



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

John 15:1

Calendar for August 15– August 31

Wednesday, August 15

7:00 p.m. Building and Grounds Meeting

Friday, August 17

8:00 p.m. Chinese Dance Class

8:00 p.m. Chinese Valentine's Day
Overnight

Sunday, August 19

9:30 a.m. Worship– Elder Gordon Doshier

10:30 a.m. Prayer Chain Group

Wednesday, August 22

1:00 p.m. Book Club

Friday, August 24

8:00 p.m. Chinese Dance Class

Saturday, August 25

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

Sunday, August 26

9:30 a.m. Worship– Rev. Jim Brasel

Monday, August 27

9:30 a.m. **Pastor Jeff's First Day!**

Wednesday, August 29

5:30 p.m. Food Shelf at IOCP

Friday, August 31

8:00 a.m. Last Day of Chinese School

8:00 p.m. Chinese Dance Class



From:

Rev. Anne Fisher,

Gregg and I want to thank all the members and friends of Plymouth Presbyterian Church. You gave us a wonderful send-off. The cards and gifts to Bloom Early Learning &

Child Care have been fantastic. The Quilted Rose Bloom window is beautiful and all your hugs and well wishes have been touching. We are both very fortunate to have gotten to know you and to have shared in ministry with you. The beautiful Chancel Flowers were from Messiah Methodist Church in honor of our partnership with Bloom. I can't wait to see how the next years play out for you at Plymouth Presbyterian.

**Blessings in your endeavors,
Anne Fisher and Gregg Dana**



Summer Church Office Hours Ending soon!

Regular Hours Return
September 4th,

9:00a.m.-12:00p.m. and
12:30p.m.-3:30p.m.(M-F)

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IOCP Volunteers, Get in Gear

There are five Wednesdays this month which means we get to **volunteer at Interfaith Outreach** again. The date is Wednesday, **August 29th, the time is 5:30p.m. to 7:30p.m.** Sign up on the easel in the narthex.

Helping people shop for groceries, assisting in the clothing shop or sorting clothes in the back room is easy and fun, as well as rewarding. If you haven't done it before... try it, you'll like it!

Suzy Robertson and Kyle Larson,
Mission Committee

*Save
the
Date*

P.W. of PTCA FALL GATHERING 2018

Join us on **October 13th**
at Calvin Presbyterian Church
in Long Lake, MN

To discover that: **'MISSION is ~~IM~~-POSSIBLE'**

There will be displays and speakers from some of the organizations we have supported in the past. They will share stories of how their organizations have grown and what accomplishments they have made through hard work and with God's help. Join us for an inspirational time to see God's handiwork in our neighborhoods and our world.

CHURCH REPS: If anyone has suggestions for a display by an organization your church supports, please let Pat McKisson know so they can be contacted to see if they would like to share their accomplishments. Pat McKisson, Program Chairman at pmac0247@gmail.com

Do this ASAP! This is your PW organization and we need to spread the word about the 'good works' our women and churches do!!!

PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH THE
WOMEN OF YOUR CHURCH! MORE
INFORMATION WILL BE MAILED EARLY SEPTEMBER



Still Soaring into Summer! All roads lead to Plymouth Presbyterian Church. Come for the Music as many talented folks are offering up their gifts of music throughout the summer; come for the

message and come to see each other and to connect; come for coffee and fellowship: the treats are different every Sunday! Join us any Sunday this Summer at 9:30 a.m. and you will be glad you did!

Here is what the rest of Summer Looks like at PPC:

Sunday, August 19

Stacy Warner, Soprano
(Sacred music from Hawaii)
Elder Gordon Doshier preaching

Sunday, August 26

Ann Foote, Piano and Soprano
Dr. Jim Brasel preaching
Jesus and Jonah: Not Just Fish Stories!!
Luke 3:7-17, Jonah 1:1-3

Count Down till Rev. Jeff Foels Starts

12 days!



Summer Grapevines— The Next Summer Grapevine will be published: August 31st



Bloom Early Learning and Child Care at Plymouth Presbyterian Church

As you know, we anticipate opening **Bloom Early Learning and Child Care in May 2019**. But you don't have to wait to get involved!

Volunteer today!

- Quilters needed! We provide every child who comes to Bloom with a hand-made quilt to wrap them in love. Start now! We can share samples of what others have made to show the size.
- Join the Gala committee and help us plan Bloom's biggest fundraiser of the year. It will be held September 28, 2018 at the Sheraton by Ridgedale.
- Join the marketing committee. We especially need people experienced in marketing, public relations, social media, writing, videography and photography. Share your talents with us!
- Join the Friends of Bloom committee to develop and maintain strong ties between Bloom and PPC.
- Sign up for one-time volunteer activities, such as stuffing envelopes or providing hospitality at an event.

For more information and to sign up, please contact **Melissa Musliner, Bloom Executive Director**, at melissa@bloomearlylearning.org or 612-325-2077.



Summer giving.

With vacations and weekends at the cabin, attendance at church is typically down in summer months, as are payments of pledges. At the end of April 2018, our actual revenues for the year exceeded our budget by almost \$10,000. Our revenues for May were about \$10,000 under budget, though, so as of the end of May our year-to-date revenues were slightly behind budget (actual--\$121,837; budget \$122,460). Our expenses through the end of May are slightly under budget for the year (actual \$119,179; budget \$120,794). We would appreciate your efforts to stay current on your pledges during these slower summer months. Thanks.

Administrative Ministry Group



Welcome to

Plymouth Presbyterian Church Jeff and Kelly!

The Countdown is progressing. 12 days until Rev. Jeff Foels will be here with us at Plymouth Presbyterian Church. Jeff's first Sunday is September 2nd!

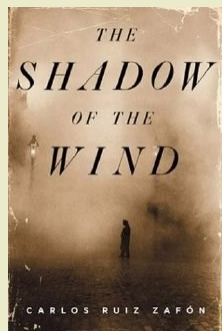




Many PPC'ers were among those in attendance at a Halverstadt Farm Picnic at their Corcoran home on Saturday, August 11th.

Bill celebrated his 90th birthday as well as his 30th anniversary of marriage to Donna.

A good time was had by all.



Book Club Meets Wednesday,
August 22nd at 1:00 p.m.

Melody Baker

The Shadow of the Wind,
Carlos Ruiz Zafón

May the fire of the **SPIRIT** make
you luminous with love.

May a passion for **JUSTICE**
smolder within you.

May your sense of humor
SPARKLE in the air with
brilliance.

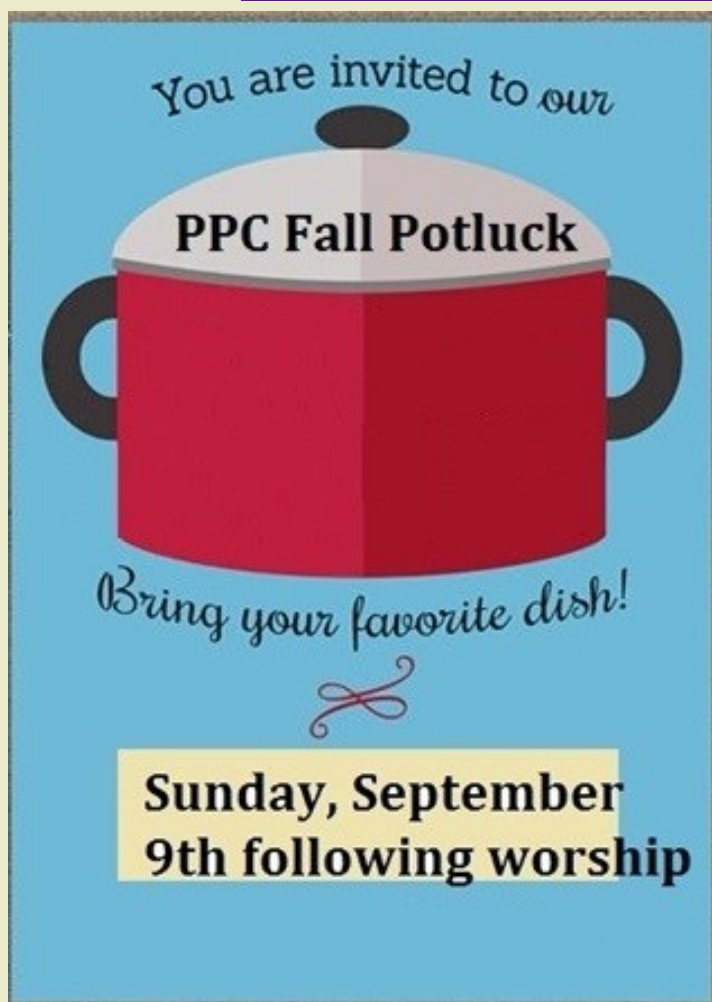
May compassion kindle a **FLAME** in your soul.
May the presence of the **DIVINE** ignite you with
COURAGE to risk all for good and God. Amen.

Kristin Borsgard Wee



The family of Audrey Perkins wishes to thank the people of the PPC congregation for their prayers, cards and concerns that helped pull Ace through his heart surgery.

(Editors note—Donald Ace Birdsong, son of Andy & Megan Birdsong, grandson of Penney Birdsong, great grandson of Audrey Perkins, will be 6 weeks old August 16th!)



Please let **Belinda Hollman** know if you're able to help with set-up or clean-up.
jbhollman@comcast.net

Today's the Deadline

Back to School

Providing needed school supplies to over 750 kids in our community!

MOST NEEDED

- Backpacks (large, solid colors)
- Wide/College Rule Spirals
- Pocket Folders
- Graphing Calculators (TI-83, TI-84)
- Composition Notebooks
- 3-Ring Binders (1 1/2-inch)
- Dry Erase Markers
- Wide/College Loose-leaf Paper
- Graph Paper (1/4 inch)
- Colored Pencils
- Glue Sticks (no glue bottles)
- Earbud Headphones
- Pencils and Pens
- Notebook Dividers
- Crayola Water Color Paints

ALSO NEEDED

- Black Sharpie Markers
- Scissors - Pointed Tip
- Crayola Markers - Wide Tip Classic Colors
- Red Pens/Black Felt Tip Pens
- Erasers (large pink or white)
- Pencil Pouches
- Protractors
- Highlighters - Yellow
- Book Covers
- Pencil Sharpeners with Covers
- Index Cards (3 x 5 inch)
- Post-it Notes (3 x 3 inch)
- Large Facial Tissues
- Clorox Wipes
- Hand Sanitizer

IOCP School Supply Drive- It's that time again. Last year PPC helped in Interfaith Outreach's efforts to provide school supplies for 767 students in 338 families and volunteers contributed 447 hours to make this program successful! There are supply lists around the church and of course on IOCP's website.

You may **bring your supplies to church** through August 15th or make a **financial donation** at <https://iocp.ejoinme.org/donate>. And for the first time, you may **order directly** from the Target or Amazon gift registries and ask to have the supplies delivered to IOCP:

<https://www.iocp.org/donations/non-cash-donations/back-to-school/>. (Please forward your emailed receipt to IOCP as directed on the website.)

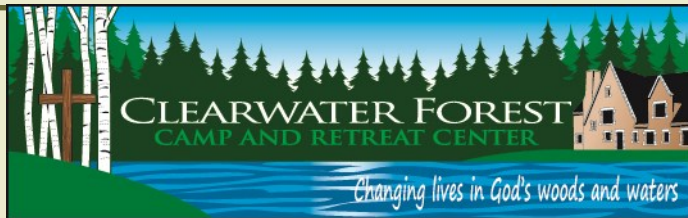
For all this information, search "back to school" at www.iocp.org.

Most needed items are:

Backpacks (large, solid colors)
Wide/College Rule Spirals
Pocket Folders
Graphing Calculators (TI-83, TI-84)

Composition Notebooks
3-Ring Binders (1 ½-inch)
Dry Erase Markers

Your Mission Committee, Kyle Larson and Suzy Robertson



Clearwater Church Retreat October - Mark your calendars for a fun weekend up at Clearwater **October 12-14, 2018** Sounds like Pastor Foels will be joining so it will be a great chance to get to know him. Sign-up and info on rates will be posted soon in the narthex.

Clearwater now provides linens and towels!



Tom Paulson, Director of Music, with mixed feelings submitted his resignation on Monday. While he has loved his time here, **especially our great singing,** he has

accepted a full time music position at Crown of Glory Lutheran Church in Chaska. His last Sunday with us will be August 26th, and he really hopes the PPC choir will be available to sing. Personnel is meeting to consider our next steps.



Good News:

Plymouth Presbyterian Church is the recipient of a Vital Congregations Grant from the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Areas. The grant is to help establish new ministries in the church. Our \$20,000 grant will go toward a new church sign on Rockford and Dunkirk and to upgrade our kitchen as we prepare for our partnership with Bloom Early Learning and Child Care.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!!!!

*My peace
I give unto you
Let not your heart
be troubled,
neither let it be afraid.*



John 14:27

PEOPLE OF PLYMOUTH - (PoP)

- Congratulations to **Cole McMahan** and his soccer team who are **State Champions!!** Way to go Cole!