



The Grapevine

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

John 15:1

Calendar for March 1-15

Thursday, March 2

6:30-8:30 p.m. Presbytery Listening Session

Friday, March 3 World Day of Prayer

7:00 p.m. Youth 30 Hour Famine

Sunday, March 5

9:30 a.m. **Worship** - Communion Served

9:45 a.m. Education

10:45 a.m. Adult Forum - *The Last Week of Christ*

Tuesday, March 7

12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

6:30 p.m. Zumba Class

Wednesday, March 8

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

6:00 p.m. Lenten Supper

6:30 p.m. Lenten Service

6:30 p.m. Youth Group

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

7:15 p.m. Deacon Meeting

Friday, March 10

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

Saturday, March 11

9:30 a.m. Baker's Group

Sunday, March 12

9:30 a.m. **Worship**

9:45 a.m. Education

10:45 a.m. Adult Forum - *The Last Week of Christ*

11:00 a.m. Gal's Gathering

Monday, March 13

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Tuesday, March 14

12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

6:30 p.m. Zumba

Wednesday, March 15

11:00 a.m. GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) Group to
Presbyterian Homes, SummerWood

6:00 p.m. Lenten Supper

6:30 p.m. Lenten Service

6:30 p.m. Youth Group

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. Building and Grounds Committee Meeting

From: Rev. Anne Fisher, Transitional Pastor

Getting started with the Pastoral Nominating Committee The Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area's- (PTCA) Committee on Ministry and our Session have approved Plymouth Presbyterian Church to establish a Pastoral Nominating Committee for the purpose of finding one candidate to be the next Pastor for Plymouth Presbyterian Church. Our first task is to offer a slate of members to the congregation to be elected to serve on the Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC).

Selecting members to serve on the PNC is a task in which the entire congregation engages in prayerful discernment. An effective PNC has members on it with a variety of gifts. Members have a love for the church, a willingness to listen, respect other points of view and have an openness for the Holy Spirit to be part of the process. The search will be divided into two parts. First, the PNC will write the Mission Information Form. That is the church's resume describing to potential candidates who we are, and who we would like to become as followers of Jesus Christ. The Mission Information Form also states the top qualities that the church seeks in a pastor. The second part of the search is seeking, interviewing, meeting and finally selecting one candidate to bring before the congregation for all the members to vote as their new pastor.

As daunting as this may sound, members of the PNC work as a team and receives support from one of the members of our presbytery's Committee on Ministry. The PNC is surrounded in prayer from the congregation. It may seem like a long process, but when it is finished I have heard more than one PNC member say that serving on the Pastoral Nominating Committee is intense, but one of the most rewarding jobs that they have done for their church. - *continued on page 2*

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Please consider who might be appropriate to serve on the PNC. Forms and a submission box are available in the narthex or you may email your suggestions to office@plymouthpc.org. You may submit as many names of members as you wish and you do not need to seek their permission. All of the names submitted will be invited to an informational meeting to find out what it means to serve on the PNC. The Church Nominating Committee and the Session will present a slate of names to be elected at a congregational meeting.

Blessings,
Anne



Our thoughts and prayers are with the Amachree/Agbeh family as they mourn the death of Ine's younger sister, Atiya, on January 27 in London.

Youth Update - Matt Spoden
Children and Youth Ministry Intern

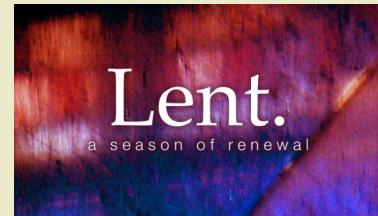


The 30 Hour Famine will be this Friday, March 3-4. We will be fasting as a way to raise awareness and money for hunger in the world. Please contact Matt if you would like to participate. If you have any questions contact Matt at: mspoden@plymouthpc.org.

There are still copies available in the narthex of *Lenten Prayers for Hungry People*, a Lenten Devotion prepared by Bread for the World. The devotional is a six-panel "table tent" and includes the Scripture lessons for the five Sundays in Lent as well as the Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday).



Adult Christian Formation: Rev Fisher will be teaching a series, based on the book *The Last Week of Christ*, Sundays March 5 - April 2 from 10:45 - 11:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room. Please join us!



Midweek Lenten Services

"Stepping to the Beat of the Beatitudes"

March 8 - 6:00 p.m. Light Soup Supper
6:30 p.m. Service

"Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" **Led by:** Confirmand Jake McMahan and mentor Ken Blankenship

March 15 - 6:00 p.m. Light Soup Supper
6:30 p.m. Service

"Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted" **Led by:** Confirmand Lucas Feterl and mentor Bruce Koenen

March 22 - 6:00 p.m. Light Soup Supper
6:30 p.m. Service

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth." **Led by:** Confirmand Katie Larson and mentor Janet Menary

March 29 - 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. Service Day at Inter-faith Outreach Food Shelf and Retail 101 Shop

April 5 - 6:00 p.m. Light Soup Supper
6:30 p.m. Service

"Blessed are those who hunger and search for righteousness, for they will be filled"

Led by: Rev. Anne Fisher

Holy Week Services



Palm Sunday, April 9

Service at 9:30 a.m.
Pancake Breakfast

Maundy Thursday, April 13

Service at 7:00 p.m.
Communion



Easter Sunday, April 16

Service at 9:30 a.m.



Sharing Our Faith Securing Our Future

Building upon Plymouth Presbyterian Church. The Session has agreed to hold a building fund drive to pay for the principal of our mortgage for 2017. The goal of the drive is to raise \$60,000 through pledges and gifts by **March 15, 2017**. \$60,000 seems rather daunting, however this is how it looks if you break it down by the numbers. If everyone who pledged this year, gave an additional \$100 a month to the building fund, we would surpass our goal by over \$10,000, OR if everyone increased what their 2017 pledge to the church with an additional 25% for the building fund, we would surpass our goal by \$7500. Remember every dollar given to the building fund goes toward the principal of \$881,435 (as of 1/31/2017.)

Every household is unique and some can give more while others cannot, but working together and giving what we can; we can continue to meet our mortgage payments.

This fall, there will be a three-year building fund drive that will keep the mortgage payments current without an annual building fund drive. Every gift to the building fund is building on the future! Please send your pledge commitments to the church before March 15.



Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast

Mark your calendars! On April 9, we're having a Pancake breakfast with Jerry Leaf's secret pancake recipe. A free will offering will go to Clearwater Forest Camp. Please join us!!!

Interested in becoming a member of Plymouth Presbyterian Church? Or simply want to know what it means to be Presbyterian? Please join us for an Inquirers Class on Sunday, March 19 at 10:45 a.m. in the Conference Room. Those wishing to join as members will be received by the Session and welcomed by the congregation on Sunday, March 26.

Mission Ministry

Joanne Mann and Suzy Robertson

Minnesota FoodShare March is Minnesota FoodShare Month

 In March, food shelf contributions are the lowest, but the need still great.

Please bring non-perishable food items (bins in the narthex.) In addition, envelopes will be in the pews for monetary contributions. Food shelves can stretch your dollar(s) up to nine times and purchase exactly what is needed. Please make checks out to ICOP and put it in the offering plate. The Mission Team will deliver donations to IOCP, and they will tabulate them so we can celebrate our generous congregation's total giving.

Thank You for the wonderful birthday celebration on Sunday. You took the sting out of starting a new decade of life! Pastor Anne



Wanted: Kitchen Angels to Watch Over Our Kitchen

Where do you usually find the center of a home or community?

The kitchen is the first place to look! Our church kitchen has been the source of much joy and fellowship over the years. We need 2-3 people who can become our Kitchen Angels. The job description is simple: keep an eye on the kitchen to make it is well-supplied and in good order. If you feel called to be on the Kitchen Angel team, please email fellowship@plymouthpc.org, or see Belinda Hollman, Jan Lillemo or Anne Fisher.

You are invited to the March 11 meeting of the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area (PTCA)

The March 11 presbytery meeting will be an outstanding opportunity for all the people of the Presbytery to learn and grow in faith together. Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, the stated clerk of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), will bring a message of inspiration and challenge in our gathering worship, and be a panelist in a deeply relevant discussion on living our faith in the public square.

YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER!! Please follow the link above to the registration page. You can see the schedule, select your workshop choices, order and pay for lunch, request child care.