



Plymouth Congregational Church ~ UCC ~ 1301 Oak Street, Paso Robles, CA 93446 ~ (805) 238-3321  
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## Pastor's Letter ~ May 2024 ~ Reverend Wendy Holland

Dear Plymouth Family—

In the coming weeks, we have some important events planned. Most of them can be found in other places in the Beacon, but just in case you don't make it past the first page . . .

- Sunday, May 5, 11:10 AM - Noon: Immediately following service we'll have a Town Hall meeting to discuss the unhoused/homeless situation in our community. We'll be joined by local expert Aurora William, who manages our winter Warming Center, talk about how homelessness affects our church, and have a time for Q&A (including the opportunity to submit anonymous questions). Please join us for fellowship, snacks, and conversation.

- Friday, May 10, 6PM-8PM: Pasta Dinner and Talent Show Fundraiser, to improve the media capabilities in our sanctuary. Sign-up to bring a sauce, salad, or dessert, and to share your talent. And definitely buy some raffle tickets; we have prizes you won't want to miss! This promises to be a fun night, but we need *you* here to make it the best it can be.

- Friday and Saturday, May 24-25, 8AM-3PM: Estate Sale in Plymouth Hall. Last year was a huge success, and we're about to do it again. We're looking for quality items in very good condition: art, knick-knacks, tools, yard and garden items, small appliances, musical instruments, workout equipment, kitchen items . . . If you have it, we want it, and we are happy to arrange for pick up. Call or email the church office, or reach out to Bill Krum for more info.

- June 1, 11AM-5PM: Pride in the Plaza, at Mission Plaza in San Luis Obispo. We will once again have a shared booth with the Atascadero and SLO UCC churches. This is a vibrant and joyful gathering with great food and music, and all kinds of resources, events, and cool handouts. Come volunteer or just be part of the reminder that God's love is for everyone.

One of the things we're called to do as followers of Jesus—as those who make up the Body of Christ - is to be in community with one another. This takes on different forms, but everything we do as a church (and even as individuals) should somehow incorporate showing God's love, demonstrating our commitment to God and each other.

Showing up and participating in these events are just a few of the ways we let people know that we see them, and we care.

It's not just a slogan; your presence and participation in our church make a huge difference.

May God guide, nourish, and give you peace.

In Love and Prayer,

Pastor Wendy

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## Happy May!

Something new!! On Maundy Thursday, we had people come up to the front of the sanctuary to receive communion. Many people thought it was a meaningful way to partake of the elements. We are going to offer communion 2 ways. We will pass it through the pews if you prefer to stay in your seat or you can come up through the middle aisle to receive it.

**May 12 is Mother's Day** and It is the guys that are going to do the fellowship to celebrate the women. **We are going to reciprocate on Father's Day.**

**May 19 is Pentecost.** It is when the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles and other followers of Christ. **Red is the color we use for this day.** Get out any red clothing you have and wear it that day.

Please look in Plymouth Hall hallway 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. Thanks to those of you who continually provide snacks and flowers. I think we are all a caring group because we get to know each other more during our wonderful fellowship time.

**Our Estate Sale is going to be May 24 & 25.** Keep your ears open for anyone downsizing or moving. Or maybe it's time for all of us to clean out our attics.

It is a beautiful time of the year. Join us in Church for inspiration and strength. See you there!  
Blessings to all, Sharon Rowe



JOIN US SATURDAY, JUNE 1ST,  
AT MISSION PLAZA, SAN LUIS OBISPO  
FOR 'PRIDE IN THE PLAZA'

# LOVE WINS, EVERY TIME

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS  
FOR OUR PCC BOOTH.  
PLEASE SIGN UP  
ON THE PCC CHURCH  
BULLETIN BOARD.

HAPPY  
PRIDE  
LOVE IS LOVE



# Youth Ministry ~ Submitted by Julia Schulte

Wednesday 5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/29: Youth Band 6:30-7:00PM; Youth Bible Study 7:00-8:00PM at the Youth House

Friday 5/10: Talent Show Fundraiser 6:00-8:00PM in the Fellowship Hall

Friday 5/17: Date Night 5:00-8:00PM at the Youth House; Youth Group Overnight (6th grade and up) in the Youth House

Saturday 5/18: Overnight pickups 10AM at the Youth House

Sunday 5/19: Youth to Yogurt (6th grade and up) after service

Wednesday 5/22: "Let's Talk About That" 6:30-8:00PM at the Youth House (6th grade and up)

Sunday 5/26: Youth Sunday

Hello Plymouth families, and happy May! I hope everyone is having a lovely month as we continue the season of Easter for a few more Sundays.

To kick off the month, we will be resuming our weekly band & Bible study for our Youth Group, 6th grade and up! Join us at the Youth House from 6:30-7:00PM to play music and sing worship songs with peers, and then from 7:00-8:00PM for Bible Study. This will be every Wednesday of the month aside from the 4th Wednesday, 5/22, when we will hold "Let's Talk About That" for the Youth Group- same location, same time! (6:30-8:00 at the Youth House!) 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!

Friday 5/10 we will be holding a Talent Show & Fundraiser in the Fellowship Hall from 6:00-8:00PM! If you have a talent you would like to share, please sign up and come show us! This will be a potluck style event, where we ask attendees to bring a pasta-centric dish, such as sauces, breads, and salads, and we will provide the pasta! The money from the night will go towards updates for our tech program at the church.

Our monthly Date Night will be the 3rd Friday of the month, May 17th, at the Youth House from 5:00-8:00PM! Youth of all ages are invited to join us for a night of themed crafts, games, snacks, and time with church peers. Youth are also welcome to bring friends! This month, we'll be celebrating Pentecost by making themed crafts, which we will use to decorate the church sanctuary of Pentecost Sunday.

Parents, if you are available this month to provide food for the night and/or serve as parent volunteer, please let me know, and thanks so much in advance! Date Night will be followed by an overnight for our Youth Group, 6th grade and up. We will stay overnight at the church 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 5/18 at the Youth House at 10AM, and breakfast snacks will be provided. See you there!

The third Sunday of the month, 5/19, 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 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. Hope to see you there!

Wednesday, 5/22, 6:30-8:00PM "Let's Talk About that" Youth House.

Finally, the last Sunday of the month, 5/26, 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 an incredible Mother's Day and a wonderful month.

Take care,  
Julia Schulte, Youth & Family Director





## MISSION-OUTREACH NEWS FOR MAY 2024

John Svinth

**Pride in the Plaza 2024 is Sunday, June 1st, from 11 AM – 5:00 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, 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 to greet attendees and offer provided items that support Pride and the UCC churches.

**“Strengthen the Church – Strengthen Our Church” special mission offering, begins May 19<sup>th</sup>:** The Strengthen the Church special mission offering is taken each year by UCC churches, which begins on Pentecost Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. This offering supports UCC churches for 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 continues to be 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.

**The Plymouth Cares meal on April 2<sup>nd</sup>** served a record 106 dinners at the ECHO Paso shelter. Eleven people prepared this meal. Melinda organized the main dish of delicious beef enchiladas and prepared them with Alex, Becky, Stu and Linda. Since each of the 106 dinners had two enchiladas, Melinda and crew created 212 enchiladas! The appetizing sides were green salad with Ranch dressing by John S., buttered Hawaiian sweet rolls by John and Linda T., and chocolate chip cookies provided by Alison. The PBJ sack lunch crew was John & Carlie S., Nikol, Olivia and Linda. The cheerful servers at the shelter were Melinda, Stu, John T., and John S. It was a great day to do God’s work for the unhoused and hungry, and to enjoy each other’s wonderful company. The next Plymouth Cares meal is May 7<sup>th</sup>, with helpers always needed and appreciated.


**One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) update:** This UCC special mission offering was taken back on March 10<sup>th</sup>, and raised a wonderful \$605. OGHS sends support for advocacy, sustainable development, refugee and asylum issues, migration, disasters, and assisting those most in need and vulnerable among us. We are making a difference to help our brothers and sisters in need, by *Sharing the Light*.

**The box for Donations for the Unhoused** provided a wonderful assortment of blouses/shirts, assorted toiletries and a new pair of ladies shoes. Our PCC Youth Group is continuing their Care Kits ministry and checking the box for any travel-size items that can be placed in large baggies, including toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, soap, shampoo, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, new socks, lotion, sunscreen, lip balm, new combs/brushes, nail clippers, disposable razors, and shaving cream. Of course, we are always looking for the other items on the list attached to the box. Thank you for the donations already received.

**The Mission-Outreach Team needs more members on its board.** With only four members on our board, we need additional people to help us plan and develop our outreach activities to our community and beyond. If you feel a tug on your heart when you hear about or help with 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, or sit in on one of our meetings after the worship service on the third Sunday of each month.

HOSTED BY PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

**FRIDAY MAY 10TH FROM 6-8PM**



# PLYMOUTH CHURCH TALENT SHOW

**SPECIAL GUESTS**

**ALL CHURCH MEMBERS:  
SHARE YOUR TALENT WITH  
THE CONGREGATION**

**FEATURING**

**A PASTA POTLUCK!**

BRING A SAUCE, SALAD, OR DESSERT TO  
SHARE; WE WILL PROVIDE THE PASTA!

THE NIGHT'S MONEY BENEFITS OUR CHURCH TECH PROGRAM



**PCC FELLOWSHIP HALL  
1301 OAK ST IN PASO ROBLES**



# MAY CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

## MAY BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

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

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Robbie Smith and Jennie Doherty 8



*Happy Birthday !!*

**HOPE AND HEALING ~ “DEAR GOD, PLEASE BLESS US WITH GOOD HEALTH AND STRENGTH. HELP US TO TAKE CARE OF OUR BODIES AND MINDS, AND TO ALWAYS BE GRATEFUL FOR THE GIFT OF LIFE. AMEN.”**

- ✚ 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 of comfort for 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.
- ✚ Prayers f/Strength & Recovery of Emily, JoAnne Stoddard’s niece, beginning Radiation treatments 3/11/24 .
- ✚ Carolyn Kelso
- ✚ Prayers for Tanya Railsback as she recovers from surgery and is treated for thyroid cancer.
- ✚ 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 War Tor n 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 Ronny in the church office:  
(805) 238-3321, or plymouthchurchpaso@gmail.com

**COFFEE AT CIDER CREEK BAKERY AND DELI**  
205 OAK HILL RD., STE #102  
Paso Robles, CA 93446










PCC singles and anyone who feels the need for a coffee get together every Tuesday at 9:30am at Cider Creek Bakery and deli. If you are interested in starting this group, please call or text Kathy Johansing (805) 440-5758. This is VERY informal just a nice cup of coffee



# Plymouth Congregational Church

## May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
46 West to Morro Rock			1 Men's Bible Study 8AM (PH) *Youth Band AND Youth Bible Study! 6:30-8:30PM (Y/H) Bell Practice 6:30pm Sanctuary	2 Pastor Wendy's Bible Study 10:00-11:30 (PH) Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Mtg. 5:00-7:00pm (YH)	3 *Just for Today NA Mtg. Location Library 6PM (Pls Note: use 13th St. Entrance) ~ Held Each Fri except the 3rd Friday of the Month - to accommodate Date Night	4 God's Garden 8:30 A.M. 
5 WORSHIP ~ PCC SANCTUARY 10am 11am Town Hall Discussion on Homelessness HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY 	6 PCC Office Closed Mondays	7 Coffee at Cider Creek 9:30am Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Mtg. 5:00-7:00pm (YH) Plymouth Cares Dinner Prep~ 1:30- 5:30pm (P/H)	8 Men's Bible Study 8AM (PH) *Youth Band AND Youth Bible Study! 6:30-8:30PM Y/H (Y/H) Bell Practice 6:30pm Sanctuary	9 Pastor Wendy's Bible Study 10:00-11:30 (PH) Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Mtg. 5:00-7:00pm (YH)	10 *Just for Today NA Mtg. Location Library 6PM (Pls Note: use 13th St. Entrance) ~ Held Each Fri except the 3rd Friday of the Month - to accommodate Date Night PCC Talent show and Pasta Potluck 6-8 PM PlymouthHall 	11
12 WORSHIP ~ PCC SANCTUARY 10am MOTHER'S DAY  *Diaconate Mtg. 11:40am (L)	13 PCC Office Closed Mondays	14 Coffee at Cider Creek 9:30am Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Mtg. 5:00-7:00pm (YH)	15 Men's Bible Study 8AM (PH) *Youth Band AND Youth Bible Study! 6:30-8:30PM (Y/H) Bell Practice 6:30pm Sanctuary	16 Pastor Wendy's Bible Study 10:00-11:30 (PH) Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Mtg. 5:00-7:00pm (YH)	17 Youth Date Night (YH) 5-8pm Followed by an Overnight for 6th graders and up. Please bring a blanket/pillow	18 *Youth overnight pick ups at Youth House 10am
19 WORSHIP ~ PCC SANCTUARY 10am *PENTECOST SUNDAY PLEASE WEAR RED *Mission Mtg. 11:40am (L) YOUTH TO YOGURT After Service	20 PCC Office Closed Mondays	21 Coffee at Cider Creek 9:30am Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Mtg. 5:00-7:00pm (YH) *Trustees Mtg. 6pm(L) *Council Mtg. 6:45pm (L)	22 Men's Bible Study 8AM (PH) Bell Practice 6:30pm Sanctuary Youth: Let's Talk About That ~ 6:30-8:00pm (YH) 6th Grade and up	23 Pastor Wendy's Bible Study 10:00-11:30 (PH) Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Mtg. 5:00-7:00pm (YH)	24 *Just for Today NA Mtg. Location Library 6PM (Pls Note: use 13th St. Entrance) ~ Held Each Fri except the 3rd Friday of the Month - to accommodate Date Night	25
<b>← MAY 19th - 23rd - PLYMOUTH HALL ESTATE SALE SET UP →</b>						
26 WORSHIP ~ PCC SANCTUARY 10am YOUTH SUNDAY EVER PRESENCE 	27 PCC Office Closed Mondays	28 Coffee at Cider Creek 9:30am Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Mtg. 5:00-7:00pm (YH)	29 *Youth Band Youth Bible Study! 6:30-8:30PM (Y/H)	30 Pastor Wendy's Bible Study 10:00-11:30 (PH) Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Mtg. 5:00-7:00pm (YH)	Tomorrow is: <b>PRIDE IN THE PLAZA</b> 11 AM - 5 PM 	<b>JUNE 1st</b> Pride in the Plaza  San Luis Obispo June 1st 9 AM - 4 PM Mission Plaza SLO

May Sunday Sermons ~ We hope you are able to join us for our May Services, 10am.

Week One (5/5/24)	"Friending"	John 15:9-17
Week Two (5/12/24)	"Hated by the World"	John 17:6-19
Week Three (5/19/24)	"Together in One Place"	Romans 8:22-27
Week Four (5/26/24)	"New Life"	John 3:1-17

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