



The Grapevine

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

John 15:1

Calendar for February 1-15

Wednesday, February 1

- 9:30 a.m. GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) Group
- 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, February 5

- 9:30 a.m. **Worship - Communion**
- 9:45 a.m. Education

Tuesday, February 7

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

Wednesday, February 8

- 9:30 a.m. GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) Group
- 6:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 10

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

Saturday, February 11

- 9:30 a.m. Baker's Group

Sunday, February 12

- 9:30 a.m. **Worship**
- 9:45 a.m. Education
- 11:00 a.m. Gal's Gathering (meet in the Narthex)

Tuesday, January 14

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

Wednesday, February 15

- 11:00 a.m. GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) Group to SummerWood, Plymouth
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group
- 7:00 p.m. Building and Grounds Committee Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Notes from the church office:

- Anne Fisher will be out of the office February 10-15.
- The office will be closed Monday, February 20 for President's Day.

Thank you
For
your participation

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in this past Sunday's Annual Meeting Event! The discussions in the small groups were lively and many ideas were

generated. Thank you to the 11 group leaders and the 80 plus participants. I am grateful to be on this journey with you.

Rev. Anne Fisher

From: Rev. Anne Fisher, Transitional Pastor

Cornerstones: In the 17 different congregations where I have served, I have had 17 different situations regarding the building. The structures ranged from over 100 years old to almost new. One church had metal bars crossing the wide sanctuary ceiling to hold the walls in place. I was afraid to ask what would happen if those bars weren't there! In another church the outside stone work had failed so completely that when it rained, bath towels had to be placed on the window sill of my office to stop the water from pouring in; a major tuck pointing and rehab is currently underway. Then there was Becky, who was unable to walk, but came every Sunday to teach Sunday School. In order to reach her classroom she would scooch up a flight of stairs on her bottom. It was a joy, that when I left an elevator had been installed so that she could reach her classroom with dignity and grace. Making these things happen meant members taking on an extra financial commitment so that their building could be used for the intentions of mission and ministry.

We have been blessed with a new, efficient and fully accessible building. This building is a gift from those who laid the foundation, and now it has been entrusted to us. Our responsibility is to ensure that it is here for generations to come. Our challenge is to pay the mortgage and free up the burden of debt for future members. Each generation has its challenges. We do not have to remodel or update or make accessible, but we do need to continue the responsibility to pay for what we have. Please pray about how you can help relieve our mortgage debt, as the Session considers a course of action.

Thank you,
Anne

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Youth Update - Matt Spoden

Children and Youth Ministry Intern

PPC Youth were back in action this past Wednesday tying blankets for Project Linus so that kids can feel the warmth and love of a personally tied blanket. We were able to tie 3 blankets and have tied a total of 12 so far this school year.



The next major event to be aware of is the 30 Hour Famine (tentatively scheduled for February 24 - 25.) The 30 Hour Famine is an intentional time of fasting to raise awareness of hunger in our world, and to experience what it is like to be hungry. More details will be coming soon. If you have any questions, please contact Matt at: mspoden@plymouthpc.org



Come connect with others and God through Christ as we explore our theme: Branching Out, Connecting Through Christ

At Clearwater Forest, each session of camp for children and youth is rich in a variety of activities, fresh air and engaging worship. From learning to paddle a sea kayak to cooking over a fire to snorkeling to completing the High Ropes Course, we provide challenges for campers to stretch and grow in a safe Christian community. For more camp information, go to: www.clearwaterforest.org

PPC would like to make summer camp available to all PPC children and youth. If attending is a financial burden, please see Anne Fisher.



Sunday, February 5 is the Souper Bowl of Caring. Yes! There are two Super Bowls that day. The one that makes you think of yummy smells was started in 1990 by youth in South Carolina. They wanted to take the excitement and energy surrounding the other Super Bowl and empower youth to transform it into collecting food for their local food shelves, to create lasting hope in their communities. Every cent you give will go to the local food charity that our youth choose. This is a united national effort to care for people that has grown from \$5,700 to \$10,500,000 last year. And remember, while coins make a delightful clink, silent money is also appreciated! Separate checks should be written to PPC with Souper Bowl of Caring on the memo line.



Lenten Suppers Plan to join us each Wednesday during Lent for a simple soup and bread supper prior to the Lenten Service! Janet Menary will be our chef, and she always comes up with fabulous offerings! No reservations or charge, just show up at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, March 1 through April 5. Donations to help cover the cost of ingredients are welcome.

Congratulations to Cori and Brett Anderson (and grandparents Craig and Dawn) on the birth of twin boys. Caleb Christopher and Isaac Alexander were born January 27 in Fargo.



VocalPoint Concerts February 11 and 12 PPC member Jan Lillemo invites everyone to "A Place to Belong - Songs & Stories Around the Campfire". More info on the bulletin board in the Narthex.