



# The Grapevine *"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower."*

John 15:1

## Calendar for October 15-31

**Monday, October 15**

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

**Tuesday, October 16**

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

**Wednesday, October 17**

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

7:00 p.m. Building and Grounds Meeting

**Sunday, October 21**

8:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal  
9:30 a.m. Worship- Rev. Jeff Foels  
10:30 a.m. **Jim Lansing's Recognition and Thank you**  
10:45 a.m. Question & Answer Budget and Stewardship Session

10:45 a.m. Prayer Chain

**Tuesday, October 23**

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Bloom Welcome Team Meeting

**Wednesday, October 24**

9:30 a.m. GIFT (Growing in Faith Together)  
Group  
1:00 p.m. Book Club

**Wednesday, October 25**

12:00 p.m. **GRAPEVINE DEADLINE**  
6:00 p.m. Worship Ministry Team Meeting

**Saturday, October 27**

8:30 a.m. Fall Cleanup  
9:00 a.m. Presbytery Session Review at PPC

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**Don't worry about feeling ready, God can still use you.**

**From:** Rev. Jeff Foels,

**Feeling ready?** I've been getting asked this question a lot lately! As Kelly and I are preparing for our baby to come, I've been thinking about feeling ready and feeling prepared. I was certainly not ready for the snow this

weekend - but shovels and gloves and hats are nearby, so I feel prepared (and hopefully we're back to sunny 50° weather by the time you're reading this!). I suspect the same will be true for us as parents - we have prepared in little and big ways, in ways that are good and those that will cause us to look back and laugh at what we thought the challenges might be. And despite that preparation, we may not ever feel fully 'ready.'

I think the same is true our whole lives. When you think about the big moments of your life, were you ready? Prepared? Or did it all happen in a way that meant you needed to leap with both feet into the unknown? I think that's often how God calls us. Peter and the disciples were ready to go out and fish, and suddenly there's something new in their lives. Ruth thought she knew what her life would entail, and then she and her mother-in-law, Naomi, had to make a whole new plan. Our faith teaches that we are often being equipped, prepared for the call God has for us, even when we have no idea that's what's happening. Maybe even now, God is calling you in some new direction that you might not feel ready for, and yet it's time to follow the call. Ready or not, God is with us.

**Peace be with you,**

**Jeff**

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**Sunday, October 28**

### **Jim Lansing's Last Day**

8:00 a.m.      Choir Rehearsal  
9:30 a.m.      Worship—**Installation of Rev. Jeff Foels**  
5:00 p.m.      Deacon's Memorial Dinner

**Monday, October 29**

9:00 a.m.      **Jusun Kim's** first day as our new  
**Director of Music Ministries**

**Tuesday, October 30**

10:00 a.m.      Staff Meeting

**Wednesday, October 31**

5:30 p.m.      IOCP Food Shelf

## JOINING TOGETHER 2019 Plymouth Presbyterian Stewardship

Over the next few weeks, we will be talking about stewardship and how we come together as a church to support all of the things that happen here. From the building, to worship, to mission, we support the church with our time, talents, and money. We take our own individual spiritual giving and join it together with all the rest of the congregation, like pieces of a quilt that make up the whole.

**This Sunday, October 21st**, we invite you to consider a time you've been grateful for PPC, and we'll add in pieces of the quilt together in the Narthex. There will also be a **Q&A session on the budget and our goals for the year**, following worship in the sanctuary.

**November 4th will be Pledge Sunday**, when we gather together to commit to God and one another for the coming year: a chance to celebrate joining together, and the wonderful work of PPC in our lives and the world.



## Save the Date!

During worship on **Sunday, October 28th**, together with the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area, we will celebrate the **Installation of Jeff Foels** to be our pastor here at Plymouth Presbyterian Church. We look forward to this joyful occasion!

## THANK YOU, JIM.

A big thank you to **Jim Lansing, our Interim Director of Music** for September & October. Jim has expertly, and seamlessly, provided music for our worship services and directed the Choir. His last Sunday is October 28. **Please join us after the worship service on Sunday, OCTOBER 21st at 10:30 a.m.** to thank Jim. Hopefully, we will hear and see Jim again as a substitute pianist/ organist sometime in the future.



## PPC Fall Clean Up Saturday, October 27th



**We need your help!!!** It's that time of year again, the church needs a little TLC before winter comes. Many hands makes light work, a few jobs that need to be done include: window washing, cleaning up/ reorganizing storage areas (Bloom is moving in this spring), weeding the garden, oiling the pews, etc. Please plan on helping. We will **gather at 8:30 a.m.** for coffee and donuts and job assignments and start work at 9:00 a.m.

Janet Menary will provide chili for lunch. Thanks,

**Your Building & Grounds committee**



### **Plymouth Presbyterian Church Memorial Dinner -**

All who are remembering and mourning the loss of a loved one are invited to

attend. The Deacons will be hosting a memorial dinner on **Sunday, October 28, 2018**. We will gather for a time of fellowship at **5:00 p.m.** followed by dinner at **5:30 p.m.** and a brief service of remembrance at **6:15 p.m.** If you and your family would like to attend, please RSVP by **Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>** either contacting the church office, your Deacon Care Team or sending a note to [deacons@plymouthpc.org](mailto:deacons@plymouthpc.org).

### **IOCP Volunteers, Get in Gear**

There are five Wednesdays this month, which means we get to **volunteer at Interfaith Outreach** again. The date is **Wednesday, October 31st from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** Sign up on the easel in the narthex.

Helping people shop for groceries, assisting in the clothing shop or sorting clothes in the back room is easy and fun, as well as rewarding. If you haven't done it before... try it, you'll like it!

Twice the fun this month, Costumes are encouraged, but no mask or anything to cover your face.

We can hand out trick or treat candy as long as it's not small or a choking hazard.

**Suzy Robertson  
and Kyle Larson,  
Mission Committee**



**Interfaith Outreach™**

*Igniting the power of community*



### **Bloom Early Learning and Child Care at Plymouth Presbyterian Church**

As you know, we anticipate opening **Bloom Early Learning and Child Care** in **May 2019**. But you don't have to wait to get involved!

#### **Volunteer today!**

- **Quilters needed!** We provide every child who comes to Bloom with a hand-made quilt to wrap them in love. Start now! We can share samples of what others have made to show the size.
- **Join the Marketing Committee** - We especially need people experienced in marketing, public relations, social media, writing, videography and photography. Share your talents with us!
- Join the Friends of Bloom committee to develop and maintain strong ties between Bloom and PPC.
- Sign up for one-time volunteer activities, such as stuffing envelopes or providing hospitality at an event.



For more information and to sign up, please contact **Melissa Musliner, Bloom Executive Director**, at [melissa@bloomearlylearning.org](mailto:melissa@bloomearlylearning.org) or 612-325-2077.

## Bloom Early Learning Update



**The Gala:** The Gala was delightful and successful, engendering more enthusiasm for Bloom. All funds raised from the Gala are going to the Shirley Robinson

Scholarship Fund. Those scholarships are part of fulfilling Bloom's goal to support 50% of the children through scholarships and grants. Twenty PPC members attended, and we received one of two Bloom Partnership awards. Look for the handsome plaque!



**PPC Site Capital Fundraising:** Great news! Bloom is very close to meeting its funding goal for the PPC site. One of Bloom's donors has offered a \$25,000 matching grant to get us to the goal and beyond! Bloom is planning to wrap up the campaign by Thanksgiving! The Capital Funds will cover the cost of necessary modifications to the PPC site and initial costs of operation such as equipment, supplies, and salaries and training of new staff.

**Giving:** We at PPC are under no obligation to support Bloom financially. People who would like to contribute can designate where their donations are distributed. Please mark your investment to go to the Anne Fisher fund, the capital campaign, the quilt fund, the scholarship fund or the general operating fund. The Welcome Committee and Melissa Musliner are available for any clarifications you need.

**Quilts:** Every child who attends Bloom receives a hand-made quilt for their rest and cuddle time. Some of our dedicated quilters have already started this project, and we have received a generous donation of 18 finished quilts from the Chaska Area Quilt Club. This really helps as we try to have a quilt for every child by May 2019. Your time and talent or any donation of money for cotton quilting cloth would be welcome.

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**The Playground:** An additional inspection of the playground revealed that our current equipment is not up to code for these young children. The Bloom board will explore options for a suitable playground, perhaps a nature-scape, which will be paid for by Bloom funds. We will work with them on the site planning, appropriate gates, etc.

**City Approval:** The Plymouth City Council has approved Bloom's conditional use permit to allow Bloom to operate in our building. Our mission moves forward! We will collect more information on any changes to the building and keep you informed.

**The Kitchen:** The food and beverage licensor completed the kitchen walk-through last week and, as expected, there are changes and updates to be made for Bloom's license to operate. PPC will benefit by these upgrades and will contribute with the \$20,000 grant we received from the Presbytery, which is split equally between the kitchen needs and the new signage.

**Bloom Visit:** On Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, Melissa Musliner and Sue Branyon will be at church to give an update and to field questions. If you cannot make that service, please feel free to talk to any of us on the welcome committee or to call Melissa at Bloom.

### The Bloom Welcome Committee

**Penny Blankenship, Gary Gabe, Janet Menary, David and Suzy Robertson**

**Melissa Musliner 612.325.2077**





## WELCOME

Please welcome our new **Director of Music, Jusun Kim**. Jusun, starts at PPC on **Monday, October 29th**. Jusun is coming to us from Golden Valley Lutheran

Church where she has been an organist since 2013. She has experience as a music director at several churches over the past years. She completed her Master's in music theory and music composition from Texas State University – San Marcos, TX. **We are excited to have Jusun join the PPC Staff.**



Time to FEED my  
STARVING  
CHILDREN again

There are always  
more to feed.

We'll gather in Chanhassen on Wednesday, November 14th from 8:00 to 9:30 PM. Leave your jewelry at home or use a locker. It's easy to access from Highway 5. As usual, sign up in the narthex.

It's that wonderful time of year again, it's.....

## Lefse Time



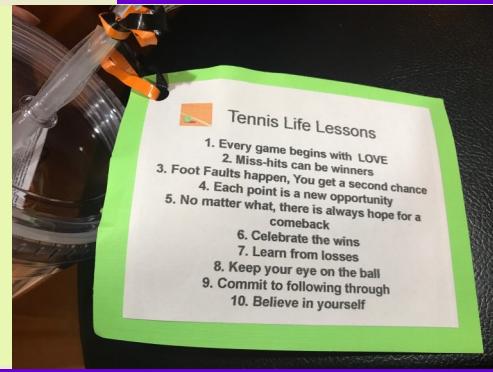
When Saturday, November 10th, 2018

9:00 a.m.—Noon

Where : PPC Kitchen

Coordinators Penny Blankenship & Amy Leaf

Please signup in the Narthex if you plan to attend and note if you will be bringing your own mashed potatoes and /or equipment. You also may call the office at 763-559-2946. **All are invited!!**



## PEOPLE OF PLYMOUTH - (PoP)

- **Madelyn Ess** and Senior friends celebrate one of their last matches. Way to go Madelyn!
- **Sam Hollman** flies through the air at a rainy, cross country meet. Way to go SAM!

