



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

John 15:1

Calendar for February 15-28

Thursday, February 15

7:00 p.m. Building and Grounds Meeting

Sunday, February 18

9:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Soles4Souls

9:45 a.m. Education

10:45 a.m. Handbell Choir

10:45 a.m. Prayer Chain Group

Monday, February 19

Presidents Day Church Office Closed

7:00 p.m. Pastor Nominating Committee

Tuesday, February 20

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, February 21

11:00 a.m. GIFT Group to SummerWood

1:00 p.m. Book Club

6:00 p.m. PPC Youth are invited to join the Lenten Service

6:00 p.m. Supper and Lenten Service

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, February 25

9:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Education

10:45 a.m. Handbell Choir

10:45 a.m. Youth Leaders

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

Monday, February 26

7:00 p.m. Pastor Nominating Committee

Tuesday, February 27

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, February 28

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

6:00 p.m. Supper and Lenten Service

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

From: Rev. Anne Fisher,



Lighten the load. We are now officially into Lent. Lent is the 40 days before Easter (minus Sundays). The number forty is

frequently used in the Bible. Noah had forty days of rain on the Ark; the people of Israel wandered forty years before reaching the promised land; Jesus went into the wilderness for forty days before Satan tempted him. You get the drift. The number forty is significant. Most likely it was an approximate number that meant a long time. It was long enough for a major change to happen.

Lent can take a long time as we ever so slowly inch toward spring. It is long enough to make some changes. During this Lenten season, let us think about how we can lighten our load. We tend to accumulate things, not only material items but psychological ones as well. We hold on to the scars of how others have hurt us through slights, insults; through humiliating and harmful acts. The accumulation of it all can weigh us down. Let us lighten that load by sorting out what is necessary to hold, what harms us and what helps us to thrive. Then let us let go of the things we do not need. Whatever we carry, Jesus promises us that he is willing to share our burdens.

In lightening your load of the tangible or the elusive stuff, allow Jesus to take it from you. Jesus said, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28

Blessings for a lighter Lent, Anne

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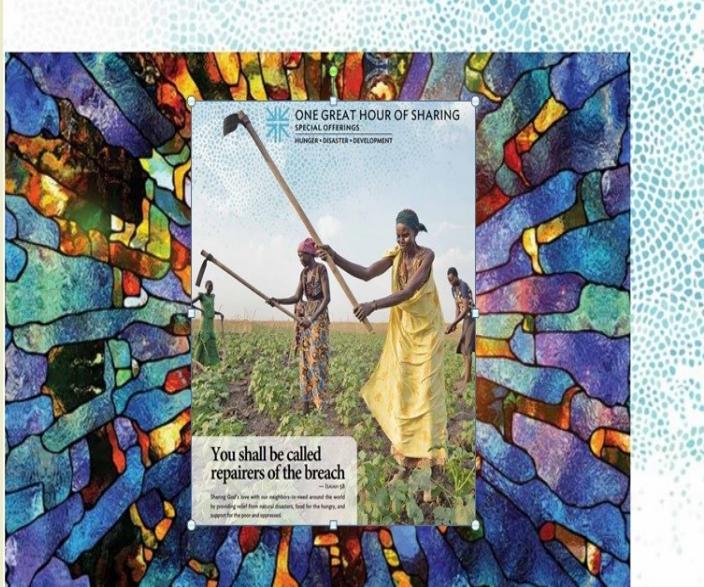
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The theme for this year's Lenten Services is "Getting to Know Jesus Through His I AM statements." Join us as we explore the following weeks:

- February 21 "The Great I AM; Yahweh"
- February 28 "I AM the Bread of Life"
- March 7 "I AM the Light of the World"
- March 14 "I AM the Good Shepherd"
- March 21 "I AM the Resurrection and the Life"



One Great Hour of Sharing is our offering received during Lent where what we give goes a long way. "It is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together to work for a better world." Our gifts go to fund Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-development of People. Consider how you can give. Our One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be dedicated on **March 25th, Palm Sunday.**

The Midweek Lenten Services are starting February 21st. A light soup supper is planned at 6:00 p.m. and a brief service at 6:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. The



Food Shelf Donations

The Mission committee is looking for YOU to deliver the food donations one time. It entails: collecting the donations the first week of the month and dropping them off at the food shelf in your area. Get a receipt for the number of pounds donated and stick it in the Mission mail slot. Easy peasy! Can you pick a month and then deliver to CROSS (Rogers) or PRISM (Golden Valley) or IOCP (Plymouth)?

Let us know!

Suzy Robertson and Kyle Larson

SPECIAL MUSIC COMING IN WORSHIP



- Sunday Feb. 18** - Bob Olsen, Horn
- Sunday Feb. 25** - Ethan Robran, Piano and Anne Brearley, Flute
- Sunday March 4** - Celebration Ringers Bell Band
- Sunday March 11** - Penney Birdsong, Soloist



Deacons and their Care Team Group numbers are:

Care Group 1: Abby Larson and Janet Menary

Care Group 2: Ann Foote and

Donna Holtan Halverstadt

Care Group 3: Joanna Kipp and Jan Leaf

Care Group 4: Sandy Hawley and Jake McMahan

Care Group 5: Georgia Motes and Jennifer Voca

Care Group 6: Adam Ling and Pat Johnson

Please note: Your Deacons will be contacting you in the next few weeks.



Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area

ARE YOU CALLED TO BE VICE - MODERATOR?

The PTCA Nominating Committee (NC) asks all ruling and teaching elders in the PTCA and its member congregations to prayerfully consider if they sense a call to serve as Vice - Moderator of the Presbytery.

In keeping with the Presbytery efforts to have open communication and to identify and equip leadership, the NC is adopting a new process. Rather than the NC inviting a small number to apply, the invitation is extended to all minister members of the PTCA and all ruling elders in its member churches to prayerfully consider possible service in this role.

The Responsibilities of the Vice - Moderator include:

1. Participate as a member of the Presbytery Leadership Team.
2. Preside over Presbytery business meetings at the Moderators request.
3. Preside at Installations and Ordinations at the Moderator's request.
4. Perform duties of the Moderator in his / her absence.
5. Learn the duties of Moderator.

If you are interested please contact one of the people listed below: Thank you for your interest in serving the Presbytery.

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From Tom Paulson, Director of Music

Have you enjoyed having "the bell band" in worship recently?

We are 6 wonderful people and looking for a few more to bring more beautiful music into worship once a month or so. Give us a try for our next handbell session!

Rehearsals - Sundays, February 18th and 25th from 10:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Worship - Sunday, March 4th

It helps to be able to read music, although it is not a deal-breaker.

Contact Tom Paulson, Director of Music at Tom@plymouthpc.org **or** 952-292-4461



Lenten Souper Supper Menu



February 21st: Vegetable Beef with Barley

February 28th: Creamy Loaded Potato

March 7th: Chicken and Wild Rice

March 14th: Chili

March 21st: Tortellini and Sausage

All meals will be served with bread, crackers, and drinks. Suppers will be served at 6:00 p.m. Please attend and share in fellowship. To request a gluten free soup with crackers, please contact Janet Menary (wimenary@gmail.com or [763-549-0055](tel:763-549-0055)).



Our thoughts and Prayers to Anne & Rich Crooks upon the death of Anne's son, Charles Bailey. *"In life and death we belong to God."*

Per capita allows us to work with other churches to further the mission of Jesus Christ around the world.

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SOLES4SOULS Shoe Drive

Coming in February **the youth will be leading a "Soles4Souls" shoe drive.** Soles4Souls is a non-profit organization with a mission to provide relief through the distribution of shoes and clothing around the world. The youth learned about this organization on their mission trip and have been eager to participate. They will be kicking things off with a **video in church Feb 18th** and will have **collection boxes set-up through mid-March.**

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NO more Alleluias! One of the traditions that I have followed since I was ordained nearly 36 years ago is to say "Alleluia" at the end of the

Benediction. In a way it has become our church cheer, as we all say it at the end of the Worship Service. I also keep the tradition that during the weeks of Lent, the Alleluias are not spoken. It will be brought back on Easter morning. I hope you miss it and I hope you will welcome it back Easter morning with exuberance!

Anne



Pancake Breakfast March 25th - Palm Sunday, immediately after Worship. Donations will go to help fund our Clearwater Church Retreat.



Souper Bowl of Caring
THANK YOU! We received a total of \$378.88 which will go to the Bloom Early Learning and Child Care lunch program.

PEOPLE OF PLYMOUTH - (PoP)

- Congratulations to Laura and Jacy Rockman on the birth of their daughter, Amelia Kathryn, born February 7th. Big brothers are Colt, Tucker and Blake. Melody and Mark Baker are the proud grandparents. Welcome to the world Amelia!**