



Plymouth First United Methodist Church

Message from Pastor Bob

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*“For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD,
plans for your welfare and not for harm,
to give you a future with hope.” (Jeremiah 29:11, NRSV)*

As I write this, we have just returned Coffee Fellowship on Sunday mornings. Now admittedly, I have a love-love relationship with coffee, having at least a half dozen contraptions for making the stuff readily reachable from the counters and cabinets in my kitchen. But as much as I REALLY like coffee, the coffee itself is NOT my most favorite part of restarting Coffee Fellowship on Sunday mornings. My favorite part is the fellowship part. For being the Body of Christ takes for its members *rubbing elbows* in community ... and doing so while holding a cup of coffee is one of the great ways of doing so.

Our plan is to have coffee ready before Impact Service, and be still available following Sanctuary Service. But we are hoping that the time between the two services will be the principle focus for most people, thereby increasing our ability to “*rub elbows*” with one another. By the way, serving on the Coffee Fellowship Team rotation is a great way to substantially contribute to the vitality of our church. Please consider if the Holy Spirit just might be *stirring* within you to join that service opportunity, and contact me thru the office if so.

While on the topic of fellowship, I am excited to share with you our Easter Season plans for a Sunday evening gathering time aimed at personal welfare and financial wellbeing ... and yes, food is in the mix. There is absolutely no doubt that our amazing God wants nothings less for us than our best wellbeing—and that includes every aspect of our lives. Our Easter Season sermon series is a practical exploration into this truth entitled, “*Saving Grace*.” But as well, to celebrate both the coming of Spring and the return of more fellowship opportunities, we are sponsoring a church-wide study on financial wellbeing by the same name, which will take place the evenings of April 24, May 1, 15, and 22 (4 Sundays with a break for Mother’s Day), and will include focused material for all ages. We will begin each gathering with a meal and table fellowship, then watch a short video and discuss that week’s study material in table groups.

Our hope is that everyone will come away with practical ideas and tools for increasing one’s personal financial wellness. There is no cost, there will not be any sales pitches, and there will be no requests to share personal information. We are simply sharing practical and proven information and tools that every one of us can make use of to gain more personal control over money rather than money controlling us. We also hope that you may know of someone in your life circle that you will invite to join you and benefit from this 4-week time of fellowship and learning. So, stay tuned for how you can register for this time of celebration, fellowship, and learning.

We are coming out of a couple of really tough years, years when so many of us have had to make substantive sacrifices. But through it all, God has been steadfast with God’s plans for our best welfare and the ultimate protection from harm. God has travelled with us every step, to give us a future with hope. Thank You, God!

Blessings and peace to you, and those close to you ... Pastor Bob





Sunday, May 1
after Sanctuary
Worship
in the Garden Café

What does it mean to be a Methodist? Who is John Wesley and what did he teach? Are you curious about what it means to be a member of a church, specifically a member of Plymouth First United Methodist church? What does it mean to be a part of the connectional church?

Maybe you have been attending Plymouth First a long time or have recently arrived. Either way you are welcome to join us as we explore the answers to these questions and many more.

Take the next step
Investigate membership

Lunch will be provided

Contact Cathy Montgomery
and let her know you are
interested in attending at
cathym@pfumc.org
or (734) 560-3498 by April 24.

PFUMC Kids Kingdom Ministries invites you to



**FREE
event**

- Crafts
- Games
- Story Walk
- Snacks
- Prizes

**To Volunteer contact Sarah Sutphin at christianed@pfumc.org
or go to— <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050c49afa62c7-easter2>**



Welcome, Angel Tan!

Angel Tan is a classically trained pianist who will join our staff as the Chancel Choir Accompanist/Staff Pianist.. She has extensive experiences in playing for church services and directing choirs. Teaching piano lessons and playing the piano are her passions. Her credentials include degrees in piano performance and music education. Besides doing musically related activities, Angel enjoys spending time with her dog Benji. She is looking forward to working with Marcia Van Oyen and the Chancel Choir to help enhance the worship experience at the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.



WORSHIP THOUGHTS

“I need to worship because without it I can forget that I have a big God beside me and live in fear.

I need to worship because without it I can forget his calling and begin to live in a spirit of self-preoccupation.

I need to worship because without it I lose a sense of wonder and gratitude and plod through life with blinders on.

I need to worship because my natural tendency is toward self-reliance and stubborn independence.”

- John Ortberg



Calling 4th, 5th, and 6th graders! This group is for you!!!
Come hang out with friends, learn about Jesus, and find practical ways to put our faith into action.

April 10th

Meet at the church from 3:30pm—5:00 pm
Snacks will be served. Bring your own drink.

FUSION - New Series

2nd Sunday in April
6-8 pm @ church
Grades 7-12, bring \$6 for pizza
Contact Sarah @ christianed@pfumc.org
for more info



Let's face it, we need money. Helping our kids learn how to use it wisely will set them up for success and help them avoid some of the common traps young adults fall into. When we say Saving Grace is a church wide study, we mean it! There is not an official kids and youth book that goes with it, but we have some materials that we think supplement what Saving Grace teaches and we think they will help your kids get started.

Plan on joining us as a family starting April 24th for this church wide event.
Read more on page 9.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

I am one of the over two million people who are playing the most popular online word game of 2022, Wordle. If you don't know what Wordle is, according to the article [*What is Wordle? Here's How to Play 2022's Most Popular Word Game*](#) by Emily Stedman it is an online 5-letter word game. Each day a new word is released and players have six attempts to guess what the word of the day is. During the guesses, tiles will change color to help players get the word. A grey letter means it isn't in today's word, whilst a yellow letter signals it is in the word but in the wrong position. Then there's the green letter which means it's in the word and in the right place."

I really like this game. My husband introduced me to the wonderful world of Wordle, my mom and my sister play, even my 13-year-old nephew occasionally plays. We have a little friendly competition to see who can solve the daily word in the least number of guesses. We even text each other after we solve it to let the others know how many guesses it took us to get it. Just four days ago, I solved the word on my second guess. I could not wait to text the others and let them know I was the most brilliant of them all.

That brings us to today. For the first time in my storied history of playing Wordle, I missed the word. Sure, some days I have come close to missing it. I may have even needed all six guesses, but I have never missed. Until today. And as I typed my final guess, I was so confident. I was sure I had it, until I didn't. Sending that text wasn't as fun as the one I sent four days ago.

I have been thinking a lot about what God might be asking me to lay down this Lenten season. I am working on decluttering and getting rid of excess around the house, but I knew there was likely something else, something internal God had in mind. Sometimes He shows us things that we don't necessarily want to see, that doesn't mean we don't need to see them.

I don't like to be reminded that every once in a while, pride has a way of sneaking in and becoming a problem for me. For as long as I can remember, my dad would tell me he was proud of me when I accomplished something. A good grade. Some achievement. At some point I began to long for that validation so I would try to do more, be better. I just wanted to hear those words and when I heard them it felt good. Somewhere along the way I learned that I could manifest those same feelings through other means, I could build my own pride. When I do this though, it always seems to end in a moment like today, where God humbles me. God is asking for access to some deep-rooted pride in my life. Who knew it would come to light through Wordle?

This is who God is though, He is not afraid of the ugly things that get in between us and Him. He's willing to meet us in our stuff, no matter what it is and pull us out of it but we have to be willing to be pulled out of it. We have to be willing to choose something different. The Lenten season is a perfect time for this. Ask yourself, what is keeping you from growing closer or deepening your relationship with God? Now ask yourself am I willing to do whatever it is I need to do to be closer to God? If you answer yes to that, do it. If you answer no, then ask if you really need to ask yourself why not? As you spend some time in prayer with these questions, expect God to show you the answers.

Sarah



Holy Thursday

April 14 – 7:30 PM



WORSHIP

**We will walk with Jesus through
the final Thursday of his mortal life.**

We will engage the scripture through
the ancient practice of Lectio Divina
We will bear witness to Jesus' servanthood
We will partake at the communion table.

Due to the nature of this service, we need an exact count for the table setting.
If you will be attending, please RSVP to Suzy@pfumc.org.

LENT CALENDAR

Palm Sunday 4/10 worship
Impact 9:15 am /Sanctuary 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday 4/14 worship 7:30 pm Garden Cafe

Good Friday 4/15 worship 7:30 pm Sanctuary

EASTER 4/17 worship
Impact 9:15am /Sanctuary 10:30am



So proud to be a part of such a generous congregation! At last count we had 101 packages of diapers. Thank you for donating and helping families in need.

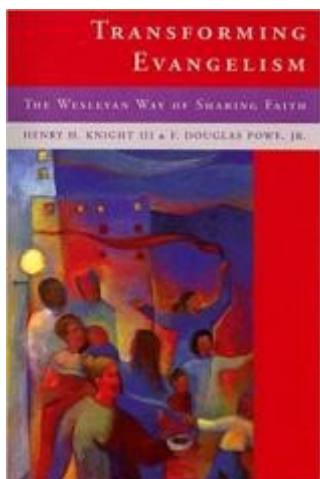
Intentional Faith Development

What is your NEXT STEP?

Consider joining a small group in 2022...

TRANSFORMING EVANGELISM THE WESLEYAN WAY OF SHARING FAITH

Tuesday's May 3-31
@ 1:00 pm
Garden Cafe
with Pastor Suzy



Because of the more aggressive and confrontational tactics we hear about, evangelism has developed a bad connotation. Doors are shut hurriedly, phone calls end abruptly and emails left unanswered. After all, isn't this a task better handled by the pastor? Perhaps it's time to re-examine John Wesley's model of evangelism as a full, natural circle - where it's a communal beginning point rather than a solitary end. The central motive of authentic evangelism is: Having

received a message that's made all the difference in our lives, we desire to share that message with others in the hope it will transform their lives as well.

Wesley models an evangelism that reaches out and welcomes, invites and nurtures, and speaks to both head and heart. "Evangelism is about relationship. How we are in relationship to God, who is able to transform us into new beings and how we are in relationship to our neighbor, whom we must love like ourselves."



THE JOURNEY



How can I help? Contact me and let's sit down for coffee, tea, breakfast or lunch. I would love to share in a conversation with you about God and your NEXT STEP that will take you deeper in your faith.

Cathy Montgomery
Intentional Faith Development
(734) 560-3498 (cell)
cathym@pfumc.org

The membership vows serve as guideposts for our Journey.

SAVING GRACE

A Guide to Financial well-being

MONEY MANAGEMENT *from a* WESLEYAN PERSPECTIVE

CHURCH WIDE EVENT! April 24, May 1, 15 & 22

- 🌿 Sermon Series (May 1-29)
- 🌿 Weekly Community Gathering for ALL AGES
- 🌿 Community Meals
- 🌿 FREE Workbooks

*Children
Youth
Adults
Families
Couples
Singles*

*Mark your Calendar
& plan to join the community!*

We will gather on **SUNDAY NIGHTS**
@ 5:00 PM to share a **MEAL.**

5:30
to 7:00 PM

- 🌿 Gathering around the table
- 🌿 Video Lesson
- 🌿 Sharing
- 🌿 Learning & Growing
- 🌿 Experiencing Community

Higher cost for gas, groceries and every item we purchase has placed a strain on our bank accounts as well as added stress and worry to our lives. What is your view on money? Is it good or bad? Do you control your money or does your money control you?

How do we, as people of faith, create healthy relationships with money and possessions? Is it possible to have peace and security in our finances during these turbulent times?

By participating in this 4 week CHURCH WIDE EVENT you will gain the tools and helpful strategies for achieving a sustainable financial life that can bring peace and joy!

Sharing these strategies with our children and youth will give them a strong and healthy perspective on money. It may be one of the greatest gifts we can give.

QUESTIONS

Contact our team...

Pastor Bob Miller - pastorbob@pfumc.org
Pastor Suzy Hutchison - suzy@pfumc.org
Cathy Montgomery - cathym@pfumc.org
Sarah Sutphin - christianed@pfumc.org

or call the church @
(734) 453-5280

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Register at: <https://plymouthchurch.breezechms.com/form/savinggrace>



FINANCIAL UPDATE	
February 2022	
Income	\$ 50,192
Expenses	\$ 58,464
YTD 2022	
Income	\$ 108,938
Expenses	\$ 128,417

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FAITH

Online	Text	Mobile App	Check/Cash Direct Bank Bill Payment
www.pfumc.org/give/ To set up and manage your one-time or recurring gifts.	1-844-208-0637 the amount you want to donate.	Download the Vanco Mobile app to make contributions.	Drop off or mail check/cash. Set up automatic giving through your bank provider.



The Funeral Meal Ministry is looking to expand their list of volunteers.

This ministry provides a meal for families and friends following a memorial service or funeral and is served at the church.

If you are interested in setting tables, preparing beverages and serving, cleaning up or operating the dishwasher, please call Elsie Mae Trinka at 734-453-6187.



To all my church family,

I wanted to sincerely thank you all for the kind words and well wishes that you expressed to me these past recent weeks and during the reception for my retirement that we had during our recent reinstated coffee hour. It really means a lot to me. I have enjoyed working for the church these past eleven years and am looking forward as to what the next chapter will bring, Travel, Grandkids, and that extra cup of coffee in the morning for starters. I want to thank Staff/Parish for the delicious cake that was enjoyed by all and the love offering that was given to me by all of you, I feel truly blessed and honored by your generosity.

You all will still see me in church but just not on the clock. And if we miss a Sunday occasionally it's because Martha and I just might be doing "retired stuff". Many thanks to you all again and may God's blessings be with you all.

In service for him,
Phil Daigneau



PRAYER CONCERNS

Members

Jeff Berliner
Marge Brown &
Tom Brown
Joy Coyle
Lorraine Dermyre
Wynn Good

Lois Maiorana
Vincent Maiorana
Bill & Mary McCully

Richard Moore
Nancy Nelson
Dennis Piggott
Ruth Slade
Peter Slazinski

Military

Suzanne Gyde—Hall
Brian Krautler (Ramsay)
Andrew D. Piggott

Members Shut In

Anna Fowler
Cleo Pappin
John & Sydney Paul
Jim Walk

Family & Friends

Rich Brown, friend of George Thompson
Matt Carter, family of Stella Smith
Clay Good, Dale Good's son
Robert Nulty & Phyllis Nulty
Mike Petri and family, friend of Dale Good
Kristen Zander, Ken Zander's sister

Missionaries

Hannah Kappler
South Korea

We extend our sympathy to the family of Ron Turner. He passed away March 2. The funeral was March 5. Please continue prayers for the family.

We also extend sympathy to the family of Dawn Harrison (Gyde) who passed March 9th. Visitation was March 20th. Please keep the family in prayer for peace.



GOOD NEWS TO SHARE— Arelia Luna Forsyth-Tobiaseen was born March 21st—8 lb 1 oz -
Parents Ciarra and Leif Tobiassen. Ciarra is the grand daughter of Bev Forsyth.
This is Bev's 3rd great grand child

PART TIME CUSTODIAN JOB OPENING-

We are looking to hire here at the church. Possibly a high schooler or retired individual. Job responsibilities include opening and closing the building, room set ups, snow clearing, on the porch and steps, and light cleaning inside the building. Applicants will need to pass a background check. If interested or have questions, please contact Jim Albright at facilitymgr@pfumc.org, or call the church office at 734-453-5280

RETURN ADDRESS

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY—THURSDAY 9 AM—3 PM
OFFICE CLOSED ON FRIDAY

PERIODICALS

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April BIRTHDAYS 2022

4/1 Scott Freeland
4/3 Jacob Little
4/4 Rianne Fuertes
Bill Gutherie
Cindy Green
4/6 Karen Morin
4/8 Allyson Carr
Aleigh Gorham
James Utley
Sydney Paul
4/9 Kristi Rymph
4/10
Christina Christenson
Eric Paulsen
Rachel Paulsen
Bill Ramsay
4/11 Oscar Linares
4/12 Marcia Van Oyen
Lisa Walters
4/13 Holly Good
Henry Styron
4/14 Meghan Bosch
Catherine Christenson
Gertrude Daly
4/18 Dan Moore
Joanne Schlabach
4/19 Luka Jurasek

4/22 Sally Hoy
Mark Van Oyen
4/23 James Barber
Aria McDonald
Joey Schilling
4/25 Jade Kuzak
Natalie McLaughlin
Evelyn Walker
4/27 Tim Trinkka
4/28 Toni Hartke
Lucy Shaw
4/29
Rosemary Prueter
4/30
Chuck Stinebaugh

