



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

John 15:1

## Calendar for December 1-15

### **Sunday, December 3**

9:30 a.m. **Advent I** Worship- Communion &  
New Members Received  
10:45 a.m. IOCP Gift Wrapping  
10:45 a.m. Opening Our Bibles Class

### **Monday, December 4**

7:00 p.m. Pastor Nominating Committee

### **Tuesday, December 5**

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

### **Wednesday, December 6**

9:30 a.m. GIFT (Growing in Faith Together)  
Group  
6:00 p.m. PPC Youth Bell Ringing Lunds &  
Byerlys  
6:00 p.m. Handbell Choir  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### **Saturday, December 9**

9:30 a.m. Baker's Group

### **Sunday, December 10**

9:30 a.m. **Advent II** Worship- 3rd Grade Bible  
Presentation  
9:45 a.m. Education  
11:00 a.m. Gal's Gathering  
12:00 p.m. **GRAPEVINE DEADLINE**

### **Monday, December 11**

7:00 p.m. Pastor Nominating Committee  
7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

### **Tuesday, December 12**

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

### **Wednesday, December 13**

9:30 a.m. GIFT (Growing in Faith Together)  
Group  
6:00 p.m. Handbell Choir  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**From:** Rev. Anne Fisher,



## **Getting ready for the holidays**

We put a great deal of pressure on ourselves to celebrate Christmas in the most perfect way possible. It has been a long time since I believed

that all the trappings of Christmas simply happened. I saw the stress and fatigue in my parent's eyes as I know my children saw it in mine during this season. We create so much to make the holidays memorable that we sometime lose ourselves in the preparation. Can we make this season a time of replenishment rather than spending our energy making sure everything and everyone is ready to celebrate? This year I bought Advent calendars that hold tea bags for each day leading up to Christmas. I gave these calendars to my tea loving friends. Each day they will have an opportunity to sit down with a cup of tea and see it as part of their Advent preparation. I hope they will use this as a bit of self-care. Not all of us like a good cup of tea, but we can benefit from devoting time each day to replenish and reflect what it means that Christ is in our lives.

"Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.... And the God of peace will be with you." Philippians 4:8-9

Blessings and rest in this Advent season, Anne

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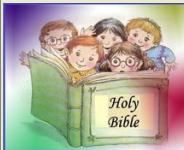
### Christmas Eve Services:

December 24th

**9:30 a.m.** -which will include a Carol Sing.

**4:00 p.m.**- Family Service which will include an original story by our own Chuck Slocum.

**9:00 p.m.**- which will include Candlelight and music by our choir.

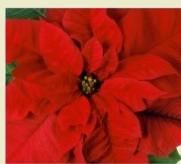


**This Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup>**, Rev. Fisher will hold an “Open the Bible Class” at **10:45 a.m.** In the Sanctuary. On **December 10th** we will be presenting Ethan Robran with his Third Grade Bible in Worship.



### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Calling a congregational meeting for **December 17th**, immediately following worship to elect our new class of Elders and Deacons.



Red Poinsettia

**It is time to order poinsettias**—to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. We will again be ordering our poinsettias from Bachman's. We will have them for worship on December 17th. You have your choice of red, white or pink. These are double plants that we sell for \$15.

**Orders must be received by Sunday, December 3rd.**

Look for order forms in the Narthex. Thank you for filling our sanctuary with Christmas Spirit.



White Poinsettia



Pink Poinsettia



Plymouth Choir Rehearsal is **Wednesday 7:00 p.m.** all are welcome!

Bell Choir rehearsal is **Wednesday, 6:00-6:45 p.m.** Please contact Tom at

[Tpaulsonec@gmail.com](mailto:Tpaulsonec@gmail.com)

### SPECIAL MUSIC FOR ADVENT and CHRISTMAS

**Sunday Dec. 17**, 9:30 am, Jazz

Pianist Clint Clark

**Sunday Dec. 24**, 9:30 am, Christmas Carol Sing



**Welcome new Members.** This Sunday, **December 3rd**, we welcome Bonnie and John Friedmeyer as members of Plymouth Presbyterian Church. John and Bonnie first visited

PPC when it was meeting at the school and now their life journeys bring them back with us. Bonnie likes watercolor painting and John, who is retired, likes gardening. Both of them like to travel. They have three children: Wendy, John IV and Anita along with five grandchildren.

Please welcome them as they officially join our church family!



**On Wednesday, December 6th, our Youth will be ringing the Salvation Army Kettle bell at Lunds' & Byerlys' from 6:00 -8:00 p.m.** Plan to stop by to say hello, give a donation or bring them hot chocolate.



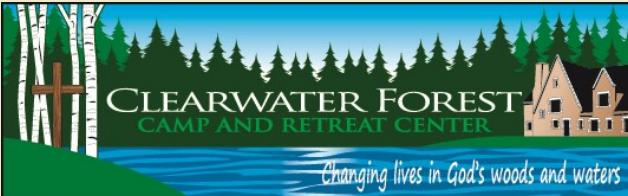
**Pledges**—Our stewardship season is drawing to a close and we still have a few members we have not heard from. If you have yet to make a pledge for the 2018 - 3 year Building Fund, please do so. It helps the Session to make plans in the coming years.



Sympathy to Carla and Dave Bahls and family on the death of Carla's father, Paul.

# ugliest

**Youth Christmas Party**— Please wear your most amazing/ugliest holiday clothing to our Christmas Party on **Wednesday, Dec. 20th from 6-8 pm** at the church. We will have decorate-your-own pizza, a gift-exchange of holiday socks (wrapped \$5 or less), some conversation about celebrating the birth of Jesus, and whatever Christmas Party fun we can think up. Email your suggestions for this party. to [greggdana3891@gmail.com](mailto:greggdana3891@gmail.com)



**2018 PPC Clearwater Weekend** — Mark your calendars! PPC's 2018 Clearwater weekend will be Oct 12-14, 2018.



## ZUMBA **WINTER SHUTDOWN**

-Please note that **effective immediately**, Zumba classes are **on hold for Winter** due to conflicts with kids' activities for Tracy. Notification will be posted when Zumba resumes!



## PEOPLE OF PLYMOUTH - (Pop)

Congratulations Ben Hollman, for making the Maple Grove Sophomore Basketball team and Lucas Feterl, for making the Freshman Basketball team. We are proud of both of you!

(If you hear of one of our members simply being awesome, we want to celebrate it in our People of Plymouth section. Please let us know at [office@plymouthpc.org](mailto:office@plymouthpc.org) )



Adopt-a-family. Thank you for taking all the gift stars for our family this Christmas. The wrapped gifts are due

**December 3rd.** Wrapping materials will be available in the Large room to the north of the building on Sunday. If you would like to wrap the presents at our church.

**VOTE TODAY For your favorite Christmas Carol to be sung December 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.**



At our 9:30 worship on Christmas Eve we will have a Carol Sing and we want to sing your top choices.

*Your choice needs to be found in our Glory to God Hymnal*

Vote early and often! We will keep a running tally over the next three weeks. (Cast your ballot by email at [office@plymouthpc.org](mailto:office@plymouthpc.org))

**Let's Sing**

**@9:30 AM on Christmas Eve Day!**

