



The Grapevine

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

John 15:1

Calendar for February 15-28

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

Sunday, February 19

- 9:30 a.m. **Worship** - Matt Spoden Preaching
- 9:45 a.m. Education
- 10:45 a.m. Prayer Chain Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. Confirmation Class

Monday, February 20 **President's Day — Office Closed**

- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Tuesday, February 21

- 12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Zumba Class
- 7:00 p.m. Worship Ministry Meeting

Wednesday, February 22

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

Saturday, February 25

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

Sunday, February 26

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

Monday, February 27

- 7:00 p.m. Book Club

Tuesday, February 28

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

From: Rev. Anne Fisher, Transitional Pastor

Lent is the forty days (minus Sundays) between Ash Wednesday and Easter. The number forty is used quite a bit in the Bible. Moses spent forty days on Mt Sinai receiving the Ten Commandments. It rained for forty days and forty nights in Genesis. Those 40 days represented a long time. As we know from experience, it takes a long time to make a change in our life. Breaking or adding a new habit also takes practice. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 1. What kind of difference can you make in your life during the 40 days of Lent? Making the habit of a daily time of prayer takes time and practice. Doing a daily act of kindness takes intention, time and practice. Turning toward God in prayer until it becomes a habit takes time.

To turn a habit into a lifestyle takes being accountable to each other. Here at Plymouth Presbyterian Church there are several ways to help us make a change for the better. Pick up the weekly devotional of *Lenten Prayers for Hungry People* by Bread for the World and use it. Participate in the Lenten Wednesday series of a light supper and worship from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Join Rev. Anne Fisher's Adult Forum series based on the book, *The Last Week of Christ* March 5 - April 2 from 10:45-11:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room. Help with the Food Shelf and Retail 101 Shop at Interfaith Outreach on March 29 from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. Attend worship during Lent as we travel the road to the glorious celebration of Easter Sunday. When we reach Easter Sunday, my hope is that we will be in a different place in our faith than when we began this journey of forty days (minus Sundays!)

Blessings,
Anne

Lenten Prayers for Hungry People

Readings, prayers, and actions to help you observe Lent in 2017, prepared by Bread for the World

First Week in Lent March 5-11

Jesus is Tempted in the Wilderness

Genesis 22:1-18; 3:1-7
Matthew 4:1-11

These verses tell us that by the Spirit Jesus was led into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and ultimately he was tempted.

Readings: Genesis 22:1-18; 3:1-7; Matthew 4:1-11

Prayer: O God, Jesus suffered all the temptations and trials of Satan for us. Give us the strength to resist temptation and to follow Jesus. Amen.



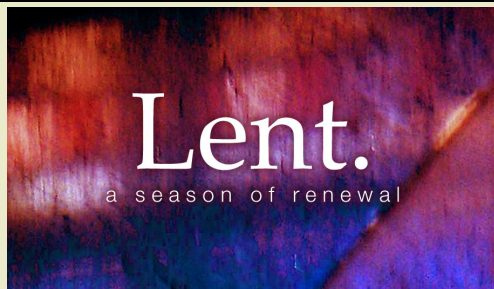
Be sure to pick up a copy of *Lenten Prayers for Hungry People*, a Lenten Devotion prepared by Bread for the World. Bread for the World

believes ongoing prayer is essential to achieve the end of extreme hunger by 2030. To encourage the outpouring of prayers, they produce *Lenten Prayers for Hungry People* each year. The devotional is a six-panel "table tent" and includes the Scripture lessons for the five Sundays in Lent as well as the Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday).

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Midweek Lenten Services

March 1 at 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service with the Imposition of Ashes

Lenten Series:

"Stepping to the Beat of the Beatitudes"

March 8 - 6:00 p.m. Light Soup Supper
6:30 p.m. Service

"Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" **Led by:** Confirmand Jake McMahan and mentor Ken Blankenship

March 15 - 6:00 p.m. Light Soup Supper
6:30 p.m. Service

"Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted" **Led by:** Confirmand Lucas Feterl and mentor Bruce Koenen

March 22 - 6:00 p.m. Light Soup Supper
6:30 p.m. Service

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth." **Led by:** Confirmand Katie Larson and mentor Janet Menary

March 29 - 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. **Service Day at Inter-faith Outreach Food Shelf and Retail 101 Shop**

April 5 - 6:00 p.m. Light Soup Supper
6:30 p.m. Service

"Blessed are those who hunger and search for righteousness, for they will be filled"

Led by: Rev. Anne Fisher

Holy Week Services

April 13 - 7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Service with Communion

April 16 - 9:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Service

Mission Ministry - Joanne Mann and Suzy Robertson

Souper Bowl of Caring Thanks to our generous congregation, we collected \$772.63 for the Souper Bowl of Caring. How powerful is collective giving! The PPC Youth have decided that Kwanzaa Community Church will be the recipient of the collection.



March is Minnesota FoodShare Month

Donations are low at this time of year, so what you donate will be much appreciated. We will also be collecting checks for the food shelves because they can stretch your dollar much farther, using their discounts.

March 29 is our night to staff IOCP. Details and sign-up sheet will come later.

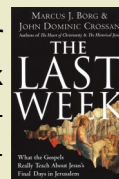
Youth Update - Matt Spoden

Children and Youth Ministry Intern



The 30 Hour Famine will be Friday, March 3-4. We will be fasting as a way to raise awareness and money for hunger in the world. Please contact Matt if you would like to participate. If you are going on the Mission Trip, please get your deposit (\$120 minimum) to Matt ASAP. If you have any questions contact Matt at mspoden@plymouthpc.org.

Adult Christian Formation: Rev Fisher will be teaching a series, based on the book *The Last Week of Christ*, Sundays March 5 - April 2 from 10:45 - 11:30 a.m. in the Fire-side Room. Please join us!



News from the PPC Deacons

The Deacons have started the year off creating exciting plans for the PPC Care Groups and looking forward to a new year of ministry within our church community! Please keep eye on your mailbox in mid-March for letters introducing your Deacons and how to reach them.



It's never too early to mark your calendar and start planning for the Deacon's Auction on **Sunday, April 23, 2017** immediately following the worship service. More details to come.