

SUNDAY WORSHIP FOR JUNE

June 7 Rev. Jenny Shultz-Thomas [Matthew 28:16-20](#)
 June 14 Rev. Jenny Shultz-Thomas [Matthew 9:35-10:8. \(9-23\)](#)
 June 21 Alix Wright [Matthew 10:24-39](#)
 June 28 Rev. Dr. Eric C. Smith [Matthew 10:40-42](#)



Worship with us remotely on Sundays at 10:00A at <https://bit.ly/FPCC-LIVE-Worship>
 or view previous services on the [FPUCC YouTube Station](#).



- Harry Adair
- Rolf Asphaug
- Jill Bachman
- Bob Backus
- Emerson Barnes
- Gwen Black
- Ken Brewster
- Alexis Cole
- Jeff Coleman
- Connie Coughlin
- Gail Davies
- Nathan Day
- Stella Dempster
- Dorothy Eckert
- John Ehrhardt
- Stan Elofson
- Beverly Emery
- Sandy Erickson
- Nanette Erkman
- Amy Falconetti
- Kate Fenn
- Taylor Fenn
- Morgan Griego
- Richard Hays
- Claire Hertel
- Melanie Houston
- Meb Ingold
- Jennifer Isbill-Bonnie
- Marie James
- Ava Lemburg
- Carter Lemburg
- Anne Lindsey
- Nancy Lindsey
- Emerson Mangiameli
- Susan Massey
- Jan McCoy
- Kati McCoy
- Monica Morris
- Kristin Nelson
- Robb Origer
- Devin Ray
- Mel Rensberger
- Barbara Rogers
- Pam Schmidt
- Joe Shaw
- Jim Stahler
- Betsy Stewart
- Shirley Stotko
- Deb Strawser
- Marcus Stubner
- Gloria Truell
- Donald Ulrich
- Tom Van Egeren
- Chloe Westlund
- Patricia Wieland
- Deborah Woodard
- Marion Woodward

MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

June is my final month as Moderator and I wanted to thank you all for giving me the opportunity to serve the Congregation of First Plymouth over the past year. It has been a learning experience to be sure, but it has also been a loving experience. Everyone I have worked with, from the pastors and the office staff to Council and committee members, have been nothing but gracious and generous with their time, their talents and their passion for this community. The best part of this job has been working beside and learning from so many new and old friends and watching how they express their creativity and caring.



It has been a busy year in the Church – welcoming Pastor Jenny Shultz-Thomas to our beloved community just last summer; celebrating her Installation service here last fall; hosting the Metro Denver Association Annual meeting here; kicking off new initiatives like Natural Church Development; refining our governing policies; committing to welcome and serve those who suffer from mental illness; and speaking out against injustice and institutionalized inequality. Finally, but certainly not least, we have grappled with the impact of the novel coronavirus on our church family as well as on the larger community. Again, the work has gotten done because of the commitment of this congregation to our community and its values.

My gratitude goes out to all the members of the Church Council who have committed so much of their time and thoughtfulness to the governance of First Plymouth. They are all wonderful, upstanding people, and each brings something unique and positive to our leadership. Council is truly an example of how the whole is so much more than the sum of its parts. I also thank Carol Hainsey who is a thoughtful and steady presence in our front office, and Jenny Shultz-Thomas who embodies our Mission with enthusiasm, optimism and vision. I am grateful to be witness to such exciting and inspiring leadership.

At Community Camp each summer a theme is chosen and camp activities revolve around that theme. If I had a chosen a theme for this past year as Moderator, it would have been "Together." Council member David Stevenson often uses the word "Together," to remind Council why we are here and how best to move forward. And even though we may not be together right now in the same physical space, we are together in spirit. Together we as a congregation are challenging limits and modeling our values. Our church is front and center in striving for social, economic and environmental justice, for inclusivity and fairness. We should be proud of the risks we take as a Congregation in voicing together the unifying message of Jesus Christ in our fractured, divisive society. Together we welcome without judgment. Together we love without conditions. And together we lead without fear.

In Gratitude,
Kim Wooldridge



Pastors Jenny and Eric invite you to Coffee w/ the Pastors each Thursday at 11:00A. Find the links to join on the [church's website calendar](#).



Meet Mary Osgood
 Mary is almost a Denver native, having moved to Colorado in 1969. However, her roots are in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, a Milwaukee suburb.
[Read more here.](#)



Meet Dan Porter
 Dan Porter, who turned 98 last month is one of our oldest church members. His friend, Bruce Thumm crafted a spectacular biography of Dan.
[Read more here.](#)

What's Happening?



During the pandemic and social distancing, First Plymouth has transitioned to holding worship services, classes and meetings online via Zoom and GoToMeeting.

To find the most recent scheduling of these opportunities, please go to the Church Calendar online at <https://bit.ly/FPCC-calendar>.

Stay in Touch!

The administration at First Plymouth uses email as the main method of communicating with members and friends.

MailChimp's bi-weekly and monthly updates are sent to those who "opt-in" via a subscription form, whether members or not at <https://bit.ly/FPCC-MailChimp>.

Members & Friends can maintain their own information in ShelbyNext with their own credentials. Need credentials? Contact Amy at editor@firstplymouthchurch.org

2019-2020 FIRST PLYMOUTH CHURCH COUNCIL

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Kim Wooldridge
Vice Moderator
Phil Thompson
Treasurer
Steve Haskins
Church Clerk
Lee Probasco

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 June 2021: Allison Pasternak and Sandy Clough
 June 2022: Laura Eley and David Stevenson

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Happy Birthday Don McLean!

First Plymouth's Facilities Mgr. of 29 years also has a birthday this June. Send him your wishes:
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Please donate to Kentucky Circle Village. During these difficult times, many residents at Kentucky Circle Village are faced with food insecurity, financial limitations, and mobility issues that restrict their ability to search for some basic food and/or household items. Please consider donating basic items such as: easy-open canned food items like soup, tuna, Chef Boyardee-ravioli or spaghetti, rice, cereals, and powdered milk. At least ONE toilet paper roll would also be appreciated. Items can be dropped off at the KCV office at [4901 E. Kentucky Circle](#) Monday-Friday between the hours of 8:30A and 4:00P. The office number is 303-756-5218. THANK YOU.

Date Change for Congregational Meeting. The Church Council has changed the date for the June congregational meeting from June 7 to **June 28** to allow for more time to prepare the proposed budget for 2020-2021, and to have it reviewed by the Church Finance Committee. Due to the impact of the coronavirus pandemic, which has resulted in the church building being closed for now, the Church financial picture is fluctuating. Currently our Stewardship campaign is going well, thanks to the hard work of the Stewardship Committee, but mostly thanks to you, the Congregation, who have been generous in your continuing support of the church. However, the church has lost rental revenues and other sources of income which necessitates more time to determine the impact on the budget for next year. We thank you for your understanding, and are available for questions at churchcouncil@firstplymouthchurch.org.

Mask Makers Collective are making home-made masks available to First Plymouth members and friends. Use the form <https://bit.ly/FPC-masks> to order yours today!

The **First Plymouth Foundation Board** of Directors and the **Caring Awards** Co-Chairs are pleased to announce the recipients of the 2020 Awards. This is the 30th anniversary of the Awards, which are given to two individuals each year and are based upon service to the community and/or First Plymouth Church. The 2020 Gala event to celebrate the recipients will be scheduled when the congregation can once again gather in-person.

The Reverend Peter Sawtell (ministry@eco-justice.org): For the past twenty years he has been a prophetic, essential voice of Christian faith in the environmental justice community. As founder and executive director of Eco-Justice Ministries, he has been tireless in calling us to examine our lives, choices and actions in accordance with our faith and message in Scripture. Central to Peter's message of hope is the old Testament concept of Shalom, the peace-with-justice that God requires us to seek throughout creation. [Read more about The Reverend Peter Sawtell here.](#)

Bob Sargent M.D. (rasargent@comcast.net): Dr. Sargent is a member of First Plymouth Church and is a physician with a specialty in Pediatric Ophthalmology. During his active practice and in his retirement he organized and participated in mission trips to conduct surgeries on children in remote and under-served areas around the world. To extend his efforts, he taught local physicians new procedures and he donated his own specialized equipment to enable the work of these physicians. He had to purchase new equipment at his own expense each trip and he supported his own travel in about 60 of the 90 total mission trips he made to 25 countries. [Read more about Bob's legacy here.](#)

JUNE SHARE-THE-PLATE

Your June Share-the-Plate giving will benefit Shimmering Wings, a nonprofit organization that provides grief support and education to individuals who have experienced a childhood death loss so their voices are heard, feelings validated, memories cherished and ongoing lives supported with loving care and compassion. Find additional information on their website at www.shimmeringwings.org.



Contribute to Share-the-Plate by check, [text to give](#), [ACH](#) or [Credit Card](#).

May's Joys and Concerns

For our members' privacy, a list of the prior month's [Joys and Concerns](#) is available on the church website under the [FP Members](#) section. Email your Joys and Concerns to Anthony Scott at pastoralcare@firstplymouthchurch.org for inclusion on our webpage.



MINISTRY NEWS

The **Progressive Christianity** class will continue throughout *June and July on the second and fourth Mondays at 4:30P* and *on the second and fourth Mondays in August at 7:00P*. The 2020-2021 program year begins in September at which time we expect the schedule to change again.

Children's Ministries will be having Summer Sunday School. Mark your calendars! Watch for emails explaining the activities for the first three Sundays of each month, from June through August. During the **1st Sunday of the month** there will be a Family Activity. The **2nd Sunday of the month** there will be a video from a congregation member. During the **3rd Sunday of the month** there will be a Zoom Summer Sunday School session. We are looking forward to connecting with you this summer!

Nursery & Sunday School Registration is now open for the 2020-2021 Program year. Please register your child(ren) today on the church's website at https://bit.ly/FPCC_SSRegistration.

Do you need a mask for your child? Our dedicated mask team is making children's masks and has graciously offered to share. Please contact Alix Wright directly at awright@firstplymouthchurch.org to make your request.

Below are three spiritual practices for you and your family.

- 1) While we are away at this time, I want to create art that can bring us together. [Here is one piece of a Mandala](#). Please print, color and mail them to the church. As we get pieces I will put them together, and even though we are apart, we can create art together. This project is not just for our younger folks, but everyone can join in!
- 2) Here is a [downloadable book](#) that is full of prayers and activities for families. Deb Arca was kind enough to purchase this product for our families.
- 3) Find [Illustrated Ministries weekly coloring pages here](#).

VBS is NOT canceled. It will look different than it has in the past, but it will still have a lot of the same elements. Your kids will get to learn Bible stories, enjoy making crafts, and sing fun new songs! Alix Wright is working hard to ensure this VBS is enjoyable, engaging, relevant, and not a ton of set-up for our parents.



Rev. Dr. Anthony Scott joined the staff of First Plymouth, in March of this year, as Pastoral Associate for Congregational Care. Anthony is a native of St. Louis, MO. He counts his years in ministry to Children, Youth and Families as some of the most impact-filled in his ministry. Anthony is available to provide pastoral support. He can be reached at pastoralcare@firstplymouthchurch.org.

The **Whole Earth Ministry** is pleased to report that the new Director of Development at Reach Out and Read, Carey Kerschner, reports that First Plymouth's February Share-the-Plate donation of \$2,647 was matched by a generous donor. The actual donation is now \$5,294! Carey says, "At a time when fundraising is going to be so tricky, this is such an impactful gift. We are hearing from our providers that being able to offer our program is assisting them in providing comfort and a sense of normalcy to their young patients. Thanks to the congregation at First Plymouth for their support!"



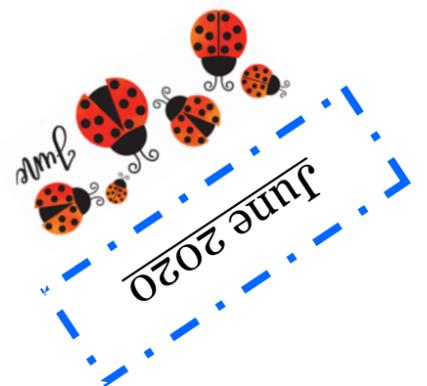
As of May 29, the **Stewardship Ministry** announced that 177 pledges totaling \$663,703 had been pledged toward the goal of \$800,000. That's 42 pledges less than last year. If you have not yet pledged, please do so as the Church Council must finalize the 2020-2021 Church budget to prepare for the new program year in September. It's easy to pledge online at <https://bit.ly/FPC-Pledge>.

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