



The Grapevine

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

John 15:1

Calendar for August 31 — Sept. 15

Sunday, September 3

9:30 a.m. Worship—Communion

Monday, September 4

LABOR DAY—Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 5

Regular Church Office Hours Return

9:00 a.m. Large Meeting Room
Reserved for Pastors Meeting

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

6:30 p.m. Zumba Class

Wednesday, September 6

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

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. Listening Session About Bloom
Child Care

Saturday, September 9

9:30 a.m. Baker's Group

Sunday, September 10

9:30 a.m. Worship—**Welcome to Fall
Kickoff**

10:45 a.m. Potluck

11:00 a.m. Gal's Gathering

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

Monday, September 11

7:00 p.m. Pastor Nominating Committee

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Tuesday, September 12

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

6:30 p.m. Zumba Class

Wednesday, September 13

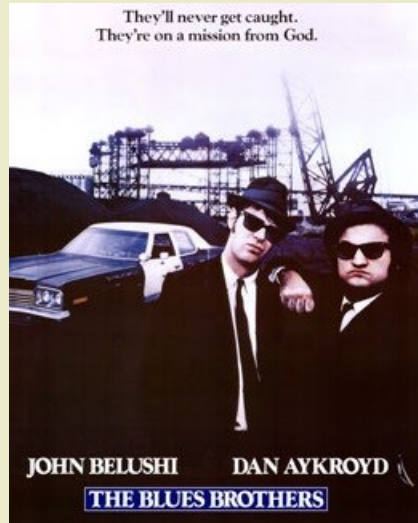
9:30 a.m. GIFT (Growing in Faith
Together) Group

6:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

From: Rev. Anne Fisher,

Back in my youth, the movie, *The Blues Brothers*, hit



the silver screen. Dan Aykroyd and John Belushi would wear dark suits and sunglasses and cross their arms and say, "We are on a Mission from God." This would cause great hilarity and many a teenager would try to parody

the coolness of the Blues Brothers. One year, in our church in IL., the elders and deacons dressed in dark suits and hats. They handed out sunglasses to everyone for their stewardship campaign. After all, "We are on a Mission from God!"

Plymouth Presbyterian Church is also on a Mission from God. We will do it in our own style because we know God, through the Holy Spirit, continues to move and transform even the most ordinary and predictable lives. This fall, we will delve into our newly adopted Mission Statement. Our Mission statement comprises three sentences each one is filled with potential to move us forward. During September and into October, the sermons will focus on our mission statements in a series called *Living the Mission*. Dark suits and sunglasses are optional!

Blessings, Anne



**The Grapevine will resume being published
twice a month until next summer**

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Sign up for a House Meeting in the month of October.

A group of House meetings are being hosted by members, for the church to provide a small group informal setting where we can talk about PPC: its future and finances. House meetings are being set up for the month of October. Please sign up for one in your neighborhood or one that is convenient for you. Signups will begin September 10th.

This Fall, we will hold our annual drive simultaneously with a three year Building Fund drive. We have nine years on our mortgage. By having pledge commitments for the next three years, our new pastor has a chance to get to know us as a church and settle in before spending the time and energy on a Building Fund Drive.

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 followed by dinner and a brief service of remembrance. More details about the times will be provided as we get closer to October 29th. If you and your family would like to attend, please contact the church office, your Deacon Care Team or send a note to deacons@plymouthpc.org.

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

Matthew 5:4



Summer Church Office Hours Ending soon!

Regular Office Hours Return September 5th,
9:00a.m.-12:00p.m.

and

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



Special Items Needed at Resale Select

It's often the most practical gifts that make a difference. Can you help out a local family or youth with any of these items? Donations gratefully accepted at Resale Select, Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

- **Wayzata Trojan spirit wear** – Attention Wayzata Trojan fans! Quality spirit wear donations needed – blue and gold sweatshirts, t-shirts, bags and more.
- **Clothing and accessories for students** – Donate your gently used clothing for boys, girls and teens to send them back to school in style. Purses are also wanted.
- **Basic supplies for families**– Donate new pillows, bras, underwear and socks for our program participants. All sizes welcome (men's, women's, children).



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, November 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.



Sign up in the Narthex for the **All Church Retreat October 13- 15** as we take on Harry Potter and faith. Cost is \$90 per night for a room housing more than two people and \$73 for a double room. (scholarships are available.) The Retreat includes Harry Potter fans to those who have never heard of Harry Potter and everyone in-between.



Mark your Calendars for **Defibrillator Training (Heart Machine): October 8th, 10:45 a.m.** after worship. If AEDs were more readily available, approximately 50,000 lives could be saved each year.

Be a Strong Link in the Chain of Survival.



Volunteer at James J. Hill – Polaris Donates \$50 to Local Nonprofit

Volunteer at one of the community's favorite events, James J. Hill Days in downtown Wayzata, **Sept. 5 - 10**. Polaris will donate \$50 per volunteer to a local nonprofit of your choice: Interfaith Outreach & Community Partners, Hammer Residences or The Wayzata Lake Effect Conservancy. Volunteer as many times as you like, and choose the charity that benefits from your gift of time. Sign up at iocc.org/events.



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! Watch for a sign-up sheet in the Narthex soon. If you have any Questions please email fellowship@plymouthpc.org or contact **Jan Lillemo**.



Fall Kickoff & Potluck!

Welcome to Fall. The Summer always seems to end too quickly but there is also a bit of anticipation about what is coming next. Change is in the air during this season. As the air gets crisper, school begins with new teachers and classes. Help us at the church to welcome Fall on Sunday, **September 10 at 9:30 a.m.** for worship. We will celebrate with a Potluck at **10:45a.m.** (something that we do so well!). There will be opportunities to sign up for activities within the church. It is also a time to catch up over the summer and anticipate what is to come. Plan to stay after church for the potluck! Please bring a dish to share!



Bloom informational meeting September 6th

in The Fireside Room

Be sure to pick up the booklet, **20 Questions for Bloom** on the Narthex table.

PEOPLE OF PLYMOUTH - (POP)

- Congratulations to Dawn and Craig Anderson's daughter, Heather and her husband Cahill Smith who were married on Saturday, August 5th at Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church and Reception after at the Crown Plaza in Plymouth. They are residing in Cleveland, TN just outside Chattanooga where Cahill is on the music faculty at Lee University, teaching piano. The new couple had a wonderful honeymoon on the island of Kauai in Hawaii.



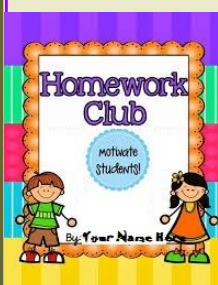
PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

PPC Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) Update! We want you to know what's going on behind the scenes in our

search for our next Pastor. We've made verbal announcements in several Sunday Worship Services; but hope to reach everyone through the Newsletter and Bulletins. Your PNC has been busy meeting weekly after our head pastor posting was approved by Session in July. Subsequently, a pastor posting was entered online for the PCUSA's online matching service.

Our initial match report from the end of July led to **32 candidates**, in addition to a few self-referrals. Three of these candidates in the match report, although active in the system, were already serving elsewhere or in final talks with another call. These applicants have been removed from the pool. One applicant determined we were not a good match for him and turned down the match. So, he too was removed. Presently, we are working hard to weed out poor matches. Soon, initial telephone interviews, with candidates we've chosen as good matches for PPC, will be scheduled. Please continue to pray for the 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



Be a Homework Club Mentor!

Interfaith Outreach needs Homework Club volunteers this fall. No experience necessary; training is provided. You can help youth feel confident in their schoolwork and let them know caring adults in their community support them! Volunteer weekly mid-September through mid-May to build trusting, positive

Relationships with youth (K-5) leading to success in school and community. Assist students with homework, social/emotional development and skill building. You can expect opportunities for your own personal growth, too! Two hours/week.

For more information, contact Liz at lerstad-hicks@iocp.org or [763-489-7506](tel:763-489-7506).



Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. — Song of Solomon 8:7

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Hurricane Harvey struck the Texas coast late Friday, bringing lashing rain and sustained winds of 130 miles per hour. Even as its force has waned, Harvey has brought historic flooding, forcing rivers and streams from their banks, submerging homes, churches, businesses and roads, stranding thousands of people. Your gifts are urgently needed now to support the communities devastated by this historic storm and those throughout the Gulf region who are still in the path of Harvey's torrential rains.

Donate Now.

You can join in the response and encourage those in need by standing in the "GAP" — Give. Act. Pray.

GIVE: Support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance's emergency response and long-term recovery work in the areas affected by Hurricane Harvey. Designate gifts to DR000169-Harvey.

You can also give with a credit card by visiting presbyterianmission.org/GIVE-HARVEY or by phone at 800-872-3283.

ACT:

- Put together Gift of the Heart kits for survivors in the affected areas — hygiene kits and cleanup buckets are especially needed. For more information, go to pda.pcusa.org/page/kits/.
- Contact the PDA Call Center to be notified of volunteer opportunities. Call 866-732-6121 or email pda.callcenter@pcusa.org.
- Learn how your congregation can help families who have lost everything in the devastation. Stay informed and like us on Facebook, download resources, including a bulletin insert, and share updates with your congregation.

PRAY: God, our Shelter, Be a strong presence in the lives of neighbors who, having survived the winds and rains of Harvey, now face grief, uncertainty and weary days. May our generosity in prayer and in tangible signs of support overflow more than floodwaters, to sustain your work of healing and rebuilding and to bring comfort and strength to those who suffer. Amen.



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area, Invite you to our Fall Gathering—"INTERFAITH OUTREACH: Understanding our Muslim Neighbors" **Saturday, October 7, 9:45a.m - 3:00 p.m.** 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 annefiser@plymouthpc.org, **no later than Thursday, September 21**, if you would like to attend. Cost for lunch is \$15 per person. Child-care will be provided.