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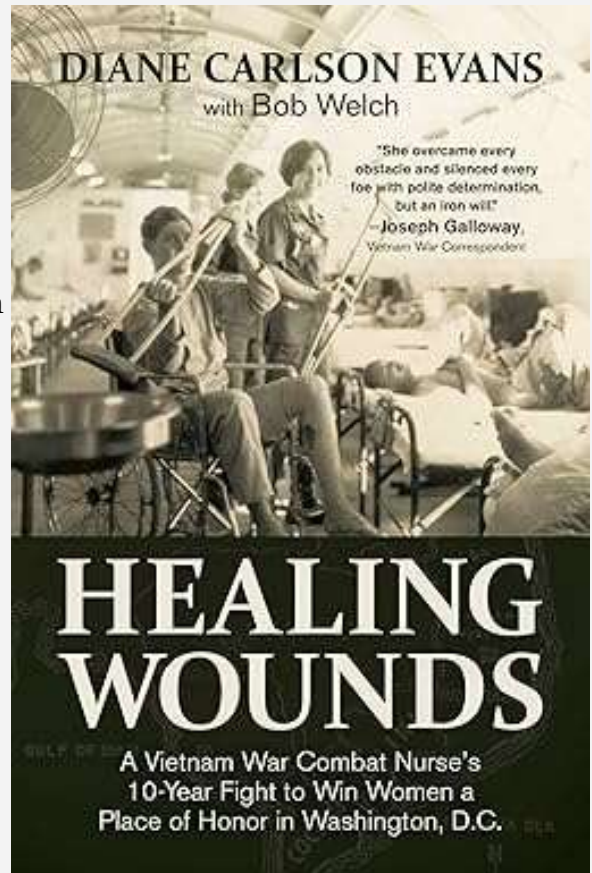
Plymouth Church | Helena Montana

September 2024

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP FALL KICKOFF

The first meeting of Plymouth's Women's Fellowship is scheduled for Tuesday, September 10 at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room. Sunny Ray will get us organized for the coming year and entertain ideas on future leadership.

One event you won't want to miss is a conversation and book discussion featuring Diane Carlson Evans whose life story was featured in Kristin Hannah's book "The Women" and in Diane's own account "Healing Wounds." Both books were our recommended summer reads. Diane will meet with our group on Tuesday, October 8th at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room. Bring your questions, comments and enthusiasm for this very special event. All are welcome; bring friends.



Stay tuned for more information regarding our solar project!

PCC SOLAR STATS as of August 30, 2024

CO2 Emissions Saved	2,354.4 lbs
Equivalent Trees Planted	17.79

OUTREACH AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Mission and Outreach for a Border Church

Many of you remember Rev. Randy Mayer, son of Dick and Florence, who grew up in Helena and worshipped in our sanctuary as a youngster. Randy is Senior Pastor at Church of the Good Shepherd in Sahaurita, AZ, a thriving congregation located near the Mexican border. Randy is visiting family and vacationing in Montana this month. He has graciously agreed to meet with us on Wednesday, September 11 at 4:00 p.m. for a Fireside Chat. He will catch us up on his unique mission among those who cross the border. All are cordially invited.



Refugees in Helena

Thank you so much for your kind offers to help our new neighbors from the Congo. So many of our Plymouth people contributed furniture, kitchen supplies, clothes and toys. Another family from the Congo is expected in a couple of weeks.

We have learned that nearly 100 kids in our public school system, migrants and refugees from many countries, do not speak English. Valerie Hellermann and HARRT volunteers are planning an afterschool program featuring art and music instruction for some of these children. Plymouth recently submitted a grant to the UCC Global H.O.P.E. Team, to support this important initiative. We should know more about the grant and what you can do to help by the next Waymarks.



Fireside Wall Art

Thanks so much for your contributions to the wall in the Fireside Room, recording some of your plans and destinations for the summer. Hope you enjoyed seeing where our church family traveled.

In September and October we hope to show some beautiful and meaningful art representing three faith traditions: Islamic, Jewish and Christian. The exhibit is planned to compliment the presentation by Dr. Jeanette Fergulia of Carroll College when she speaks on September 8th at Plymouth.

Muslim Prayer Rug (right)



Passover Seder Plate

Stole representing Alpha and Omega

(Articles and photographs submitted by
Jennifer Jeffries Thompson)



The History of Israel-Palestine

Before the current conflict



A non-biased informative presentation by

Jeanette M. Fregulia, Ph.D.

Discussion to follow

Sunday, September 8, 2024

6:00 - 8:00 pm

400 S. Oakes St., Helena

*5:00 - 6:00 pm Baked Potato Bar & Salad
(donations appreciated)*

*Sponsored by the Social Justice Committees of
Plymouth Congregational Church
& Big Sky Unitarian Universalists.*

Jeanette M. Fregulia, Ph.D.
Carroll College History Department
Chair | Associate Professor - History



Biography

Dr. Fregulia earned her Ph.D. at the University of Nevada, Reno (2007) in Renaissance Italian History. Her research focuses on merchants and material, cultural, and social exchanges between early modern Italy and the Eastern Mediterranean, as well as on the role of gender in the history of Mediterranean exchanges. In addition, she holds a Masters Degree in Middle East Area Studies from the University of London, School of Oriental and African Studies, and continues to actively pursue research in the history of the Middle East and Islam. Dr. Fregulia's research takes her to Italy and the eastern Mediterranean.

Outside of work, she most enjoys time with family and friends, hiking and enjoying the gifts of nature, and really good food.

Where in the world...?

My research and academic interests take me to Italy and around the Eastern Mediterranean. I love this part of my job, and bring my passion to the classroom.

When not at Carroll College, I can be found around the US and around the world spending time with the people who are important to me, in my kitchen recreating a culinary discovery, outside hiking and enjoying the gifts of nature, or curled up with a book. When the winter arrives, look for me on the ski slopes trying, unsuccessfully, to keep up with my daughter.

Teaching Philosophy

History is told in many voices. If we listen carefully we can hear kings and washerwomen, humanists, artists, merchants, and many others all with a story to tell. Join me as we read, write, discuss, and reflect on why history matters.

I love being at Carroll because I can be both a teacher and a scholar. The students here are my greatest inspiration - they challenge me every day to be better in the classroom and in my intellectual life. Here at Carroll, faculty and students engage together as scholars, sharing ideas, perspectives, and insights.

More About Dr. Jeanette Fregulia:

<https://www.carroll.edu/news-events/news/faculty-spotlight-dr-jeanette-fregulia>

Breakfast on the Lake Service (August 18, 2024)



In Our Prayers Today

In treatment/Healing: Greg Bolin, Gus Byrom, Richard Burns, Jen, Nancy Michelson, Karen Mills, Kelly Murphy, Brenda Senne, Mary Jacobson.

Bereavement: The family of Grace Solis. The families of the victims of gun violence and natural disasters.

Special Prayers: Ed Canty, Maxine Ferguson, Art Gilreath, Loraine Hoggood, Jim and Doris Powell, Marlyce Taylor, Tina Tigert, and Giles Walker. The people of Israel, Palestine, Russia, and Ukraine, and all who are experiencing the horrors of war.

To add someone to the prayer list, please call the church office at 442-9883 or email pccofficemgr@gmail.com.

YOU'RE INVITED!

Bible Study: Tuesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

Big Sky UUs Sandwich Ministry: Second and fourth Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.—come help us make PB&J sandwiches for Our Place. Meet in the kitchen.

Womens Fellowship Group: Tuesday, September 10 at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room.



HANDCHIMES TO LAUNCH THIS FALL
Music has arrived! Open House chime gathering will be this Tuesday, September 10 at 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Please come and try them out. Let's play and ring for fun. See you there. ~ Kathe Simons

HELP WANTED! CLEANING CREW UPDATE

It's hard to believe that we have been cleaning the church ourselves for SIX MONTHS! During this time we have done lots of deep cleaning, so we are now able to maintain the upkeep of the building with greater efficiency. Most weeks, there are only two or three workers who finish the cleaning tasks in no more than an hour and a half. Many church members have told us that the church has never been cleaner. Huzzah!



A few of our helpers have had to take a hiatus due to health concerns so we could use two or three more volunteers who would be willing to help once a month for one to two hours. Can you help?

As we move into the fall season, the building use will increase, especially the Fellowship Hall. The September schedule will be available starting September 1 for volunteers to check and confirm their assignment by initialing their names. Look for the schedule on the Narthex table or on the door of the cleaning closet in the Fireside Room so we can be sure to have a full complement of worker bees. (It saves me making phone calls.)

Except for vacation, I have tried to be at each cleaning session but that seems to not be as necessary anymore. I will continue to put the schedule together and will help with cleaning twice a month. I'm hopeful that others will step up on the shifts that I'm not scheduled for and would be willing to secure a church key from Alane (unless you already have one) and take home the soiled mopheads and cleaning cloths to wash. Please let me know if you can help in this way.

Kathe Simons

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Plymouth's Mission is to nurture our congregation and the wider community with acts of love and a vision of God's image in all things.



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Office Hours

- Pastor Charles Wei: 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. (Tues.-Thurs.), and by appointment.
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Sundays
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
In Person and Online