



The Grapevine

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

John 15:1

Calendar for November 15 - 30

Tuesday, November 15

- 12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. Presbytery Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Zumba Class

Wednesday, November 16

- 11:00 a.m. GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) Group at SummerWood, Plymouth
- 5:30 p.m. Christian Formation Ministry Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
- 7:00 p.m. Building and Grounds Committee Mtg.
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 20

- 9:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Education
- 10:45 a.m. Adult Education - Allie Tang
- 10:45 a.m. Prayer Chain Meeting

Monday, November 21

- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Tuesday, November 22

- 12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Zumba Class

Wednesday, November 23

- 9:30 a.m. GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) Group
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group

Thursday, November 24 - Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday, November 25

- 12:00 p.m. **Grapevine Deadline**

Sunday, November 27

- 9:30 a.m. Worship-1st Sunday of Advent
- 9:45 a.m. Education
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship
- 10:30 a.m. **Hanging of the Greens**



Monday, November 28

- 7:00 p.m. Book Club

Tuesday, November 29

- 12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Zumba Class

Wednesday, November 30

- 9:30 a.m. GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) Group
- 5:30 p.m. Volunteer Night at IOCP
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

From: Rev. Anne Fisher, Transitional Pastor

I am not a huge sports fan but I do get caught up in big sports events. I have been known to fill out the brackets during March Madness and to lose my voice while cheering during the Super Bowl. The recent World Series highlighted the Cub fan in me. I have followed the Cubs for about thirty years, and I found that I am a relative newcomer compared to the generations who have waited and hoped for the Cubs to be champions. I was touched by friends sharing pictures of watching the game with an elderly relative and seeing their faces when elusive victory became a reality. The world Series was a lesson of not abandoning hope. Did Cub Fans get discouraged over the years? You bet. Did they think this day would never come? Absolutely. What helped to keep hope alive, was the community of Cub Fans that would not let go of what could be. Those who followed the Cubs knew that they were in it for the long game and they lived with the possibility that a Championship would not come in their lifetime.

These World Series Champs after 108 years, is a lesson about waiting and being prepared when the victory comes. The early Christians believed that Christ would return in their lifetime. All the persecution and abuse they suffered because they believed in the risen Christ would be vindicated when Christ returned. And so they waited. Two millennia later we continue to wait for Christ to return. In the meantime, we continue to believe that love will conquer hate, and justice will reign. Along the way, we have the support of fellow believers who help us through the times of doubt and discouragement. The Cubs waited for 108 years for their small taste of victory, our victory with Jesus Christ is far sweeter and longer lasting.

Blessings,
Anne

"Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming." Matthew 24:42

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From: Matt Spoden
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Youth Group Update - First off, thank you to everyone who participated in the Sleep Out this year. We had an enjoyable time even though we were sleeping outside in the cold!



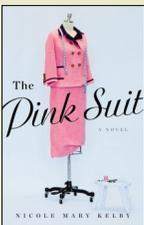
Bell Ringing on Wednesday, December 7

The Youth will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army at the Lund's near the church from 6:00-8:00 p.m. If you are in 6-12th grade, we would enjoy having you for some or all of that time. Feel free to contact Matt if you have any questions mspoden@plymouthpc.org.

Pledges Please! Thank you to all who have turned in your 2017 pledges. To date, we have received 57. If you have not yet turned yours in, please do so as soon as possible by mailing it to the church or putting it in the Financial Secretary's mailbox. Pledge cards are available in the Narthex and in the pews. Thank you for your commitment to Plymouth Presbyterian Church



Congratulations to Audrey and Jack Perkins on the birth of their 10th great-grandchild, Elinor, born November 7.



November Book Club Selection Changed On Monday, November 28, the Book Club will be discussing the book *The Pink Suit* by Nicole Mary Kelby. It is a fictional account of Jackie Kennedy's famous pink suit and the seamstress who made it.

Mission Ministry - Joanne Mann

Reverse Offering - On Sunday, October 30, our first offering time was a Reverse Offering. Slips of paper were taken from the offering baskets as they were passed. If possible, please return your food items by Sunday, November 20. We will have a dedication of the food during worship. The food items will be donated to IOCP at the end of the month. Suggestion slips are still available and items may be brought until the end of November.

Volunteer Night at IOCP November 30 is the fifth Wednesday of the month, which means that PPC volunteers at IOCP in their Food Shelf and Retail 101 Shop from 5:30-7:30 p.m. C'mon join the fun!

IOCP Adopt-a-Family Tags for gifts are still available in the narthex. Please wrap each gift individually and include a gift receipt. Place a tag on each gift with the first name of the recipient and the family number. To maintain confidentiality, please do not put your name or PPC on the gift tags. Please return your gift(s) to PPC by December 4, and the Mission Ministry will deliver them to IOCP.



November 20: Allie Tang will be speaking about her experiences in Hong Kong with YWAM (Youth With A Mission).

Allie intends to return to Hong Kong and YWAM.

December 4, 11, 18: Rev Anne Fisher will lead an Advent Series 'An Adult Christ at Christmas'.

Adult Education is appropriate for middle school students and up. They are held after worship in the Fire Side Room.

Worship Volunteers

To complete our worship leadership opportunities, please go to: worship@plymouthpc.org

Sunday, November 20

Worship Leader - Chuck Slocum

Ushers - PPC Deacons

Greeters - PPC Deacons

Children's Message - Chuck Slocum

Fellowship - PPC Deacons

Counters - Penny Dando; Bruce and Wendy Koenen

Sunday, November 27

Worship Leader - Jan Lillemo

Ushers -

Greeters - Penny Dando

Children's Message -

Fellowship -

Counters - Penny Dando; Bruce & Wendy Koenen

Worship and Music Ministry
Sandy Hawley and Laurie Latimer

JOIN US AS WE PREPARE FOR THE BIRTH OF CHRIST!



Let's Decorate the Sanctuary with Poinsettias for Christmas! Order forms will be in the bulletin for the next three Sundays. **Deadline to order:** Sunday, December 4

Hanging of the Greens Please join us on Sunday, November 27 following the worship service, as we decorate the church for the Advent season. All who are interested, please stay and help prepare our church for the coming of Christ.



Lighting of the Advent Wreath Please join us each Sunday during Advent (November 27, December 4, 11, 18) and on Christmas Eve as we light the Advent candles representing Hope, Peace, Joy, Love. The white candle is the Christ candle and is lit on Christmas Eve.



PPC Youth will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army on Wednesday, December 7 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Lund's on Vicksburg Ln near the church. Stop by and cheer them on, bring them a hot chocolate and of course donate to a great cause.



Christmas Eve Services – Saturday, December 24

Family Service - 4:00 p.m.

Candlelight Service - 9:00 p.m. (Choir sings)



Halleluiah! Christ is Born! - Sunday, December 25

Come as you are and join us for worship on Christmas morning at 9:30 a.m. as we celebrate the birth of Christ



IOCP Sleep-Out for Homeless It started with a night in a box to raise awareness for homelessness. You can help end it by donating to Interfaith Outreach's annual drive. A display is set up in the Narthex where you can drop your donation in a bucket that will be taken to IOCP so they can receive a matching contribution.

C.R.O.S.S. (Christians Reaching Out in Social Service) has items needed for Thanksgiving and Christmas to help them meet the needs of their clients.

Holiday Meat 800 turkeys and 800 hams are needed for families for **Thanksgiving and for Christmas.**



Stocking for Each Child at Cross' Holiday Top Shop WE STILL NEED the following items to fill the stockings... oh, yes, and we still need stockings too! We expect to serve 1,000 children on December 17. We need 745 stockings, 424 toothbrushes, 1000 tubes of toothpaste and stocking stuffers