

## WORSHIP FOR MARCH

- March 1: Matthew 4:1-11  
Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7** Rev. Jenny Shultz-Thomas  
(Service of Holy Communion)
- March 8: John 3:1-17, Psalm 121** Rev. Jenny Shultz-Thomas
- March 15: John 4:5-42, Exodus 17:1-7** Rev. Sue Artt
- March 22: John 9:1-41, Psalm 23** Rev. Jenny Shultz-Thomas
- March 29: John 11:1-45, Ezekiel 37:1-14** Rev. Dr. Eric C. Smith



Worship with us remotely on Sundays at 10:00A at  
<https://bit.ly/2kUz3IT>  
or view previous services on the [FPUCC YouTube Station](#).



Facebook: @firstplymouth



Instagram: @FirstPlymouthDenver



Twitter: @PlymouthDenver

## Regularly Scheduled Sundays

Nursery opens at 8:30A, Adult Choir Rehearsals at 8:30A,  
Adult Education at 8:45A, Grades K-5 Choir at 9:15A,  
Parenting Place at 9:15A, Worship Services at 10:00A

Would you like to learn more about First Plymouth? "FP-At-A-Glance" will be held on March 29, following the Service.

## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

<b>Sunday, March 1, 2020</b>	
5:00 PM	Youth Group Potluck
<b>Monday, March 2, 2020</b>	
10:00 AM	Knit Wit SewSociety
12:00 PM	Poetry & Prayer
7:00 PM	Christian Education CAM Meeting
<b>Tuesday, March 3, 2020</b>	
6:30 PM	Mission Team
7:00 PM	Women's Cancer Support Group
<b>Saturday, March 7, 2020</b>	
8:00 AM	Men's Fellowship Breakfast
<b>Sunday, March 8, 2020</b>	
11:00 AM	Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser
1:15 PM	New Members Program
<b>Monday, March 9, 2020</b>	
11:30 AM	Between the Lines Book Group
12:00 PM	Poetry & Prayer
<b>Tuesday, March 10, 2020</b>	
7:00 PM	FP WISE Meeting
<b>Wednesday, March 11, 2020</b>	
8:30 AM	Yacht & Donut
1:00 PM	Healing Touch
7:00 PM	FP Racial Equity Team
<b>Friday, March 13, 2020</b>	
5:30 PM	Social Justice Film Series
<b>Saturday, March 14, 2020</b>	
5:30 PM	Travel Memories Club
<b>Monday, March 16, 2020</b>	
11:30 AM	Women's Cancer Support Group
12:00 PM	Poetry & Prayer
<b>Tuesday, March 17, 2020</b>	
1:00 PM	FP Bookies
6:30 PM	FP Council Meeting
<b>Sunday, March 22, 2020</b>	
9:00 AM	New Members Sunday
<b>Monday, March 23, 2020</b>	
12:00 PM	Poetry & Prayer
<b>Tuesday, March 24, 2020</b>	
7:00 PM	Stewardship Ministry
<b>Wednesday, March 25, 2020</b>	
1:00 PM	Emergency Operations Meeting
7:00 PM	PPRC
<b>Thursday, March 26, 2020</b>	
7:00 PM	Outreach Ministry Meeting
<b>Sunday, March 29, 2020</b>	
8:30 AM	Stewardship Kick-Off
<b>Monday, March 30, 2020</b>	
12:00 PM	Poetry & Prayer

Daylight savings begins  
March 8.



### OUR SENIORS

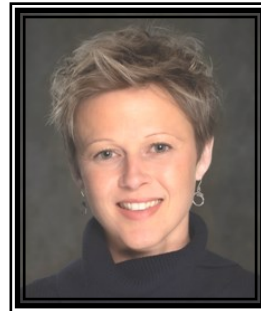
**Willa Brunkhorst**  
**Janet Dickson**  
**Nancy Fogg**  
**Jackie Geist**  
**Hal Gutjahr**  
**Ilene Gutjahr**  
**Stan Harwood**  
**Dal Ingold**  
**Gordon James**  
**Claudia Merthan**  
**Dee Ramsay**  
**Janet Rich**  
**Lu Schroeder**  
**Jack Smith**  
**Sue Soder**  
**David Stevenson**  
**Norbert Stotko**  
**John Truell**  
**Bobbie Tucker**  
**Jerry Vahle**  
**Barbara Weigner**

### Our Children

**Dylan Rowe**  
**Connor Williams**  
**Evelyn Joy Wright**

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

First Plymouth Church and I invite you to join me in "Wilding the Wilderness" together over the next "forty days and forty nights." Like Jesus, we too are tempted to forget our humanness, to believe that all is lost, and therefore tempted to turn our backs on both the "beautiful" and "broken" parts of the human condition. As we mark ourselves with stardust, as we carry the weight of our sacredness these next weeks, let us claim our identity as children of God, born blessed and wretched, and still wholly beloved. Download your copy of the Lent 2020 Booklet at <https://bit.ly/2HZULNm>.



On Thursdays in Lent at 11:30A please join Rev. Jenny Shultz-Thomas and Rev. Dr. Eric Smith in the Sanctuary for the live podcasts of The Pastor & The Professor.

To view previous podcasts, go to <https://bit.ly/2RCDhuT>.

## MODERATOR MESSAGE

Thank you to all who attended our Coffee with Council event during the February 9 CE Forum. We appreciated hearing all of your feedback and suggestions, which will be on Council's Agenda over the next few months. We will begin posting both the monthly Council Agendas and meeting minutes on the Council bulletin board near the center stairwell beginning in March. The Council Agenda for the monthly meetings will be published in the bulletin and weekly e-mail updates the week prior to the meetings. Council meetings occur on the third Tuesday of each month unless rescheduled for a special reason. All meetings are open to any member of the congregation, except in very unusual circumstances. For those who missed the February 9 Coffee with Council, there will be another one within the coming months. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to approach any one of us with any of your concerns or comments, or simply to introduce yourself. We are here to serve you! Council members are wearing blue ribbons on their church name tags for ease of recognition. We can be reached at [Churchcouncil@firstplymouthchurch.org](mailto:Churchcouncil@firstplymouthchurch.org) as well. Again, thank you for your support. Church Council



Kim Wooldridge, Moderator  
Phil Thompson, Vice-Moderator  
Steve Haskins, Treasurer  
Lee Probasco, Church Clerk  
Ken Hoagland, Immediate Past Moderator

Sandy Clough, member at large  
Laura Eley, member at large  
Pete Fogg, member at large  
Kent Lemburg, member at large  
David Stevenson, member at large  
Alison Pasternak, member at large

## February'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.



### 2019-2020 FIRST PLYMOUTH CHURCH COUNCIL

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

### Members at Large:

June 2020: Kent Lemburg and Peter Fogg  
June 2021: Allison Pasternak and Sandy Clough  
June 2022: Laura Eley and David Stevenson

### FIRST PLYMOUTH OFFICE CONTACTS

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

At the next **Men's Fellowship Breakfast**, FP members Geoff Lynch and Nancy Erickson, who are former FAA Controllors, will give a presentation and field questions about the FAA on **Saturday, March 7**. The men meet at First Plymouth for fellowship, breakfast and spirited discussions at 8:00A. Women may share breakfast at Panera Bread at Hampden Ave. and I-25 and join the men at 9:00A for the presentation. Contact Bruce Glenn for details.

**Healing Touch** meets **Wednesday, March 11 at 1:00P** with Daria Leslea, owner of Good Grief Yoga Therapy. Daria will teach the class how to manage grief.

First Plymouth has lots of books for young children in the **Children's Library** on the lower level, but there are very few books available for middle-grade and older children to read. Should you wish to donate to our children's library, a short list is on the bulletin board and donations may be left in the green box in the children's library downstairs. Please mark off the book(s) you donate to ensure no duplications.

The Spring 2020 **New Members Program (NMP)** will be held on **Sunday, March 8 from 11:00A - 3:00P**. Lunch and everybody's favorite, "Getting-to-Know-You", will start us off. Then we will tour the church while gaining information on the Governance, Christian Formation, Stewardship, Outreach, Worship and Community Life facets of First Plymouth. Q & A and good fellowship will occur throughout our time together! Please email Heidi Thomas to reserve your spot and confirm your lunch preferences.

The congregation is invited to attend the **First Plymouth Travel Memories Club** (the Armchair kind) on **Saturday, March 14**. Sandy and Tim Young will present, "India: Seeing the Sites, Attending a Hindu Wedding and a Home Stay." For more information, go to <https://bit.ly/2wcyiK3>.

What happens in a small mountain town when a big city developer arrives with big plans? Get your tickets for the **2020 Magic Moments show, "Take The High Road"**, and find out! **Heather Spillman** is the lone Spillman in this year's show, but you will not regret seeing this fun and timely family friendly musical. Magic Moments is an all-inclusive nonprofit theatre troupe comprised of actors of all types; ages 5-85: with special needs, professional, and novice, who perform an annual original musical! This show runs from March 26 - 29. Tickets and information at [magicmomentsinc.org](http://magicmomentsinc.org).

Join us after the service on **Sunday, March 8**, for the annual **Community Camp Pancake Breakfast**. Whether you are interested in attending your first Camp, are a repeat camper or can't make it at all this year, this is a great way to support a yummy annual FP tradition.



Join us for the best week of the summer at La Foret Conference and Retreat Center in the Black Forest for **Community Camp July 19-25**. Find the paper registration forms at Mission Central or point the camera on your phone at the QR code here which should open a link to the digital registration page. Go to: <https://bit.ly/3c4zHTt> to make installment payments via eCheck or Credit Card.

Gather for a weekend of song, prayer and dialogue in Denver **March 14-15**. In an increasingly fragmented world, people are asking, "Who is my neighbor?", "Is reconciliation possible?", "Is community a dream?" Brothers Emile and John from the Taize community share in the dialogue and spiritual practice that is the heart of the community's home in France. For more information and to register, go to <https://bit.ly/390ILYM>.

Save-The-Date! **The 2020 Women's Retreat** will be held **October 9-11**.

## Adult Forum: March

**March 1: The ROCK Center:** Rev. Corbin Tobey-Davis introduces this program which teaches coping and connection skills and other competencies to at-risk children of Aurora, Grades 3-8.

**March 15: The Soul Box Project:** Meet Rhonda McGee and learn to make soul boxes as a way of honoring the lives lost to gun violence in this country. Go to <https://bit.ly/3c1yexn> for more information.

**March 29:** FPWise, the mental health task force, has written a draft covenant to become a nationally affiliated WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive and Engaged) Congregation for Mental Health of the UCC. Rev. Amy Petré Hill will present this covenant which will be voted on at the June annual meeting.

## COMMITTEE NEWS

**The Social Justice Film Series** presents the film "**American Heretics: The Politics of the Gospel**" **March 13** at **First Universalist Church** located at **4101 E. Hampden Ave.** Meet at 5:30P for a Potluck supper (please bring something to share). The film begins at 6:30P with a discussion to follow. Go to <https://bit.ly/2MGPavn> for more information about the film.

During the next several months, your **Hospitality Team** is organizing a series of Meet and Greet events for Jenny Schulz-Thomas. Several of the fall parties are being rescheduled as they were cancelled due to weather, busy schedules and illness. Please make a special effort to respond to invitations so the hosts/hostesses have an idea of who is attending. Hopefully it will be a good opportunity for all of us to get to know each other better.



The **Green Team** has been in the process of studying what it means to become a Creation Justice Church. It is an opportune time, on the 50th anniversary of Earth Day (April 22), to survey our congregation about our current environmental practices and ones we would like to learn more about. Please take a moment to complete this survey at <https://bit.ly/2HFGLLe> or by scanning the QR code.

Save-The-Date! **First Plymouth's Galapalooza: Thursday, June 11**. For more information, go to <https://bit.ly/3c5NoBP>.

## MINISTRY NEWS

**Children's Ministries** invites families to learn about a different environmental theme over the six weeks of Lent at The Parenting Place: single-use plastics, meat-free meals, plant a tree, take the train, walk or carpool, recycle and reuse, zero waste. The Children's Choirs will sing during the March 1 worship service. Volunteers are needed as teachers, greeters once per month, preparing for Easter and organizing fellowship opportunities.

**Community Life Ministry** and all of First Plymouth is happy to have ever-growing attendance each week. Please volunteer to provide food items or to assist with setup and/or cleanup on a regular basis. A team of 25 - 35 individuals would significantly assist those who already support this beloved service. Sign up TODAY at [bit.ly/2wtMHSr](http://bit.ly/2wtMHSr).

The Annual **Stewardship** Campaign will officially begin on March 29 and that means you will soon be hearing a lot from us. But first, we want to hear from you! Your input is valuable in our planning process. Please provide suggestions to make the pledge process easier. All questions and input are welcome at [stewardship@firstplymouthchurch.org](mailto:stewardship@firstplymouthchurch.org).

The **Youth Group** invites the congregation to their **Sunday, March 1** potluck supper at 5:00P with a program to follow. The presentation portion will be a discussion about gun violence and learning how to make soul boxes. Please join us and bring some food to share!

**Christian Education:** Children's Ministries lead the worship on March 1, the first Sunday in Lent. The Parenting Group continues with its Wilderness in Lent theme throughout March at 9:15A-10:00A in the Commons Room.

Because there is no "Planet B", our task is to make sure our earth stays healthy and happy. The **Whole Earth's FP Green Team** invites you to "The Climate Crisis and the Progressive Church - How Enlightened Believers Can Help Save the Planet" on April 5 during the Adult Forum. This event will highlight important issues where FP members and friends will be asked to commit to action steps. Read more at <https://bit.ly/2VrbS2y>.

The **Outreach Ministry** is pleased to report the Grants and Share-the-Plate totals for the 2019 calendar year: Grants = \$12,950 and Share-the-Plate = \$42,921.56. For more detail, go to <https://bit.ly/2SZKbvX>.

## MARCH SHARE-THE-PLATE

The March Share-the-Plate recipient is The ROCK Center. This program teaches coping and connection skills and other competencies to at-risk children of Aurora, Grades 3-8. Graduates of this program go on to serve as volunteers for the program while in high school. Students referred by their schools and by the Aurora Mental Health School Counseling Team are largely Hispanic, African-American and immigrants. During the school year and summer camps, over 150 students per year have benefited from this program. For more information, go to <https://bit.ly/2VhqC3Y>.



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