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Dear Plymouth Family,

This month I want to invite you to take a few hours just for yourself — time to breathe, to listen, and to reconnect. On Saturday, November 15, from 10 AM to 2 PM, our church will host a workshop called “Faithful Listening,” led by our UCC SCNC Associate Conference Minister, Rev. Phiwa Langeni.

It’s completely free, and it’s one of those rare opportunities to slow down, get centered, and pay attention to how God might be speaking in the midst of everything happening in our own lives, and the world beyond. You can [register here](#).

Also in this month’s Beacon, you’ll find our occasional feature, Plymouth Voices, with a compelling piece from Chris Macy. We don’t always see the world, or our relationship with God, in exactly the same way — but we can always gain insight from each other’s experiences and perspective. What matters is most is that we keep showing up, listening, and learning from one another.

It's all part of what it means to follow Jesus *together*.

With love and gratitude,

Pastor Wendy

A WORD FROM OUR DIACONATE

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

November 2 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.

Saturday November 29, at 9:00am is “hanging of the greens”, where we decorate the church for Christmas. We need all hands-on deck to get it ready for November 30 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. If you have not had your chance to host in a while, look at the signup sheet and take a turn. 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

PLYMOUTH CHURCH

NOVEMBER EVENTS

11/5

Youth Group

7th grade & up

Wednesday 7-8:30PM

11/19

Youth Group

7th grade & up

Wednesday 7-8:30PM

11/21

Date Night/ Overnight

All ages, friends welcome!

Friday 5-8PM; Overnight 8PM

11/22

Overnight Pickups

Saturday 10AM at

the Youth House

11/30

Youth Sunday

During service, all youth are
welcome to participate!

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MISSION OUTREACH NEWS





The Plymouth Cares meal on October 7th served 103 dinners of Fatte's Pizza. We again had eight volunteers who shared their time and talent to make this meal. We served up all of the 20 large pizzas. All four large pans of Chris' popular green salad with Ranch dressing were served up. Meghan provided the dessert of 115 slices of pumpkin cake with cream cheese frosting, which was a hit with the residents. Corn chips were a side dish to complement the pizza. Our amazing sack lunch crew of Britt, Anne, Susan, Chris, Pat, Carlie and John, created the 85 PBJ sack lunches, which were all distributed. We had three servers at the shelter in Carlie, Chris and John, which indicates the need to be more intentional in signing up servers because a fourth server would have been welcome. It was another heartwarming experience to see so many hungry people share their thanks for a delicious and filling meal. Our next Plymouth Cares meal is November 4, so please look ahead to see if you can help, and bring a friend if you can as the lunch crew and serving requires no prior experience, and the fellowship is always excellent.



Recent donations for the Unhoused received a pair of heavy work boots, a pair of shorts, a large purse, two boxes of tissue, a ladies turtleneck top, and a pair of sneakers. Small, personal items, such as toiletries, were set aside for our Youth Group to use for Care Kits. We are sincerely grateful for these gifts that bring joy and comfort to our unhoused neighbors at the ECHO Paso Shelter and in our community.

The October requested donations received an amazing response to provide the Pregnant and Parenting Support of SLO County with disposable diapers, and baby wipes, as well as clothes, toys, books, and other contributions. The numbers were the following: 749 disposable diapers, 812 baby wipes, 17 articles of clothing, 13 individual or small sets of toys, 14 story books, 14 coloring books, 5 activity books, and 6 eating bowls. These were delivered by Pastor Wendy. The Pregnant and Parenting Support program lost virtually all of its funding during a reshuffling of government priorities that previously provided the critical resources to annually help infants of 500 low-income families. Cami Statler, the Executive Director of the Pregnant and Parenting Support of SLO County visited Plymouth Church on October 26, and shared about the work of the program and the critical needs of the children they serve. This wonderful outpouring of donations is gratefully appreciated and will bring comfort and joy to a great many little ones and their families.



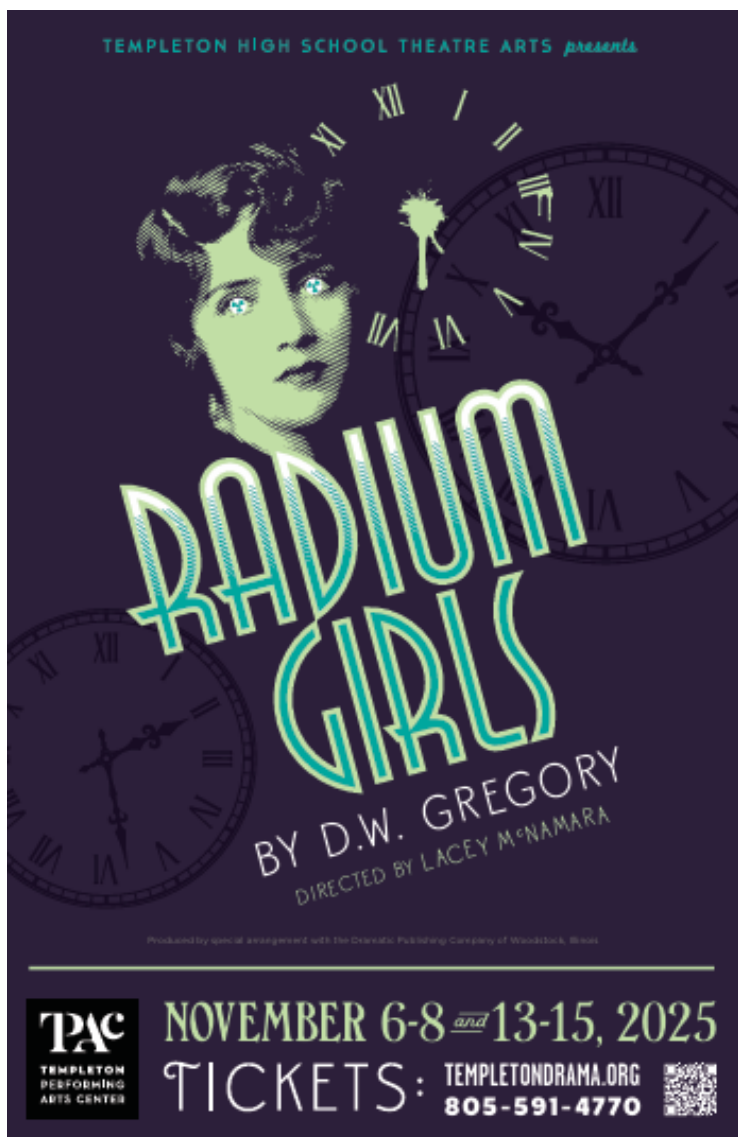


Here are some details about the wonderful response for last September's requested donations for the ECHO Shelter residents. We collected 88 pairs of new socks and 29 pair of new undergarments. These necessities were delivered to the Shelter and provide great comfort to the residents.

Our requested donations for November are goodies for the Blessing Bags that will be distributed at the ECHO Paso Robles Shelter at our Plymouth Cares meal on December 2nd . The Board of the Mission-Outreach Team is using up our budget and would greatly appreciate assistance for these Christmas season gifts to the unhoused. As the rainy season is coming, we are also collecting knit caps and rain ponchos. While we will be distributing 100, one-gallon baggies of goodies, please know that any amount of treats will help fill them and can be placed in the large plastic bin in front of the alter. Some suggestions are the following: leftover Halloween candy, candy bars, suckers, candy canes, cookies, beef sticks, nuts, juice pouches, red vines, and granola bars. We will be collecting these goodies through the end of November. We appreciate any help you can provide.

Our last quarterly blood drive for 2025 occurred on October 18. We partner with St. James Church to organize and conduct these drives. We collected a wonderful 25 donations. We greatly appreciate the donors who were able to participate in this lifesaving outreach. Our next, quarterly blood drive is January 17, 2026.

Upcoming Events :



Plymouth Voices

IN THE IMMORTAL WORDS OF TINA TURNER – “WHAT’S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT?”

I have a question. How can we as individuals, and as the Church be a light and a force for good in this great divide gripping our country? Politicians behaving badly, good is bad and bad is good. Empathy is out, cruelty is in. Blatant lying is the new norm. Terrorizing, bullying and threats are the order of the day. Greed and corruption breed contempt and entitlement. Mockery and mean-spiritedness rule. Chaos reigns. It feels bleak. Precarious. Frightening. This is the question that I’ve been grappling with increasingly lately and I know I’m not the only one wondering. What can we do against such an overwhelming force that would make any kind of difference or dent in this situation, much less turn the tide? It seems like an impossibility, a pipe-dream, and a losing proposition, frankly. The story of David and Goliath comes to mind, the little ordinary guy standing up against a big powerful entity, but things seems more complicated these days. A well placed stone thrown at the temple of one big bad guy? And BAM! – problem over? I wish! It does seem like a situation that calls for force, an eye for an eye, to fight fire with fire. That’s what the world first turns to. He who has the power wins. And I’ll tell ya, I wanna fight!

But some of us Christians believe love wins. Or we say we do. But when will love win? How will love win? Will love win? Is that even the right question? Do I even believe love wins? I hate to confess this, but these days I’m not sure love does win. It just seems too fluffy. And naïve.

Show us God! SHOW US because time feels like it’s running out before we’re crushed in a big-ass disaster. But I realize what I really mean when I say SHOW US is SHOW UP and SAVE US God with your magic miracle-wielding wand. Oops.

But wait a minute! Aren’t we God’s people? Among other things, didn’t God promise us the gift of the Holy Spirit? You know, the Holy Spirit that empowers us to live and love and be more like Christ in the ways we can’t do on our own. And there are the fruits of the spirit that will be produced in our lives if we co-operate and allow the Holy Spirit to transform us. Remember those? Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,

goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. The opposite of everything going on these days. Isn't this the way God wants us to show up in the world? As Christ followers, our lives should be manifesting good fruit. As Christ followers, don't we have some accountability and responsibility? Aren't we called to further God's Kingdom for as long as we inhabit this earth?

That doesn't mean going out and clobbering people with holy injunctions, it means to live like Christ in all ways. We have been equipped!! Why are we so often found wringing our hands in distress and behaving like we don't actually believe it? Confession - I've been wringing my hands a lot lately.

It's a hard list, but if that gift is what Jesus promised us, why don't we grab onto it and believe it? It would be like getting a big check, I mean a really big one, but not cashing it because you didn't believe it was a real check. Look at the source! This is a promise from Jesus who is God and the Holy Spirit, all in one.

And then there's that bag of peaches I bought last summer that looked and smelled like the promise of deliciously perfect peaches. But when I cut into them, seven out of the eight were rotting inside. Only one was edible! No one goes to the store to buy rotten fruit. That would be absurd and unacceptable. Let's do more than just look good and say the right things. Let's truly be the real thing, good fruit thru and thru with the Holy Spirit who helps and empowers us.

Wouldn't that be a refreshing and life-giving fruit salad to serve up to the world! Not fruit that is tasteless or rotting inside, but fruits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. This is what God wants from us, to be transformed to be more like Christ so that we can more and more live like him and respond like him in this world, and God will take care of the rest.

Maybe this is how love wins.

To answer Tina's famous question, "What's Love Got to Do With It?" I hope EVERYTHING. I want love to win. Pretty sure JESUS wants love to win.

Chris Macy, October 2025

CELEBRATIONS & PRAYERS



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. Julie Skanes
27. Debbi Lang
29. Jim Hawkins



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- Prayers for Robert Clark, recently diagnosed with prostate cancer
 - Prayers for Shirley Mark's sister, Marilyn, recently diagnosed with breast cancer
 - Continued prayer for Jim Hawkins, for comfort and full recovery
 - 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
 - Barb Hill
 - Rev. Wendy Holland and family

- Prayers for Hart & Nancy Junge.
- Anita Yates ~ Prayers for strength and comfort for her pain from fibromyalgia
- 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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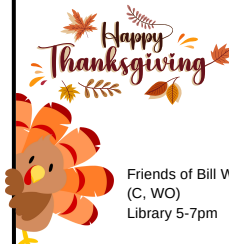

NOVEMBER CALENDAR



SUN NOVEMBER 2	MON NOVEMBER 3	TUES NOVEMBER 4	WED NOVEMBER 5	THUR NOVEMBER 6	FRI NOVEMBER 7	SAT NOVEMBER 8
Worship PCC Sanctuary 10am Holy Communion Sunday All Saints Day 		Men's Bible Study Plymouth Hall 9-10am Special Election in Plymouth Hall 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	Youth Group Youth House 7-8:30pm	Bible Study with Pastor Wendy 10-11:30am Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Library 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 9	MON NOVEMBER 10	TUES NOVEMBER 11	WED NOVEMBER 12	THUR NOVEMBER 13	FRI NOVEMBER 14	SAT NOVEMBER 15
Worship PCC Sanctuary 10am Diaconate Board Meeting 11:30am		Men's Bible Study Plymouth Hall 9-10am Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Youth House 5-7pm		Bible Study with Pastor Wendy 10-11:30am Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Library 5-7pm	Youth & Family Board Meeting 10:30am *Just for Today Library 6pm NA Mtg. (use 13th St. Entrance) <i>*held each Friday except 3rd Friday of the month)</i>	UCC SCNC Workshop 10am-2pm

SUN NOVEMBER 16	MON NOVEMBER 17	TUES NOVEMBER 18	WED NOVEMBER 19	THUR NOVEMBER 20	FRI NOVEMBER 21	SAT NOVEMBER 22
Worship PCC Sanctuary 10am Mission Outreach Meeting 11:40am		Men's Bible Study Plymouth Hall 9-10am Trustees Meeting 6pm Council Meeting 6:45 Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Youth House 5-7pm	Youth Group Youth House 7-8:30pm	Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Library 5-7pm	Date Night Youth House 5-8pm Overnight for Youth Group 7 th Grade and Up	

SUN NOVEMBER 23	MON NOVEMBER 24	TUES NOVEMBER 25	WED NOVEMBER 26	THUR NOVEMBER 27	FRI NOVEMBER 28	SAT NOVEMBER 29
Worship PCC Sanctuary 10am	Clipper Club 4-9pm	Men's Bible Study Plymouth Hall 9-10am Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Youth House 5-7pm		 Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Library 5-7pm	*Just for Today Library 6pm NA Mtg. (use 13th St. Entrance) <i>*held each Friday except 3rd Friday of the month)</i>	 Hanging of the Greens <i>It's a Wonderful Life – the Radio Play Presented by Wine Country Theatre 7-10pm</i>

SUN NOVEMBER 30	MON DECEMBER 1	TUES DECEMBER 2	WED DECEMBER 3	THUR DECEMBER 4	FRI DECEMBER 5	SAT DECEMBER 6
Worship PCC Sanctuary 10am Youth Sunday First Sunday of Advent <i>It's a Wonderful Life – the Radio Play Presented by Wine Country Theatre 2-5pm</i>		Men's Bible Study Plymouth Hall 9-10am Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Youth House 5-7pm		Bible Study with Pastor Wendy 10-11:30am Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Library 5-7pm	<i>It's a Wonderful Life – the Radio Play Presented by Wine Country Theatre 7-10pm</i> *Just for Today Library 6pm NA Mtg. (use 13th St. Entrance) <i>*held each Friday except 3rd Friday of the month)</i>	<i>It's a Wonderful Life – the Radio Play Presented by Wine Country Theatre 2-10pm</i> God's Garden 9am 

NOVEMBER SERMONS

SUN NOVEMBER 2	SUN NOVEMBER 9	SUN NOVEMBER 16	SUN NOVEMBER 23	SUN NOVEMBER 30
"Grace Ahead and Behind" 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12 (MSG) Luke 6:27-31 (MSG)	"Conversation with Britt Fairchild" Matthew 13:31-35	"The Root of Generosity" Ezra 6:6-12, Nehemiah 4:1-9	"Celebrating the Good" Psalm 100, Mark 9:38-41	"Awed and Odd" Isaiah 2:1-4, Romans 13:11-14



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May God bless us all!
