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Hidden Treasure at First Plymouth

There is now a geocache called "First Plymouth" hidden someplace in the vicinity of the church. It's wheelchair accessible and easy to find - if you know where to look!

Geocaching (pronounced geo-cashing) is a worldwide game of hiding and seeking treasure. A geocacher can place a geocache in the world, pinpoint its location using GPS technology and then share the cache's existence and location online. Anyone with a GPS device can then try to locate the geocache. More information is available online at www.geocaching.com. The First Plymouth geocache identification number is GC2TA9Y.

Geocaching respects the environment. Many geocachers follow a "Cache In Trash Out" (CITO) policy, in which they make it a point to take along bags and remove trash each time they visit an area to sign a cache or leave a trinket behind.

Geocaches are permitted in most national forests and almost all local parks, and at many private properties, including several UCC churches. There are over 1.3 million geocaches hidden worldwide. They are never buried or placed in other ways that harm the landscape. Typically they are camouflaged and hidden in a crevice or other unobtrusive spot. Some caches are small boxes in which people can exchange trinkets, but many "nanocaches" are very small and contain only a tiny list that is signed by the person finding the cache.

First Plymouth's geocache was placed by the Asphaug family – see if you can find it! And if you look, please be sure to practice "Cache In Trash Out"!

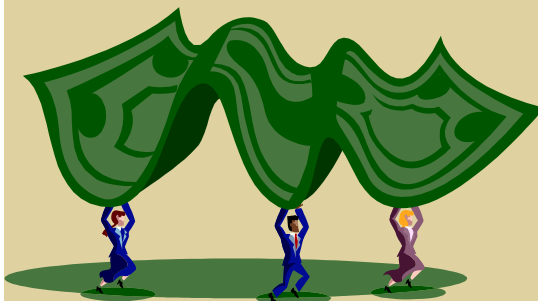


**Special Meeting of the Congregation
 Sunday, June 5**

There will be a special meeting of the congregation on Sunday, June 5, after the 10:00 a.m. worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to approve the budget for the 2012 fiscal year, which runs from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, and to elect church officers and ministry and committee members for the 2011-2012

program year. Note that this is NOT the official annual meeting of the congregation, which now occurs in September, but rather a special elections and budget meeting.

Lunch will be potluck—please bring a dish to share. Beverages will be provided. See you all there!





Worship Opportunities

Sunday Morning at First Plymouth

- 9:00 a.m.** Fellowship; Choir/Musician Rehearsal
10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary/Children's Sunday School
 Contemplative Worship in the Chapel
11:15 a.m. Fellowship

8:30 a.m. through the end of the 10:00 a.m. service: Nursery Care in B09

June 5 – Ascension Sunday Service of Holy Communion Rev. Elizabeth Denham Thompson Acts 1:1-11 – “Saying Goodbye”

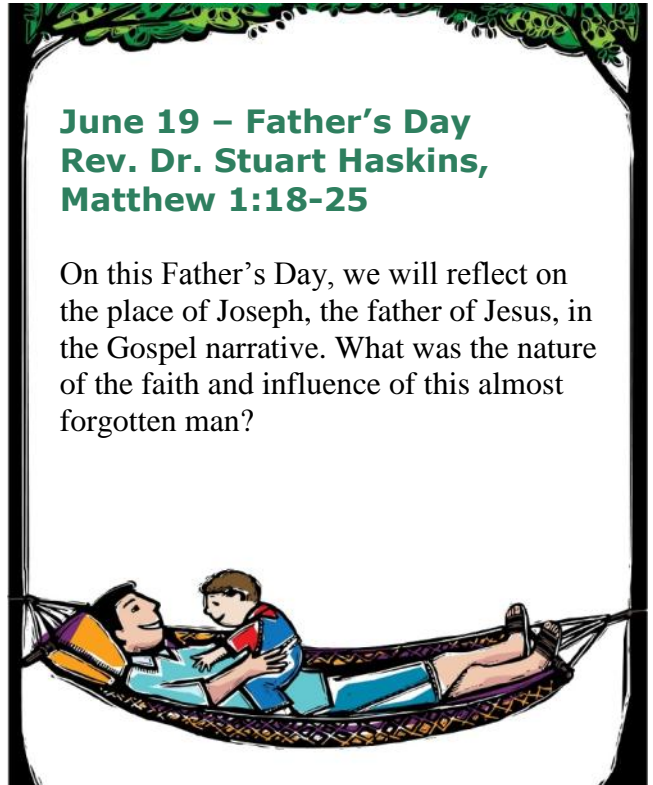
It is fascinating to observe how people say goodbye and to pay attention to the way we handle endings. Some people get anxious, others hang on with additional words of advice and hugs, and still others will argue or cut off relationships early to avoid the goodbyes. Today is Ascension Sunday, and so we focus on Jesus's last goodbye to his disciples and thus their final ending with him. This is also Communion Sunday so come join us as we pay attention to endings.

June 12 – Pentecost Sunday Rev. Lynn Vahle Numbers 11:24-30

Pentecost is considered the birthday of the church. And while it is true that the Holy Spirit is the energy for the work of the church, the text from Numbers and Jesus's words to Nicodemus assure us that the Holy Spirit of God cannot be contained exclusively by or limited to the church. And when the wind of the Spirit blows, things are usually upset.

June 19 – Father's Day Rev. Dr. Stuart Haskins, Matthew 1:18-25

On this Father's Day, we will reflect on the place of Joseph, the father of Jesus, in the Gospel narrative. What was the nature of the faith and influence of this almost forgotten man?



June 26 – VBS Sunday VBS Children and Staff

Be sure to join in this vibrant, upbeat worship finale to the *Shake It Up Café: Where Kids Serve Up God's Recipes*. In Vacation Bible School the previous week, kids from age 3 through grade 5 will have explored the Bible as an exciting cookbook filled with recipes for living out God's Word, and they will share some of their favorite recipes with you today.

June Lectionary Texts

June 5	Acts 1:6-14	Psalms 68:1-10, 32-35	1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11	John 17:1-11
June 12	Acts 2:1-21	Psalms 104:24-34, 35b	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13	John 20:19-23
June 19	Genesis 1:1-2:4a	Psalms 8	2 Corinthians 13:11-13	Matthew 28:16-20
June 26	Genesis 22:1-14	Jeremiah 28:5-9	Romans 6:12-23	Matthew 10:40-42

Meditations and Musings

Being a Welcoming Church

by Judith Clausen



The Ministry of Fellowship & Parish Life (*aka* Community Life) has been working hard over the last many months foster an atmosphere of radical welcome, and we're succeeding in learning how to express the welcome we feel. Many of our recent guests have expressed their gratitude for the welcome they've felt as newcomers to First Plymouth. But we can always improve. Here are a few tips that all of us can keep in mind.

- Leave the aisle seats available for last minute worshipers or guests. Regulars can sit in front, leaving the back for latecomers and guests.
- Use the red pew pads. Invite guests to provide their full name *and* address information (especially e-mail).
- If you're going to Plymouth Hall for breakfast after the service, notice guests and speak to them, invite them to join you. This is where they feel the loneliest.
- Invite guests to share lunch with you after church. They may not accept but they'll appreciate the invitation.
- If you notice that someone hasn't been in church lately, give them a call, send them a note or an e-mail, or text them. Let them know you've missed seeing them. Sometimes people aren't in church for various reasons, and then it gets to be a habit to stay home, but with a friendly inquiry they know they've been missed.

If you have any suggestions about how we could express our welcome better, just let us know. Speak to Judith Clausen or contact her at revclaus@comcast.net. Or talk to any member of the Ministry: Sam and Ted Dykstra, Charron and Randy Feuerstein, Michelle and Nathan Benton. And if you'd like to serve on this Ministry, let us know that too!

"Teach a Man to Fish..."

by Carole Westphal

First Plymouth has always been an outward looking, community focused church, and our definition of community is the widest possible one—the whole world. That focus is a large part of the reason I have continued my First Plymouth membership for so many years.

The projects, programs, and agencies that we support are many and varied, in response to the wide range of interests and passions of our members. I have always felt the most affinity for those which help people help themselves. While it is very important to feed the hungry and shelter the homeless, I also think that it is just as important to tackle the underlying causes of the situation. I also have a particular affinity for programs which keep on giving, where my contribution acts as a lever and becomes a foundation for future growth and success.

That's why one of my favorite programs at First Plymouth is *Loaves & Fishes*. The funds we raise for the Habitat for Humanity home built each year by this 14-church coalition are just the beginning of the story. Every Habitat family contributes "sweat equity" to their home and then repays the initial outlay through a mortgage, with payments tied to their income level. So the money comes back to Habitat for Humanity to be put to work again on future houses.

First Plymouth's share of the *Loaves & Fishes* home initial cost each year is \$10,000. We have fallen several thousand dollars short of that amount for the past couple of years, with the deficit being made up by the local Habitat affiliate. I hope that you will consider a generous contribution to *Loaves & Fishes* this year so that we meet our goal - it truly is a gift that keeps on giving!



VBS Staff Training

VBS staff training will be held on Wednesday, June 1, at 10:00 a.m. or Thursday, June 9, at 7:00 p.m. If you are on Vacation Bible School staff this year, the training is mandatory, but you only need to attend one of the sessions. If you have not had First Plymouth's Boundary Training within the last 12 months, you will need to come one hour earlier to receive the training – at 9:00 a.m. on June 1 or 6:00 p.m. on June 9.

LOFT and DICP Partner for Community

LOFT, our family fellowship and service group, and the staff at the new Denver Inner City Parish College View campus have shared two fun breakfasts, building community between our two church families. Folks of all ages are invited to join us on the third Saturday of each month. For more information, contact Heather Greenwood at hgreenwood@comcast.net.

Children's Programs

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Happy Summer! We hope you will have a fun and safe summer filled with lots of wonderful memories.

Summer Sunday School

Do you know about First Plymouth's historical stained glass windows – the ones displayed at the end of the main corridor near Plymouth Hall? That is what our summer Sunday school students will be learning about this year. Over the course of twelve weeks, the story of the windows and of how a group of dedicated volunteers discovered and then lovingly and successfully managed their restoration (thanks to generous grants from the First Plymouth Endowment, the Memorials Committee, and many individual First Plymouth members). We will learn the meaning of each individual window and the Bible stories behind it. Berkeley Rich (& friends) will once again lead the program, which will include an arts and craft project and a snack each week. The class will be in Plymouth Hall during the 10:00 a.m. worship service, starting June 5 and running through August 28. The windows will be displayed in groups of three for three weeks each over the summer, so be sure to enjoy this opportunity to see all of them in a short period of time. (Normally the windows change with the church liturgical seasons, and it would take a full year to enjoy all twelve of them.)

Vacation Bible School The Shake It Up Café: Where Kids Serve Up God's Recipes

We are so excited for Chef Basil and pal, Scraps, to open up the Shake It Up Café on June 20. The cafe will only be open for a week until June 24 so be sure to get your reservations in. On the menu will be Tangy and Tart (arts and crafts), Foodology Factory (Science), Spork Sports (games), Kitchen à la King (Bible storytelling) and of course the Shake It Up Café (snacks). There will be a special chef's tasting menu offered during the worship service on June 26, Vacation Bible School Sunday – no reservations are needed, so we hope to see you all there.

If you have some late diners wanting to join us starting June 20, make reservations for them at www.cokesburyvbs.com/shake-it-up-cafe/firstplymouthvbs. Luncheon seating will be available from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. for an additional fee. We hope your child will take part with the many others who have signed up for this very fun week!

Our Mission recipient during Vacation Bible School will be Metro CareRing and the children will have the opportunity to bring in food during the week for their food bank.

Our Shake It Up Cafe cookbooks should be hot off the presses any day now. We thank everyone who provided us with recipes to make our cookbook a yummy concoction! The cost is \$10, and they will be available at Mission Central in the weeks leading up to Vacation Bible School. The proceeds will be used for scholarships so that Denver Inner City Parish kids can join us for VBS and any extra proceeds will go to DICP children programming.



Adult Education & Spiritual Formation

A Modern Book of Kells for Modern Christians

St. Andrew United Methodist Church in Highlands Ranch is hosting an exhibit of the illuminations from the *St. John's Bible*, the first handwritten and illuminated Bible commissioned since the invention of the printing press. *Newsweek* has called it "America's Book of Kells." Commissioned by the monks of St. John's Abbey and College in Collegeville, Minnesota, and written and illustrated entirely by hand, the New Revised Standard Version *St. John's Bible* is not only an historic undertaking but also an artistic, cultural, and spiritual journey in seven volumes.

The exhibit consists of 25 magnificent giclée prints, each illustrating a particular portion of scripture. Donald Jackson, scribe to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's Crown Office, and his team of artist-calligraphers used egg, feathers, calf skins, and hand-ground inks along with gold, silver, and platinum to create the images. Using ancient techniques, the skilled artisans have created a contemporary masterpiece intended to guide today's society in communication with the Infinite.

For more information about this historic undertaking visit the St. John's Bible website at saintjohnsbible.org.

Exhibit Information:

St. Andrew UMC – Narthex
 9203 South University
 Highlands Ranch, CO 80126
 303-794-2683
 May 24 – June 28, 2011
 Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
 Sundays 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
 Guided tours by appointment. To schedule a tour, please contact Susan McCann.

Free will offering

St. John's Bible Workshop

Sunday, June 12, 2011
 Children and parents: 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
 Adults and youth: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
 \$7.00 adults and youth, \$5.00 children
 Registration online
 Come and learn from the people who are responsible for the Saint John's Bible Exhibit about the processes, tools, methods and materials used in the making of the Saint John's Bible. Handle vellum samples and a quill, enjoy the prints and ask questions. Led by a representative of Hill Museum and Manuscript Library, Saint John's University.



Soulful Sundowns

While George is on sabbatical, the Pastor Parish Relations Committee (PPRC) invites you for a book study facilitated by the Rev. Eric Smith.

The Time:
 Wednesdays 7:00-9:00 p.m.
 June 22—August 24

The Place:
 First Plymouth

The Book:
A New Kind of Christianity: Ten Questions that Are Transforming the Faith
 by Brian D. McLaren
 (available at Amazon.com, bn.com, and in bookstores)

Join the First Plymouth community on Wednesday evenings for conversation and refreshments (while the cat's away...).



Can Do Sunday is June 19!

Bring in food donations for the Can Do Cart that will be distributed to hungry folks in our community.

Share the Plate: YOUR Story YOUR Success!

Share the Plate began in January 2010 as an experiment in First Plymouth's commitment to community outreach. The idea of sharing the "loose" offerings each Sunday with a deserving agency or program was designed to replace an annualized budget line item of \$14,000 for "Outreach."

In its 16 months of existence through April, YOU have put nearly \$49,000 into the offering plate on Sunday. That equates to an annualized figure of \$36,750, over two and a half times what the church was able to contribute through its operating budget.

Share the Plate has been an unqualified success—for the agencies and programs it supports and for First Plymouth's passion for the world community. Congratulations!

Outreach/Mission

Share the Plate: The Congregation Chooses



After receiving many nominations from the congregation for organizations with which to Share the Plate in June, your Ministry of Christian Outreach has chosen Gateway Battered Women's Services. During June, 80% of loose offerings as well as those designated donations in the pew envelopes will go toward assisting this organization. The remaining 20% will be retained by Outreach to help those requesting assistance on an *ad hoc* basis.

For more than 30 years, Gateway Battered Women's Services has been a haven for victims of domestic violence. Gateway provides more than just temporary shelter, sponsoring programs of counseling and independent living for women and their children. Among the programs Gateway offers are:

- 24 hour crisis line offering crisis intervention, information, and referrals
- Emergency shelter and Extended Stay Program for up to 38 women and children at any given time
- Individual, group, and family counseling for resident and nonresident women and children
- Community development program with education and training, speakers' bureau, and volunteer program
- Court Advocacy Program that coordinates with the police, prosecutors, courts, probation, and service providers to increase the effectiveness of intervention and treatment of domestic violence incidents.

For more information, visit gatewayshelter.org.



Happy Easter from the Kids in Rwanda!

In Other News

Our Last "Thank You Notes" to Barbara Lahey



As many of you know, Barbara Lahey was the creator of the idea for the *Thank You Note Tree* at La Foret. Every year Barbara would make about 1,000 note cards from construction paper for campers. On these notes we write our thank yous to fellow campers expressing appreciation for anything they might have done during the week.

With Barbara's passing, we will honor her at La Foret with a special "thank you" tree, so we might write our last "thank you" notes to Barbara. These notes will be sent on to her family.

If you cannot be at La Foret, but would like to send a last thank you note to Barbara – on construction paper – mail it before July 22 to:

Sue Lee
163 Glengarry Pl.
Castle Rock 80108

Thank you and THANK YOU Barbara for all the fond memories!



June Birthday Wishes...

...to Our Seniors

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

...and to Our Children

6/1 Abigail Conner
6/3 Nathaniel Day
6/6 Chloe Westlund
6/10 Mitchell Killmer
6/14 Stefanie Ramirez
6/16 Scarlett Roe
6/23 William Swenson
6/28 Nathan Shier



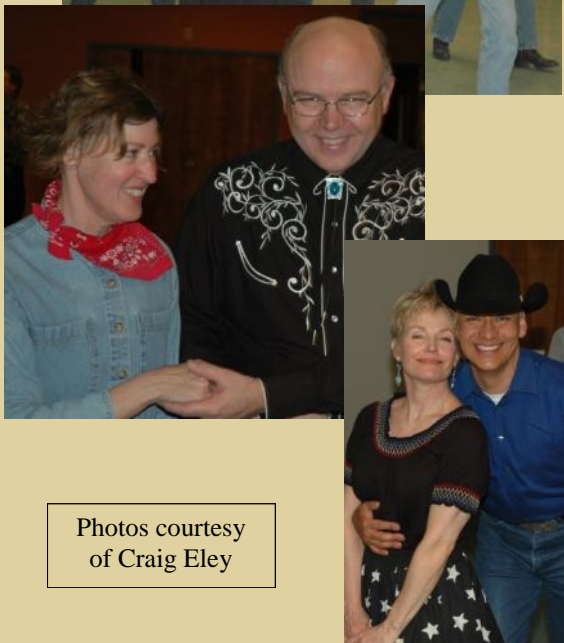
A Summer Night of Country Music!

Mark your calendar for June 11 for a hand-clapping good time as our own Pete Martinez shares his country music in Plymouth Hall. Bring the whole family (and look below for photos from the last time we got together to raise funds for camp)!

We'll gather in the courtyard at 6:30 p.m. for burgers, dogs, and fellowship and move inside for an 8:00 p.m. concert. Pete has donated this concert so that all funds raised will go to Community Camp. Yahoo! See you there!

Admission: \$10.00

Includes food and entertainment



Photos courtesy
of Craig Eley

Fellowship



Men's Breakfast Saturday, June 11

Saturday, June 11 is the next First Plymouth Men's Fellowship Breakfast. We meet at First Plymouth on the second Saturday of every month at 7:30 a.m. for a breakfast prepared by two of our members, followed by discussion or a presentation.

Our speaker in June will be Erik Johnson, Women's Head Basketball Coach at the University of Denver. He will tell us of the triumphs, travails and challenges of the *Life of a Division 1 Women's Basketball Coach*.

All FP men, especially newcomers, are invited to attend. There are no dues, no committees, no membership and no RSVP needed. For information contact Fletcher Brown at brownsinco@q.com.

The Group

The Group will meet Saturday, June 18, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Lee Probasco and Roger Diggle at 205 Holland Street, Lakewood. Directions: from 6th Avenue exit at Carr Street just past Wadsworth Blvd., turn south at the light on Garrison Street, turn west on 4th Avenue to Holland and turn south to 205.

Bring light refreshments and drinks to share. Roger is attempting to fill the shoes of the late Barbara Lahey, who ably organized the gatherings for many years. If you are willing to host The Group, please contact Roger at 303-335-8137 or rigerdiggle@comcast.net.

Bakers Needed!

The First Plymouth Church Women's Fellowship Association hosts memorial receptions that are held at the church. They are in need of small cookies to be served at the receptions. If you can provide a dozen or so cookies, please bring them to church and we will freeze them for use as needed. Thank you for participating in this important ministry to families in their time of mourning and grief.



The Business of Our Bees

The Bees Are in Residence at First Plymouth!

On Easter Sunday, Steve Riggins and Craig Eley installed First Plymouth's bees in their new home in the southwest corner of the church parking lot. A box of about 12,000 bees and a queen were shipped from Grand Junction. Because the queen was raised separately from the bees, the bees are not accustomed to her smell (pheromones) and would attack her if she were put unprotected with the bees. Consequently, she is placed in a "queen cage," a small wood box about twice the width of a writing pen, with screened sides, so the queen's pheromones can filter through to the bees without allowing them in.

Installation involves pouring the bees from the shipping box into the open top of the beehive and then placing the queen cage into the hive. The cage has a small opening plugged by a cork; during installation this cork is replaced with a miniature marshmallow. Over the course of a few days, the bees eat the marshmallow, removing the obstruction from the cage opening and freeing the queen (kind of a nice Easter metaphor).

By the time the queen is freed, the bees should be accustomed to her pheromones and accept her as the queen. She has been mated at the bee farm where she was born and will not mate again. Her function from that point on is to lay up to 1,000 eggs a day to get the hive up to full strength (about 60,000 bees).

The installation occurred on a cold day, which is not ideal. A few days later, the hive was inspected to be sure that the queen had been released from the cage, and she had been. Whether the bees had accepted the queen required an inspection a week later to determine whether eggs and larvae had been deposited in wax comb that the bees had constructed. This inspection revealed the presence of eggs and larvae, which means the queen was doing her work. The cells of the wax comb also contained pollen and nectar, which means the worker bees were doing their jobs. In summary, the installation of the First Plymouth bees could not have gone better!



Craig Eley and Steve Riggins install the First Plymouth beehive on the southwest corner of the parking lot.

Except for a few hundred males (drones), all of the bees in a hive are female, which except for the queen are infertile. So the females do all the work while the drones hang around, get fed (they cannot feed themselves), and wait for an unmated queen to fly by so the drones can attempt the "birds and the bees" activity. If they are successful, the drones die right afterward.

Photos courtesy of Craig Eley



Why Bees at First Plymouth?

There has been a world-wide epidemic of honeybee and bumblebee deaths over the past few years, known as Colony Collapse Disorder in the honeybee world. One-third of the world's food supply depends on insect pollination, and a severe reduction in the number of bees could result in food shortages, higher food prices, and even famine.

In recent years, backyard beekeeping has become more popular. The hives of hobbyist beekeepers are less prone to disease and die-off, and each hive can spawn many swarms which leave and live as wild bees. Indeed, honeybees are not native to our continent, and all the wild honeybees one sees now are descendants of bees imported from Europe. The continued health and population of honeybees, at least in the United States, may depend upon increasing the numbers of people taking up beekeeping. Honeybees travel up to five miles in search of nectar and pollen and must visit two million flowers to produce a pound of honey. Consequently, First Plymouth bees would travel far beyond church grounds during their daily travels.

During times that the beehive is being tended (about once every three weeks) by the Eley and Riggins families, First Plymouth children or adults may want to observe. This can be done safely in a number of ways (from a distance with binoculars or from within a screened tent) as an educational opportunity. Those who wish can be taught beekeeping to either help with FP's hive or to start their own hives at home.

Beyond the environmental and educational benefits of a First Plymouth beehive, it would, of course, produce honey. Generally, a new hive will not produce extra honey (for humans to take) until its second year of existence. Honey with the First Plymouth label would make a great item to sell at church auctions and fundraisers.



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Joys & Concerns

Andrew and Erika Henkart and big sister Julia welcomed Nathan Andrew on Thursday, April 21.

Jim and Teena Brenkendorff are pleased to announce the birth of their second granddaughter, Leighton Ashley Brenkendorff, on April 7 in San Mateo, California. Mom and Dad, Shannon and Shannon Brenkendorff and big sister Brooklyn are celebrating their newest family member.

Barbara Lahey, a member of the First Plymouth family for 62 years, died April 10. The memorial service for Barb was Saturday, April 23.

Martha Edwards died on May 14 at the age of 96. She had been a member of First Plymouth since 1931 and was active at the church throughout her life. Her memorial service was May 21.

Don Salyer, father of former First Plymouth member Dana Salyer, died April 30. Dana is the Youth Director and Office Manager at the Kirk of Bonnie Brae, and is the daughter of **Faith McMillan**. Dana's contact information is on the NewsWorthies Bulletin Board.

Martha Milne, a 50 year member of our First Plymouth family, died April 26. She was remembered and interred Friday, April 29, at Fairmount Cemetery.

Emily Haskins is a recipient of the Girl Scouts of America Gold Award, the highest award in Girl Scouts, for improving the recycling programs at Peabody Elementary, Powell Middle School, and Arapahoe High School. Emily's award demonstrates exceptional dedication to the commitment to "making the world a better place" through service to the community.

Dick Gilbert died Tuesday, April 26. He was the husband of **Vivian Gilbert**, father of **Linda Davis**, grandfather of **Corbin Tobey-Davis** and **Nathan, Tyler, and Trevor Davis**, great-grandfather of Ila Mae, as well as father-in-law of **Barclay Davis** and grandfather-in-law of **Laura Tobey Davis**. His memorial service is planned for Saturday, June 18, at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Please remember his family in your prayers.

Carrie Wilson, her husband, Essa Alzair, and big sister Abram, are pleased to announce the birth of a daughter, Sama Lilly Essa Alzair, on April 28.

William Brice Hampton was born Wednesday, April 27, to **Margaret and Ethan Hampton**.

Cathy and Warren Benn and daughter **Dana**, have returned from celebrating the marriage of their son **Adam** to Katie Hale Fisher on May 7 in Annapolis, Maryland.

Vicki and David Lisman are proud to announce that their oldest son, Ian, has been hired by the National Alliance to End Homelessness in America to serve as its Program and Policy Analyst on Veterans Homelessness. He will move to Washington, DC, in June. For the last eight years Ian has worked for the City and County of Denver Department of Human Services in their Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program, where he has been Coordinator of the program for the past several years. Congratulations, Ian!

Joe and Lois Field welcomed their first greatgrandchild, Isaac Duncan Arce, on April 30. Isaac arrived very early, and is growing and gaining strength each day at Presbyteria St. Luke's. Isaac's mother, Paige Duncan, and dad, Ed Arce, are keeping watch over him. Isaac's grandmother, **Jenny Duncan**, grew up here at First Plymouth.

Verne and Pat Plath ask for prayers and healing thoughts as Pat is undergoing treatment for stage 4 pancreatic cancer. **Marilou Taggart** is undergoing treatment for arthritic knee pain. **Rose and Lew Moyer** are home after recent hospital stays. All would welcome cards and calls.

John F. Hanstad was interred in our memorial garden Monday, May 9. Please remember his daughter Christine Hanstad and her family in your prayers.

Laura Bauman is undergoing treatment for a brain tumor. You can follow her journey at <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/laurabauman>. If you are able to help with meals for her family, please sign up at www.my.calendars.net/baumanhelp/.

Harris and Loretta Cohn are together in the Reminiscence Unit at Brighton Gardens. Visitors and cards are most welcome.

Ginnie Heddens's grandson, Brian Ballard, is a civilian technologist serving in Iraq, and **Betsy Lewis's** nephew, LPCL Alex Kirsch, USMC is deployed to Afghanistan.

Celebrate the **unsung heroes** in our community. These are the folks who prepare meals, bake bread, write cards, make phone calls, say prayers, drive people to and fro, and just are available when someone is in need. We appreciate each of you for your gift of love expressed in any number of ways.

There are members of our First Plymouth Congregational Church Family who confidentially pray daily and with intent for anyone requesting the support of prayers. If you would like prayers for yourself or a loved one, please contact the Office of Pastoral Care. Prayer requests can also be made anonymously.

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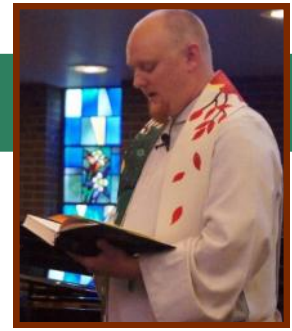
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It's An Easter Egg Hunt!



How much longer do we have to wait?



The hunt is on!



I didn't know the Easter Bunny wears tennis shoes!



Found some!

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