



# The Grapevine

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

John 15:1

## Calendar for April 1-15

### **Sunday, April 2**

- 9:30 a.m. **Worship**
- 9:45 a.m. Education
- 10:45 a.m. PNC Information Meeting
- 10:45 a.m. Adult Forum - *The Last Week of Christ*

### **Tuesday, April 4**

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

### **Wednesday, April 5**

- 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. Confirmation Class
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, April 6**

- 7:00 p.m. PNC Information Meeting

### **Saturday, April 8**

- 9:30 a.m. Baker's Group

### **Sunday, April 9**

- 9:30 a.m. **Worship - Palm Sunday**
- 9:45 a.m. Education
- 10:45 a.m. Pancake Breakfast

### **Monday, April 10**

- 12:00 p.m. **GRAPEVINE DEADLINE**
- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

### **Tuesday, April 11**

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

### **Wednesday, April 12**

- 9:30 a.m. GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) Group
- 6:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, April 13 Maundy Thursday**

- 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship Service  
Communion

### **Friday, April 14 Good Friday**

### **Sunday, April 16 Easter Sunday**

- 9:30 a.m. Worship
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship
- 10:30 a.m. Children's Easter Egg Hunt

**From:** Rev. Anne Fisher, Transitional Pastor

### **Are we still in Lent?**

There is a different dynamic being in the middle of something rather than being at the beginning or the end. The headiness of starting something new has worn off and the ending is not yet in sight. It takes endurance to get through those middle times. When I swim for exercise the middle laps are the most difficult and are the ones I try to simply get through. Lent is that way as well. Ash Wednesday was a while ago and Easter is not quite here yet. Life intrudes even our best intentions of making changes for Lent.

During the Sundays in Lent, we have been hearing about people whose lives have been transformed because of their encounter with Jesus. The Woman at the well in Sychar and Bartimaeus, who was blind from birth, were at the middle of their lives. The woman was getting water for another day of housework and Bartimaeus was setting up for another day of begging. It was at that point when they were enduring what always was, that they encountered Jesus and their lives were forever changed.

My hope is that Lent will intrude into your life this year. May Jesus find a way to be present in this middle time of Lent so that when we arrive at Easter, nothing will ever be the same again.

Blessings to you,  
Anne

*Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."*

Matthew 11:28-30  
New International Version (NIV)

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### Stepping to the Beat of the Beatitudes

Please join us this Wednesday, April 5 for the last mid-week Lenten supper and service. Supper will be served at 6:00 p.m. followed by a Lenten service at 6:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room led by Anne Fisher. Please join us!

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

**Adult Christian Formation:** This Sunday, April 2, is the final class in a series that Rev. Fisher and Rev. Dana have been teaching based on the book *The Last Week of Christ*.

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**Youth Update** - Matt Spoden  
Children and Youth Ministry Intern



Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be happening after worship on Easter Sunday! Hopefully, we will be hiding Easter Eggs outdoors but Plan B is indoors. Please make sure kids have the appropriate dress for outdoors. Each egg will have allergy friendly candy in it along with a Bible verse. We will meet in the Youth Room after church where the rules and boundaries will be shared. If anyone would like to help chaperone the Easter Egg Hunt to either help kids find eggs, or make sure they are staying safe feel free to let Matt know.

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**Mission Ministry** Joanne Mann and Suzy Robertson  
PPC donated 70 pounds of food and \$400 to IOCP for the March Minnesota FoodShare. Thank you for your support and help to end hunger. **Together we make a difference!**

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**Plan to attend the All Church Retreat at Clearwater Forest October 13-15** As our Calendars fill up, set aside this weekend for building up yourself in renewal, reflection and being in God's beautiful nature.

## Holy Week Services



### Palm Sunday, April 9

Worship at 9:30 a.m.  
Pancake Breakfast

### Maundy Thursday, April 13



Worship at 7:00 p.m.  
Communion



### Easter Sunday, April 16

Worship at 9:30 a.m.

Children's Easter Egg Hunt  
at 10:30 a.m.



### Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast

On Palm Sunday, April 9, you are invited to stay after worship for a breakfast featuring Jerry Leaf's famous Sourdough Pancakes! Jerry loved Clearwater, and his pancakes were a huge hit. Free will donations will be used to help cover the cost of food at PPC All Church Retreat at Clearwater Forest October 13-15. Please sign up in the Narthex if you plan to come and also if you can help with the preparation, serving or clean-up. If you have questions, please contact Amy Leaf, Jan Lillemo or Belinda Hollman, or email: [fellowship@plymouthpc.org](mailto:fellowship@plymouthpc.org)



## Sharing Our Faith Securing Our Future

**You are the Heroes!** On March 5, Jan Lillimo directed us in the skit "Who Will Pay the Rent?" The Congregation replied, "We will pay the rent!" Our goal was \$60,000 and in three weeks, we raised \$69,435.65 in gifts and pledges for the 2017 Building Fund. Thank you for your gifts. Because of you we CAN pay the rent (mortgage)! You are the Heroes!



**We Have Kitchen Angels!** A big thank you to Sally Ackerman, Pat Johnson and Sharon Larson for volunteering to make sure the church kitchen is well supplied and running like a top.

**Celebrating Mari Thompson** Mari Thompson has been the Office Manager at PPC for 17 years and has been the steady hand behind the running of the church. She will be retiring on Friday, April 21. On Sunday, April 23, along with the Deacons' Auction, we will recognize Mari and thank her for her work. Cards and notes of appreciation can be sent to the church % Anne Fisher or brought on the 23rd. There will be a basket in the narthex to put them in. Be sure to join us on April 23rd!



### Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area

Invite you to our Spring Gathering

***'Caring for Yourself and Caring for Others'***

**Saturday, April 22, 2017  
9:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.**

*Registration, coffee and fellowship at 9:00 a.m.*

**First Presbyterian Church  
6201 Osgood Ave. N., Stillwater**

**More information is available on the  
bulletin board in the Narthex.**



## ANNUAL DEACONS' AUCTION

**Sunday, April 23**

One of the highlights of the year at PPC, is the Annual Deacons' Auction. It's really so... much more than an auction. There's also lunch, a bake sale and of course there's the fellowship. This year it will take place on **Sunday, April 23** following the worship service. The Deacons have made the decision to donate the proceeds to the Building Fund.

### Here's how you can help:

**First** (and foremost) **COME!!!** Have lunch (walking tacos), bid on the silent and live auction items and take home goodies from the Bake Sale.



### **Second DONATE** to the auctions!

**Be creative!!!** Theme baskets, babysitting, guitar lessons, yard cleanup, quilts, etc. You may just have a talent that someone has been wanting to learn. There are donation slips in the narthex. Bring your items as soon as available to the Preschool Room (connected to the nursery.)

**The deadline for donations is Sunday, April 16.**



Bake Sale items should be brought the day of the auction, before worship.



On March 26, Jen and Tony Voca and Jen's mother, Terri Wilkerson joined the church. Jen and Tony have two children, Emmett and Emma. The Vocas moved here from Two Rivers Wisconsin. Tony is a machinist for Remley Medical Device Corp. in Big Lake and Jen works for the sub-contractor, Cosney Corp. The Vocas like to camp, do winter sports and go to the fitness center as a family.

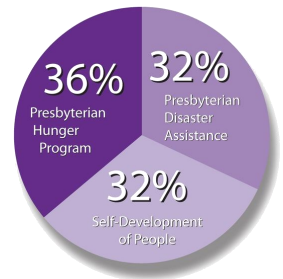


Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education and opportunity. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. One Great Hour of Sharing makes a difference in the world through three impactful programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People.

**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)** Works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters. **Receives 32% of funds raised.**

**Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP)** Takes action to alleviate hunger and the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed. **Receives 36% of funds raised.**

**Self-Development of People (SDOP)** Invests in communities responding to their experiences of racism, oppression, poverty and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these societal ills. **Receives 32% of funds raised.**



The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be collected on Easter Sunday. Please make separate checks payable to PPC with OGHS on the memo line. **Thank You!**

## Office Manager

**Resumes are being taken for Office Manager Position at PPC** Mari is retiring in April and we are beginning the process of looking for a new Office Manager. If you, or someone you know, might be interested in the position please read the brief description below and then send a resume to [annefisher@plymouthpc.org](mailto:annefisher@plymouthpc.org).

We are seeking an Office Manager for Plymouth Presbyterian Church. A part-time position, 30 hours/week during the program year and 20 hours per week during the summer, providing administrative and clerical support services. Provides reception, communication and basic referral services about the church to members and the community at large. Operates with a high degree of independence with general work direction and support provided by the Teaching Elder. This position requires the highest level of confidentiality and discretion. Experience working with a Pastor or top level executive preferred. Multi-task oriented, possess a positive, professional attitude. Email resumes to: [annefisher@plymouthpc.org](mailto:annefisher@plymouthpc.org).

### PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT

Every church is requested to share the expenses of the presbytery, the synod, and the General Assembly for institutional purposes. The Department is listed as their apportioning the amount over and over the work of the presbytery, synod, and General Assembly, and to include expense payable to the church at the same meeting as presented. The amount to be paid this year and administrative meeting is:

What does \$33.75 get you? A gallon of paint, a lunch for two? Or it can connect us with the larger body of Presbyterians. Each year the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly set a per capita of what they charge the church for each of its members. This year we are asked to pay \$33.75 for every member. Can you help out and pay your per capita to Plymouth Presbyterian Church? Per Capita envelopes are in the front of your box of offering envelopes. Please mark per capita on the memo line.

*"I think a hero is any person really intent on making this a better place for all people."*

Maya Angelou