



The Grapevine

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

John 15:1

Calendar for January 15 - 31

Sunday, January 15

- 9:30 a.m. Worship - Installation of Church Officers
- 9:45 a.m. Education
- 10:45 a.m. Prayer Chain Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. Confirmation

Monday, January 16

Martin Luther King Day - Church Office Closed

- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Tuesday, January 17

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

Wednesday, January 18

- 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
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 22

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

Monday, January 23

- 7:00 p.m. Book Club

Tuesday, January 24

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

Wednesday, January 25

- 9:30 a.m. GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) Group
- 12:00 p.m. **Grapevine Deadline**
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 29 - Annual Meeting

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

Tuesday, January 31

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

From: Rev. Anne Fisher, Transitional Pastor

Gratitude - Church members, Cephas Agbeh and Ine Amachree have recently gone through a health crisis. Many prayers were offered and the results were good. Ine explains that in the African Christian tradition, when prayers are answered one is to bear witness to the fact and to give a gift of gratitude. With their permission, I share with you what the Agbeh family wrote.

"This past year and especially at Xmas, we witnessed the amazing grace and healing power of God. To Him alone be the Glory. He performed his miracle on us as a family. This is our way of saying thank you to God, for what HE has done for us. He is a magnificent, miracle working God. We glorify and bless his name."

I rejoice with Cephas and Ine. Their acts of praise and gratitude move me. God is working in our lives. This week, make time to give thanks and to praise God from whom all our blessings flow!

Blessings,
Anne



Adult Forum January 22

YWAM (Youth With A Mission) is coming to share their story and answer your questions. Our own Allie Tang has gone back to Hong Kong to serve for another two years on the YWAM staff. YWAM has programs located all over the globe but the local office is nearby. Come and hear about the origin, outreach and other particulars about this program from two YWAM members who are located locally, Jeff Herringshaw, and Joel Pike. Grab a cup of coffee and join us in the Fireplace Room at 10:45 a.m. to hear about this outreach program.



We share our sympathy with two families in our congregation.

Larry and Gloria Lutner at the death of Larry's mother, who passed away Saturday, January 7 at the age of 97.

Jennith and Merle Schmidt at the recent death of Jennith's brother-in-law.

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Sign Up to Provide Flowers for Worship

The 2017 Flower Chart is now on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please sign up to provide flowers for one of our Sunday worship services and add whether they are in honor/memory of someone. Also indicate whether you will provide the flowers or you would like the church to do so for \$20. If you would like the church to provide them, please place a separate check with Worship Flowers in the memo line or cash indicating it is for flowers in the offering plate.

Youth Update

Matt Spoden - Children and Youth Ministry Intern

As we launch into 2017, the Youth will be gearing up for several upcoming activities.

Mission Trip Fundraisers - We continue to plan fundraising opportunities for this summer's Mission Trip to Martin, SD. Details will be announced once we have solidified our plans.



All 6th-12th graders should look for information regarding the 30 Hour Famine that will take place in February. The 30 Hour Famine is a time to fast in order to get a better understanding of hunger in our world, and to raise awareness for world hunger. If you have questions, please contact Matt at: mspoden@plymouthpc.org.



Once a year the PPC Book Club looks at children's literature. On Monday, January 23 at 7:00 p.m., join us in the Fireside Room to enjoy: the 2016 Newbery Medal winner, *Last Stop on Market Street*, written by Matt de la Peña; and the 2016 Caldecott Medal winner, *Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear*, illustrated by Sophie Blackall, written by Lindsay Mattick. All are welcome, whether you have read the book or not.

Starting in February, we will continue to meet on the 4th (not last) Monday, however the meeting time will change 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Selections for 2017 are:

February *The Nest* by Cynthia D'Aprix Sweeney

March *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman

April *The Aviator's Wife* by Melanie Benjamin

May *The Burgess Boys* by Elizabeth Strout

June *The Tumbling Turner Sisters* by Juliette Fay

July *The Life We Bury* by Allen Eskens

August *Dead Presidents* by Brady Carlson

September TBD

October *My Name is Lucy Barton* by Elizabeth Strout

November TBD

December No Meeting

January 8, '18 Book Selection for 2018

January 22, '18 Newbery & Caldecott medal winners



Annual Meeting & Potluck! January 29 is a special day at PPC, combining our Annual Meeting and our favorite event, a POTLUCK! We will be changing the schedule up a little that morning:

9:30-10:00 a.m. - Abbreviated worship

10:00-10:30 a.m. - Annual Meeting in the sanctuary

10:30-10:40 a.m. - Report on Ministry in a Changing World

10:40-11:15 a.m. - Divide into small groups throughout the church to set priorities and gather ideas for the coming year

11:20 a.m. - Gather back in the room where we will eat and get feed back

11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - POTLUCK!

Please bring your **ideas**, **priorities** and **a dish to share**. The Fellowship/Membership Ministry will provide beverages and paper goods. Help us get the New Year started right!!!! Hope to see you there!