



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

John 15:1

## Calendar for January 15-31

**Monday, January 15**

**Martin Luther King Day—Church Office Closed**

7:00 p.m. Pastor Nominating Committee

**Tuesday, January 16**

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

**Wednesday, January 17**

11:00 a.m. GIFT (Growing in Faith Together) at SummerWood

6:30 p.m. PPC Youth Group

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, January 18**

7:00 p.m. Building and Grounds Committee

**Saturday, January 20**

10:00 a.m. Presbytery at Trinity, Woodbury, MN

**Sunday, January 21**

9:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Education

10:45 a.m. Prayer Chain Group

10:45 a.m. Adult Forum—Terre Thomas from Small Sums

**Monday, January 22**

7:00 p.m. Pastor Nominating Committee

**Tuesday, January 23**

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

6:00 p.m. Worship Ministry

**Wednesday, January 24**

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

1:00 p.m. Book Club

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, January 25**

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

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**From: Rev. Anne Fisher,**

**The Turn of the Calendar**



For the church the month of January is a month on the move! As we make the shift from 2017 to 2018, we first give thanks. Thank you to the elders who have served: Jan Lillemo, Joanne Mann, Krista McMahan, Liz Miller. We also are very grateful for our Deacons who have served with their heart, hands and enthusiasm: Mark Baker, Ken Blankenship, Rick Lillemo, Melonie Robran and Deb Shatto. Let us give thanks for our members who serve on Committees and work in different areas of the church. Some of the unsung heroes are those who agree to teach our children and who take care of our building. Those who arrange for coffee hour each week and make sure we have worship leaders and communion servers. Give thanks for all who gave precious resources to the church this year. At the end of 2017, we spent less than what we received. We begin 2018 with a balanced budget and enough money to pay our mortgage through 2020. All this was possible because of each of you and your tremendous response of generosity and commitment!!

We begin 2018 with excitement! We look forward to working with Bloom Early Learning and Child Care. On December 22nd, the Bloom Board unanimously agreed to partner with Plymouth Presbyterian in establishing a second site for preschool and childcare. There will be many opportunities to work with Bloom as we broaden our witness and mission to our community through them. It is exciting that the

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**Sunday, January 28**

9:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Education

## 10:30 a.m. ANNUAL MEETING

10:45 a.m. Youth Leaders

10:45 a.m. POTLUCK

**Monday, January 29**

7:00 p.m. Pastor Nominating Committee

**Tuesday, January 30**

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

**Wednesday, January 31**

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

5:30 p.m. Food Shelf

7:00 p.m.    Choir Rehearsal



**Superbowl for Caring.** It started with a simple prayer: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be are without a bowl of soup movement to help hungry round the world resulted.

This prayer, delivered by Brad Smith, then a seminary intern serving at **Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC**, gave birth to an idea. Why not use Super Bowl weekend, a time when people come together for football and fun, to also unify the nation for a higher good: collecting dollars and canned food for the needy? Youth could collect donations at their schools and churches in soup pots, and then send every dollar DIRECTLY to a local charity of THEIR choice. Once again we will participate in the Superbowl of Caring . In conjunction with our **“Super” Annual Meeting** the youth will Collect canned goods and donations both January 28th and February 4th. The funds and food items will be given to local food groups.

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Pastoral Nominating Committee continues to work faithfully as they move toward the right candidate for Plymouth Presbyterian Church. The list can go on and on as we look back in gratitude and as we expectantly look forward to how God will be working with us in the future. Please join us for our **Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**.

We will celebrate Plymouth Presbyterian! Be sure to wear whatever fan wear you have as we express our passions. Help us cheer our own team as we celebrate being on team PPC! Great blessings abound!

Blessings, Anne

**IOCP Food Shelf needs us.** We are up for volunteering on the fifth Wednesday of this month, **January 31st at 5:30p.m.—8:00p.m.** Please sign up in the Narthex if you can lend a hand.



The logo for the Minnesota PPC Super Bowl of Annual Meetings. It features a large, stylized 'A' and 'M' in blue and purple, with a football icon in the center. Below this, the text '2018' is in a small circle, followed by 'MINNESOTA' in a large, bold, blue font, and 'PPC SUPER BOWL' in a smaller, blue font. To the right of the logo, there is a block of text in black and purple font.

## Thanks to our new Elders and Deacons!



**Elders Installed:** Gordon Dosher, Kyle Larson

**Elders Ordained and Installed:** Melody Baker, Gail Polley-Nordhaus

**They will be Joining:** Rick Ackerman, Dave Bahls, Belinda Hollman, Erik Koehler, Suzy Robertson and Lu Wilmot.



**Deacons Installed:** Donna Holtan Halverstadt, Pat Johnson

**Deacons Ordained and Installed:** Jan Leaf, Jake McMahan, Jennifer Voca

**They will be Joining:** Ann Foote, Sandy Hawley, Joanna Kipp, Abby Larson, Adam Ling, Janet Menary and Georgia Motes.

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

Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area, Synod of Lakes and Prairies and the national offices of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Our total per capita bill for 2018 is \$8901. **Please help by giving your annual per capita, mark your check per capita.** Thank you!

**Per capita** - Our church is assessed \$34.50 per member. This assessment goes to fund our



**On Sunday January 21,** Terre Thomas from Small Sums will be returning to lead our **Adult Forum at 10:45 a.m.** in the Fireside room. We packed

500 kindness roadside bags to handout to homeless panhandlers that was sponsored by Small Sums. Terre will share what else they do to help homeless people prepare for the transition to work. Please join us to learn about what they are doing and how even the smallest things can help!

## 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](mailto:Tom@plymouthpc.org) or 952-292-4461

## PEOPLE OF PLYMOUTH - (Pop)

- Stefanie Thompson Snyder** is now an RN and received her nurse's pin this month.
- Captain Mark Baker** retired from Delta Airlines after 40 years of flying, on January 20th.
- Congratulations to Wendy and Bruce Koenen** on the birth of their grandson, Cameron Wayne Koenen on Friday, January 12th.
- Congratulations to Emmet Voca** for earning his Cub Scouts- God and Me pin– after working with Pastor Anne