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## Unsung Volunteers

*I give thanks to my God for every remembrance of you, always praying with joy for all of you in my every prayer, because of your sharing in the good news from the first day until now.*

*Philippians 1:3-5*

Church business can be time-consuming, challenging and just plain hard. Church clergy and staff couldn't do what we do without the help of volunteers. Volunteers make up our church leadership, and this is sacred work that we call them to perform. It's also volunteers who carry out much of the work of the church in the community. Our volunteers give sacrificially of their time. Many of them work full-time and then give to their church above that. Church leaders serve even during times of turmoil. They continue to give their efforts, trusting that the church will work through the conflict.

Unfortunately, serving in the church is often an unnoticed and underappreciated job. And we as a church haven't always been good at expressing our thanks and appreciation. I want our volunteers and church leaders to feel loved, known, seen and heard. I want them to enjoy serving the church.

I encourage all of us to start noticing the work that is being done on your behalf, notice who is doing what and give them your gratitude and appreciation. Let's find more ways to celebrate our volunteers.

Let me start by naming those who have just completed terms on our church boards, Leadership Council and Deacons this past year:

### **Deacons**

Peg Birk

David Homans

### **Leadership Council**

Sarah Lehman

### **Board of Community Life**

Mike Crane

Matt Wiandt

Brad Wieman

### **Board of Finance & Administration**

Jill Hennesen

Melinda Wellvang

### **Board of Outreach**

Peter Eichten

Peter Vitale

### **Board of Spiritual Formation**

Becky Dougherty

Jeanne Schuller

Paige Schuller

### **Board of Worship**

Jamie Bonczyk

Nancy Geertz-Larson

Penny Needham

To each of you a heartfelt thanks for the gift of time, expertise, love and care that you have given to Plymouth Church! We could not be the church without you!

Blessings!

*Paula*