



The Grapevine

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

John 15:1

Calendar for May 16-May 31

Tuesday, May 16

- 12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Ministry
- 6:30 p.m. Zumba Class
- 7:00 p.m. Pastor Nominating Committee

Wednesday, May 17

- 11:00 a.m. GIFT Group to SummerWood
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group
- 7:00 p.m. Buildings and Grounds
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 18

- 7:00 p.m. Ministry in a Changing World
- 7:30 p.m. Administration

Saturday, May 20

- 9:00 a.m. All Church Clean-Up Day

Sunday, May 21

9:30 a.m. CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

- 9:30 a.m. **Worship** — Matt Spoden Preaching
- 10:45 a.m. Prayer Chain Group
- 10:45 a.m. Middle School/Parents Meeting

Tuesday, May 23

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

Wednesday, May 24

- 9:30 a.m. GIFT (Growing In Faith Together)
- 1:00 p.m. Book Club
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group

Thursday, May 25

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

Sunday, May 28

- 9:30 a.m. **Worship**—Jim Brasel Preaching
- 9:45 a.m. Education

Monday, May 29

MEMORIAL DAY— Church Office Closed

Tuesday, May 30

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

Wednesday, May 31

- 9:30 a.m. GIFT (Growing In Faith Together)
- 5:30 p.m. PPC Volunteer Night at IOCP
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group

From: Rev. Anne Fisher, Transitional Pastor



Did you know that 500 children in our community in the Plymouth/Wayzata area are at risk of entering kindergarten behind?

Bloom Early Learning and Child Care Center

is addressing the challenge of early learning for all children by providing affordable childcare. Bloom was founded in the late nighties as a response to the Welfare to Work Program. The members of Messiah Methodist Church began to wonder if all the mothers who were going to work had safe and affordable childcare for their children. They developed a mission; serving children from 6 weeks to age 5 and their families. Half of their capacity is dedicated to families needing financial assistance.

Currently, the Bloom Early Learning and Child Care Center is at capacity. They are now looking to expand their program to help reach those 500 children in our area who are not being served. That is where Plymouth Presbyterian Church comes in. We are blessed with a building that can house three classrooms to accommodate the Bloom expansion. Welcoming Bloom Early Learning and Child Care into our church building would become an intentional and continual mission of our church and not a direct source of income.

What this means is if we are willing to:

- Donate shared space for Bloom to use as classrooms
- Participate in Bloom activities and curriculum

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such as rocking babies, making quilts/blankets for the children, reading and helping in the character program.

- Be willing to adjust some of our space in order to accommodate and welcome them into our midst.

To find out more about the needs in our area and what welcoming the Bloom program would mean for us, there are two upcoming events.

- 1) The Caring for Kids Breakfast sponsored by Interfaith Outreach on May 24 at Wayzata Country Club at 7:15 Am. A group is going representing Plymouth Presbyterian. Please Contact me at annefisher@plymouthpc.org, if you would like to attend.
- 2) Attend the presentation by the Executive Director of Bloom Early Learning and Child Care, Melissa Musliner and Board member Rick Rickenbach on **Sunday, June 4 at 10:45 a.m.** in the Sanctuary.

Your response, prayers and participation to the possibility of welcoming Bloom Early Learning and Child Care into Plymouth Presbyterian Church is needed.

"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

Matthew 25:40

Blessings,

Anne

Pastor Anne and Gregg will be gone from May 24-June 14. Please keep them in your prayers as they travel to Iceland, Greece, and Denmark. If a need arises in the meantime, please contact Karen in the office (763-559-2946) or your Deacon.

Youth Group Update - Matt Spoden

Children and Youth Ministry Intern



This month is relatively calm for youth events. But later this month, or in early June, we will continue our tradition of ice blocking! If you are in **6th-12th grade and interested in ice blocking** with us, please ask Matt about the possible dates!

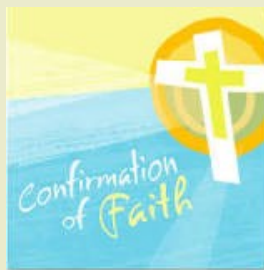
For any other youth program related questions, please email **Matt** at mspoden@plymouthpc.org



FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN (FMSC)

Friday, **June 9**, from 8:00–9:30 p.m. we have **15**

slots available for packing manna at the Coon Rapids FMSC facility, 401 93rd Ave N.W. [\(763\) 504 2919](tel:7635042919)
Everyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.



Confirmation Sunday is

May 21. Three of our young people have been spending the year studying and seeking what it means to be a follower of Christ and a member of Plymouth Presbyterian

Church. On Sunday May 21, **Lucas Feterl, Katie Larson and Jake McMahan** will be welcomed into our congregation as members.



An old saying, **"Cleanliness is next to Godliness"**. To make Plymouth Presbyterian Church sparkle, come on **Saturday, May 20** for a GI

Party (a cleaning event) Window Washing, Vacuuming, Pew Oiling and More! Free Donuts & Coffee at 8:45 a.m. Building & Grounds Committee If questions call Rick Ackerman 763-545-1233.



Attend the annual Caring for Kids Fundraising Breakfast **Wednesday, May 24, 7:15-8:30 a.m.** at Wayzata Country Club. Be inspired and informed by keynote speaker Mary Brainerd, President and CEO of HealthPartners,

about how we can jump-start our children on their path to success.

Breakfast is complimentary but donations are gratefully accepted at the event or online at iocp.org/donate. A group is going representing Plymouth Presbyterian. Please contact Anne Fisher at annefisher@plymouthpc.org, if you would like to attend.



We wish to express our appreciation to everyone at PPC for your prayers, cards, and expressions of sympathy in remembering Karl. A special thank you to the Deacons

and all who helped at the memorial service.

Sharon, Kyle & Stacy, Kraig, Abby & Katie Larson

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.



Church Office: Office hours are 9:00a.m.-3:30p.m. with the office closed from noon -12:30p.m. until June 2nd. Summer Hours start June 5th-September 1st.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS are 9:00a.m.-1:00p.m.



The Church Rummage Sale is set for June 24. Now is the time to clean out those closets. **Items are now being collected in the Middle School Room.** Please drop your items off during office hours or after the worship service.

Proceeds of the Sale will go toward Presbyterian Missions. Contact Karen Ess with questions/information on large item donations. karwess@gmail.com or call (763) 300-6565.



MARK THE DATES....

PPC Volunteer Night at IOCP, **Wednesday, May 31.** Volunteers, high school age and above, are

needed to assist with the Food Shelf at Interfaith Outreach (IOCP). To assist with planning, please use the signup sheet in the narthex for one of the 14 slots.



Sunday, June 4, 2017, the

Pentecost offering is received. The Pentecost Offering is traditionally received on the day of Pentecost; however a gift may be made at any time throughout the year.

A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community.

The remaining 60% is used to support ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency: Young Adult Volunteers, Ministries for Youth, Children-at-Risk and Pentecost Offering Financials.