



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

John 15:1

## Calendar for June 16—July 15

### Sunday, June 16—**FATHER'S DAY**

9:30 a.m.      Worship—Rev. Jeff Foels

10:45 a.m.    Prayer Chain Group

### Monday, June 17



**Bloom Opens !**

### Tuesday, June 18

10:00 a.m.    Bloom Meeting

12:30 p.m.    Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, June 19

7:00 p.m.    Building and Ground's  
Meeting

### Friday, June 21

10:30 a.m.    Bloom Construction  
Meeting

### Sunday, June 23

9:30 a.m.    Worship—Gordon  
Dosher

### Tuesday, June 25

10:00 a.m.    Bloom Meeting

12:30 p.m.    Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, June 26

1:00 p.m.    Book Club

### Friday June 28

10:30 a.m.    Bloom Construction Mtg.

### Sunday, June 30

9:30 a.m.    Worship—Rev. Jeff Foels

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**From:** Rev. Jeff Foels,

This week has been a full and rich one at PPC. We began the week with Pentecost, followed by a meeting of the Session and Deacons, and just celebrated an

open house with Bloom on the occasion of their opening on Monday! I feel like we are on a roll! I have so enjoyed the energy and enthusiasm of our congregation throughout it all.

Our Session and Deacons joint meeting occurs once a year, and this year we were hosted by Jan Leaf at Summerwood, using their newly remodeled front lounge rooms. As a large group, we talked about welcome at the church – the first impressions we share with our guests, welcoming newcomers into the life of the church, and welcoming and communicating among the congregation. The conversation was rich and with lots of great next steps to come.

**Bloom Early Learning is opening on Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup>!** They have received their final approvals and permissions, and will start with sixteen kids next week. The teachers have been in the building the past few weeks getting the classrooms ready, and I know it will be a very exciting few weeks ahead, especially for the children who we welcome.

At the Bloom ice cream social, I shared how Jesus told his disciples to welcome the children, and that whatever we do to the least of our neighbors, we do to Christ. Living into that call as we open Bloom feels like we are moving forward in discipleship as a church – following God into this bold new adventure, serving our neighbors, and utilizing our building as a place of nurture, growth, care, and learning – exactly what it's meant for!

Sending summer peace and joy to you all, especially all our graduates and students as we embark on a safe and fun summer ahead. - **Jeff**



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**Tuesday, July 2**

12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

**Thursday, July 4—4th of JULY**

Church Office Closed

**Sunday, July 7**

9:30 a.m. Worship—Rev. Jeff Foels

10:45 a.m. Worship Committee

11:00 a.m. Friends of Bloom

**Monday, July 8**

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

**Wednesday, July 10**

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

6:00 p.m. Deacon's Meeting

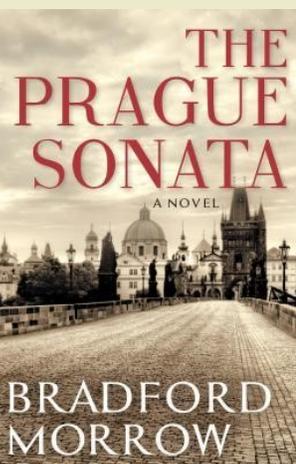
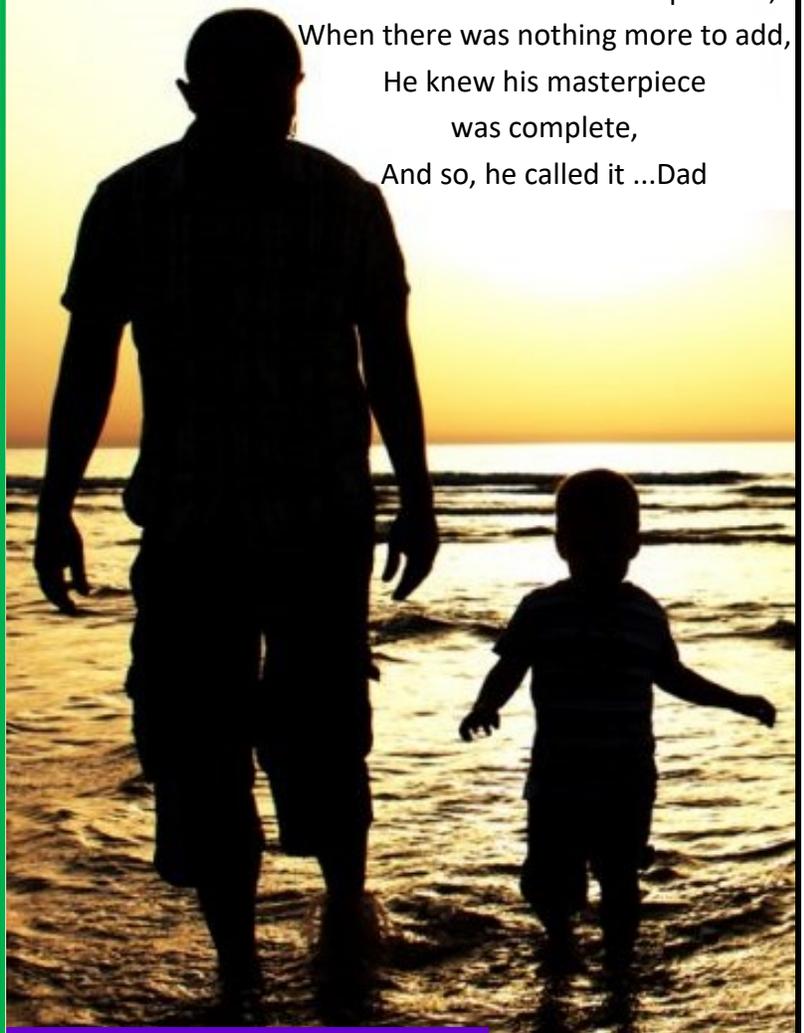
**Saturday, July 13**

9:30 a.m. Baker's Group

**Sunday, July 14**

9:30 a.m. Worship— Rev. Jeff Foels

God took the strength of a mountain,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The warmth of a summer sun,  
The calm of a quiet sea,  
The generous soul of nature,  
The comforting arm of night,  
The wisdom of the ages,  
The power of the eagle's flight,  
The joy of a morning in spring,  
The faith of a mustard seed,  
The patience of eternity,  
The depth of a family need,  
Then God combined these qualities,  
When there was nothing more to add,  
He knew his masterpiece  
was complete,  
And so, he called it ...Dad



**Book Club meets**  
**Wednesday, June 26th at**  
1pm in the Fireside Room



**Church Summer Office Hours:**  
9:00 a.m.- 1 p.m. (M-F)

## Bloom Early Learning Update



**Center opens.** Bloom opens this Monday! The center is fully staffed for the 16 children who start **June 17th**. Alex Cannon, Director, continues to meet with prospective families and potential staff, who will be needed as the program grows. As more children attend, the ratio of 50/50 scholarship/full-pay will be maintained in order to stay true to Bloom's mission. Bloom expects full enrollment by June 2020. If you are aware of any potential staff or families looking for childcare, please direct them to the Bloom Early Learning and Child Care website at [bloomearlylearning.org](http://bloomearlylearning.org)

**Friends of Bloom PPC.** The PPC Friends of Bloom are creating a space for a food and clothes pantry for Bloom families. Look for a donation bin soon. The next meeting is **Sunday, July 7th at 11:00 a.m.** Please join us or contact Suzy Robertson, Penny Blankenship or Janet Menary.



**Playground.** The nature-scape playground has been approved and is ready for play. Features will be added over time, including garden beds, a sandbox and a picnic table to be made by a local Eagle Scout.

**Kitchen.** Janet Menary is trained in using the kitchen appliances. Please speak to her for instructions.

**Security.** The doors at the main entrance will be locked during the **Bloom hours: 7am to 6pm**. Please use the Church office entrance when you visit the church and wear a visitor tag to help with security.

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**Inspections.** All inspections have been passed. Thanks to Melissa Musliner and all the Building and Grounds folks for endless attention to these matters!

**Utilities.** According to the lease, Bloom is responsible for utility costs above and beyond our normal costs, including garbage fees.

**Thank you. Penny, Suzy and Janet**



## About Independence Day

In 1775, people in New England began fighting the British for their independence. On July 2, 1776, the Congress secretly voted for independence from Great Britain. Two days later, on July 4, 1776, the final wording of the Declaration of Independence was approved, and the document was published. The first public reading of the Declaration of Independence was on July 8, 1776. Delegates began to sign the Declaration of Independence on August 2, 1776. On June 14, 1777, to establish an official flag for the new nation, the Continental Congress passed the first Flag Act: "Resolved, that the flag of the United States be made of thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new Constellation."



## Volunteer Opportunities

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

As you know, **Bloom Early Learning and Child Care opens June 17, 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.



← **Jupiter**

#### FATHER'S DAY FULL MOON!

Did you know that a **Full Moon** shines on **Father's Day** and **the Full Moon** meets **planet Jupiter** this June? As the largest planet in our solar system, Jupiter has been called the Father of Men and Lord of the Heavens.

The Full Moon will rise around sunset on Sunday, June 16th — just look for the Full Moon; that very bright "star" to the right is the King of Planets, Jupiter, they will both light up the nighttime from dusk until dawn and then set in the west around sunrise on the 17th.



**Music at Plymouth Presbyterian on Sundays at 9:30 a.m.**

June 23rd—Piano, Esther & Jusun Kim

June 30th—Anne Brearley—Flute solo

July 7th—Lu Wilmot—Solo

July 14th— Choir

