



# The Grapevine

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

John 15:1

## Calendar for September 15 — 30

### Sunday, September 17

- 9:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Education
- 10:45 a.m. Prayer Chain Group
- 10:45 a.m. Adult Forum— Terre Thomas of Small Sums

### Monday, September 18

- 3:00 p.m. Church Nominating Committee
- 7:00 p.m. Pastor Nominating Committee

### Tuesday, September 19

- 6:00 p.m. Worship Ministry
- 6:30 p.m. Zumba Class

### Wednesday, September 20

- 11:00 a.m. GIFT (Growing in Faith Together) Group to SummerWood
- 6:00-8 p.m. Youth Group & Cookout
- 7:00 p.m. Building and Grounds
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### Saturday, September 23

- 10:00 a.m. Plymouth on Parade

### Sunday, September 24

- 9:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Education
- 10:45 a.m. Christian Formation— Breaking Bread Together Communion Workshop

### Monday, September 25

- 12:00 p.m. **GRAPEVINE DEADLINE**
- 7:00 p.m. Pastor Nominating Committee

### Tuesday, September 26

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Zumba Class

### Wednesday, September 27

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



**From:** Rev. Anne Fisher,

**Thank you Peter!** Having Peter Hendrickson as our Music Director this past year was a gift. When I arrived last September, it was quickly apparent that Lisa Foland would not be able to come back and the program year was starting. The Worship and Music Committee had done an

amazing job of filling in with guest organists, and had kept the choir going using some of our own talent, but we needed more stability. Peter Hendrickson was the right person who came at the right time. He is now leaving us for new adventures. I will miss seeing his mini car that is always the first to arrive on Sunday morning, his designer eyeglasses, and most of all his playing and conducting the choir. Peter's last Sunday will be October 1st. There will be a reception following worship for all to thank him for bringing us music!

Blessings, Anne



**Communion Workshop** On **Sunday, September 24th** at 10:45 AM for all elementary children and their parents, this will be a Communion

Workshop given by Rev. Anne Fisher. Join us as we prepare and remind our children about the Sacrament of Communion.



**Sunday School** begins this Sunday, **September 17th** at 9:45 a.m. for grades Kindergarten- 5th!

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**A time for Bloom** - At their meeting on Monday night the Session unanimously voted to partner with **Bloom Early Learning and Child Care** in forming a satellite sight at Plymouth

Presbyterian Church. The next step is for Bloom to go to their Board on September 21st to see if they are willing to partner with us. The target opening will be either Fall of 2018 or Spring 2019. We are not sure what this partnership will completely look like, but we are willing to walk together with them to meet the needs of children in our community. Bloom's mission is for half of their participants to receive scholarships. The Session is excited to step into this new venture.



## Presbyterian Disaster Assistance-Hurricane Response Information

*You shall be . . . the restorer of streets to live in. —Isaiah 58:12*

Hurricane Irma, a record- setting storm, is now dissipating, but the devastation is just starting to be known. Members of PDA's National Response Team will arrive in Florida, Georgia and South Carolina this week to provide aid, assess damage, and offer spiritual and emotional care for those impacted by the winds and flooding. While PDA has already been in contact with presbyteries throughout Florida and Puerto Rico, the Church remains mindful of the areas where contact has, so far, been difficult to make. Once the information arrives from the Florida Keys as well as the Caribbean islands nearly wiped from the map, the destruction of this storm will begin to be fully known. There are years of recovery ahead. Will you help extend the hands of Christ by standing in the GAP? — Give. Act. Pray.

**GIVE:** PDA's emergency response and specialization in long-term recovery is fueled by your generous gifts. Designate gifts to: Atlantic Regional Hurricanes DR000194. You can also give with a credit card by Visiting [presbyterianmission.org/GIVE-Irma](http://presbyterianmission.org/GIVE-Irma) or by calling 800-872-3283.

PDA is still in need of support for mucking out and rebuilding efforts in the Gulf region after Harvey. Thank you to those of you who have already directed gifts to (DR000169-Harvey).

**PRAY:** God of help and hope, in the challenging days, months and years to come, work through us to bring relief and respite from urgent need, comfort and the hope of peace for those who grieve the loss of family, home and safety, and faith to walk on through weary days of rebuilding. May we be steadfast in love, stronger than death, and thus, with those whose lives we seek to sustain, together bear witness to your redeeming love.

**Amen.**

**approximately  
50,000 lives could be saved  
each year**



**Be a Strong Link in the Chain of Survival.**



**Interfaith Outreach & Community Partners**  
Creating opportunities for all to thrive

We are **still in need of volunteer mentors for our Homework Club**, which kicks off the first week of Octo-

ber (training . provided).

And we are celebrating six years of business for our resale store, Resale Select, with specials and promotions throughout the store Sept. 19 - 23. For more information, contact **Liz at**

**lerstad-hicks@iocp.org or 763-489-7506**

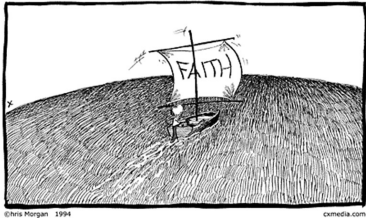
**Regular Church Office Hours have Returned**

9:00a.m.-12:00p.m.

and

12:30p.m.-3:30p.m.(M-F)





**Per Capita:** is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together as we seek to discern with one another where it is God is leading us. We are in the last quarter of the year which means we need to send our last quarter payment of per capita to the Presbytery. We owe \$33.75 for every member that is on our rolls of December 31, 2015. That means this quarter's payment will be \$2092.50. This is part of being a member of the Presbyterian Church USA. We ask our members to help us by giving \$33.75 per member and mark it as per capita. If you have not yet done so, we would love to have it to help pay our final bill. Thank you!



### Plymouth on Parade

Join us **September 23**, to march in **Plymouth on Parade!** We will be handing out information on PPC and

candy! **We need a big group** so we can reach as many people as possible! Help tell Plymouth what you like about PPC! There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. If you have any Questions please email [fellowship@plymouthpc.org](mailto:fellowship@plymouthpc.org) or contact **Jan Lillemo**.



**The Book Club has changed both the meeting date and the book** for November. In order to avoid conflict with Thanksgiving travel or preparations we will meet **Wednesday, Nov. 29, at 1:00p.m.** Melody has changed the book to **Option B** by Sheryl Sandberg.

Melody feels this book offers more to discuss than the previous choice.



You are invited to the following event: **2017 MISSION CELEBRATION - PRESBYTERY OF THE TWIN CITIES AREA**

Event to be held:

**Saturday, October 14, 2017 from 9:00 AM to 1:15 PM**

**Oak Grove Presbyterian Church**

[2200 West Old Shakopee Road](#)

[Bloomington, MN 55431](#)

You are invited to an inspiring morning of thoughtful worship, learning and interaction on mission that reaches into the community. The goals for the celebration are EDUCATION and NETWORKING with other PTCA churches and agencies who are also concerned with these aspects of God's work in the world. After a wonderful time of worship, participants may choose to attend two workshops out of the five listed below:

- "Faithfully Engaging Racism in Church & Society"
- "Creation Care: Optimizing the Shift to a Low-Carbon World"
- "Detangling the Immigration Web"
- "Radical Inclusivity: How the Cognitively Disabled Can Help the Church Grow and Thrive"
- "Housing Instability: Hope and Help"

These are one-hour sessions with breaks in-between for browsing at various displays around these topics. A free-will offering boxed lunch and closing worship will end the full morning and leave you time for the rest of the day.

PLEASE ALERT AND PASS ALONG this invitation to those in your church who may be interested in this free seminar. Individual or group registration is preferred to insure sufficient materials, space and lunches from Panera.

The Mission and Witness Committee of The Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area

**We hope you can make it!**





**Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area,** Invite you to our Fall Gathering-"INTERFAITH OUT-REACH: Understanding our Muslim Neighbors" **Saturday, October 7, 9:45AM—3:00PM**

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

Presbyterian Church of the Apostles, 701 East 130th Ave, Burnsville, MN. The Keynote Speaker is Sadia Tarannum, Interfaith Outreach and **Community Building Director at the Northwest Islamic Community Center in Plymouth.**

Please contact Anne at [annefisher@plymouthpc.org](mailto:annefisher@plymouthpc.org), no later than **Sunday, September 24**, if you would like to attend. Cost for lunch is \$15 per person. Child-care will be provided (bring lunch for child). Registration forms are in the Narthex.

### ***Plymouth Presbyterian Church Memorial Dinner***

The Deacons will be hosting a memorial dinner on **Sunday, October 29, 2017**. All who are remembering and mourning the loss of a loved one are invited to attend. We will gather for a time of fellowship at **5:00 p.m.** followed by dinner at **5:30 p.m.** and a brief service of remembrance at **6:15 p.m.** If you and your family would like to attend, please RSVP by **October 22<sup>nd</sup>** either contacting the church office, your Deacon Care Team or sending a note to [deacons@plymouthpc.org](mailto:deacons@plymouthpc.org).

*Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.*

*Matthew 5:4*



**Be a piece of the Pie:** House Gathering signups during the month of October, are available in the Narthex. Ten members have graciously agreed to host a gathering on



different days and times during the month. One is scheduled in your neighborhood. The purpose of the home gatherings is to provide a small group informal setting discussing our church. In October, we are holding our Annual fund drive simultaneously with a three year Building fund drive to pay our Mortgage. Please choose which gathering you would like to attend:

**Oct. 5 @2:00p.m.** home of Sharon Larson

**Oct. 5 @7:00p.m..** home of Ann Foote

**Oct. 10 @2:00p.m.** home of Gary and Mary Gabe

**Oct. 12 @2:00p.m.** home of Rick and Sally Akerman

**Oct. 12 @7:00p.m.** home of Bruce and Wendy Koenan

**Oct. 16 @7:00p.m.** home of Chuck and Francelle Slocum

**Oct. 17 @2:00p.m.** SummerWood Presbyterian Homes hosted by Jan Leaf

**Oct. 18 @7:00p.m.** home of David and Carla Bahls

**Oct. 21 @3:00p.m.** home of Mark and Melody Baker

**Oct. 26 @7:00p.m.** home of Glenn and Gail Nordhaus

You can sign up in the church Narthex, email [office@plymouthpc.org](mailto:office@plymouthpc.org) or **call 763-559-2946**. Be sure to mention which meeting you would like to attend. (addresses to the homes will be supplied once you sign up)

**Adult Forum:** This Sunday, Terre Thomas, Executive Director of Small Sums will be leading our forum **September 17th** at 10:45 a.m. after worship.





## PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

### PPC Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) Update!

As reported last month, we had 32 initial matches from the PC USA's Leadership Connection (the online matching system). In addition, candidates can self-refer anytime so with those included it brings our total PIF (Pastor Information Forms, aka the job applications) to-date to 49! Several of those candidates were already into late-stage plans of a calling and not truly available to us. Many simply were not a good fit. After the initial matching report and several self-referrals, we ended up with 9 top candidates who stood out. That was whittled down to 5 after some got back to us that they were already called elsewhere. While we work on interviews for those we've already identified as people of interest, we continue to review new ones as they come in to determine if they're a viable candidate to pursue or not. We have conducted four interviews to-date and are looking to schedule a few more as well as follow up on two we've already spoken to on one occasion. A big challenge in this effort is being patient and trusting that God has a plan for us. We continue to stay busy meeting weekly, and sometimes more as we work to schedule interviews.

Please continue to pray for your PNC as we work to find the next vibrant leader for PPC's Pastor to lead us into the next chapter of our ministry!

**Melonie Robran, PPC PNC Chair**



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**We are grateful for the generous donors** from this community who made it possible for more than 750 kids to begin this school year with the confidence of having school supplies they need for success! Thank you!



### Youth Kick-off begins with a Cook-out.

All Youth: 6-12 grade and their families are invited to a Youth Kick-off **Wednesday, September 20th at 6:00p.m.** The Youth Calendar will be addressed and plans will be made.

Please let the office know how many of your family will be there.

### Please Attend:



### Defibrillator Training is:

**October 8th, 10:45 a.m.** after worship.

**POWER TO SAVE A LIFE**



**You deserve a Break! Why not try a weekend at Clearwater Forest at the All Church retreat on October 13-15.** This may be just the break you need! It's a beautiful place to get away and see the tree colors. There are still four rooms available. The theme for this year's retreat is Harry Potter based on the book, *Teaching Faith with Harry Potter; a Guidebook for Multigenerational Faith Formation* by Patricia Lyons. The cost is \$73 per room per night.



### Welcome - Thomas Paulson.

On October 4, We welcome Tom as our new Music Director. Thomas served as Music Director at the Wayzata Community Church for the past 14 years. He is a director, organist, composer. He sees music in worship as a ministry not a performance and looks forward to collaborating to help the Spirit create moments of transcendence in worship. Please welcome Tom on his first Sunday with us on October 8<sup>th</sup>.