



# The Grapevine

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

John 15:1

## Calendar for November 1-15

### **Sunday, November 4**

2:00 a.m. Daylight Savings Time Ends  
9:30 a.m. Worship—Communion  
PPC Commitment Sunday  
Rev. Jeff Foels

### **Tuesday, November 6**

1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

### **Wednesday, November 7**

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

### **Thursday, November 8**

9:30 a.m. GIFT (Growing in Faith Together)  
Group—Art Exhibit Carpooling  
Field Trip to First Presbyterian  
Church

### **Saturday, November 10**

9:00 a.m. Lefse Making @PPC  
12:00 p.m. **GRAPEVINE DEADLINE**

### **Sunday, November 11—Veteran's Day**

9:30 a.m. Worship- Rev. Jeff Foels  
10:45 a.m. **Youth Care Team** Meeting

### **Monday, November 12—Veteran's Day observed**

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

### **Tuesday, November 13**

1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting  
2:00 p.m. Presbytery Meeting—Roseville

### **Wednesday, November 14**

11:00 a.m. GIFT Group to SummerWood  
6:00 p.m. Deacon's Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
8:00 p.m. Feed My Starving Children in  
Chanhassen

**From:** Rev. Jeff Foels,

## **Living Life in Gratitude.**



I am glad we find ourselves in a season of gratitude. For our broader society, we're a few short weeks away from Thanksgiving, a time which points more toward family than to candy or gifts. In our church calendar, we are still a few weeks off from Advent and the new church year, and so it's also an appropriate time for sharing appreciation, on both a personal and congregational level.

Thank you for all who came to the service of Installation on October 28<sup>th</sup>! It was wonderful to be officially installed as your pastor, and a joyful Sunday.

Thank you for all who helped put on the Deacon Memorial Dinner. We shared a good meal and a contemplative time of worship as we remembered all those loved ones that passed in the preceding year.

Thank you for everyone who has given to the congregation in the past year, and for all those who have responded to the stewardship campaign for this year. We set a theme of "Joining Together," and I am so encouraged by the response.

Together, we make the church, and I am so grateful to be a part of Plymouth Presbyterian Church.

Thank you and thanks be to God!

**Jeff**

### **Youth Care Team Meeting —**

**Next Sunday, November 11th at 10:45 a.m. after worship**—youth are invited to meet and get to know Jeff, our new pastor. We'll meet in the back senior high room, and enjoy some time together!



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## PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

**Do not fear, for I am with you**

**Do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you.** (Isaiah 41:10)

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is offering immediate aid to the communities impacted by Hurricane Michael. This joins responses already underway for those impacted by Hurricane Florence, Typhoon Mangkhut, and other international disasters that have suffered a lack of media coverage.



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southeast, moving through the same areas impacted by Hurricane Florence just a few weeks ago.

PDA is deploying teams to affected presbyteries. Emergency aid, assistance in the development of a short-term response plan, as well as a ministry of presence will be the priorities of the initial response.

Meanwhile, areas impacted by Mangkhut and Florence have received aid and support through the gifts of Presbyterians like you. In humility, with God and your continued support, we will continue to help draw hope out of the chaos, together.

**Will you stand in the "GAP" (Give/Act/Pray) to help the survivors of these terrible storms?**

**GIVE:** Hurricanes Michael and Florence and Typhoon Mangkhut have caused extensive damage

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and loss of life. Some of you have already given generously in previous weeks. While the needs can feel overwhelming, continued prayer and giving will ensure that the whole church is able to respond. Gifts to DR000194 support our response to hurricanes and typhoons. Gifts can be made by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check, which can be mailed to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700 or online at:

(<https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000194/?appeal=PDA&package=HM18-Ind>)

### ACT:

Learn how you and your congregation can help families who have lost everything in the devastation. Stay informed and like us on Facebook, download resources, and share updates with your congregation.

**PRAY:** As this hurricane and typhoon season continues to cause destruction and loss of life, please pray with us that the communities affected by these events and those offering assistance will be strengthened, have their needs met and be reminded of the hope found in God.



**Growing In Faith Together** study group invites everyone to join us in car-pooling to First Presbyterian Church, South St. Paul at 9:30 AM, Thursday,

November 8<sup>th</sup> to see an art exhibit that features the work of Renanah 'Rani' Halpern, Paula Pergament and Anita White, all members of the Jewish Women Artists' Circle. The works focus on the soul, creation, repair of the world, and legacy with an emphasis on the prophetic role in faith, especially as found in the prophets of the Hebrew Bible. We hope one of the artists will be able to meet us there.

There is a **sign-up sheet in the narthex** or contact Lu Wilmot at (763) 476-1824 or [luwilmot@yahoo.com](mailto:luwilmot@yahoo.com).

# SUN SAILOR

Minnetonka, Hopkins, Plymouth, Wayzata, St. Louis Park

## Excerpt from the November 1st Sun Sailor

The congregation of Plymouth Presbyterian Church, together with the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area, gathered Oct. 28 to witness the installation of the Rev. Jeff Foels.

Foels began his official duties Aug. 27, succeeding interim Pastor Anne Fisher.

"Pastor Foels was unanimously recommended by our committee for many reasons, encompassing all that we felt our church and the greater community here needed; a warm, caring personality, excellent preaching style along with youthful energy to move our congregation forward into its next chapter. We are blessed to have such a fantastic candidate here," said Melonie Robran, co-chair of the pastor search committee.

Foels previously served as associate pastor for education and faith formation at House of Hope Presbyterian Church in St. Paul. He has served the wider church on the Presbytery Leadership Team and as a trustee for McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, among other roles.

Foels graduated cum laude from St. Olaf College with a bachelor of arts in American studies, art history and religion. He earned his master of divinity, with honors, from McCormick in 2010.

"I am excited to become a part of Plymouth Presbyterian's congregational work of welcoming, worship, and care. The church has energized me with their mission in the community, especially with

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Interfaith Outreach and Community Partners and Bloom Early Learning, and they throw a great potluck," said Foels.

Plymouth Presbyterian Church is at 3755 Dunkirk Lane North. To learn more, visit [plymouthpc.org](http://plymouthpc.org), or call 763-559-2946.



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



**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](mailto: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, grant application.

### **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.

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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](mailto:melissa@bloomearlylearning.org)

**Deadline for applicant submissions is November 21, 2018**

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



Time to FEED my  
STARVING  
CHILDREN again.

There are always  
more to feed.

We'll gather Wednesday, November 14th in Chanhassen from 8:00 to 9:30 p.m. Leave your jewelry at home or use a locker. It's easy to access from Highway 5. As usual, sign up in the narthex.



**Bloom Early Learning and Child Care at Plymouth Presbyterian Church**

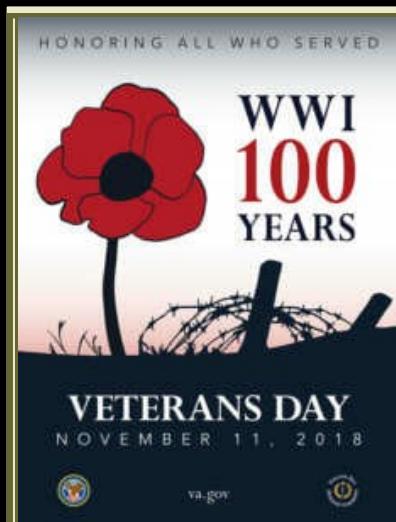
As you know, we anticipate opening **Bloom Early Learning and Child Care in May 2019**. But you don't have to wait to get involved!

**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](mailto:melissa@bloomearlylearning.org) or 612-325-2077.





**Veterans Day 2018** will be on Sunday, November 11th, 2018 and designated as a Federal Holiday, Monday, November 12th, 2018. The nation celebrates and honors all Veterans who have served this country. This year's celebration will have a special focus on the Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Armistice that ended WWI. Many programs will conclude with the nation-wide Tolling of the Bell at 11 a.m. In remembrance of those who served and sacrificed, Americans across the nation will ring bells at exactly the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.

The poppy has been used since 1921 to commemorate military personnel who have died in war and was inspired by the World War I poem "In Flanders Fields". The barbed wire represents the thousands of miles wire that was spread by both sides in WWI.

It's that wonderful time of year again, it's...

### **Leftover Time**



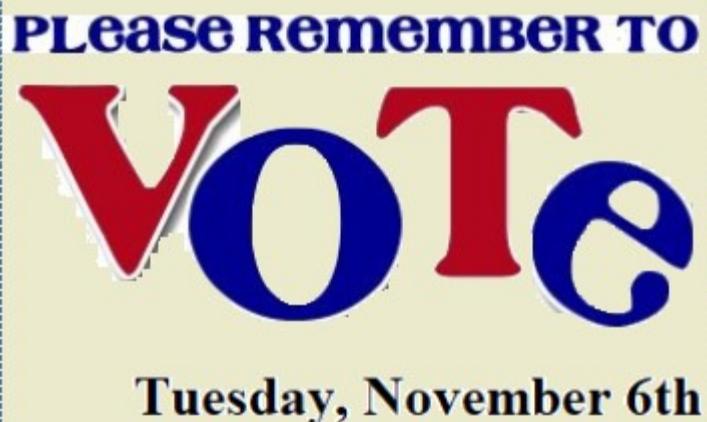
**When Saturday, November 10th, 2018**

**9:00 a.m.—Noon**

**Where : PPC Kitchen**

Coordinators Penny Blankenship & Amy Leaf

Please signup in the Narthex if you plan to attend and note if you will be bringing your own mashed potatoes and /or equipment. You also may call the office at 763-559-2946.



**As Presbyterians**, we are bound together. Not by culture, rather it is the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and neighbor that binds us to one another. We are united by a deep gratitude for the Spirit—the same Spirit that empowers us to share the love of Christ and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace.



The past few weeks, we have talked about stewardship and how we come together as a church to support all of the things that happen here. From the building, to worship, to mission, we support the church with our time, talents, and money. We take our own individual spiritual giving and join it together with all the rest of the congregation, like pieces of a quilt that make up the whole.

**This past Sunday, November 4th**, was Pledge Sunday, but it's not too late to make your commitment to the church for the coming year.

**Pledge cards are available in the Narthex.**