ~ Ephesians 4:17-24

Week Two (5/14/23): "You Say You Want a Revolution?" ~ Ephesians 5:8-21

Week Three (5/21/23): "Rulers, Authorities, and Powers" ~ Ephesians 6:10-18

Week Four (5/28/23): "The Language of Love" ~ Acts 2:1-21 ~ Rev. Diane Rehfield

To access our online worship; To find out more about Plymouth Church; or To make an online offering; please visit: [plymouthchurchpaso.com](http://plymouthchurchpaso.com). God bless us all!