



The Grapevine

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

John 15:1

Calendar for October 15-31

Sunday, October 16

9:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Education

10:30 a.m. Fellowship/Sandwich Making for 363****

10:45 a.m. Prayer Chain Group

Monday, October 17

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Tuesday, October 18

12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

6:30 p.m. Zumba Class

7:00 p.m. Worship Ministry Meeting

7:30 p.m. Nominating Committee

Wednesday, October 19

11:00 a.m. GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) Group
to SummerWood, Plymouth

5:30 p.m. Christian Formation Ministry Meeting

6:30 p.m. Youth Group

7:00 p.m. Building and Grounds Committee Mtg.

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, October 23

9:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Education

10:30 a.m. Fellowship

6:00 p.m. Deacons' Memorial Service

Monday, October 24

7:00 p.m. Book Club

Tuesday, October 25

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

12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

6:30 p.m. Zumba Class

Wednesday, October 26

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

6:30 p.m. Youth Group

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, October 30

9:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Education

From: Rev. Anne Fisher, Transitional Pastor

Every church has a unique personality. In my fifteen Churches I have served, no two are alike. Churches are the culmination of all the members who attend and participate in its life. One of my churches had a large number of attorneys; many of whom made up the financial board. Those meetings would last a long time! Another church was close to a medical school and many doctors were members. We had an adult mission trip providing medical exams and health education to the underserved in Appalachia.

The personality of the church means that every member adds to the richness to the composition of the church. As the membership changes, the church and what it offers in mission and ministry changes as well. Therefore, each person, no matter age or level of commitment is significant to the life of the church.

As we look to our Season for making financial pledges for 2017, all members count. The act of pledging to the church speaks volumes to the spiritual, and commitment health of the church. There are those who look carefully at the generous giving of the church, including potential pastors. Our pledges tell how willing we are to trust, to act in faith, and to be a witness to the world around us.

Pledge Commitment Sunday will be November 6. You will be receiving a letter with a pledge card in the mail. As we move toward dedicating our intentions to giving for the coming year, I ask for your **presence** in worship, your **prayers** for Plymouth Presbyterian Church in this time of transition and your financial **pledge** for the future ministry of this church. In partnership with the Holy Spirit you make the church what it is today!

"Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it." I Corinthians 12:27

Blessings,

Anne



Welcome Peter Hendrickson!

Please join us in welcoming the newest member of the PPC staff, Peter Hendrickson. Peter will be with us as Transitional Choir Director and Accompanist until May 2017. Peter is on Sabbatical from Augsburg College where he is director of choral activities and conducts the Augsburg Choir and the Masterworks Chorale.

Peter served on the music staff of Westminster Presbyterian Church for five years and is the son of a Lutheran pastor. He got his start directing choirs as a teenager in his father's church and thinks the Presbyterian Hymnal is the best. We are excited to have him with us during this program year!

From: Matt Spoden
Children and Youth Ministries Intern

Youth Group Update - Things are going full steam ahead with the youth. We've already done a service project, starting planning some cool things for this year and have had a lot of fun being with each other. One event to keep in mind is the **Annual IOCP Sleep-Out, Saturday, November 12-Sunday, November 13**. We will be sleeping in cardboard boxes on the church lawn as a way to become more aware of homelessness and to raise money to help those in need. If you are only able to come for part of the night, that is okay. We will be collecting donations from the start of the Sleep-Out until Christmas. More details will come soon. If you have any questions for Matt please contact him at: mspoden@plymouthpc.org.



Do you have fleece fabric you could donate for a Youth Group project?

The Youth Group will be making fleece blankets for Project Linus in a few weeks and would like to invite the congregation to donate fleece. Since the blankets are given to children, any fun fabric as well as solids are welcome. 60 X 72 inches of fabric is needed for each blanket, but any size donation is okay.

Mission Ministry - Joanne Mann

363 Days Sandwich Making Event

this Sunday, October 16!

We will be hosting this event in the narthex after worship. Plan to stay after church, as this is a great time of fellowship and mission. The assembly line method makes the process go quickly. Please consider making a free-will donation to help cover the cost of the sandwich supplies.



Coming in November The month of November has five Wednesdays, so that means PPC is committed to volunteering at IOCP's Food Shelf and Retail 101 store on Wednesday, November 30 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. The IOCP clients are so appreciative of our help, because without PPC's participation, the food shelf would not be open in the evening. Let's have a big turnout this month!!!

PPC will also be participating in the IOCP Christmas Adopt-A-Family again this year. The names of the recipients, age and gift suggestion slips will be available in the narthex at the beginning of November.



Worship Volunteers

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

Sunday, October 16

Worship Leader - Ben Hollman

Ushers - PPC Deacons

Greeters - PPC Deacons

Children's Message - Anne Fisher

Fellowship - PPC Deacons

Counter - Liz Miller

Sunday, October 23

Worship Leader - Shari Durdin

Ushers -

Greeter - Annabelle Barnes

Children's Message - Matt Spoden

Fellowship -

Counter - Anna Belle Barnes

Sunday, October 30

Worship Leader - Sarah Kipp

Ushers -

Greeters - Merle and Jennith Schmidt

Children's Message - Anne Fisher

Fellowship -

Counters - Melody Baker

Fellowship and Membership Ministry - Jan Lillemo and Rick Ackerman

Mark Your Calendar! It's not too early to start thinking about Christmas, so mark your calendar for a fun PPC tradition, Lefse Making on Saturday, November 12. Try your hand at this truly Minnesotan treat! More details will be coming.

Clearwater Forest All Church Retreat was a Blast! PPC members, family and friends had a great time at Clearwater Forest the weekend of September 30 - October 2! The weather was absolutely perfect, and the Northern Lights were out if your timing was right. We enjoyed lots of conversation, games, good food and an inspiring worship service. Pastor Anne, and her husband Gregg, were able to come, and it was great to get to know them better! Thanks to everyone who made the weekend such a success, especially Kriss Peek and Penny Blankenship, who coordinated room reservations and food, respectively!

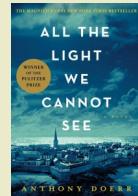


Memorial Service Sunday, October 23 at 6:00 p.m.

Please join us at a Memorial Service on Sunday, October 23 at 6:00 p.m. The service is open to anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one and in need of comfort.

*"Blessed are they that mourn,
for they shall be comforted."*

Matthew 5:4



Please join the PPC Book Club on Monday, October 24 as they discuss the book *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr. Sharon Larson will lead the discussion.

This Pulitzer Prize winning novel is about a blind French girl and a German boy whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II. Marie-Laure lives with her father in Paris near the Museum of Natural History, where her father works. At age six, Marie-Laure goes blind. When she is twelve, the Nazis occupy Paris and she flees with her father to the walled citadel of Saint-Malo, where her great-uncle lives in a house by the sea.

In a mining town in Germany, an orphan, Werner, becomes an expert at building and fixing crude radios, a talent that wins him a place at a brutal academy for Hitler Youth and a special assignment to track the resistance. Aware of the human cost of his intelligence, Werner travels through the heart of the war and, finally, into Saint-Malo, where his story and Marie-Laure's converge.



I would like to thank the members of the GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) Group for so graciously giving their time this past summer to revamp the nametags. They cleaned the board and the wooden holders and replaced old name tags. I've heard many comments about how nice it looks and just in time for Anne's arrival!

With grateful thanks,
Mari