



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

John 15:1

## Calendar for February 16—28

### **Sunday, February 17**

- 9:30 a.m.      Worship
- 10:45 a.m.    Prayer Chain

### **Monday, February 18**



### **President's Day**

- Church Office
- Closed All Day



### **Tuesday, February 19**

- 7:00 p.m.      Choir Rehearsal

### **Wednesday, February 20**

- 9:30 a.m.      GIFT (Growing in Faith Together) Group
- 6:30 p.m.      Confirmation
- 7:00 p.m.      Building and Ground Mtg.

### **Friday, February 22**

- 10:30 a.m.     Bloom Construction Mtg.

### **Sunday, February 24**

- 9:30 a.m.      Worship – Erik Koehler

### **Monday, February 25**

- 12:00 p.m.     **Grapevine Deadline**

### **Tuesday, February 26**

- 12:30 p.m.     Staff Meeting
- 7:00 p.m.      Choir Rehearsal

### **Wednesday, February 27**

- 9:30 a.m.      GIFT (Growing in Faith Together) Group
- 1:00 p.m.      Book Club
- 6:30 p.m.      Confirmation



**From:** Rev. Jeff Foels,  
 Ever since Mari was born, I feel about a month behind. Around Christmas, I caught myself thinking "I'm looking forward to seeing people for Thanksgiving this year." A couple weeks ago I thought, "We should really drive around and look at the Christmas lights." I suppose that if the trend continues, perhaps I'll be pleasantly surprised if it seems like winter is ending early. Kelly and I have been so grateful for the time we've had to focus

on our family. As she heads back to work next week and as my leave wraps up with a few more days home with Mari, I want to take a moment to say thank you.

Thank you to Karen Kenzie and Jusun Kim, to Jeff Japinga and Denise Dunbar-Perkins and Carol Reed, for all of their work in keeping things running smoothly. Thank you to Gordon Doshier, Sandy Hawley, and Erik Koehler for sharing their gifts in worship. Thank you to Lu Wilmot, Carla Bahls, and Sandy Hawley for all they've done on the administrative side and with Deacons.

Thank you to all the members of the congregation that gave us such generous baby gifts for Mari. Don't be surprised if the Pack 'n' Play portable crib from the congregation shows up in my office soon! We feel so lucky to have Mari become a part of the PPC family.

As the time goes, it is amazing to be looking ahead to Lent. Our Lenten worship services will start March 13th, on the week after Ash Wednesday, and we'll be thinking about seeds as a metaphor for the Lenten journey that ends with the new life of Easter (watch for more info on the flower kits available to order for tracking along with that journey!). And we'll be living in and around the remodeling of the classrooms and the changes to the kitchen as we prepare to welcome Bloom.

With gratitude, with anticipation and waiting, we look forward to Lent, to spring, and the joys of new life. **Jeff**

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# What is Per Capita?



*Per capita* means “for each person”. Presbyterian per capita means “for each member” on the Active Roll. When you joined the church and when your daughters and sons were confirmed, the names were placed on the Active Roll. The per capita assessment levied by the larger church counts every member on that roll, whether or not she or he is still living at home or attending any church. When they are in college or working in another state it is easy to forget them when considering the per capita payment. Plymouth Presbyterian Church’s per capita responsibility this year is \$35.70 for each person in your family on the Active Member roll. We invite members of the congregation to contribute the amount of their per capita, and we include a blue envelope in the offering envelope box for that purpose.

If you know that a family member now living elsewhere does not intend to return, you can check with the Clerk of Session for her or his membership status by e-mailing to: [clerkofsession@plymouthpc.org](mailto:clerkofsession@plymouthpc.org) - Changes now in the membership do not affect the assessment until 2021.

Alone we can  
do so little;  
together we  
can do so  
much  
Helen Keller



## 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.

## More Room to Bloom

COMING MAY 2019



The New Bloom Early Learning Center will be located  
@ Hwy 55 and Rockford Road.



While the holiday in February is still officially known as Washington's Birthday (at least according to the Office of Personnel Management), it has become popularly

It's winter in Minnesota and cabin fever has set in. Here is the cure for you! Join us and others from Bloom Early Learning at the Twin Cities hottest new sports venue, **TOPGOLF**, for an afternoon of friendly competition and friend-raising.

**Bloom Winter Golf Friend-Raiser**  
**TopGolf, 6420 N. Camden Ave,**  
**Brooklyn Center, MN**  
**Sunday, March 17, 2019**  
**3:00 p.m.– 6:00 p.m.**

- Tournament play in climate controlled bays
- Buffet dinner and drinks
- Special \$10,000 Hole-In-One contest

#### **Fun for beginners and advanced golfers**

- Never played golf? No problem.
- Don't own clubs? Don't worry; we'll provide them.
- Like having fun with lots of friends/ This is the place to be.

This isn't a fundraiser—**Register today!**

Go to [www.bloomearlylearning.org/whats-new](http://www.bloomearlylearning.org/whats-new) or call 612-325-2077 to sign up for the Bloom Winter Golf Friend-Raiser. Cost per person is \$75 and includes three hours of golf, fun, buffet dinner and drinks. Be a friend and invite your friends to tee it up with you on March 17th (St. Patrick's Day).

(and, perhaps in some cases at the state level, legally: each state is free to call it what they choose and how to celebrate ) known as "Presidents' Day." This has made the third Monday in February a day for honoring both Washington and Lincoln, as well as all the other men who have served as president.

Until the late 1980s, corporate businesses generally closed on this day. However, after having been moved to the third Monday, most businesses remain open with many offering sales & other promotions. Federal and state government services close (U.S. Postal Service, state Departments of Motor Vehicles, federal and state courts). Class schedules at universities and colleges vary depending on the school. Public elementary and secondary schools are generally closed, but some school districts, such as New York City, may close for an entire week as a "mid-winter recess".

Speaking on Religion; 8 presidents have worshipped as Presbyterians: Andrew Jackson, James Buchanan, Grover Cleveland, Benjamin Harrison, Woodrow Wilson, Dwight D Eisenhower, Ronald Reagan and Donald Trump.

A food traditionally associated with the holiday is cherry pie, based on the legendary chopping down of a cherry tree in Washington's youth.





## Bloom Early Learning Update

Things are moving along, making it exciting as we see that all this planning will be bringing 46 children into our building for nurturing and growth!

The lease will be signed, and once our lender (PILP) grants permission, the construction will begin. Slated for Friday, February the 15th, the first work will be done in the classrooms. The site plan is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. Construction dates will be posted, too. Please feel free to approach Penny Blankenship or Suzy Robertson with questions. We appreciate your flexibility.

**Audrey Heavens, our Center Director**, will be working in the offices as she gets started finding prospective families and teachers. Please spread the word that Bloom is hiring an assistant director and teaching staff. And Bloom is accepting applications for children aged 6 months through 5 years, from both scholarship and full-pay families. [Bloomearlylearning.org](http://Bloomearlylearning.org)

The naturescape playground should be designed by March 1st, so we can ask for bids. It will be a fenced-in area behind the Bloom classrooms.

As with Messiah United Methodist Church, PPC will be credited with being a Bloom Partner. It is crucial for fund-raising to be clear that Bloom is not a religious institution, though of course the curriculum is values-based. For that reason, **our site will be referred to as Bloom Early Learning at Highway 55 and Rockford Road.** Of course, for PPC's purposes this is a mission, & providing the use of our space greatly increases our mission giving.

**We are starting a Friends of Bloom group** which will meet monthly and all are invited. We will support the Bloom mission and the staff. Please contact Penny or Suzy if you are interested. You do not have to make a long-term commitment.

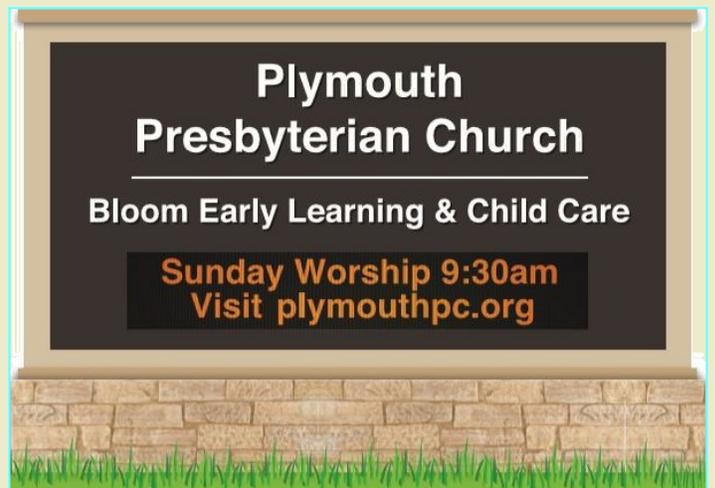
**Friends of Bloom will host the Baby Shower** on Saturday, April 6th from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. This is a chance to let the greater community know about Bloom and to purchase items that will be needed,

from sippy cups to rocking chairs. Abby Larson is leading this project!

**We will be holding quilting bees** in order to help make the signature homemade napping quilts that Bloom children receive. All can attend and help! Watch for further announcements or let Janet Menary know that you are interested.

For those interested in a little adventure, there's the **TopGolf Friend-Raiser on March 17th** from 3:00-6:00pm. It's a chance to experience golfing outside in climate controlled bays with free buffet and drinks. The point is to raise awareness of Bloom's mission. Thirty dollars of the \$75 cost goes to Bloom and the rest to your fun day. There are six people to a bay if you want to get a group together.

**Thank you. Penny and Suzy**



## PPC NEW SIGN STATUS

Session approved a new sign on January 14th. Contract and initial payment was delivered to King Sign on January 28th. The City sign application was filed February 1st.

Our Goal is to have the sign installed, powered up and programmed to display an Easter message by April 1st.



### Save your shoes- clean your closets!

Ben Hollman & PPC youth will again be leading a Soles4Souls shoe drive in **March & April**. They will be collecting used

and new shoes. Last year they donated 125 pairs and are looking to double that this year! Please consider going through your closets and hanging on to shoes no longer needed to donate to **Soles4Souls**. We'll have a drop box set up in March.

**Used Shoes = New Opportunities**  
**Your new and gently-worn shoes help individuals start and sustain small businesses to lift themselves out of poverty. Donated shoes are a viable resource to help entrepreneurs provide crucial necessities for their families.**



### Presidential Quotes:

“if to please the people, we offer what we ourselves disapprove, how can we afterwards defend our work?”

Let us raise a standard to which the wise and honest can repair. The rest is in the hands of God.”

— **George Washington—1787**

“I know that the Lord is always on the side of the right; but it is my constant anxiety and prayer that I and this nation may be on the Lord's side.”

— **Abraham Lincoln—1864**

