

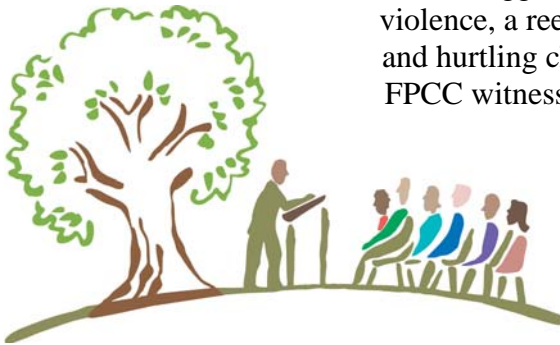


In order to continue and to grow the missions of First Plymouth Church, the chairs of our program-oriented ministries and committees (Arts at Plymouth, Christian Education, Fellowship and Parish Life, Inclusivity/Open and Affirming, Outreach, Stewardship, Whole Earth, and Worship and Arts) are gathering monthly to work together, with a definite bias for action. Their mutually crafted mission statement is to:

Empower FPCC's mission delivery by:

1. *Discerning God's will for our mission*
2. *Engaging the Spiritual Gifts of the members and friends of the congregation*
3. *Integrating, Coordinating, and Communicating mission programs to the congregation*
 - a. *Missions of Ministries, Committees, and Mission Team*
 - b. *Ad hoc and grassroots missions of others consistent with FPCC Mission Statement*
4. *Lifting up and celebrating our ministries*
5. *Working with outside groups/congregations*

To make that mission statement concrete for our coming program year, the team's guiding theme is **Finding Grace in Chaos**. As our world continues to struggle with sectarian violence, a reeling global economy, and hurtling change, how can we at FPCC witness to abundance,



compassion, diversity, and *grace*? Each individual committee and ministry will define what that means in its own area of mission delivery *and then provide opportunities for every member of the congregation to participate in concretely living our mission statement.*

We are moving to a profound theological place: we do not come to church to have our needs met; we go from church to meet the needs of a torn world. Our focus is not on the church but rather on its mission.

*Blessings,
George*

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Can Do
Sunday
is
June 21!

Sunday Morning at First Plymouth

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	First Service and Children's Sunday School
10:10 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Christian Education for Adults, Youth, & Children Children's Choir Rehearsals
11:11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Second Service

**All Morning:
Fellowship in
Plymouth Hall and
Nursery Care in B09**

June 7**The Rev. George Anastos****John 3:1-17****Trinity Sunday**

This Sunday following Pentecost is traditionally known as Trinity Sunday. It is a time for the church to explore this most enigmatic theological concept which many believe is absolutely critical to Christian faith. Today I would like to explore this theological concept and explore with you how it may help us in our relationship with God...or not.

June 14**The Rev. Jane Anne Ferguson****Ezekiel 17:22-24; Mark 4:26-34****"Gardening Techniques"**

Our gardens are growing. It's the time of year that as urban people we can best understand the agrarian motifs and parables in scripture. Jesus' parables on growing the community of God are supported and illuminated by the ancient prophetic poetry of Ezekiel. God has a plan for God's work. Let us hear and celebrate it together!

**June 21****The Rev. Karen Guy**

They were sailing along when suddenly the sunset changed from gorgeous reds and oranges to the black and tumultuous clouds of a storm. They were all experts on the water, but the storm was a big one. It was hard to believe that Jesus was sound asleep as the skies got darker and darker. They knew he could help, but he had to wake up and pay attention first! Today we will take a look at this familiar story and how it plays out in our own lives today. God provides us with a picture for understanding Christ's presence in our lives in the midst of our storms. We will also be preparing for our week of Vacation Bible School and praying that lives will be changed by this ministry.

June 28**9:00 a.m. Service**

Be prepared to Rock on Crocodile Dock! Together with the children and families of Vacation Bible School, we will worship God with energy, creativity and fun! Come hear the Bible Stories and the "God Sightings" from VBS. Be ready to let your light shine!

11:11 a.m. Service**Carole Westphal**

Are human beings created in God's image, or is it the other way around? What would that mean for our conception and worship of God and for how we live out our lives as Christians? Come and explore this provocative and potentially controversial topic.

Moderator's Corner: Where is Your Church?

Writing to the church in Corinth, the apostle Paul says, "When you come together, everyone has a hymn, a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. All of these must be done for the strengthening of the church." When we meet as a congregation on June 7, these words capture the spirit of such a meeting. They reflect the importance of talking and listening to one another as we draw on our greatest resource of all: each other. Together, we nurture, strengthen, and equip ourselves to go into a world that could probably use a little more church.

Theologian Elton Trueblood says, "You cannot go to church; rather, you *are* the church wherever you go." He suggests that when we are asked, "Where is your church?" our response ought to go beyond the church's address to the church *scattered* all over the city in hundreds of homes, schools, offices, shops, and streets.

Our Church Council has worked hard this past year to design an improved structure for mission delivery and

member empowerment to make this church a "home base" for being and becoming worthy servants and disciples in the world—in short, to be "church" in a world where we are called to places of oppression, pain, and injustice. As Kenneth Callahan writes in *Twelve Keys To An Effective Church*, "The church building is not the center of the mission. The world is the center of the mission."

Sunday is not a day for escape but a day for preparation. It is difficult to live in the world as though our faith will make a difference. First Plymouth remains committed to live out its faith in ways that the church is seen, heard, and touched in all the right places. We celebrate our joys and give thanks for God's grace in our lives, and we remain mindful of our mission in the world. So, the real question for us may not be "Where is your church?" as though it were only a place, but rather "When is your church?"—a place that lives in each of our hearts.

In Christ, David Nestor

Habitat Happenings



The Fernandez-Digesualdo Family

This year our Habitat family is Anthony Fernandez, Angela Digesualdo and their children, Anastasia (2) and Anthony (5). Anthony is a supervisor at Mile High Specialty Foods, and Angela is a hair stylist at Supercuts. They are high school sweethearts who have always wanted their children to grow up in a safe neighborhood and have a permanent place to call home.

Being able to own their own home means everything to the Fernandez-Digesualdo family. Anthony is proud to say that he will be the first grandchild, of over 170 grandchildren, to own a home. They are looking forward to having a safer place to raise their children with more space, and a backyard for them to play in.

Angela and Anthony would like to thank everyone. "We really appreciate what our sponsors, Loaves and Fishes, and everyone has done. We feel so blessed to be looking forward to having a place to call home."

First Plymouth teams with **Columbine United Church** and **Heritage United Methodist Church** to provide ten workers for the following dates:

Wednesdays- June 10 & July 8

Thursdays-June 4, July 2 & July 30

Fridays- June 26 & July 24

Saturdays- June 20 & July 18

If certain dates work best for you, call **Stan Harwood, 303-770-3387** to reserve that time. Please be willing to respond to **team leaders** who may call you to join their team. Join us for a great time!

Taste the *Magic* of La Foret!

Unable to go to Community Camp this year? Wonder what Community Camp is all about? Want to taste the *magic* that campers talk about?

Then join us at La Foret on **Thursday, July 23!** Come down any time after lunch, drop in on a class, take a walk, play some tennis, walk the Labyrinth, or just soak in the beauty of La Foret. Watch the children (both the young and the young-at-heart) set off their bottle rockets during "Social Hour." Join us for our new "dinner theater" evening, including the famous annual Community Camp Talent Show!

You can do all of this for just \$12 per adult, \$8 for children (4-11), and free for age 3 and under.

Please contact Camp Dean Kari Collins **before July 12** to secure your "*Taste The Magic of LaForet*" reservations (karicasey@comcast.net or 303-921-5468).

P.S. We still have limited space available for FP members and friends who want to attend Community Camp (July 19 – 25). If you want to live some magical moments with your family and your FP community this summer, please join us for *The Magic of the Moment*, our theme for camp this year. Registration forms are available in the church office or at our website: firstplymouthchurch.org.

Special Congregational Meeting June 7 9:50-11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

There will be a special meeting of the congregation on Sunday, June 7, 2009, in the Sanctuary from 9:50 to 11:00 a.m. We will elect church officers and the members of church Ministries and Committees, vote on the 2009 proposed final budget. and vote on proposed bylaws changes to: (1) accommodate the recommended church structure; (2) align the program, nominating, and fiscal calendars; (3) make minor editing and housekeeping changes; and (4) allow e-mail as an option for official congregational notifications (members without e-mail will continue to receive official notifications by US mail).

Official meeting notices went out by mail in mid-May, and copies of the bylaws changes were sent to everyone with an e-mail address on file. You may obtain summaries of the recommended changes and copies of the proposed updated bylaws by contacting the church office.

Please be sure to attend this special meeting and affirmation of our ministries at First Plymouth.



Children's Christian Education

Summer Sunday School Has Begun!

Here's what's coming up on summer Sundays:

June 14	Paul and Barnabas in Antioch
June 21	Paul goes to Galatia/The Fruit of the Spirit
June 28	Intergenerational VBS Worship Service
July 5	Paul in Philippi
July 12	Paul in Ephesus
July 19	Paul in Ephesus cont'd
July 26	Paul in Corinth
August 2	Paul in Corinth cont'd
August 9	Paul in Rome; celebrate summer's end
August 16	Celebrate the beginning of a new Sunday School year for all Children!

There will be a preschool class every Sunday during the summer. We still need volunteers for both classes. Talk to Karen to ask questions, get more information, and sign up!

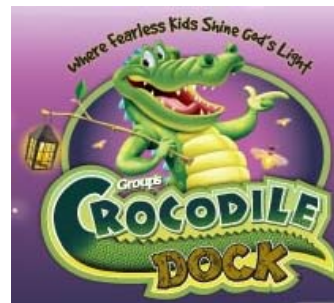
Boundary Training

We had three boundary training sessions in May and will have one more on June 14 before VBS starts on June 22. The training will be at 11:11 a.m. in Plymouth Hall. You must participate in a training every year to be able to work with children or youth at FPCC. If you have any questions you can contact Karen at 303-762-0616 or by email: fpchildren@firstplymouthchurch.org.

There will also be a training session on Monday morning at Community Camp.

VBS is Coming! Countdown Begins May 31

We are on our way to the beginning of a great Vacation Bible School here at First Plymouth, pulling together a great staff of loving and caring adults and youth. We still need your help. The lower the ratio of children to helpers the better the experience for all! Even if you can only help for one or two days, we need you!



Children can be registered up to the day that VBS begins. The more early registrations we have, the better for our planning. You can register at church or online at:

<http://www.groupvbs.com/webtoybox/myvbs/firstplymouthVBS>.

You can also register as a volunteer at the same website.

A VBS staff meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 31, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. We hope that all VBS staff will be able to attend.

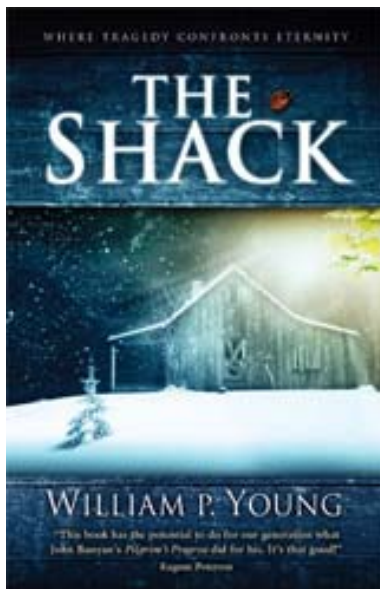
Community Camp

The theme for the children's activities at Community Camp this summer is "*The Magic of this World.*" Sometimes the mysteries of the world seem like magic. We will be exploring those mysteries and discovering through crafts, games, science, and many other activities that we can't do in the church building.

If you would like to lead an activity or help out please contact Karen.

Summer Book Series for Adults

Sundays at 10:10 a.m. in the Commons Room



This summer, while our adult and youth Sunday School classes take a break, the Christian Education Ministry will sponsor a Sunday morning book club to take place during the hour between the two worship services. We will be reading and discussing the national best selling novel, *The Shack*, by William P. Young. A publishing phenomenon, this self-published first novel has been on the

Amazon.com top 100 list for over 500 days. The story centers around a unhappy middle-aged family man named Mack who spends a most unusual weekend in a mountain cabin alone with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Mack has many questions and much healing that needs to be done. *The Shack* is not for everyone. Leaders of the religious right have called the book deeply subversive, scripturally incorrect, and downright dangerous. We would remind them that this is a novel, and as a work of imagination, allows readers to step outside accepted doctrine to ask fresh questions about goodness and evil, the nature of the Trinity, creation, and finding grace in chaos and despair.

The study begins Sunday June 14 at 10:10 am in the Commons Room and will be led by various members of First Plymouth. Copies of *The Shack* can be found at *amazon.com* or just about any store that sells books.

Omaha Youth Choir Concert Hospitality Needed

On Sunday, June 7, the Youth Choir of Sunnyside UCC in Omaha will sing in our sanctuary at 7:00 p.m..

If you are able to provide hospitality for two youth in your homes for that night and have them back at church by 8:00 the next morning, please contact the church right away. Help us welcome them with true First Plymouth hospitality.

Reception for Ken Ingram

Mark your calendars now for a reception for Christian Education Intern Ken Ingram, celebrating his service at First Plymouth—June 28 in Plymouth Hall. Check the website and bulletins for more information.

June Birthday Wishes

...To Our Seniors

6/5	Jerre Wilson
6/10	Ginny Cowles
6/10	Ginny Galloway
6/11	Jim Stahler
6/11	Cynthia Gibas
6/13	Bonnie Livran
6/13	Don Roberts
6/21	Lucile Leopold
6/25	Dorothy Brookens
6/25	Joseph Natale
6/28	George Bethune
6/29	Barbara Kessler

...To Our Children

6/1	Abigail Johanna Conner
6/3	Nathan Day
6/9	Lindsay Hovland
6/10	Mitchell Killmer
6/14	Stefani Lee Ramirez
6/16	Scarlett Avery Roe
6/21	Colleen Adrienne Wright
6/21	Cassidy Amanda Wright
6/24	Chloe Levesque-Etling
6/28	Nathan Shier

The Needlework Group

The knitting group invites anyone interested in needlework to come to our meeting on the third Thursday of the month (June 18) at 2:00 p.m in the Commons Room.

Men's Health Support Group

Men with any type of illness or health issue are invited to meet for support and insight on the second Monday of each month at 10:30 a.m. in the Columbine Room. For more information, contact Bob Backus at 303-781-1860.

The Group

The Group will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 27, at the home of Lee Probasco and Roger Diggie, 205 Holland Street, Lakewood (about twenty minutes from church). No reservation is necessary. Bring the usual hearty hors d'oeuvres, wine, dessert, or your favorite dish.

Take I-25 to 6th Avenue West, and then the Carr-Garrison exit, which becomes a service road. At Garrison, go left under 6th Avenue; take the first right onto 4th Avenue and the second left onto Holland. Cross the gulch and turn right into the driveway, or pass the house and turn right onto 2nd Avenue to park. Call 303-862-9217 with questions.

Women's Cancer Support Group

The Women's Cancer Support Group meets the third Tuesday of the month (June 16) in the Bride's Room from 12:00 - 2:00 PM. If you have been diagnosed with cancer or are a survivor, come join us. Bring your lunch; we provide dessert and coffee.

Summer Softball

Did you know First Plymouth has an athletic program? Well, we do (actually we don't). It has one team, the softball team. Whereas many teams play for victory, glory, and records, we strive to show up. And when we do, it's a pretty good time. To help us achieve our goal this season (of showing up), please set aside Sunday afternoons to come out and play slow pitch softball for First Plymouth. It is co-ed, and may even cross the species barrier. You need not be particularly coordinated and you do not even need a bat, ball, or a glove (we always have extras). So, stand up for your church, or at least stand up in the outfield.



If you have reservations about being publically identified with such a team, you can also come as a spectator. The fan section is shaded and cool, unlike the dugout. The games are at Progress Park: south on Broadway from Bellevue one block to Lehow Avenue, west to Huron Street, and north (bearing right) into the park parking lot. To get the complete season schedule as soon as it's available, contact David Kroll, dkroll9772@aol.com, or Laura Eley, lauraeley@gmail.com.



We Are the Church Together

Pastoral Care Office and Men's Fellowship

The Pastoral Care Office offers support to members and organizations of the First Plymouth Community, including Men's Fellowship. The Men's Fellowship group is open to all men of FP – there are no dues and no membership list. They meet the second Saturday morning of each month with breakfast followed by a lively discussion or presentation. Fellowship time is spent working on projects around church like weather-stripping the casement windows to reduce our energy bill. Last month over 30 men helped with our spring cleanup. Of course Men's Fellowship is not just about work; they take a road trip each Memorial Day weekend, have an annual retreat, and go Christmas Caroling each December. For more information contact Fletcher Brown or Pastoral Care.

Healing and Comfort

Marjorie Harvey, who stayed in touch with FP after moving to Massachusetts 25 years ago, died April 10 at the age of 98. Please remember her daughter, Carol Thompson, in your prayers. Pastoral Care has Carol's address.

Ed "Ski" Brozowski is in Littleton Adventist Critical Care ICU with a blood infection. He can have visitors from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Be conscientious about your health and anything you might pass on to Ski. He and **Shirley** appreciate your prayers and cards.

Jack Kramer is in Swedish Hospital fighting complications of asthma, Parkinson's, and diabetes. Remember **Jack**, wife **Kathryn**, and son **Kit** in your prayers.

Dan O'Haire recovers from surgery at Presbyterian St. Luke's. Dan and his wife, Jeanne Updike, have attended FPC for several months.

Bob Watford recovers at home following lumbar surgery at Swedish Hospital. Cards, calls, and visitors are welcome; please call first.

Ron Gardner is recovering at home following surgery on April 27 to remove a mass on his brain. The mass was benign – a great relief, and his headaches are gone.

Services for **Mig Brickey**, who died January 9, were held at First Plymouth on May 10 in the Chapel.

Carolyn Wuthrich a forty-six year member of First Plymouth, died on April 13 after a long illness. A memorial service was held on April 23. Her family includes son **David**, his wife **Sally**, and their sons **John**, **Matthew**, and Tyler; and her son Paul, his wife Lisa and their children, Davis and Ashley. Carolyn's husband Fred died in 1993.

The service for **Mildred Roth**, who died on April 6, was held on April 25. Her family includes daughter, **Betty Garcia**, and grandchildren **Lisa**, **John**, and **Kimberly Ann**.

On April 10, 91 years and 1 day after taking her first breath, **Lucia Blackinton** took her last breath. She died in her sleep in Auburn, California, as her family was gathering to celebrate her birthday. The family instead celebrated her life on Easter Sunday. Lucia and her late husband, **Jim**, who passed away in 2002, were instrumental in many aspects of the life and growth of First Plymouth. Lucia and Jim helped build our facility and were missionaries in Turkey on behalf of FPC. Lucia's ashes were interred next to Jim's in our court yard on Sunday, May 17.

Chuck Snyder recovers at home with an ongoing illness. He is not up to visitors, but he and his wife, **Judith Clausen**, appreciate cards and prayers.

Nansoo and **Ed Parmee** lost Nansoo's brother, Nam Soo Lee, on April 14, after a long battle with throat cancer. Nam Soo was the retired Dean of the College of Music at Seoul National University. He was an accomplished conductor and composer and performed many places in the US, including the Lincoln Center.

Ginnie Heddens' grandson, Brian Ballard, is serving in conflict in Iraq as a civilian technologist locating and disarming IEDs.

We have several members continuing in various stages of treatment for cancer or who are dealing with other chronic illnesses, including **Jo Cattell** and **Elaine Oppenheim**, both of whom are at home and receiving visitors. Please call first.

Sharon Tebow is receiving Hospice Care at home. Cards welcome.

Parish Joys

Philippa Anastos, daughter of **George** and **Andrea**, completed an internship with the International Labour Organization in Geneva, Switzerland during the summer of 2008. Her experience was highlighted in an article published in the spring 2009 Macalester College magazine. The article is on the Newsworthies Bulletin Board.

Friends of FP Kate and Chris Bangs welcomed a son, Bremner Quinn Bangs, on April 16. Mom, Dad, and sister Hope are happy to have him home.

We celebrated the baptism of three children on Sunday, May, 3: **Natalie Elaine Falconetti**, born November 17, 2008, to **John and Amy Falconetti**; John "Jack" Riley Stark, born November 27, 2008, to Robert and Lucy (Schlauch) Stark; and **Sydney Victoria Edwards**, born December 19, 2007, to **Kendal & Lisa Edwards**. Joining them in celebration are Jack's grandparents **Paul** and **Mardie Schlauch** and Sydney's older brother **Alexander** and great-grandmother, **Martha Edwards**.

Julia Jeanne Henkart went home Monday, April 20! Parents **Andrew** and **Erika** boarded in while she was in Skyridge NICU. Great grandmother **Mary Borin**, grandparents **Dale** and **Kristi Zimmerman**, aunts and uncles **Dedra** and **Joe Merrill** and **Leah** and **Tom Huxtable**, and cousins **Collin** and **Emily Huxtable** are all happy to have her home. The Henkart family welcomes cards and phone calls; they are not able to receive visitors for a few weeks.

Steve and Anne Cordts celebrated the birth of their daughter, Charlee Marie Cordts, on March 30, in Kaysville, Utah. Proud grandparents are **Chris** and **Linda Cordts**, and the great grandparents are **Bob** and **Jan Cordts**.

Jane Anne Ferguson and the Global Partners Team returned safely from their trip to build and learn about community in Christ through the covenant relationship with our Ospino, Venezuelan brothers and sisters. They partnered with the United Evangelical Pentecostal Churches of Venezuela.

Natalie Mast ('98 confirmand) graduated from the University of Arizona on May 16, with a Masters Degree in Landscape Architecture. She is the daughter of **Anita Mast**.

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Thanks to Our Volunteers ...We Couldn't Do It Without You!

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To **flower arrangers:** The Visuals Committee, Rebecca Woehrl, and Ann Lane, who created the beautiful arrangements for the May worship services.

To the **May weekday church office volunteers:** Cindy Eley, Jane Hall, Myra Kolditz, Sandy Erickson, Dalcyce Due, Kari Collins, Betsy Lewis, Carolyn Weaver, Janeen Stubbs, Nancy Cole, and Linda Glenn.

A special thank you to our **Sunday Morning Office Volunteers:** Elaine Hoss, Sophie Griffith, Dottie Herbertson, and Phyllis Rigsby. This has been a most faithful and dedicated group!

To our **Volunteer Gardeners:** Harry Adair, Leigh Green; Liz, Chris, and Elise Mascitelli; Dean and Sally Lund; Ken and Diane Hoagland; Michelle Mulinax; and Ann Lane (They would love to have you join them. Contact Harry at harryadair@comcast.net or 303-797-6207 for dates and times.



To **Men's Fellowship and Yacht & Donut**, with Fletcher Brown coordinating. Each week, the guys are doing general clean-up and working with the church staff to take care of the lawns and parking lot areas.

We couldn't do it without all of you pitching in, and we very much appreciate all the time and talent you are contributing.

Next Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, June 10
for the issue covering
July 1-31, 2009

**THIS IS AN
ABSOLUTE DEADLINE!**

The NEWSLETTER box is
located in the Church Office,
or e-mail your articles to:

fpccnews@yahoo.com

**Late submissions may not
make it into the newsletter!**



My Green Thing is: Composting at Home and at Church

The compost bins in the Church's Community Gardens have been rebuilt and revitalized and are producing nutrient-rich, high quality compost for the gardens from vegetable waste in our kitchen. In addition, a number of gardeners and members are bringing their kitchen vegetable waste to donate. Soon we will have more than enough to supply all of the Church's needs for garden compost and mulch with some left over for people to take and use. In doing this, we have addressed a number of myths about composting that tend to limit its activity, making our approach a model for effective composting in the unique Colorado environment.

There are two challenges to composting in Colorado: freezing weather and dryness. Much of the literature about composting is suited to wetter, warmer climates, but here are some tips for composting in Colorado:

1. Insulate your compost bins. It's a myth that composting needs sun and air to work - composting occurs without oxygen or sunlight. It generates its

own heat in the process, but that heat is insufficient when the weather is below 20° F and composting slows to a crawl. Insulating all sides exposed to the air with as little as one inch of foam or newspaper allows composting to occur throughout the winter.

2. Water and mix the compost on a weekly basis. Dryness causes composting to slow or cease, and clumping causes material to rot or sour (like grass clippings in a pile).

The bottom line is the process is easy, and the benefits are tremendous for a household and for the environment. If you would like more information on composting, contact Randy and Marcy Nicholas at trn1cholas@comcast.net or (303)791-2414.

What's your green thing? Share it with the congregation. Send your green thing ideas by the 1st of the month to mygreenthing@firstplymouthchurch.org and we'll put them in an upcoming newsletter.

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