



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

John 15:1

Calendar for May 1-15

Tuesday, May 1

Rev. Fisher on vacation

Wednesday, May 2

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

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, May 6

9:30 a.m. Worship—Communion
Rev. Anna Kendig, preaching

Monday, May 7

7:00 p.m. Pastor Nominating Committee

Wednesday, May 9

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

6:00 p.m. Deacon's Meeting

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 10

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

Saturday, May 12

9:30 a.m. Baker's Group

Sunday, May 13

9:30 a.m. Worship
Elder Sandra Hawley, preaching

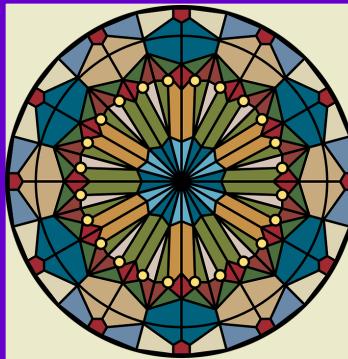
9:45 a.m. Education

Monday, May 14

7:00 p.m. Pastor Nominating Committee

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Rev. Brian Entz, Moderator



From: Rev. Anne Fisher,

From being a mirror of faith to becoming an open window of faith. Our partnership with Bloom Early Learning and Child Care is an opportunity to participate in ministry, 21st

Century style! When most of us were growing up in churches in the 20th Century, the focus of ministry was what happens inside the church. We learned about mission from those working in the field coming in to talk to us. I remember seeing slides of Africa, South America and Asia and hearing the stories about hospitals and schools in far off lands. The beautiful church buildings enhanced our worship and growth in faith. The buildings were used for Worship, Sunday School, Confirmation, Youth groups and Social Gatherings. The church was a mirror of our faith.

As our society has shifted and changed over the years so has what we do as a church. Our church has changed from a mirror into a window looking out upon our community. We cannot simply assume that people will enter our doors to be nurtured and fed the Gospel Message of God's love through Jesus Christ. We are called to reach out to those who would not naturally enter our church on Sunday mornings. Sharing our parking lot with commuters into the cities and partnering with Bloom Early Learning and Child Care are ways to show Christ's love to our neighbors. Providing a safe and healthy environment for children from different backgrounds and faiths is a way to extend God's love beyond our walls. The window of opportunity is before us! May our church be not only a reflection of our faith but an open window to others.

Blessings, Anne

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PENTECOST OFFERING – May 20

The Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop and support its young people. **Forty percent of the Pentecost offering** is distributed locally by our congregation to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. This year the benefits will go to Bloom Early Learning and Child Care.

The remaining 60% supports ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency through:

Young Adult Volunteers -- An ecumenical, faith-based year of service for young people, ages 19-30, in 22 sites around the world, YAVs accompany local agencies working to address poverty and reconciliation, while exploring the meaning of their faith with peers and mentors.

Ministries for Youth -- In the midst of a beautiful and broken world, they have an ambitious vision for ministry that unites youth in Christ with all other generations and proclaims the love of God without end.

Child Advocacy – This agency focuses at the national level on strengthening early childhood education and reducing the dropout rate of adolescents.

Thank you for your consideration.

The Mission committee~



The FIRST ANNUAL PPC MOTHER'S DAY CHOIR is May 13th!

Are you a mother? Would you like to be a mother? Did a mother make a major difference in your life? Are you married to a mother? Do you love a mother? Do you have a mother? You get the idea.

On May 13, **in honor of Mother's Day and Mothers everywhere**, everybody is invited to come to church a little early, at 9:00 a.m., gather by the piano in the sanctuary, and learn a quick easy song, "Down to the River to Pray". We'll sing it during the 9:30 a.m. service. It'll be sort of a flash mob. No need to sign up, just show up and sing your heart out to honor your mother. You know she always wanted you to sing!



Senior Sunday
- We will be honoring our graduates on **Sunday, June 3rd** during worship. The focus will be on our High

School Seniors but if you have someone who has graduated in the past year or will be graduating, please contact the church office so we can acknowledge them.



June 3rd 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.

Instructions:

<https://www.schwans-cares.com>

Select "Find a Campaign"

Enter Plymouth Presbyterian 2018 Youth Trip or
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Go shopping and
enjoy your food!

Thanks for your
support!



It takes a Village:

For the next three weeks Gregg and I are going to Iceland and Germany. We will be returning May 23rd. While in Germany, we will be visiting our

daughter, Elizabeth who lives in Berlin. As we are away, many people will be helping at the church.



Rev. Anna Kendig will be preaching and serving communion

on May 6. Elders Sandra Hawley and Rick Ackerman will lead worship on the 13th and 20th respectively. Lucas Feterl and Chuck Slocum will be giving the children's message. Rev. Brian Entz pastor at Buffalo Presbyterian Church will moderate the Session on May 14th, and Rev. Carol Reed from Calvin Presbyterian Church in Long Lake will be on call for any pastoral needs. Karen Kenzie will be serving in the office and Tom Paulson will be providing our beautiful music and making a guest appearance for the children's message. Brent Freeman will change the banners and with Bob Klein see that the logistics run smoothly on Sunday morning.

- ♥ Please contact Clerk of Session Lu Wilmot (763-476-1824) who will alert Rev. Reed if needed.
- ♥ The Deacons will also be attentive to the needs of their folks in their Care Teams. Contact your Deacon if there is a change in your family.

Know that Plymouth Presbyterian Church is in wonderful hands! When it comes to being God's church, all hands and hearts are needed!





**Minute for Mission:
May Friendship Day
May 4, 2018**

May Friendship Day, a Church Women United initiative, is most often celebrated on the first Friday

of the month of May. May Fellowship Day began in 1933 after two Christian women's groups planned gatherings based on similar concerns: child health and children of migrant families. These groups united and over the years, eventually became what we now know as Church Women United. The May celebration has been continually observed since 1933 and each year the theme identifies a shared concern of Christian women and their communities. In 1999, Church Women United changed the name from May Fellowship Day to May Friendship Day.

The 2018 Church Women United celebrations focus on the theme "Reaching for Wholeness: In Gratitude for God's Presence," based on Colossians 1:17, "And God is before all things, and in and through God the universe is a harmonious whole." The theme asks us to live in gratitude for the opportunity to respond in service to human needs, particularly praying for and finding ways to respond to the needs of hungry children. Christian women's groups from many denominations (including Presbyterian Women, which encourages participation in and support of Church Women United) will host May Friendship Day services throughout the United States during these first days of May. For more information, go to www.churchwomen.org.



**Carissa Herold, Marketing Associate,
Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian
Church (U.S.A.)**

Souper Bowl of Caring - During the Super Bowl festivities, the Youth of the church asked for an offering to remember the hungry, known as the Souper Bowl of Caring. We received over \$300 in donations and gave it to the supplemental food program for the children of Bloom Early Learning and Child Care. The thank you note below is from Melissa Musliner.



**Dear Plymouth
Presbyterian,**

Thanks to all of you, and especially the youth who took the initiative to raise funds for the Bloom children through your "Souper Bowl"

drive. Your donation to our food program is greatly appreciated. We provide breakfast, lunch and a substantial afternoon snack to our children because we are not sure of their food situation at home. We know all of our scholarship families also utilize the food shelf. Child care and food insecurity are just two of the issues often faced by those in poverty. It is gratifying to know that there is a community that cares for our neighbors, as demonstrated by your generous gift.

Thank you! We are so delighted to partner with you to help more families in our community.

Warmly,

**Melissa Musliner
Executive Director**

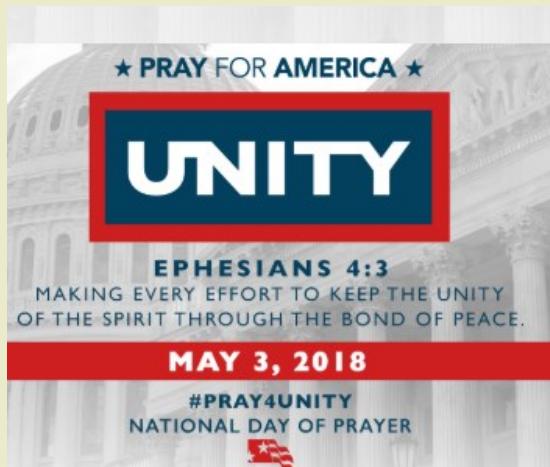
Bloom Early Learning and Child Care is beginning to raise funds to make the expansion into our facility possible. They are reaching out to the community with their **"More Room to Bloom" Campaign**. If you are interested in learning more about their expansion campaign contact the **Bloom Office 763-449-0600 or website**.



Mark your calendars. **Wednesday, May 30th** is our next scheduled time to volunteer at the IOCP Food Shelf.

10-15 volunteers are

needed from 5:30 p.m.-8:00p.m. Please sign up in the Narthex. **It is a great way to be part of the solution in helping those who hunger!**



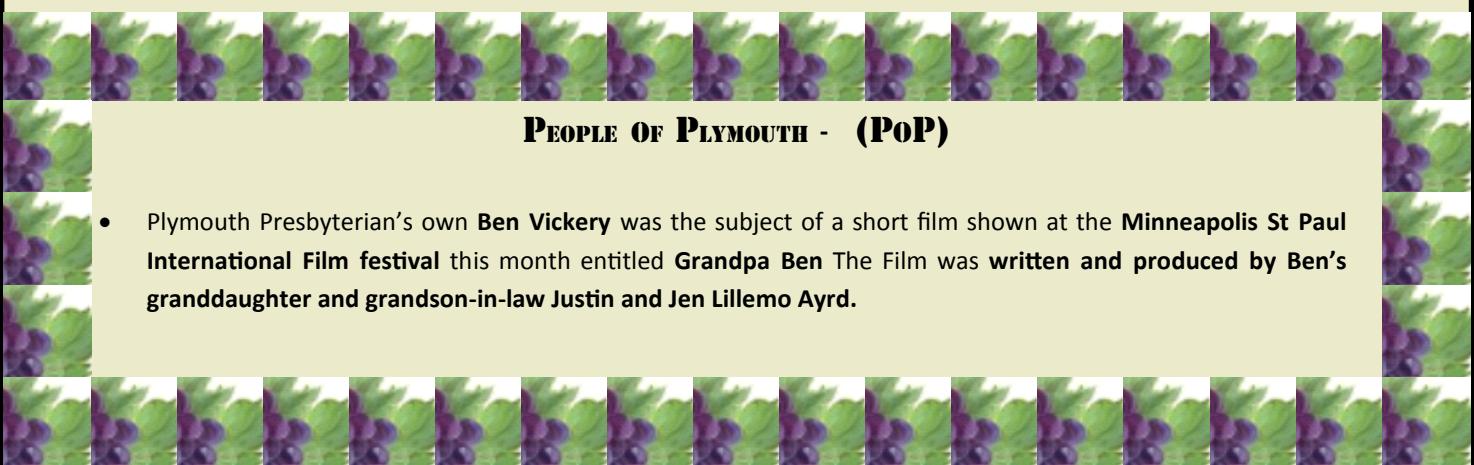
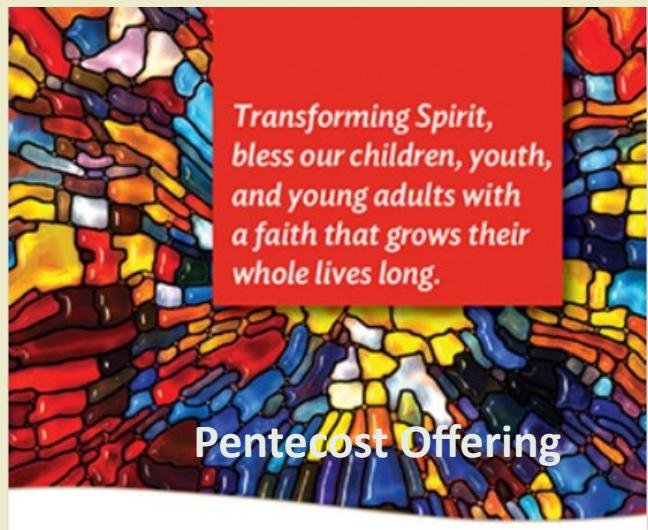
Special Music in the Easter Season
Sunday May 6 Ann Brearley, Flute
Sunday May 13 Mother's Day Choir
Sunday May 20 Ann Foote, Piano
Shari Durdin, Marimba

Per Capita is "the tie that binds" — providing the means to strengthen the connections of our work, and build lasting relationships to help all Presbyterians share God's love through mission and ministry.

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.



PEOPLE OF PLYMOUTH - (POP)

- Plymouth Presbyterian's own **Ben Vickery** was the subject of a short film shown at the **Minneapolis St Paul International Film festival** this month entitled **Grandpa Ben** The Film was **written and produced by Ben's granddaughter and grandson-in-law Justin and Jen Lillemo Ayr.**