



The Grapevine

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

John 15:1

Calendar for April 15-30

Sunday, April 16

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

10:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

Tuesday, April 18

12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

6:30 p.m. Zumba Class

6:00 p.m. Worship and Music Ministry Meeting

Wednesday, April 19

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

6:30 p.m. Youth Group

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

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 20

7:00 p.m. Ministry in a Changing World

Sunday, April 23

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

9:45 a.m. Education

10:30 a.m. **Annual Deacons' Auction**

3:00 p.m. Confirmation Class

Tuesday, April 25

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

12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

6:30 p.m. Zumba

Wednesday, April 26

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

1:00 p.m. Book Club

6:30 p.m. Youth Group

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, April 30

9:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Education

10:30 a.m. Fellowship

10:45 a.m. God's Good Creation - Sandy Hawley

Personnel Please welcome **Karen Kenzie** as our new Office Administrator. She is training with Mari this week and will begin on April 24. Karen has a varied background including in customer service and computer programming. She is excited to work in a faith Community. Please stop by the office and welcome her to Plymouth Presbyterian Church! Thank You **Peter Hendrickson** for agreeing to stay on as the Director of Music Ministries. Welcome!

From: Rev. Anne Fisher, Transitional Pastor

Saying Thank You and God's speed to Mari Thompson: Mari began her work in the Plymouth Presbyterian Church office as a job share with Deb Morem in 1999. The building was new and the office was in what is now the coatroom. In her seventeen years, Mari worked with five music musicians; four Seminary Interns; three Interim pastors; two installed Pastors and one Associate Pastor. In addition, she has worked with a Director of Christian Formation a Temporary and a Transitional pastor, plus countless pulpit supplies, guest pastors and too many volunteers to even count!

She has comforted families in times of loss, assured folks in times of confusion and calmed quite a few brides. She has written and edited hundreds of newsletters and bulletins, created many directories and has basically kept things running through all the changes, new ideas, fund drives and reorganizations. Mari is never sure what her day might bring as she stands ready to be the face of the church to all who will walk in the door during the week; whether it be a commuter who is stuck out in the cold or member of a group dropping off sandwiches for 363 Days.

Mari has handled dozens of arrangements at the church and she has doggedly followed up on groups who have not lived up to their part of the agreement. One of her last acts was to negotiate a new copier agreement that not only saves the church money but upgrades our copying system.

On Friday, April 21 Mari will retire as Church Administrator but happily will continue to volunteer at Plymouth Presbyterian. On Sunday, April 23, we will honor Mari and thank her for being a wonderful ambassador for PPC!

Blessings,
Anne

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COME ONE, COME ALL!

Annual Deacons' Auction

Featuring gift baskets, crafts, a silent auction and what we at PPC do best ... eat delicious food!

Stop by the narthex before worship to shop at the silent auction and stay after worship to enjoy walking tacos, fresh baked goods and most importantly fellowship.



Proceeds this year will go toward the Building Fund in gratitude for the wonderful and accessible facility we share. **See you on Sunday, April 23rd!**



Mark Your Calendar

» UPCOMING EVENTS

PPC's Annual Church Picnic is on Sunday, July 16! This is the weekend after the youth return from their Mission Trip to South Dakota. We'll hear about their experience and celebrate their work! More details to come as we get closer!

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.

Kudos and Thank You to the choir and to Peter Hendrickson, our Music Director, for the beautiful music through Holy Week and Easter. A special thank you to Sandy Hawley and Greg Hiniker for the brass on Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday.



Katie Larson and Janet Menary are making a new hands banner to include all current PPC members. The last banner was completed over 10 years ago. Please add your hand to the new banner. We will have supplies available for you to make your fabric hand in the art room after church on Sunday April 23, 30 and May 7. Thank You!

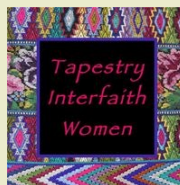
The One Great Hour of Sharing offering was received on Easter and April 23 and 30. Kids, please return your FISH Banks on the next two Sundays.

Youth Update - Matt Spoden
Children and Youth Ministry Intern

The youth going on the 2017 Summer Mission Trip would like to say thank you to everyone who donated to the Noisy Offering. We raised \$336 which will all go toward the cost of the Mission Trip.

Over the next couple of weeks the youth are invited to participate in two very exciting events! On April 19, the youth will be baking cookies for the Deacon's Auction and on the 26th we'll go to Whirlyball in Maple Grove to play laser tag.

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, April 30, 2017, immediately following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to act on the recommendations of the 2017 Nominating Committee. For the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC), the following names are being submitted: Craig Anderson, Penny Blankenship, Gordon Doshier, Amy Leaf, Joyce Marquardt, Melonie Robran and John Wilkens.



Tapestry is a group of interfaith women who promote religious understanding and acceptance between women and youth of different faiths. Their next event will be Thursday, April 27 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Northwest Islamic Community Center, 3300 Plymouth Blvd, Plymouth. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to: leannehobbs@msn.com by Friday, April 21.

Event plans include: a presentation of Islam 101, a brief discussion on Ramadan, a tour of the mosque a display of Islamic artifacts and refreshments.

Upcoming Adult Forums:

April 30 - In recognition of Earth Day and the Presbyterian Church USA's Commitment to our Earth, Sandy Halwey will talk about God's Good Creation in the Fireside Room.

May 7 - Rich Swartwood, Executive Director of Presbyterian Clearwater Forest, will be here to participate in worship and speak to all who are interested in Summer Camp and PPC's Fall retreat.