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PASTOR'S LETTER

REV. WENDY HOLLAND



“No, this is the kind of fasting I want: Free those who are wrongly imprisoned; lighten the burden of those who work for you. Let the oppressed go free, and remove the chains that bind people. Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless. Give clothes to those who need them, and do not hide from relatives who need your help.

“Then your salvation will come like the dawn, and your wounds will quickly heal. Your godliness will lead you forward, and the glory of the Lord will protect you from behind. Then when you call, the Lord will answer. ‘Yes, I am here,’ he will quickly reply.

~ Isaiah 58:6-9 (NLT) ~

Jesus spent a lot of time encouraging the people around him to see each other in difficult circumstances. It's a theme often referenced in sermons (both mine and others') and this same mandate shows up in various parts of the Bible, especially creating a contrast between how humans show up—or not—for each other. And it's a reminder how God expects us to live: with faithfulness, humility, commitment to God's commands, and compassion.

We do this in a lot of different ways, because each of us is differently equipped. But what we can all agree on is that when we're listening and watching for wisdom and guidance from the Holy Spirit, and we do whatever it is God's asking us to, it usually requires some type of sacrifice on our part . . . and it's a significant blessing to those who need what we have to offer.

Affirmation that we're doing the right thing doesn't usually come with fanfare. We might hear minimal appreciation. Sometimes the people we're helping are too tired to do anything except receive. And sometimes we're challenged, because giving—in all of its forms—is work.

As we move into November's annual Pledge Drive, please prayerfully consider how God wants you contributing to the work of Plymouth Church: financially of course, because this is how we create our budget for the year ahead and determine what we can accomplish as a Christian community; but also of your time and talents. Participating in music, providing fellowship or flowers, serving on a board or committee, feeding the unhoused, visiting and calling those who need extra encouragement, and serving as a greeter or liturgist, are just a few of the ways to genuinely be a blessing.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

With gratitude,

Pastor Wendy



If anyone would like to meet Sandy's therapy dogs, Hazy (left) and Selena (right), head to the Potluck in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, November 1st - they'll be there to say hello! If you'd like to spend more time with the dogs, or know someone else who could benefit from spending some time with them, feel free to reach out to Sandy at slevoe@gmail.com for more information or to schedule a visit!

A WORD FROM OUR DIACONATE

November and December are full of church happenings. We all have so much to be thankful for!!!

November 3 is All Saints Day. We invite you to bring a picture of a loved one that has passed. We will have a table to place them. Please email the office with the name of your loved one. We will read the names of all who passed this last year and we will ring a bell as we say each name.



DIACONATE

Saturday November 30, at 9:00am is “hanging of the greens”, where we decorate the church and fellowship hall for Christmas. We need all hands-on deck to get it ready for December 1 which is the first day of Advent. Each Sunday in Advent we will light a candle and speak of its significance.

Fellowship has been so enjoyable. I looked around this last Sunday and every table was filled with people engaged in lively conversations. In December the different boards of the church are going to host a fellowship time. If you have not had your chance to host in a while, look at the signup sheet and take a turn. Some of our members are always filling in when nobody signs up which isn't fair.

This is a wonderful time of year to come to church consistently. The message every Sunday is always educational and inspiring. We look forward to seeing you and your family.

Blessings to all,
Sharon Rowe
Head of Diaconate

Youth Ministry



A NOTE FROM OUR YOUTH DIRECTOR

Hello Plymouth families, and happy November! I hope everyone has a fantastic start to their month, and that you've been having a peaceful transition into the holiday season.

To kick off November, we will be having an all-church Potluck & Costume Party! Join us in the Fellowship Hall on Friday November 1st from 6-8PM for a super fun night with our church family. Wear a costume, bring a dish to share, and come join the fun! All ages are invited to this event, and you are welcome to bring guests. Also, we will be holding a fundraiser at the event, with the proceeds benefiting our church music and tech programs (a new keyboard, and better camera/ lighting setup for our Sunday services), so don't forget to bring along a donation, if you're financially able to do so!

The first Tuesday of the month, November 5th, is when John Svinth coordinates our Plymouth Cares meal preparation and serving for our homeless community members. This month, we are encouraging our church youth to come help out! Meals will be prepped during the time most of our youth are in school, but any youth who are able and want to help out are invited to join us at the ECHO shelter in Paso Robles at 4:45PM to help set up, and we will be serving meals from 5-6PM. Many hands make light work, and it's a great way for our youth to get involved in helping their community members. If your youth would like to participate, please reach out to me or to John S.

Typically, our Youth Bible Study is on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, but events are moved up this month to accommodate for Thanksgiving. So please join us on the first Wednesday of the month, 11/6, 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 their peers. 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!

Between our different all-church events, campouts, and parade prep nights, it's been a while since we've had a classic Date Night; we will be having one on the 3rd Friday of this month, 11/15! 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 our church friends. Parents, if you would like to volunteer for the night, and/or help provide food for the kids, please let me know! All our church youth are invited and are welcome to bring friends, just make sure to RSVP to me so that we can have a headcount 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 11/16, at 10AM at the Youth House, and breakfast snacks will be provided. I hope we see you there!

Our monthly Youth to Yogurt will be the 3rd Sunday of the month, 11/17. 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. We are typically out for about half an hour before heading back to the church around 11:45 AM, so I hope you can join us!

On Wednesday 11/20, we will have 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. This event is usually the 4th Wednesday of the month, but was moved up this month for Thanksgiving. We hope to see you there!

Finally, the last Sunday of the month, 11/24, 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 for this Sunday, please join in! It's always a great opportunity to get our youth involved in church.

Thank you all, and please reach out to me if you have any questions. I hope everyone is having an incredible holiday season so far!

Take care,
Julia Schulte, Youth & Family Director

MISSION OUTREACH NEWS



Paso Robles Historical Museum

Paso Robles Historical Museum seeks volunteers.

You may know that the Paso Robles Historical Museum is located in the Carnegie Library building in the downtown city park. The museum needs volunteers to stay open for visitors. No experience is needed as all volunteers will be trained.

If you are interested, you may contact library staff in person during museum hours Thursday - Monday, 11 AM - 3 PM | Sunday, 1 PM - 4 PM, or by phone at (805) 238-4996 or via email at pasohistory1@gmail.com. More information is available online at pasorobleshistorymuseum.org/volunteer.

BY JOHN SVINTH
MISSION OUTREACH

Blood Drive

The blood drive on October 19 received 24 donations!

The blood drive technicians were pleased to collect 24 units of blood from the blood drive in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, October 19. Blood donations seem to always be in critical need where 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, either at Plymouth or at one of the many other blood drives in the North County that can be located online at vitalant.org.

Our next blood drive is scheduled for Saturday, January 18th.

Donations Box for the Unhoused

The Donations Box for the Unhoused received a wide assortment of clothing. These were delivered to the ECHO Paso shelter on October 1st where they will be made available to the residents and other guests. These donations are very appreciated.

Plymouth Cares

The Plymouth Cares meal on October 1st served a new record of 123 dinners and all 75 sack lunches.

Eleven people contributed to making this meal for the unhoused and hungry in Paso Robles. The main course was Fatte's Pizza with ground beef topping, served with Chris' very popular green salad with Ranch dressing, corn chips provided by John T. and delicious chocolate chip cookies baked by Leslie Wallace. This month's sack lunch crew was Carlie, Pat, Sharon W., Olivia, Nikol, Anne J., and John S. Our joyful servers at the ECHO shelter were Olivia, Stu, Carlie and John S, who enjoyed hearing many "thank you's" from the guests.

While this meal's 11 contributors were a blessing to the guests at the ECHO shelter, we were all in turn blessed in doing God's work and in enjoying each other's fellowship. The next Plymouth Cares meal is November 5th, with helpers always needed and always appreciated.

Mission-Outreach Team

The Mission-Outreach Team continues to seek more board members.

We are a board of only four and would greatly benefit from additional members. If you feel a tug on your heart when you participate in or hear about 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.



CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS



- 2. Cynthia Carnahan
- 2. Becky Dreese
- 3. Scarlett Mottard
- 4. Kathy Johansing
- 10. Carol Linthacum
- 12. Alex Dreese

- 19. Jim Marlatt
- 21. Susanne Genovese
- 22. Julia Skanes
- 29. Jim Hawkins
- 29. Chloe Railsback



- Continued prayers for five-year old Scarlett in remission: 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 for comfort of 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.
- Carolyn Kelso
- 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 ~ Prayers for strength and comfort in the hospital as she deals with a blood clot in her lung
- 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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NOVEMBER CALENDAR




SUN OCTOBER 27	MON OCTOBER 28	TUES OCTOBER 29	WED OCTOBER 30	THUR OCTOBER 31	FRI NOVEMBER 1	SAT NOVEMBER 2
					Potluck Fundraiser Costume Party! Fellowship Hall 6-8pm	God's Garden 8:30am

SUN NOVEMBER 3	MON NOVEMBER 4	TUES NOVEMBER 5	WED NOVEMBER 6	THUR NOVEMBER 7	FRI NOVEMBER 8	SAT NOVEMBER 9
Worship PCC Sanctuary 10am All Saints Day Holy Communion Sunday		Election Day 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 Youth Bible Study Youth House 6:30-8pm	Pastor Wendy's Bible Study 10-11:30am Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Youth House 5-7pm	*Just for Today Library 6pm NA Mtg. (use 13th St. Entrance) <i>*held each Friday except 3rd Friday of the month</i>	

SUN NOVEMBER 10	MON NOVEMBER 11	TUES NOVEMBER 12	WED NOVEMBER 13	THUR NOVEMBER 14	FRI NOVEMBER 15	SAT NOVEMBER 16
Worship PCC Sanctuary 10am Diaconate Board Meeting 11:40am		Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Youth House 5-7pm	Men's Bible Study Plymouth Hall 8-9am	Pastor Wendy's Bible Study 10-11:30am Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Youth House 5-7pm	Date Night Youth House 5-8pm Youth Group Overnight (6th grade and up) Youth House 8pm	Youth Overnight Pickups Youth House 10am

SUN NOVEMBER 17	MON NOVEMBER 18	TUES NOVEMBER 19	WED NOVEMBER 20	THUR NOVEMBER 21	FRI NOVEMBER 22	SAT NOVEMBER 23
Worship PCC Sanctuary 10am Youth to Yogurt After Service Mission Outreach Meeting 11:40am		Mission Outreach Library 4:15pm Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Youth House 5-7pm Trustees Meeting 6pm Council Meeting 7pm	Men's Bible Study Plymouth Hall 8-9am Let's Talk About That (Youth) 6:30pm	Pastor Wendy's Bible Study 10-11:30am Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Youth House 5-7pm	*Just for Today Library 6pm NA Mtg. (use 13th St. Entrance) <i>*held each Friday except 3rd Friday of the month</i>	

SUN NOVEMBER 24	MON NOVEMBER 25	TUES NOVEMBER 26	WED NOVEMBER 27	THUR NOVEMBER 28	FRI NOVEMBER 29	SAT NOVEMBER 30
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) Youth House 5-7pm	*Just for Today Library 6pm NA Mtg. (use 13th St. Entrance) <i>*held each Friday except 3rd Friday of the month</i>	

NOVEMBER SERMONS

SUN NOVEMBER 3	SUN NOVEMBER 10	SUN NOVEMBER 17	SUN NOVEMBER 24
"What Are We Waiting For?" Matthew 11	"Willingness to Heal" 2 Kings 5	"A World Made Whole" Isaiah 34-35	"Give Thanks" Philippians 4



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May God bless us all!
