



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

John 15:1

Calendar for July 15– August 14

Sunday, July 15

- 9:30 a.m. Worship
- 10:30 a.m. Prayer Chain Group
- 10:30 a.m. Church Picnic

Monday, July 16

- 6:00 p.m. Session Dinner at Jakes'
City Grille
- 7:30 p.m. Session Meeting

Tuesday, July 17

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, July 18

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

Thursday, July 19

- 6:00 p.m. Feed My Starving Children in
Coon Rapids

Sunday, July 22

- 9:30 a.m. Worship
- 10:30 a.m. Adult Forum—Anne Fisher
Anne's impression of Steps
Germany is taking to address
their 20th Century history after
reunification.

Tuesday, July 24

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, July 25

- 1:00 p.m. Book Club
- 6:00 p.m. Deacon's Meeting

Sunday, July 29

- 9:30 a.m. Worship

Tuesday, July 31

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 11:30 a.m. Staff Lunch

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From: Rev. Anne Fisher, Making Plans

Usually, on our way home from a travel adventure, Gregg and I talk about what will be our next trip. As our adventure during this transitional time comes to a close, Plymouth Presbyterian is also making plans. Your new pastor, Jeff Foels will begin here on August 27th. In the month of September, the Deacons will host small gatherings so that you can get to know Jeff better and he will get to know you.

Plans are being made to make some physical adjustments to our church building to welcome Bloom Early Learning & Child Care into our midst. The changes, although modest, will help ease transition as you share your church home with Bloom.

On August 5th, we will say good-bye and celebrate what we have done in our short time together. On August 6th, Gregg and I will leave for a trip east to the Presbyterian Conference Center in Montreat, North Carolina and then up the coast to see our family in Virginia and Maine.

Almost two years ago, Gregg and I moved from the Chicago area to Plymouth. It was part of our plan to experience new places as I serve as a Transitional Pastor. You welcomed us as one of your own. You have shown that as we gather in the name of Christ, no one is a stranger. Although our next move is only across the Mississippi to St Anthony Park, we are not sure where our next Transitional Church experience will be. We will always be grateful to Plymouth Presbyterian for launching us into our new chapter of life. To quote Hannibal Smith from the A-Team "I love it when a plan comes together!"

Thank you, Anne

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Sunday, August 5

9:30 a.m. Worship — Communion
A Benediction (Pastor Anne's
last Sunday)

10:30 a.m. Cake Reception

Tuesday, August 7

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

Friday, August 10

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

Saturday, August 11

9:30 a.m. Baker's Group

Sunday, August 12

9:30 a.m. Worship

Tuesday, August 14

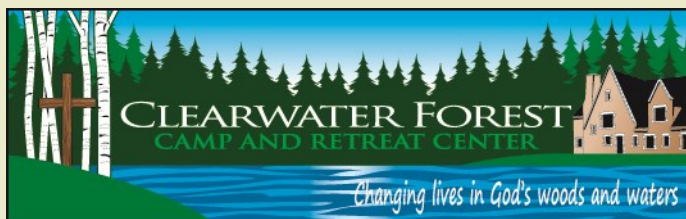
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting



Summer Grapevines— The Next
Summer Grapevine will be
published: August 15th

Count Down till Rev. Jeff Foel's Starts

43 days!



Clearwater Church Retreat October - save the date
for the **All Church Retreat** at Clearwater Forest
October 12-14th, 2018



Soaring into Summer! This
Summer all roads lead to
Plymouth Presbyterian Church
Come for the Music as many
talented folks are offering up
their gifts of music throughout
the summer; come for the

Messages from Mark as Pastor Anne delves into the
Gospel stories from Mark and how they challenge us
today; come to see each other and to connect; come
for coffee and fellowship: the treats are different every
Sunday! Join us any Sunday this Summer at 9:30 a.m.
and you will be glad you did!

Here is what Summer Looks like at PPC:

Sunday, July 15 Suzy Robertson, Saxophone &
Piano, Anne Crooks, Piano
Messages from the Mission Trip
and **Welcome Back Indy 500
Potluck!**

Sunday, July 22 Mary Ohm, Soprano
Messages in Mark: We will be right
back after this short break...

Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

"Come away to a deserted place all
by yourselves and rest awhile."

Mark 6:31

Sunday, July 29 Chris With , Soloist
Enough to go on
Genesis 1:11-13
John 6:1-15
"There is a boy here who has five
barley loaves and two fish."

John 6:9

Sunday, August 5 Sherri & Steve Ingvarsson, Duet;
Anne Crooks & Lou Wilmot, Duet &
PPC Choir
Communion

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Sunday, August 5 (Continued)

Philippians 4:4-9
Finally, beloved, whatever
is true, whatever is
honorable, whatever
is just... Think about these
things." Philippians 4:8

A Benediction (Pastor
Anne's last Sunday)

Sunday, August 12 Donna Holtan Halverstadt,
Soprano
Elder Lu Wilmot, preaching



Summer Picnic

**Sunday July 15th After
Worship**

This Sunday, we will be
welcoming back the youth
from their Mission Trip to
Indianapolis. After hearing

about their trip during worship, we will be holding
our own **Plymouth Presbyterian-apolis 500 Potluck**
to commemorate their trip. Rick Ackerman will be
cooking hot dogs, burgers & brats. Please bring a side
dish, salad or dessert to share. We look forward to
seeing everyone there!



Summer giving.

With vacations and weekends at the
cabin, attendance at church is typically
down in summer months, as are payments of pledges. At
the end of April 2018, our actual revenues for the year
exceeded our budget by almost \$10,000. Our revenues
for May were about \$10,000 under budget, though, so as
of the end of May our year-to-date revenues were
slightly behind budget (actual--\$121,837; budget
\$122,460). Our expenses through the end of May are
slightly under budget for the year (actual \$119,179;
budget \$120,794). We would appreciate your efforts to
stay current on your pledges during these slower
summer months. Thanks.

Administrative Ministry Group



Introducing Rev. Jeff Foels

Jeff Foels (pronounced
"fells") grew up in
Stillwater, MN, and
attended First Presbyterian
in Stillwater. He is married
to Dr. Kelly Nail, who
works as a biologist for the
US Fish and Wildlife

Service and specializes in monarch butterflies. Kelly
grew up in Bloomington and attended Oak Grove
Presbyterian. They are very excited to be expecting
their first child in late November. Jeff and Kelly also
have a golden retriever named Winnie. They live in
South Minneapolis and enjoy walking Winnie,
visiting with friends and family in the area, watching
the Minnesota Twins and traveling (their most
recent big trip was to Japan last fall).

Jeff graduated Cum Laude from St. Olaf College with
a Bachelor of Arts in American Studies, Art History
and Religion.

Jeff earned his Master of Divinity, with Honors, from
McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago in 2010.
He received several awards at McCormick including
ones for preaching, scholarship, New Testament and
archeology.

Jeff is currently Associate Pastor for Education and
Faith Formation at The House of Hope Presbyterian
Church in St. Paul and has served in that position for
four years. Before that he served as the Director of
Youth Ministry there for three years. Before
attending seminary, he worked as Youth Program
director at First Presbyterian Church of Stillwater for
a year.

Jeff has served the wider church on the Presbytery
Leadership Team, the Presbytery Bills and Overtures
Committee, and as a Trustee at McCormick, among
other service.

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Plymouth Presbyterian Church
Building Faith Making Friends Serving People

Friends of Bloom committee



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 Gala committee and help us plan Bloom's biggest fundraiser of the year. It will be held September 28, 2018 at the Sheraton by Ridgedale.
- 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.

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Jeff enjoys getting together with people and getting to know them. He believes that worship should engage people so that they feel a sense of participation, not just observing the service. He has a personal approach to pastoral care—meeting with them directly.

We are thrilled to introduce our New Pastor Rev. Jeff Foels! Ask him how he knows our founding Pastor, Cal Cooper. Please continue to pray for Jeff, his family and Plymouth Presbyterian Church as he looks to embark on the next chapter in his pastoral career with us at PPC!

Your PNC,

Melonie, John, Gordon, Amy, Penny, Joyce, Craig



**Welcome to Plymouth
Presbyterian Church Jeff and
Kelly!** The Countdown has
started. 43 days until Rev. Jeff
Foels will be at Plymouth
Presbyterian Church. Jeff's
first Sunday is September 2nd!



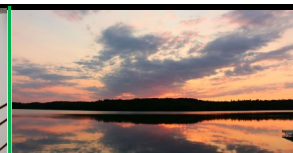


A Sweet partnership between Plymouth Presbyterian and Bloom Early Learning & Child Care was held June 14th when Bloom held its Annual Meeting at PPC. Attendees celebrating our new partnership were treated to an Ice Cream Social. Tours were given around the church to show the future classrooms and space that will be occupied by Bloom. A good time was had by all.



Adult Forum: Pastor Anne will be giving an adult forum on **Sunday, July 22nd at 10:45 a.m. in the Fireside Room**, about her recent trip to

Iceland and Germany. It will center on her impression of **what steps Germany is taking to address their 20th Century history after reunification.**



**Clearwater Chrysalis 2018
Summer Women's Retreat**
August 16 – August 19
*Optional quilting/gardening

work day August 15th

FACING FEAR; FINDING FAITH - There is a sense of anxiety rampant in our world. This retreat looks at women of faith in a variety of circumstances and tries to learn something from their stories. We will look at women from scripture whose lives included the facing of fear and tapping into faith/trust in God that allowed them not only to survive but to confront the powers that be and make their point.

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Sarah Henrich - Rev. Sarah Henrich retired in 2014 after spending over 2 decades teaching New Testament & Greek (among other things) at Lutheran Seminary. Since then she has served as an interim pastor at Westminster Presbyterian in Minneapolis and Lutheran Church of Peace in Maplewood. She is currently interim pastor at Atonement Lutheran Church in New Brighton. Sarah has continued to teach as an adjunct at Luther and Augsburg University.

For the past 17 years, Sarah has served as a docent at the Minneapolis Institute of Art. She loves to travel (anyone want to bike the Rhine River??), quilt, cook, read and share family time with her husband John, their 2 sons Adam and Daniel and their wives.

One of Many Workshops: The Science of Happiness
“Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony.” - Gandhi

Scientific evidence is growing that the connection between the mind and the body, between well-being and physical health is real. Come learn what science is saying about the mind, body and spirit and the connection to happiness. Studies show that people who are more optimistic or have a greater sense of purpose have at least a 20% reduced risk of developing major illnesses. Learn how to stay happy and positive through work, family, and life stresses. This workshop returns by popular demand.

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Rev. Anne, thank you for making our church strong!



Transitional Pastor - a pastor who helps the church stay focused on its mission and prepares the congregation to receive a new pastor.

PPC has been blessed with Anne Fisher as our Transitional Pastor for the past two years. Her leadership has been invaluable. Her last Sunday with PPC is August 5th. After the worship service we will celebrate her ministry at PPC with cake. Gregg plans to join us when his morning responsibilities at the church in Maple Plain are complete.

Anne requests, that in lieu of the traditional good-bye gift, those who would like to donate do so to Bloom Early Learning & Child Care. Anne wants the funds to be used at our PPC location for extra things for the children, such as a special craft, treat for a holiday, Christmas decorations, a speaker, etc. Checks can be made payable to Bloom with "Anne Fisher fund" in the memo line. We will have a box at church on August 5th for any checks as well as cards available for those who wish to write some parting words. Cash is also accepted.



Thank you to all who signed up for the Schwan's Mission Trip Fundraiser—The Youth Group made \$305.



Thursday, July 19th.

Feed My Starving Children 6 p.m. — 8 p.m. sign up is in the Narthex. We will

need about 12 people. Please meet at the Coon Rapids Location.

Book Club Meets Wednesday, July 25 at 1:00 p.m.

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Read any book by Jane Austen (one you haven't read before!): *Pride & Prejudice, Emma, Persuasion, Sense & Sensibility, Mansfield Park, Northanger Abbey, Lady Susan, Sanditon, The Watsons, The Beautiful Cassandra, Catharine or The Bower, Plan of a Novel, Lesley*

Castle [Some are short novellas, some are unfinished, some are romantic, some are comedy, and some are satire.]



PEOPLE OF PLYMOUTH - (POP)

- Chuck Slocum recently posted in Minneapolis, an on-line Minneapolis newspaper, an article entitled: "Thoughts about America and our 4th of July celebration".