



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

John 15:1

## Calendar for May 15-31

### **Wednesday, May 16**

11:00 a.m. GIFT (Growing in Faith Together) at SummerWood  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, May 17**

6:00 p.m. Worship Ministry  
7:00 p.m. Building and Grounds Committee

### **Sunday, May 20**

9:30 a.m. Worship  
9:45 a.m. Education  
10:45 a.m. Prayer Chain Group

### **Monday, May 21**

7:00 p.m. Pastor Nominating Committee

### **Wednesday, May 23**

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

### **Thursday, May 24**

Rev. Fisher returns!

### **Friday, May 25**

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

### **Sunday, May 27**

9:30 a.m. Worship  
9:45 a.m. Education  
10:45 a.m. Youth Leaders

### **Monday, May 28 ~ **MEMORIAL DAY****

Office Closed

### **Wednesday, May 30**

9:30 a.m. GIFT (Growing in Faith Together) Group  
5:30 p.m. IOCP Food Shelf  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

## **Rev. Anne Fisher**

Rev. Fisher and her husband are on vacation in Iceland and Germany. They will return May 24th.



## **When Theology Burns**

So here is the dare. An historical text unknown to you in the past lies within reach. You pick it up, begin to read it, plug it into your brain, and jolts from the literary lithium-ion battery begin to do some strange things within your mind and your social world. It is the gift of an electric intellectual arch. You walk beneath it into a different world. You complete your reading, begin again, and more curious possibilities come to your attention. One thing becomes completely clear in the process. Christianity has always been mesmerized by words.

Excerpt from "When Theology Burns" by Richard A. Ray publication: Theology Matters.

## **PLYMOUTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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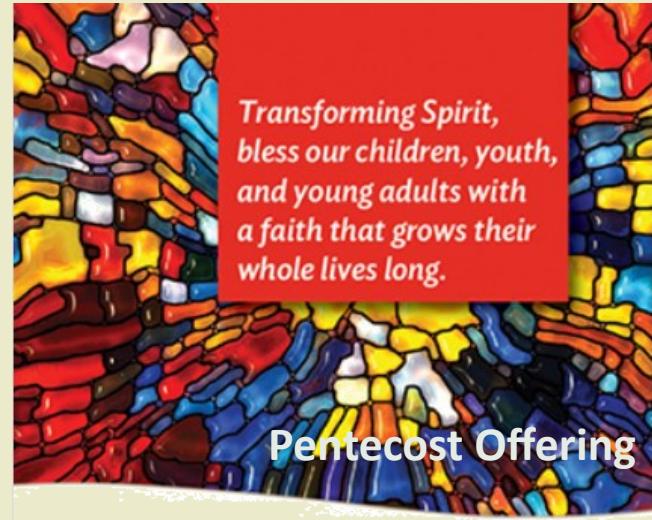
Mark your calendars. **Wednesday, May 30** is our next scheduled time to volunteer at the IOCP Food Shelf. 10 — 15 volunteers are

needed from 5:30 p.m.-8:00p.m. Please sign up in the Narthex. **It is a great way to be part of the solution in helping those who hunger!**



The Deacons extend a *heartfelt thanks* to everyone who supported, participated, donated, and purchased items **in the 2018 Deacons Auction**. To date we have raised a whopping **\$3,450** which will be used to **support the PPC Youth Mission trip and to help those in need throughout the year**.

We are very grateful for the generosity and support from our church family throughout the year and especially during the annual auction. Blessings to you all!



#### PENTECOST OFFERING – May 20

The Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop and support its young people. **Forty percent of the Pentecost offering** is distributed locally by our congregation to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. This year the benefits will go to Bloom Early Learning and Child Care.



**The remaining 60%** supports ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency through:

**Young Adult Volunteers** -- An ecumenical, faith-based year of service for young people, ages 19-30, in 22 sites around the world, YAVs accompany local agencies working to address poverty and reconciliation, while exploring the meaning of their faith with peers and mentors.

**Ministries for Youth** -- In the midst of a beautiful and broken world, they have an ambitious vision for ministry that unites youth in Christ with all other generations and proclaims the love of God without end.

**Child Advocacy** – This agency focuses at the national level on strengthening early childhood education and reducing the dropout rate of adolescents.

Thank you for your consideration.

**The Mission committee~**



## Special Music Upcoming

**Sunday, May 20** Ann Foote, Piano &  
Shari Durdin, Marimba

**Sunday, May 27** Lu Wilmot, Soloist

**Sunday, June 3** Celtic Communion with  
Choir

## Schwan's Fundraiser for PPC Mission Trip

Help support the PPC Youth's upcoming mission trip to Indianapolis by shopping at Schwan's. For the first 45 days of the campaign, PPC will earn 20% of food sales, and 40% of e-gift cards. Then, they will earn 5% for the next 90 days. For anyone not familiar with Schwans, they are a MN based-company and provide a wide assortment of frozen meals, pizzas, sides & ice-cream / treats and deliver it to your home.

Instructions:

<https://www.schwans-cares.com>

Select "Find a Campaign"

Enter Plymouth  
Presbyterian 2018 Youth  
Trip or 37731

Go shopping and enjoy  
your food!

Thanks for your support!



## 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 until then 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](mailto:melissa@bloomearlylearning.org) or 612-325-2077.





## PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

### PNC UPDATE:

Your Pastor  
Nominating  
Committee

has reviewed over 150 applicants and found several possibilities. After many first and second interviews we identified 6 candidates. We've reviewed many recorded sermons and observed two preach at local churches. A clear candidate has emerged that we have unanimously chosen to recommend to the congregation at a future date. We are in final discussions now, working with the candidate and the Presbytery to complete this process. Prayers for our committee, the candidate and all those involved as we navigate the final stages.

In Christ,

**Your PNC: Melonie, John, Amy, Craig, Gordon, Joyce & Penny**



## GRADUATE

*This is the day which the LORD has made;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.*

Psalm 118:24

We will honor our graduates **Sunday, June 3rd** during worship. Please let us know if you have a family member who is graduating from High School, College or Graduate School and if they can be in church on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## LIBERTY COMMUNITY CHURCH

Where Freedom is Proclaimed!

### \$10 Cub gift cards needed for Northside Healing Space

Liberty Community Church, formerly Kwanzaa) houses Northside Healing Space (NHS) to provide a holistic space based on the values of empowerment, respect, dignity, integrity, community, and hope.

NHS creates a safe space where girls and women who have been exploited by sex trafficking and the sex trade can find rest, a place to think, refreshment and connections to services and support that will get them from where they are now to where they want to be in life. Standing on the front steps of NHS, you are standing one block away from the corner of Broadway and Emerson, one of the busiest sex-trade corners on the Northside of Minneapolis. NHS offers trauma support groups, youth violence prevention Workshops, parenting classes, yoga, African Dance and Zumba, and ministry to millennials.

They are collecting \$10 gift cards to Cub to help prevent the need for women to become prostitutes. Please go to <https://libertychurchmpls.org/northside-healing-space/> for more information.



Guard Our Freedom LORD  
Have Mercy on Our Nation  
In GOD We Trust. Amen



For Memorial Day In 2000, Congress established a [National Moment of Remembrance](#), which asks Americans to pause for one minute at 3 p.m. in an act of national unity. The time was chosen because 3 p.m. "is the time when most Americans are enjoying their freedoms on the national holiday."

Members and friends of Plymouth Presbyterian Church are invited to the Bloom Early Learning and Child Care Annual Meeting on Thursday June 14th at 7:00 p.m. at Plymouth Presbyterian. It will be a celebration of our partnership!



**Per capita -** provides the means to strengthen the connections of our work, and build lasting relationships to help all Presbyterians share God's love. Our church is assessed \$34.50 per member. This assessment goes to fund our Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area, Synod of Lakes and Prairies and the national offices of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Our total per capita bill for 2018 is \$8901. **Please help by giving your annual per capita, mark your check per capita.** Thank you!



June 3<sup>rd</sup> will be Communion based on the liturgy from the **Iona Community in Scotland**. The Iona Community is a Christian Ecumenical Community working for peace, social justice, rebuilding of community, and the renewal of worship.



The choir would be happy to have more singers. Please contact our Choir Director, Tom Paulson, at 952.292.4461 or [Tom@plymouthpc.org](mailto:Tom@plymouthpc.org)

#### PEOPLE OF PLYMOUTH - (POP)

- Chuck Slocum recently posted in [Minnpost](#), an on-line Minneapolis newspaper, an article entitled: "As Easter approaches, thoughts on challenges facing our churches".