



# The Grapevine

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

John 15:1

## Calendar for July 15 — August 14

### Saturday, July 15

12:00 p.m. Grapevine—Prints once a month in July

### Sunday, July 16 - Mission Trip Sunday

9:30 a.m. Worship  
10:45 a.m. Prayer Chain Group  
11:00 a.m. Plymouth Presbyterian Potlatch—  
Church Picnic

### Monday, July 17

7:00 p.m. Pastor Nominating Committee

### Tuesday, July 18

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Zumba Class

### Wednesday, July 19

9:30 a.m. No GIFT meetings the rest of the summer.  
Meetings resume on September 6th  
7:00 p.m. Building & Grounds Committee

### Sunday, July 23

9:30 a.m. Worship—Hymn Festival  
10:45 a.m. Adult Forum—Howard Dotson

### Monday, July 24

7:00 p.m. Pastor Nominating Committee

### Tuesday, July 25

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Zumba Class

### Wednesday, July 26

1:00 p.m. Book Club

### Sunday, July 30

9:30 a.m. Worship

### Monday, July 31

9:00 a.m. Chinese School Starts  
7:00 p.m. Pastor Nominating Committee

### Tuesday, August 1

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Zumba Class

### Sunday, August 6

9:30 a.m. Worship — Communion

### Monday, August 7

7:00 p.m. Pastor Nominating Committee

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**From:** Rev. Anne Fisher,  
Transitional Pastor

**The Ministry Information Form** is ready to go. On July 10<sup>th</sup>, the Session passed the Ministry Information Form. This is what potential pastoral Candidates see regarding Plymouth Presbyterian

Church. Hard copies are available in the Narthex and you will soon find it on our website.

**New Mission Statement** —After a year of surveys, small groups and exercises the New Mission Statement passed by the Session states:

**As Christians, we boldly celebrate God's gift of Jesus Christ as the driving force in our lives. As we witness to the love of God, we seek to be accepting and inclusive. Instructed by God's Word, empowered by God's Spirit, we accept our responsibility to change our world through our beliefs, behavior, and stewardship.**

As you read this Mission Consider the following:

- 1) Does this statement reflect your understanding of Plymouth Presbyterian Church?
- 2) What would someone who is not familiar with Plymouth Presbyterian Church learn about the church from this statement?
- 3) As a Church, how do our decisions and priorities reflect this Mission Statement?

The Mission Statement is a living document that not only reflects who we are, but also guides us to where we want to be. It is a part of what candidates will be reading as they learn about Plymouth Presbyterian Church. This fall there will be an adult forum to get your responses.

Blessings, Anne

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**Tuesday, August 8**

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

6:30 p.m. Zumba Class

**Wednesday, August 9**

6:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting

**Thursday, August 10**

12:00 p.m. GRAPEVINE DEADLINE

**Friday, August 11**

9:00 a.m. Anne Leaves for vacation

**Saturday, August 12**

9:30 a.m. Bakers Group

**Sunday, August 13**

9:30 a.m. Worship—Gordon Doshier

11:00 a.m. Gal's Gathering

**Monday, August 14**

7:00 p.m. Pastor Nominating Committee



Sign up in the Narthex for the All Church retreat October 13-15 as we take on Harry Potter and faith. Cost is \$90 per night for a room housing more than two people and \$73 for a double room. (scholarships are available.)

**Remember Fifth Wednesday** is coming on **August 30th**. Our Fifth Wednesday commitment to work at the IOCP. Food Shelf connects us with the ongoing mission in our community.

Hunger does not take a vacation or a holiday.

Please sign up to help. Food Shelf volunteers must be high school age and over.

Thank you!



**Next Grapevines will be published August 15 and 31 .**



**UNITED**  
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY  
OF THE TWIN CITIES

On the 500th anniversary of the protestant reformation, we're asking an important question: **do Luther's reforming insights still speak?** United Theological Seminary, together with Luther Seminary and through funding by the Minnesota Consortium of Theological Schools, is sponsoring a FREE two-day conference exploring the impact of Luther's theology in today's world. It's called **Contemporary Perspectives on Luther** and happening **August 18-19, 2017** at Luther Seminary in the Northwestern Auditorium (2481 Como Ave in St. Paul, MN). Come hear and converse with theologians as they address how Luther's reforming insights speak to -- and are redefined by -- a range of current topics and issues. **RSVP here!** We look forward to seeing you there!

Peace, Paul Capetz, Professor of Historical Theology and Associate Dean, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities

**Friday, August 18**

**9-10:15am** -Mark Thranvik, "Of Smelly Diapers And Cranky Kids: How Luther Turned His World Upside Down"

**10:30-11:45am** -Deanna Thompson, "Luther in an Age of Trump: A Feminist Proposal"

**1:15-2:30pm** -Steve Paulson, "Dangerous Luther: The Sound, the Fury and the Fun of Deus Absconditus"

**2:45-4pm** -Kyle Roberts, "The Problem of Sanctification in Luther Reconsidered"

**Saturday, August 19**

**9-10:15am** -Mary Lowe, "Totus Homo: the Embodied Person in Luther's Thought and its Usefulness for Theologies of Embodiment"

**10:30-11:45am** -Silas Morgan, "Luther as Political Theologian"

**1:15-2:30pm** -Guillermo Hansen, "Luther, Faith And Cognitive Science"

**2:45-4pm** Paul Capetz and Lois Malcolm, Table Talk.



**Something new!** We are working on the anniversary wall in the Narthex. To put a new face on the wall we need your faces! We would like a picture of every

member. The pictures do not need to be formal portraits, action and event shots are welcome. Please send your pictures to [office@plymouthpc.org](mailto:office@plymouthpc.org) or drop them off in the office during July. Thank you.



**BRING YOUR WHOLE FAMILY TO THE POTLATCH** to have delicious food. You will dine on Buffalo Burgers, Prairie Chicken, Maize & Rosebud River Water. **Sunday, July 16**

**after Worship** join us in celebrating the return of the PPC youth from their mission trip in South Dakota on the Rosebud Reservation. **Bring a Salad or Dessert to Share.** Free will offering will go to a designated project on the Reservation.

If you have any questions, please contact [fellowship@plymouthpc.org](mailto:fellowship@plymouthpc.org) or talk to Rick Ackerman.



**MISSION TRIP RETURNS** — This **Sunday, July 16**, join us to welcome our Mission trip folks as they lead us in worship.

Madelyn Ess, Marissa Ess, Grace Feterl, Lucas Feterl, Ben Hollman, Paige Hollman, Sam Hollman, Abby Larson, Katie Larson, Annabelle Ling, Jake McMahan, Aliyah Robran, Gregg Dana, Gordon Doshier, Belinda Hollman, Melonie Robran



**Summer Church Office Hours:**  
June 5th — September 1st.  
9:00a.m.-1:00p.m. (M-F)

**Matt Spoden**  
Children and Youth Ministry Intern



Thank you to everyone at PPC for welcoming me during my two years here. I enjoyed getting to know all of you! Thank you also, to the youth and their families for engaging with all the different things we planned, and for helping me out when needed.

Having been here during a time of great transition, I am confident this church will move forward. I am very impressed with your adaptability, and hope you recognize that God is indeed at work here in your church. Blessings, as you move into the future, and I hope to see everyone again!

Matt



**Earl Cup Woodhill Classic –Golf for a Cause!**

The registration deadline is fast approaching for the golf lovers in our community.

**Please RSVP before July 20!** The annual Earl Cup Woodhill Classic, an exciting and inspiring day of golf, takes place on Monday, Sept. 11. You and your foursome spend the afternoon swinging away at Wayzata's prestigious Woodhill Country Club. Enjoy lunch before a noon shotgun start and a delightful reception with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres afterward. Best of all, your game will bring resources and hope to area kids and families.

For more information and to register, visit the website at [iocp.ejoinme.org/earlcup](http://iocp.ejoinme.org/earlcup) or email Cate at [cfossing@iocp.org](mailto:cfossing@iocp.org).



The new school year will be here before you know it and students will need school supplies. **The Mission Ministry** is collecting school supplies to help students have the tools for a successful school experience. The list of most needed items is listed below. Copies of the list will be on a table in the narthex next to the school supplies drop box. Donations will be **delivered to IOCP before August 15<sup>th</sup>**. Let's see if we can fill the Narthex tables again this year.

**MOST NEEDED ITEMS** Backpacks (large, solid colors), Wide and College Rule Spiral Notebooks, Pocket Folders, Composition Notebooks, 3-Ring Binders (1 ½ inch), Dry Erase Markers, Notebook Dividers, Wide and College Loose-leaf Paper Graph Paper (1/4 inch), Colored Pencils, Glue Sticks (no glue bottles), Scientific Calculators (T1-15, T1-108, T1-30X), Graphing Calculators (T1-84).



**Upcoming Adult Forum:** Howard Dotson, longtime friend of Plymouth Presbyterian Church will speak **Sunday, July 23** at 10:45 a.m. He will talk about his experiences working in Lebanon with the Syrian refugees.

**Introducing below** a new feature: **PoP (People of Plymouth)** where we celebrate joys and accomplishments of our members. If you have something for **PoP** please send it to [office@plymouthpc.org](mailto:office@plymouthpc.org)



**On Sunday July 23**, let's sing some old time hymns! Descriptions of the origins of some of the more favorite Gospel and Revival Songs will be told and sung. Join us for a midsummer hymn fest!



### **Interfaith Outreach Furniture Sale – Donate and Volunteer**

Interfaith Outreach's store, Resale Select, will hold its annual Furniture Sale **Aug. 4-5**. It's a great place to find furniture and home goods to freshen up a room or set up a new dwelling.

All proceeds support Interfaith Outreach and struggling families and kids in our community!

- *Donate furniture* – We're accepting quality furniture donations until Aug. 3. **If you have an item to donate, please contact Sonja Carr ([scarr@iocp.org](mailto:scarr@iocp.org), 763-489-7532) with a photo, if possible. All items must be pre-approved.**
- *Volunteer* – Help set up furniture for the sale (Aug. 3) or work during the sale (Aug. 4-5) to assist customers with selections and loading up purchased items.

For more information, please contact Sonja Carr at [scarr@iocp.org](mailto:scarr@iocp.org). Thank you!

### **PEOPLE OF PLYMOUTH - (PoP)**

- Congratulations to **Aliyah Robran**, whose track and field relay team set a regional record. They will compete in the National Junior Olympics.
- Congratulations to **Troy Ess**, whose family company, Ess Brothers & Sons, Inc. celebrated their 150 year anniversary.