



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

John 15:1

## Calendar for April 15-30

### **Sunday, April 15**

- 9:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Education
- 10:45 a.m. Prayer Chain Group
- 10:45 a.m. **DEACON'S AUCTION !!**
- 11:00 a.m. Walking Tacos & Bake Sale

### **Monday, April 16**

- 7:00 p.m. Pastor Nominating Committee

### **Tuesday, April 17**

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

### **Wednesday, April 18**

- 11:00 a.m. GIFT (Growing in Faith Together) at SummerWood
- 6:00 p.m. Bell Band
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, April 19**

- 6:00 p.m. Worship Ministry
- 7:00 p.m. Building and Grounds Committee

### **Saturday, April 21**

- 9:00 a.m. All Church Cleanup

### **Sunday, April 22**

- 9:30a.m. Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Education
- 10:45 a.m. Youth Leaders
- 10:45 a.m. 363 Sandwich Makers

### **Monday, April 23**

- 7:00 p.m. Pastor Nominating Committee

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**From:** Rev. Anne Fisher,

### **The courage to BLOOM.**



Bloom Early Learning & Child Care is currently raising funds to expand into Plymouth Presbyterian Church. Last fall our Session unanimously

agreed to partner with Bloom for the next four years with the option to renew. This is a courageous step that Plymouth Presbyterian is taking. It takes courage and patience for our congregation to adjust, accommodate and welcome Bloom as partners in ministry.

One of the accommodations is the physical change that will be made to our building. With those changes comes a shifting of our vision. When PPC was built and the addition was built, the vision was to make our building a welcoming place to bring members and their children into programs of our church. The thought was that the halls would ring with children of all ages on Sunday morning and Wednesday evening. As we have seen the children of our church grow up, our vision of valuing children remains the same but now the vision is expanded to include welcoming and accommodating children from the community coming from all faiths, five days a week, year-round.

To realize this expanded vision, it means some structural changes to our building. There will be a fence around our delightful playground with additional equipment to accommodate the littlest

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**Tuesday, April 24**

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

**Wednesday, April 25**

9:30 a.m. GIFT (Growing in Faith Together)  
Group

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

1:00 p.m. Book Club

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, April 29**

9:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Education

**Monday, April 30**

7:00 p.m. Pastor Nominating Committee

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**It's time for 363 SANDWICHES again!**



Bring out your favorite baseball cap or do you prefer plastic hair caps?

Actually, with our camaraderie and our many

hands, we make 500 sandwiches after church for The Sandwich Project of Minnesota. Isn't that amazing?

The sandwiches will be distributed to hungry people on the 363 days of the year except for Thanksgiving and Christmas, when so many people are already involved in that cause.

Save the date **Sunday, April 22nd** and plan to stay and be part of the fun.

Donations are welcome and Mission funds the rest.

**Suzy Robertson and Kyle Larson**

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ones. A Security system will be placed on one of the main entrance doors so that the children within our building can be safe from intruders. A small office will be walled in at the front of our nursery to accommodate administrators who will monitor and welcome parents. The room off the nursery will be used for cribs so that the babies can sleep peacefully. The art room and its adjacent classroom will be made into one classroom. The large room in the back will be a classroom for the older children and the large carpeted room will be used as a large motor room if the weather is too bad to go outside.

Our Bloom partnership, will require some shifting of our building's use. As our vision refocuses outward into the community, we have not lost our original purpose of serving Christ and reaching out to the least among us. If you have questions or concerns, please see me or a member of the **Bloom Welcoming Team** (Penny Blankenship, Gary Gabe, Natalie Kovach, and Suzy Robertson)

*"Where there is no vision; the people perish"*

*Proverbs 29:18*

**Blessings, Anne**



**ALL Church Cleanup**

**All Church Cleanup on Saturday, April 21st at 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.,**

We welcome all adults and children to help (there is plenty for everyone to do!)

For more information contact:

**Rick Ackerman 763-545-1233**

Coffee, Donuts and Rolls provided







**June 3<sup>rd</sup>** will be Communion based on the liturgy from the **Iona Community in Scotland**. The Iona Community is a Christian Ecumenical Community working for peace, social justice, rebuilding of community, and the renewal of worship.



### Schwan's Fundraiser for PPC Mission Trip

Help support the PPC Youth's upcoming mission trip to Indianapolis by shopping at Schwan's. For the first 45 days of the campaign, PPC will earn 20% of food sales, and 40% of e-gift cards. Then, they will earn 5% for the next 90 days. For anyone not familiar with Schwans, they are a MN based-company and provide a wide assortment of frozen meals, pizzas, sides & ice-cream / treats and deliver it to your home.

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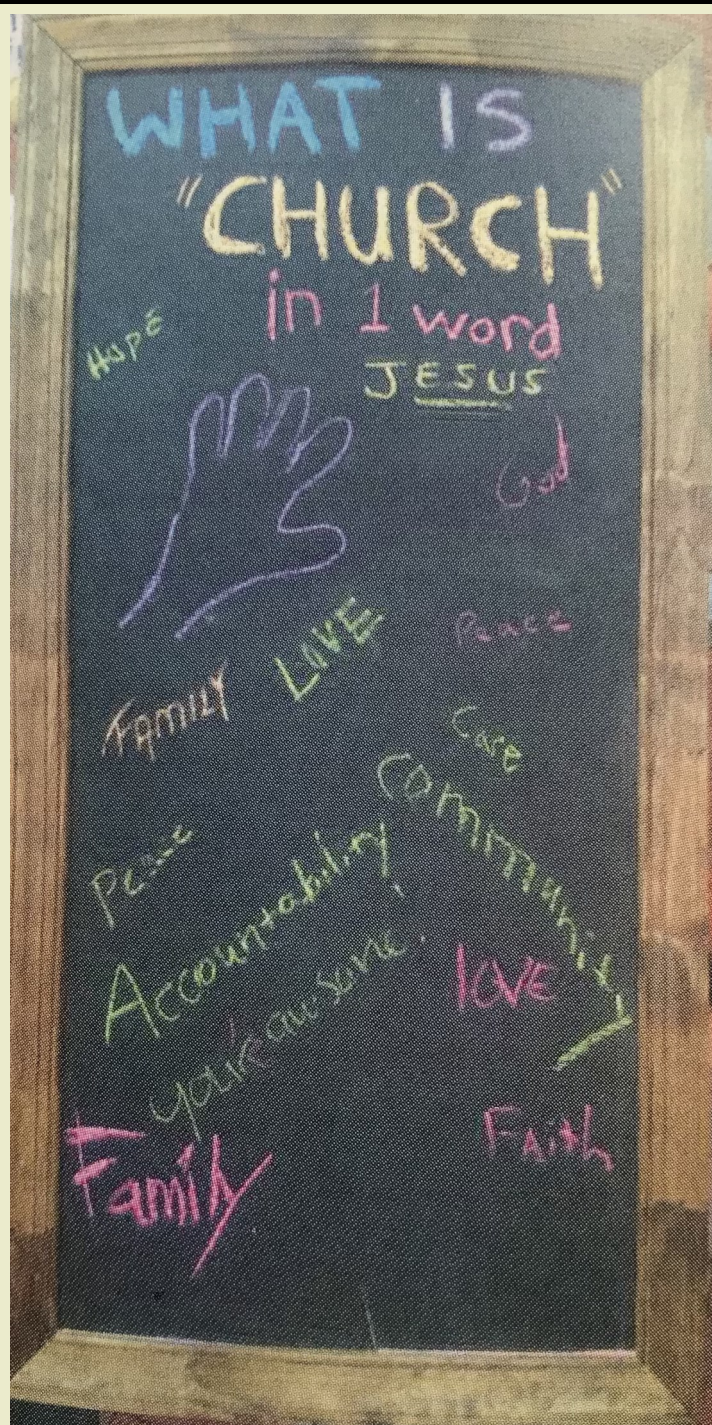
<https://www.schwans-cares.com>—starts Monday, April 16th

Select "Find a Campaign"

Enter Plymouth Presbyterian 2018 Youth Trip or 37731

Go shopping and enjoy your food!

**Thanks for your support!**



**Mark the Date:** We will honor our graduates on **Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>** during worship. Please let us know if you have a family member who is graduating

from High School, College or Graduate School and if they can be in church on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you.





**Interfaith Outreach**  
*Igniting the power of community*

**INTERFAITH OUTREACH** -- Igniting the power of community by: Engaging cross-sector community partnerships in delivery of family support, food, housing and neighborhoods, education and youth, employment, and transportation services that open doors to new and hopeful futures.

Interfaith Outreach and Community Partners provides services in the area most of our members live in, and we donated 67 pounds of food for the March Food Share collection.

Here are some tidbits about this nearly 40-year-old institution thriving under the leadership of LaDonna Hoy:

—Case Management Services works one-on-one with individuals and families to provide information, connections to resources, problem-solving assistance, advocacy, counseling, support and emergency financial assistance. From baby supplies to employment counseling, they can help or connect you to other agencies that can. All the while, they focus on building community.

—The Food Shelf takes donations from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday and we often give our monthly collections to them. Our congregation has been volunteering whenever there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in a month. Mark your calendars for May 31!

—Resale Select volunteers hand-select top-brand donations and quality merchandise to sell in the store. It won “Best Boutique” and “Best Thrift Store” categories in the 2018 Readers Choice Awards in the Sun Sailor. Their motto is you can do

good by donating, feel good by volunteering and look good by shopping! The store is open 10:00a.m. -5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday.

—IOCP holds a plant sale in May to raise funds; packs food packages to deliver to seniors; creates transitional and low-income housing and provides services on-site; runs the annual Sleep Out campaign which our dedicated youth participate in; coordinates volunteer drivers with those in need; and on and on!

When Bloom Early Learning and Child Care got started in Messiah United Methodist Church, it was in conjunction with IOCP, both recognizing that helping a parent get a job doesn't help if there is not a safe and stimulating place for the children to spend their days. We will be expanding their mission of serving 50% scholarship, 50% full-pay children as they open their second location in our building next spring.

Let's hold this organization in our prayers and continue our long history of supporting them as they do such good works!

**iocp.org**

**1605 County Road 101 North, Plymouth**

**763.489.7500**

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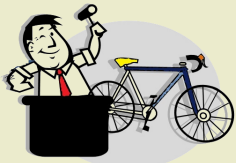
**Plymouth Presbyterian,**

**Thanks so much** for having Small Sums out to speak with your Adult Ed group. The love and support your church shows for Small Sums is so generous and sincere.

Blessings!

**Terre Thomas and the Small Sums staff and clients**





### Deacons' Annual Auction

The annual Deacon's Auction will be this **Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>** following worship and will feature live and silent auctions as well as delicious baked goods, fun games and activities for the children and a tasty lunch.



We received word that Doris Sigler passed away January 14, 2018.

*"In Life and Death we belong to God."*

### Special Music in the Easter Season

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| <b>Sunday April 15</b> | Shari Durdin, Marimba                                      |
| <b>Sunday April 22</b> | Celebration Ringers Bell Band                              |
| <b>Sunday April 28</b> | Mary Ohm, Soprano<br>Sandy Hawley &<br>Andrew Fox, Trumpet |
| <b>Sunday May 6</b>    | Ann Brearley, Flute  |
| <b>Sunday May 13</b>   | Mother's Choir   |
| <b>Sunday May 20</b>   | Ann Foote, Piano   |



## Per Capita

PER CAPITA is "the tie that binds" – annual support that unites the entire church in the ongoing and essential work that guides the Office of the General Assembly, the life of the Presbyterian Church

**Per capita** - Our church is assessed **\$34.50** per member. This assessment goes to fund our Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area, Synod of Lakes and Prairies and the national offices of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Our total per capita bill for 2018 is \$8901. **Please help by giving your annual per capita, mark your check per capita.** Thank you!

**Both the bell choir and the choir would be happy to have more ringers and singers.** Please

contact Tom Paulson at

Tom@plymouthpc.org or 952.292.4461



We are still receiving envelopes for **One Great Hour of Sharing** through the end of April.



Prayers for Jennith Schmidt who had cataract surgery.

Prayers for Isaac Jeremiah Hendrickson who was born early. Currently is at 2 lbs 15 ozs. Isaac is the grandson of Glenn and Gail Nordhaus.

Prayers for Bill Halverstadt recovering from a fall.

### PEOPLE OF PLYMOUTH - (PoP)

- Happy 92rd Birthday to Audrey Perkins!
- Happy 90th Birthday to Bill Halverstadt!