



The Grapevine

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

John 15:1

Calendar for November 15-30

Sunday, November 18

9:30 a.m. Worship— Rev. Jeff Foels
10:45 a.m. Prayer Chain
2:00 p.m. Small Sums Mailing Party

Tuesday, November 20

1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, November 21

All Meetings Cancelled

Thursday, November 22—Thanksgiving



Friday, November 23

Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 25

9:30 a.m. Worship—
 Rev. Denise Dunbar-Perkins
12:00 p.m. **GRAPEVINE DEADLINE**

Tuesday, November 27

1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, November 28

9:30 a.m. GIFT (Growing in Faith
 Together) Group
1:00 p.m. Book Club
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal



From: Rev. Jeff Foels,

As we start looking ahead to Advent
(and as Kelly and I experience our own
sense of 'waiting' for our baby to come),

I am reminded of some words from the poem, "Angel-Filled Advent", from Presbyterian poet, Ann Weems: "...Perhaps we can give thanks / for the good earthly joys we have been given / and for the earthly 'angels' that we know / who do such a good job of filling / our Advent with alleluias!"

I am so grateful for the earthly angels who will be filling our Advent. For preaching, we will first welcome Denise Dunbar-Perkins, a retired chaplain from our presbytery, on November 25th. Following that, the Executive Presbyter of the presbytery, Jeff Japinga will be preaching the first three Sundays of Advent, and I will be returning from parental leave in time for the fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve. A big thank you to both of them – and I know you will enjoy their worship leadership!

We also give thanks for our congregational leaders – Lu Wilmot as clerk of Session, and all our elders serving on Session right now, who will fill in capably while I am away. The deacons will continue their care and prayer, and Pastor Carol Reed of Calvin Presbyterian in Long Lake, will also be on call for pastoral needs. I am so very grateful and confident that the church is in good hands for these next few weeks.

We are eager to share news about baby when she arrives. I am looking forward to this Advent and Christmas season with our family and our new PPC church family! Until then, have a joyful Thanksgiving and a watchful Advent.

With good cheer,

Jeff

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Psalm 100—A Psalm of thanksgiving.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

SmallSums At Home Group™

Small Sums Mailing Help Needed



Small Sums helps homeless people who get a job and they then need equipment and bus passes to be successful at that job. They are ready to help at a moment's notice. PPC packed Roadside Kindness Packs with Small Sums last fall, to give to those standing on street corners in need of support, another of their ministries.

The mailing party will be held **this Sunday, November 18th from 2:00-5:00 p.m.** Small Sums is located at 1222 University Ave. W. in St. Paul. They **need at least 10 volunteers** and you may come for part or all of it. Please let Suzy Robertson know if you wish to help.

Thanks!

952.426.5835 or sdrobertson@comcast.net

PPC Outing to Yellow Tree Theater in Osseo!

"Miracle at Christmas Lake"

Sunday December 16, 7:30 p.m.

Group Reservation under "Hollman Group" for \$25 / ticket

Must call the box office for this group reservation, Mon.-Fri. 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m., 763-493-8733

Hope you can join us! We had a great turnout last year...there was lots of tears of laughter. **Tickets need to be purchased by Nov 25.** (see page 5 for a description of the show!)





**The Bloom Early Learning—
PPC Center Director's job
description is now posted.**

A copy of the job description is located on the bulletin board in the Narthex. If you are aware of a qualified candidate who might be interested in this position, please have the candidate submit an application to Melissa Musliner at melissa@bloomearlylearning.org or contact her at (612) 325-2077.

Bloom Early Learning and Child Care

Mission: Bloom Early Learning and Child Care passionately strives to break the cycle of poverty at the start through nurturing care and an exceptional early learning program. We prepare young children for success in school and enable their parents to pursue education and employment opportunities.

- Bloom dedicates 50% of its capacity to families needing financial assistance.
- Bloom is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and Parent Aware.

Bloom Vision: The vision of Bloom is to transform the lives of economically challenged families and alleviate the unmet need for quality early learning and childcare.

Role of the Center Director: The Center Director provides direct oversight of a Bloom location. Reporting to the Bloom Executive Director, the center director also collaborates with other center directors and members of the leadership team to fulfill the mission and vision of Bloom. **This is a full-time position requiring flexibility in hours and responsibilities.**

JOB DESCRIPTION: CENTER DIRECTOR

Purpose: Provide direct management of a Bloom Early Childhood Learning facility to fulfill the mission and vision of Bloom.

Reports to the Executive Director.

Full-time position requiring flexibility in hours and responsibilities.

Overview of Duties and Responsibilities

Manage all aspects of a Bloom site and provide direct supervision to personnel.

Build and maintain positive relationships with children, families, staff, leadership and community.

Provide leadership to implement industry best practices.

Partner with Executive Director and participate in meetings as necessary.

Manage enrollment, waiting lists, and scholarship program to meet organizational goals.

Recruit, interview, hire and train staff.

Manage center staff schedules and ensure that all necessary documentation is maintained.

Maintain employee satisfaction and provide leadership to ensure a positive work environment.

Conduct review of policies and procedures and, as needed, revise handbooks and other documentation.

Plan and encourage participation in family events and parent conferences.

Ensure safety and cleanliness of facility.

Manage center budget to ensure effective cost control.

Participate as requested in auditing, fundraising and grant applications.

QUALIFICATIONS

Education: BS/BA in Early Childhood Education and meet NAEYC and DHS requirements. Experience with NAEYC accreditation is highly desirable.

Experience: Minimum of 2 years directing a licensed early childhood center and a minimum of 2 years teaching in an early childhood classroom.

Job Description: Center Director (Cont'd on next page)

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Specialized skills: Computer competency in Microsoft Office Suite. Trained and experienced in Change Management, Building Consensus and Conflict Resolution. Requires CPR and First Aid Training. Experience with Quickbooks is desirable.

Interpersonal skills: Ability to easily and effectively communicate with people at all levels of the organization and in the community, instilling confidence in Center and personnel. Ability to manage rapidly changing circumstances.

Requires documented status of legal right to work in the USA, and satisfactory background/criminal history check.

Physical Requirements: Regular lifting and carrying of child weighing up to 50 lbs.

Cover letters and resumes can be mailed to Bloom at 17805 County Road 6, Plymouth 55447 or emailed to melissa@bloomearlylearning.org

Deadline for applicant submissions is November 21, 2018

Bloom Early Learning and Child Care is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



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 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.

What are Thanksgiving traditions?

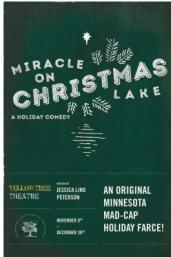
Many families include the entire family in the food preparation. Traditional foods include turkey, stuffing, gravy, sweet potatoes, cornbread, mashed potatoes, and cranberry sauce. Many people serve pie for dessert at the end of the meal. Popular pie flavors are pumpkin, pecan, sweet potato, and apple.





Adopt-a-Family

Christmas 2018- Our church family will sponsor 15 people from two families in need of Christmas cheer this year. Pick a person to sponsor from the table in the narthex and spend \$50 on the suggestions they have offered. Each gift **must be returned to the church no later than Wednesday, December 5th.** See the instructions on the display for the proper labeling. Anyone wishing to help get them packed up and **delivered to Interfaith Outreach**, can talk to **Kyle Larson or Suzy Robertson. Thanks!**



Jessica Lind Peterson's original holiday comedy is back and sillier than ever! Soap opera star Colin Avery returns to his Minnesota roots to take over Christmas Lake Community Theater after his father dies. Colin's new wife Tess -- a city girl with zero tolerance for mosquitoes -- comes along for the ride only to find the theater on the verge of bankruptcy. After losing the rights to "It's a Wonderful Life", they race to come up with another play. With piano tuner and Little House fanatic Neil Gunderson, and lizard-loving massage therapist Martha Knutson as the only cast members, hilarity ensues as this unlikely bunch scramble to save the theater. There's true love and off-key Christmas carols, lutefisk and naked pot bellies, and best of all, unexpected miracles happen. A ridiculous & heart-warming holiday comedy guaranteed to tickle the funny bone of lutefisk-eating Minnesotans everywhere! Twin Cities Daily Planet calls it, "a madcap holiday farce!" **Tickets need to be purchased by Nov 25th for Sunday, December 16, 7:30 p.m. performance** Group Reservation under "Hollman Group" for \$25 / ticket- **Must call the box office for this group reservation, Mon.-Fri. 11:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m., 763-493-8733**



Friends:

Ten plane flights and over 18,000 miles into exploring SE Asia over the last 2 and a half weeks.

Francelle thought Laos was the most interesting. For me, nearly a week in Vietnam was the most compelling of the five countries (also South Korea, Cambodia, Thailand). Each country had a different language to navigate but we had help.

Most of the people we met from these Asian nations seem to be happy, hard working and welcoming of American visitors. All of the countries have a mix of history involving royalty, Hindu/Buddhism, communism, tragic warfare and foreign occupation.

The 20 year Vietnam War cost 2.5M Vietnamese lives and 1.5M injured and disabled--we saw many who, lacking any kind of safety net, had to beg on the streets for money.

There were powerful experiences in visiting the Ho Chi Minh Memorial (the national hero called "uncle" by many), the Hoa Lo Prison which includes the "Hanoi Hilton", rickshaw and water buffalo cart touring, a morning Monk greeting with rice, home visits and many meaningful conversations.

Attached are pixs of our group at Angkor Wat in Siem Reap, Cambodia; it is the largest religious site in the world (402 acres). It was originally constructed as a Hindu temple dedicated to the god Vishnu for the Khmer Empire, gradually transforming into a Buddhist temple towards the end of the 12th century.

In Him,

Charles A. Slocum, PPC Church Member

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Please order poinsettias
to decorate the sanctuary.



We will be ordering double
poinsettias with green foil wrappers. Each poinsettia
will cost \$15.50

Name: _____

Please circle choices

Color:

Red

White

Pink

Remembrance:

In Honor of:

Memory of:

Please make check payable to Plymouth
Presbyterian Church with Poinsettias in
Memo line

Quantity _____ X \$15.50 = \$ _____

Orders and money due by Monday,
December 3rd.

Your flowers can go home with you on
Christmas Eve.



Grapevines— Published the end of
the month and the 15th.

Christmas Joy Offering

PPC will take the Presbyterian Church USA's annual special offering for Christmas Joy over **the weeks of December 9, 16 and 23**. All monies will support current and retired church workers when they have specific needs and will encourage our future leaders and communities of color through programs at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges. Look for envelopes and inserts in your pews.

Thank you.

The Mission Committee

Suzy Robertson and Kyle Larson



**TODAY I AM
thankful**

