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# Announcements

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## All Saints Day on November 2nd

During our All Saints Day service on 11/2 we will be remembering all of our loved ones who have passed away in the last year, with a table to display physical pictures as well as the option to include digital pictures on the slides before service.

If you have a loved one whom you would like to be remembered during this service, please reach out to Lucy in the church office with their name and any photos that you would like to be displayed so we can make sure that they get included.

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# PASTOR'S LETTER

REV. WENDY HOLLAND



***The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed; those who help others are helped.***

***~~ Proverbs 11:25 (MSG) ~~***

I also learned that they don't get a lot of support from local churches simply because they stay neutral on the politics of reproductive rights.

Towards the end of the month we hope to be joined in our Sunday service by executive director, Cami Statler, to learn more. But for now, please prayerfully consider what you might contribute to this important cause.

Most of us cannot imagine needing this type of assistance—but for the families receiving car seats, clothing, pull-ups, maternity clothes, lactation support, and a myriad of other things—this is life-changing. It prevents babies and small children from going without very basic essentials; and it gives parents peace, joy, and encouragement to be able to provide these things.

My genuine prayer is that by the end of October the front of our church will be overflowing with items that will bless kids and families in ways we can hardly comprehend.

Thanks so much for all you do. I'm grateful to be doing ministry, and life, with all of you.

With love and prayer,

*Pastor Wendy*

Dear Plymouth Family,

You've probably heard that our donation collection for October will be diapers and wipes, and that everything we collect will go to Pregnancy and Parenting Support of San Luis Obispo County.

They serve families with kids ages 0 to 5 years, and they collect much more than just diapers and wipes. Their current wish list is below, but they need just about everything you can think of related to babies and small children.

- Diapers in sizes 4,5,6
- Baby hygiene products (shampoo, body wash, diaper rash cream)
- Girls and boys pajamas sizes 9 months to 5T
- Hooded baby towels
- [Amazon Wishlist](#) (For inspiration or easy ordering!)

One of the things I found most interesting is that most of their donations come from SLO—but 46% of the clients they serve are located in North County.

## A WORD FROM OUR DIACONATE

Greetings from the Diaconate Board. Fall is here and the leaves are turning to the beautiful Autumn colors. We are so lucky to have our wonderful cozy church and it is very nice to have a warm cup of tea or coffee afterwards with the amazing people who attend our church.



Make sure to introduce yourself to someone you do not know. We are all part of the Plymouth family.

November 2nd we will be celebrating All Saints Day. Email or call the office if a loved one has passed away this year that you would like to be remembered in our service. We will have a table where you can place a photo of your loved one.

If you have wanted to be a liturgist and have not been asked, contact Gail Tannehill who arranges the liturgists. If you have been anxious to be a greeter let me know.

Blessings to all,  
Sharon Rowe



# PCC SEPTEMBER EVENTS

**WEDS**  
**10/8**

## **FIELDS OF FAITH**

AHS FOOTBALL FIELD; 6:30PM



**FRI**  
**10/10**

## **FLOAT DECORATING**

CHURCH PARKING LOT; 5-8PM

**SAT**  
**10/11**

## **PIONEER DAY PARADE**

CHURCH PARKING LOT; TIME TBD



**FRI**  
**10/17**

## **DATE NIGHT**

THE YOUTH HOUSE; 5-8PM

**WEDS**  
**10/22**

## **YOUTH GROUP**

THE YOUTH HOUSE; 7-8:30PM

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL  
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# Youth and Family

Thank you so much to everyone who pre-ordered PCC "Love Thy Neighbor" and "Little Lights" t-shirts! We hope to have them at church in the next couple of weeks. If you didn't get a chance to pre-order, we will have extras for sale. Cost is \$25 for PCC and \$17 for LL. Just as Meghan has been reminding each of us to invite friends to church, we hope by wearing these shirts we can start conversations around inclusion, love, and Jesus. You never know who might need to see this message and know there's a safe place for them right here at Plymouth."



We have lots of fun events this month so mark your calendars for the following:

- **October 8th:** Youth 7th Grade & Up, join us for field trip to AHS football field for Fields of Faith at 6:30pm; Connect with Trago if you need a ride
- **October 10th:** Parade float decorating party; come enjoy pizza as we help make the float colorful and fun!
- **October 11th:** Pioneer Day parade, all are welcome, time and place to prepare coming soon. Contact Will for details.
- **October 17th:** Date night from 5-8, no overnight
- **October 22nd:** Youth Group in the Youth House, 7-8:30


Plans for the Christmas play on Christmas Eve and our all church Christmas party on December 13th for Vine Street are in the works so stay tuned! We are so grateful you and your children have found a home here with us at Plymouth! If there's anything we can be praying for or ways we can tangibly help your family please don't hesitate to ask.

# MISSION OUTREACH NEWS



**The Plymouth Cares meal on September 2<sup>nd</sup>** served 103 dinners at the ECHO Paso shelter and was prepared by eight wonderful volunteers. The main dish was Susan's hardy and tasty mac and cheeseburger casserole. Chris created her beautiful, crisp green salad with Ranch dressing. Pat buttered the 96 Hawaiian sweet rolls. Leslie created the dessert of Rice Crispy treats and two types of wonderful brownies, which were placed in compostable baggies by Chris. This month's amazingly efficient sack lunch crew was Anne J., Pat, Mary, Carlie, and John. Our wonderful servers at the ECHO Paso shelter were Susan, Chris, Carlie and John. While we made the meal work with only eight volunteers, we got started early to make sure we finished on time. As always, the fellowship was delightful as we did God's work. Thank you again to those who were available to share their time and talent. Our next Plymouth Cares meal is the first Tuesday of October, on October 7<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30 in Fellowship Hall and the kitchen; helpers are needed and always appreciated. For information on how to join us in this soul-lifting experience, contact John Svinth at [jsvinth@pacbell.net](mailto:jsvinth@pacbell.net).





**The Board of the Mission-Outreach Team** continues to need a fifth member. A fifth member would provide additional ideas and energy for our various ministries, and make us an official board according to our church constitution. If our activities and purpose tug on your heart, please consider joining us. Those interested can learn more about us at our monthly meetings on the third Sunday in the Library after the service, or by contacting John Svinth.

**Recent donations for the Unhoused** were a pair of child's pants, four t-shirts, 10 light dresses, one vest, 2 ball caps, a tank top, 2 blouses, a skirt and a boa. These are welcome gifts for our unhoused neighbors at the ECHO Paso Shelter.

**Thank you so much for wonderful response** for our September target donations of new socks and undergarments for the residents of the ECHO Paso Shelter. The large, plastic bin located in front of the alter flower stand was filled with donations. These were delivered to the Shelter and will provide great comfort to the residents.

**We were pleased to have Stephanie Potter and Taylor Johnson** of ECHO, share about the ECHO Paso Shelter on Sunday, September 7. I heard that they were very informative about how ECHO serves their Paso Shelter residents. Stephanie and Taylor contact John regularly about how Plymouth's contributions make a positive difference for the shelter residents.

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**Saturday, October 18, is our next quarterly blood drive** in Fellowship Hall, from 10 AM – 2:00 PM. A flyer is available on the back table of the sanctuary, and a wealth of information is available online at [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org). If you are eligible and would like to be a donor, please join us or give at another local event by making an appointment online at [donors.vitalant.org/dwp/portal/dwa](http://donors.vitalant.org/dwp/portal/dwa), or by calling 877-258-4825, or by just walking in. Up to three lives can be saved by one unit of blood.

**The target donation items for October** are packages of disposable diapers and baby wipes. These will go to the Pregnant and Parenting Support of SLO County, located in San Luis Obispo. You may be aware that Pregnant and Parenting Support lost virtually all of its funding during a reshuffling of government priorities that previously provided the critical resources to help about 500 families annually. Any size of packaged disposable diapers and baby wipes would be greatly appreciated, and can be placed in the large, plastic bin at the front of the altar.



Scan this QR code to be taken to the Amazon Wishlist of Pregnant and Parenting Support of SLO County, for simple ordering or for item inspiration.



## **Neighbors in Need Special Mission Offering: October 5, 2025**

In Paul's letter to the Galatians, he encourages the church to "carry each other's burdens." But just a few verses later, Paul states "for each one should carry their own load?" This scripture highlights a dynamic many of us face when we help others or when we receive help. There's a difference between helping someone and taking over for them. It can be both challenging and a source of comfort to give and receive care. Giving and receiving, while empowering those who receive support, is an integral part of the annual Neighbors in Need special mission offering that will begin being taken on October 5, 2025.

When the United Church of Christ gathers to collect the Neighbors in Need offering, we work to honor this complexity. The money collected supports the work of the UCC's Washington D.C. Office for Public Policy and Advocacy. The advocacy done in this office can be on behalf of churches, but most of the time, it involves partnerships with churches and church members across the nation. The work is shared through collective advocacy, with and for one another. The following ministry teams are supported in part by Neighbors in Need:

- Office for Public Policy and Advocacy
- Economic Justice
- Environmental Justice
- Racial Justice
- Disabilities and Mental Health Justice
- Immigration Justice
- Gender and Sexuality Ministries

Contributing to this offering allows us to share one another's burdens. Two-thirds of the donations support the UCC's justice and witness ministries, such as the D.C. Office. The remaining one-third supports the Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM), which has been witnessing to Native values and culture as a vital part of the UCC since 1971.

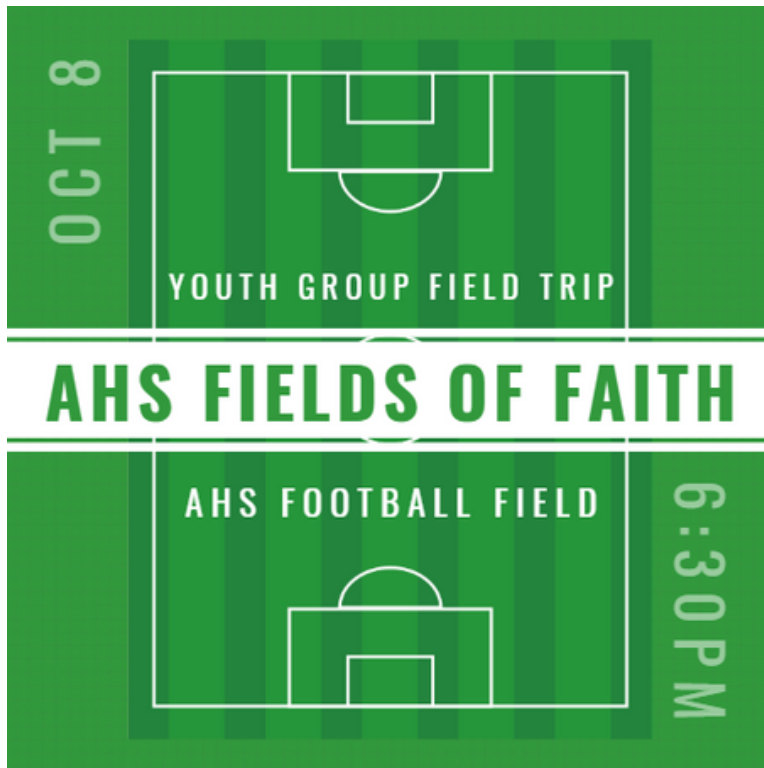
As you are able, please support the 2025 Neighbors in Need Special Mission Offering that will begin October 5, and continue through October. Giving can be done in the following ways:

- using our checklist offering envelopes and writing in Neighbors in Need or NIN,
- a check payable to Plymouth Church with a notation for Neighbors in Need or NIN, or
- giving online at [PlymouthChurchPaso.Com](https://PlymouthChurchPaso.Com) and clicking on the tab labelled "Give".

Any amount is truly appreciated. Thank you for any support you can provide.



# Upcoming Events



# CELEBRATIONS & PRAYERS



2. Ashley Mottard  
3. Debbie VanSteenwyk  
3. Owen Lameray  
4. Gwen Severson  
6. James Schaefer  
10. Sandy Levoe  
11. Charlene Reaber  
17. Barbara Kossett

20. Clementine Fabre  
20. Lonnalee Krans  
20. John Svinth  
21. Cole Fairchild  
24. Joyce McPherson  
25. Shirley Mark  
26. Maise Egger  
28. Jean Ball  
31. Peter Lameray



3. Shawn & Sharon Rowe  
7. Pat & Mary Sayne  
13. Tanya & Jeff Railsback  
23. Trago & Leslie Wallace  
29. Ryan & Meghan Tannehill

- 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
- Carilyn Payne, mother of John Svinth's niece ~ on kidney dialysis due to kidney failure
- 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.




TO ADD TO THE PRAYER LIST OR MAKE CHANGES, PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL LUCY IN THE CHURCH  
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# OCTOBER CALENDAR

SUN   SEPTEMBER 28	MON   SEPTEMBER 29	TUES   SEPTEMBER 30	WED   OCTOBER 1	THUR   OCTOBER 2	FRI   OCTOBER 3	SAT   OCTOBER 4
Worship PCC Sanctuary 10am		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>	God's Garden 9am 

SUN   OCTOBER 5	MON   OCTOBER 6	TUES   OCTOBER 7	WED   OCTOBER 8	THUR   OCTOBER 9	FRI   OCTOBER 10	SAT   OCTOBER 11
Worship PCC Sanctuary 10am  Holy Communion Sunday		Men's Bible Study Plymouth Hall 9-10am  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 Field Trip to Atascadero Fields of Faith 6:30pm	Bible Study with Pastor Wendy 10-11:30am  Friends of Bill W (C, WO) Library 5-7pm	Pioneer Day Float Decorating Party Fellowship Hall & Parking Lot 5-8pm  *Just for Today Library 6pm NA Mtg. (use 13th St. Entrance) <i>*held each Friday except 3rd Friday of the month</i>	Pioneer Day Parade  

SUN   OCTOBER 12	MON   OCTOBER 13	TUES   OCTOBER 14	WED   OCTOBER 15	THUR   OCTOBER 16	FRI   OCTOBER 17	SAT   OCTOBER 18
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 and Family Board Meeting 10:30am  Date Night Youth House 5-8pm **No Overnight This Month	Blood Drive Fellowship Hall 10am-2:30pm  

SUN   OCTOBER 19	MON   OCTOBER 20	TUES   OCTOBER 21	WED   OCTOBER 22	THUR   OCTOBER 23	FRI   OCTOBER 24	SAT   OCTOBER 25
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	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   OCTOBER 26	MON   OCTOBER 27	TUES   OCTOBER 28	WED   OCTOBER 29	THUR   OCTOBER 30	FRI   OCTOBER 31	SAT   NOVEMBER 1
Worship PCC Sanctuary 10am  Youth Sunday	Clipper Club 4-9pm	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	*Just for Today Library 6pm NA Mtg. (use 13th St. Entrance) <i>*held each Friday except 3rd Friday of the month</i>	God's Garden 9am 

## OCTOBER SERMONS

SUN   OCTOBER 5	SUN   OCTOBER 12	SUN   OCTOBER 19	SUN   OCTOBER 26
"Proud or Ashamed?" 2 Timothy 1:1-14	"Another Samaritan" Luke 17:11-19	"Justice, Please" Luke 18:1-8	"No Need to Ask" Jeremiah 31:31-34





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May God bless us all!

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