



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

August 2023 Edition

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The world is yours, Lord,
in all its wonder and variety.
Help us to care for it and live on it responsibly;
to hold your gift with careful hands,
valuing land and creatures
and one another. Amen!

By Margaret Harvey in "Enjoy the Earth Gently", Wild Goose Publications, Iona, Scotland

Office update

Renee Christensen is a recent Augsburg graduate, who in addition to completing a summer internship at another congregation, is helping us out in our office four hours a week through the end of the month. Renee has wonderful organizational and creativity skills we are putting to use on several projects besides helping us with weekly tasks like printing the bulletin.

Please help us keep track of all bulletin and Grapevine announcements. Put BULLETIN or GRAPEVINE in the subject heading of any emails with announcements and send to office@plymouth.org or bulletin@plymouthpc.org.

New Grapevine Publication Date

Make note that we will be moving the date of the Grapevine's publication to arrive in your homes the beginning of each month. Moving forward, the Grapevine deadline will be the 25th of the month. Due to Labor Day, the September Grapevine is scheduled to be sent on September 5. The deadline is August 25.

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Interfaith Outreach

IOCP 5th Wednesday

Please join us for a work date at IOCP on Wednesday evening, August 30 from 5:15-7:15. Work is typically sorting volunteer donations (clothes / housewares) in the Resale Shop area and we have 10 volunteer slots to fill. IOCP is monitoring our online sign up and reaches out to us when we are not filled, so if you think you'll make it, please sign up online at <https://iocup.volunteerhub.com/vv2/lp/PlymouthPresbyterian> or on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

IOCP also has numerous other volunteer opportunities in the resale area, food shelf and special events. You can review open slots and sign up at [Interfaith Outreach \(volunteerhub.com\)](https://iocup.volunteerhub.com/vv2/lp/PlymouthPresbyterian).

IOCP Needed Items

It is easy in the midst of summer vacations to get busy with travel and time away. But needs for food and support do not take a vacation. Interfaith Outreach says, in addition to the regular needs, paper grocery bags are in short supply. Donations can be left in the box in the entry area adjacent to the nametags.

Most Needed Items

Pull-Ups, size 4T-5T

Spices

Brand Name Cereals

Hearty Soups

Healthy Snacks

IOCP back-to-school:

In previous years, our church has helped with back-to-school supply drives. IOCP is now funding this activity through their "Great Expectations" program. A \$65 donation will provide one student in the local area school supplies for a fresh start back to school. Here is the link to learn more about this program and/or donate: <https://iocup.org/donations/great-expectations-youth-education/>

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your potluck favorites, or a

The Northwest Greenway Pavilion is plenty big to hold us all rain or shine, and is located at 5250 Peony Ln N, Plymouth, MN 55446. From the church, exit to the north on Dunkirk Lane, and take that up to Old Rockford Road. Head west on Old Rockford before turning right on Peony headed north. The pavilion is about a half mile north of Schmidt Lake Road.

Worship Volunteers Needed

Greeters * Readers * Communion Servers * Video Tech

Looking for a way to help enhance the worship experience? We have many great ways to get involved. First consider being that first person that welcomes individuals to worship. Greeters stand at the entrance offering a friendly greeting and assisting visitors to worship. This is a great way to start your day and others!

Worship Readers assist the pastor by reading scripture, leading a prayer or portions of the service. The material and instructions are emailed to you prior to Sunday for you to review. Communion Servers assist the pastor in serving communion. Video Tech assists with the online taping of the service. Training is provided as needed.

Do you have a special occasion or person you want to celebrate? Celebrate this event or person by providing flowers for the service then take them home as you continue your celebration!

Do you like to bake or just enjoy a friendly cup of coffee following worship? Volunteer to host the fellowship time. Fellowship hosts arrive early to make coffee, set out treats prior to worship and then help clean the kitchen before leaving. Instructions for making coffee or located in the kitchen.

If you are interested in helping sign up online at <https://plymouthpc.org/events/volunteer-sign-ups/> Paper signups are also located on the information table at church.

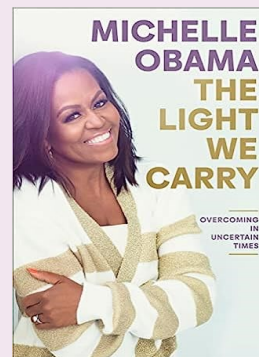
E-Mail Scams

Please be careful when you see an email or text message from the pastor or someone else at church. If it looks suspicious, don't open it! The pastor would never contact you via email or text asking for gift cards or money! Churches are sadly the target of scams because they know members are kind-hearted and may respond.

Book Club

The PPC Book Club meets on August 23 at 1:00 at church in the Fireside Room. The

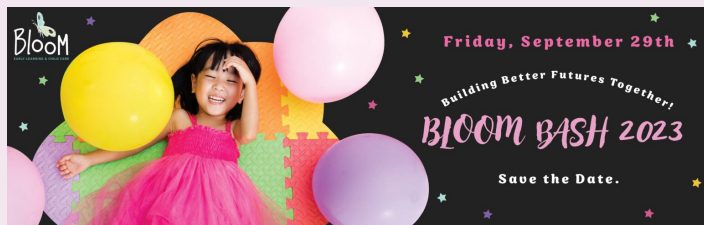
book this month is: *The Light We Carry* by Michelle Obama. Leader is Loni Gradick.



Bloom Early Childcare: Food Pantry

The staff at Bloom are working hard to revamp the food pantry program at the Plymouth Presbyterian Church. If you are interested in donating food items, or basic toiletries, please drop them off at church in *bags marked Bloom Pantry*. Speaking of bags, do you have an excess of plastic shopping bags at home? They would gladly take these to help bag items for families.

Are your garden treasures overwhelming? Fresh vegetables are also welcome!



NEW LOCATION! NEW THEME! AND A FUN NEW FORMAT!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A MEMORABLE EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT, ACTIVITIES, GREAT FOOD, MULTIPLE CHANCES TO WIN GREAT PRIZES, AND MOST OF ALL – A CELEBRATION AND FUNDRAISER FOR BLOOM EARLY LEARNING. IT'S A PARTY WITH A CAUSE AND IT WON'T BE THE SAME WITHOUT YOU!

Friday, September 29th

6:00 – 9:00 pm

Grand Ballroom

Medina Entertainment Center

500 Highway 55, Medina, MN

Host: Comedian Stevie Ray

With Music Entertainment for Dancing & Enjoyment by

Brian Lansing of Mic Drop Entertainment

6:00 – 8:00

Social Hour, Heavy Hors d'oeuvres, Music, Dancing, Fun & Games

Delicious Heavy Hors d'oeuvres Buffet

-Dessert Table

- Cash Beverage Bar
- Music and Dancing
- Golden Ticket Raffle
- Mystery Box Raffle
- Interactive Games

Bloom Bash 2023 continued

8:00 – 9:00 PM

Program and Live Auction

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL PRICING

\$90 individual tickets purchased BEFORE September 1 (\$100 after Sep 1)

\$650 tables of 8 BEFORE September 1 (\$700 after Sep 1)

Questions: Call 612-462-0206

** Remember to bring cash so you can play all the games and participate in the raffles!*

On-site ATM also available

Church Office Hours

Pastor Carol is in the office Tuesday through Thursday, 9am to 3pm.

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office@plymouthpc.org by end of day Tuesdays.

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