



The Grapevine

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower."

John 15:1



Hello!

Our Transitional (Interim) Pastor, Anne Fisher, joins us on September 15. Her first Sunday is September 18. The following events are planned to welcome Anne and her husband, Gregg. We hope you can join us for one or both of the events.

Sunday, September 11 - Ice Cream Social

3:00 - 4:30 p.m. at PPC

Sunday, September 18 - Potluck (after Worship)

Please bring a dish to share (appetizer, salad, main dish, dessert.) If you have questions, please contact: fellowship@plymouthpc.org or Jan Lillemo.

Good-Bye!

Al's last Sunday as PPC's Temporary Supply Pastor is Sunday, September 11. We are grateful for his time with us, the inspiration his sermons provided and his gentle guidance during this time. Please join us on Sunday, September 11 to wish Al goodbye and send him off with our best wishes for his future endeavors.

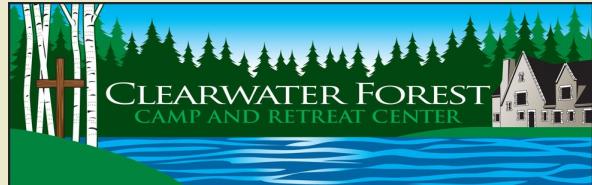
Mission Ministry - Joanne Mann

Save the date: Saturday, September 17 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.



PPC is scheduled to pack meals for Feed My Starving Children. Please sign up online at www.fmsc.org or on the volunteer sheet in the narthex. There are 25 spaces reserved for PPC. The minimum age is 5 years old and must be accompanied by an adult.

Do your neighbors hide when you approach with zucchini, cucumbers, tomatoes, etc.? Consider donating your excess produce to a food shelf such as IOCP, PRISM or CROSS.



Clearwater Family Retreat

Friday, September 30 - Sunday, October 2

Join us for a fun, very unstructured weekend! We have rented Leaning Tree and would love to have a full lodge with some new attendees along with our regulars. Come for the weekend, one night or just for the day. We have a great time and seem to always hit the best weather! Please contact Kriss Peek ASAP if you are planning to attend or use the sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. If we don't have enough people, we will have to cancel which I will need to do ASAP! I also need to know how many from your family want to do the ropes course. I am looking for volunteer(s) to buy the food, lead worship on Sunday morning, help with the final clean up of Leaning Tree etc. I will let everyone know the cost after I confirm the cost of the lodge. Please bring a dessert to share!



Saturday, September 24

Reserve the date of Saturday, September 24 from 9:00 a.m. -

1:00 p.m. for the Annual Fall Cleanup. Come early for coffee and donuts starting at 8:30 a.m. Tasks to be done include: washing exterior windows, grounds cleanup, general maintenance items (lights on northeast side of building, oil pews and kitchen cleanup. A good turnout will make the jobs faster and more fun for all. Lets make the church sparkle!

Thank you in advance from the Building and Grounds Committee.

From our Transitional (Interim) Pastor, Anne Fisher:

Getting Started - PPC Style

In a short time, I will be joining you as your transitional pastor. We will begin this adventure we call ministry together, although the solid ground work has been laid by your Session and Rev. Al Pruis. I am looking forward to discerning what it means to be followers of Christ at this time and in this place.



I have been walking with congregations through the time between installed pastors for nearly 28 years. I have found that this period is filled with changes and some uncertainties, but this transitional time also has the power to be transformational for members and for the church. When we reach the end of my ministry at PPC, we will all be in a different place. This is a time for you, the congregation, to articulate clearly the direction of the next chapter in the life of PPC. You will elect members to seek a new pastor who will lead in the directions that you set.

I am confident that the Interim/Transitional Time will be exhilarating and unpredictable. In every church I have served, it has been a joy and privilege to work with them as they set their course for the future. It is not always easy, but this work calls forth the gifts of energy, imagination, intelligence, and love of members, officers, and staff.

The first step is to get to know each other. We need to be in relationship in order to trust and work together. I come from a family of ministers. We have multiple ministers in four generations of our family! We joke that it is a political contest who gets to say the prayer at Thanksgiving dinner. My husband, Gregg Dana, and I have been married nearly 29 years and we have two daughters. Elizabeth lives in Brooklyn, New York, and works as an editor for the Council on Foreign Relations. Christina is a manager in a trendy restaurant in Atlanta. I also have two stepsons and five grandchildren. William and his family live in Minneapolis, so we are thrilled to be near them. Robert and his family live outside Washington DC. Gregg is a newly retired Presbyterian Minister and Marriage and Family Therapist.

Gregg loves to cook and I love eating his cooking! He also enjoys hunting upland game and his longtime hunting buddy lives in St Paul. We are looking forward to exploring Minnesota and taking advantage of the wonderful things your area has to offer. We have already started by signing up as Grandparent members to the Minnesota Zoo! I particularly enjoy lunches out with members, and I read books that Gregg calls "serious."

I am grateful for Al Pruis who carried you through this summer and allowed me to enjoy family vacation time. Now I am ready to roll up our sleeves and to get started as I join you on this portion of your journey and we figure out together what it means to be followers of Christ PPC style!

Blessings in Christ,

Anne

Calendar for September 1 - 15:

Sunday, September 4

8:30 a.m. Mission Ministry

9:30 a.m. Worship - Communion

10:30 a.m. Fellowship



Monday, September 5

LABOR DAY - Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 6

6:30 p.m. Zumba Class

Wednesday, September 7

9:30 a.m. GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) Grp

Saturday, September 10

9:30 a.m. Baker's Group



12:00 p.m. **GRAPEVINE DEADLINE**

Sunday, September 11

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Fellowship

11:00 a.m. Gal's Gathering

Monday, September 12

12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

Tuesday, September 13

4:00 p.m. Presbytery Meeting at:

United Theological Seminary, New Brighton

6:30 p.m. Zumba Class

Wednesday, September 14

9:30 a.m. GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) Grp

6:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting

Worship Volunteers

Sunday, September 4

Preaching - Rev. Al Pruis

Worship Leader - Lu Wilmot

Ushers - PPC Session

Greeters - PPC Session

Children's Message - Rev. Al Pruis

Fellowship - Volunteers Needed

Counters - Amy Leaf

Sunday, September 11

Preaching - Rev. Al Pruis

Worship Leader - Matt Spoden

Ushers - Volunteers Needed

Greeters - Amy Leaf and JoJo Kipp

Children's Message - Rev. Al Pruis

Fellowship - Volunteers Needed

Counters - Amy Leaf and Penny Blankenship

Dear Friends at Plymouth Presbyterian Church,



Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the warmth and love you extended to the Lynn family of August 6 at the memorial service for my sister, Sarah Lynn Lutz. And a special thanks too, to the choir and instrumentalists for their musical contributions. Your gracious hospitality in a time of sorrow touched us all deeply.

Love to you all,

Rev. Rusty Lynn and Ed Blanton

City of Plymouth Metrolink Program will use PPC's parking lot starting September 6.

PPC and the City of Plymouth have reached an agreement for the Plymouth Metrolink Park and Ride program to utilize a portion of the church parking lot Monday - Friday 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. starting September. This agreement allows Metrolink to expand their program and provides PPC with an annual stipend for use of the lot.

Under the agreement, 50 parking spaces (upper lot nearest to Dunkirk Lane) will be allocated to the program. Since the lot goes largely unused during the week, this should have minimal impact on church activities. We have an agreement in place to address funerals and special events. At least initially, the funds received will go towards parking lot repairs. If the first year goes well, the program may be extended for another 4 years.

Look signage to go up on the church property on or about September 6. A flyer will be distributed in our local neighborhood and containing information about the new park and ride location at the church. Go to <http://www.plymouthmn.gov/transit> for information about the Plymouth Metrolink program and routes/schedules. Further questions or concerns can be directed to:

buildingandgrounds@plymouthpc.org

CHURCH
OFFICE HOURS



Beginning Tuesday, September 6 the office will be open:

Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.