



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

John 15:1

## Tuesday, January 15

12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

## Wednesday, January 16

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

7:00 p.m. Building and Grounds Meeting

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

## Sunday, January 20

9:30 a.m. Worship— Gordon Doshier

10:45 a.m. Prayer Chain Group

## Monday, January 21

**Church Office Closed—Martin Luther King Day**

## Tuesday, January 22

12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

## Wednesday, January 23

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

1:00 p.m. Book Club

## Friday, January 25

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

## Saturday, January 26

9:00 a.m. Presbytery—First Presbyterian Church of South Saint Paul

## Sunday, January 27

9:30 a.m. Worship— Sandy Hawley

## Tuesday, January 29

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

## Wednesday, January 30

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

5:30 p.m. IOCP Food Shelf



**From:** Rev. Jeff Foels,

This past Sunday, we ordained Mark Kipp to the office of elder, and installed Randy Peterson to the office of elder and

JoJo Kipp, Janet Menary, and Amy Leaf to the office of deacon. I am so grateful for their service to the church, and for our Board of Deacons and the church Session.

When I was in seminary, in our church polity class, Cynthia Campbell told us about how easy it is to get misled about ordination. When we ordain officers, whether deacons, elders, or ministers, we are not conveying some special privilege. Ordination is not a sign of greater merit, nor is it a hierarchy of power. Instead, it was the organization of responsibility - that there are certain things the church must do, and the church needs to be sure to set aside people to ensure that they are done.

A Biblical example of this was Stephen, the first 'deacon', who was appointed to be sure that the widows and orphans were being served when it came time to share the food of the church. They saw something that needed special attention, and set him aside to do so.

In the same way, members of our congregation are set aside with the specific tasks of caring for the congregation and discerning its mission and order. They are not the only ones who share in this task - the whole congregation does, but they are the ones who ensure that it happens. I want to say a special thank you to our outgoing Elders and Deacons. For Belinda Hollman, Rick Ackerman, and Suzy Robertson, and for deacons Abby Larson and Ann Foote: Thank You! We are grateful for your work and service, your devotion and dedication, your wisdom and care.

With gratitude, **Jeff**

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## I HAVE A DREAM

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

FOREWORD BY CORETTA SCOTT KING



**The Church Office will be closed** for Martin Luther King Day on Monday, January 21st.



**IOCP Food Shelf needs us.** We are up for volunteering on the fifth Wednesday

of this month, **January 30th at 5:30p.m.-8:00p.m.** Please sign up in the Narthex and also on-line. IOCP has a new volunteer system signup process going forward. Each PPC member needs to go online to

<http://plymouthpresbyterian.iocp.volunteerhub.com>

There you will create an account and fill in a short page of information. Then, you sign up for the event. The PPC events are visible once you sign in. **Thank you!**

## Annual Church Meeting



**On Sunday, February 3rd** will be our **PPC Annual Meeting XXIX.** At 10:30 a.m.

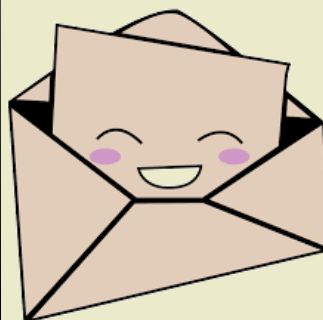
There will be a **POTLUCK** following the meeting at 10:45 a.m.



## 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.



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**Choir Meeting  
Rehearsals are  
moving to  
Tuesday**

Please join us  
Tuesday, January  
22nd for our first  
Tuesday  
rehearsal!



**About Dr. King-** During the less than 13 years of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s leadership of the modern American Civil Rights Movement, from December, 1955 until April 4, 1968, African

Americans achieved more genuine progress toward racial equality in America than the previous 350 years had produced. Dr. King is widely regarded as America's pre-eminent advocate of nonviolence and one of the greatest nonviolent leaders in world history.

Drawing inspiration from both his Christian faith and the peaceful teachings of Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. King led a nonviolent movement in the late 1950's and '60s to achieve legal equality for African-Americans in the United States. While others were advocating for freedom by "any means necessary," including violence, Martin Luther King, Jr. used the power of words and acts of nonviolent resistance, such as protests, grassroots organizing, and civil disobedience to achieve seemingly-impossible goals. He went on to lead similar campaigns against poverty and international conflict, always maintaining fidelity to his principles that men and women everywhere, regardless of color or creed, are equal members of the human family.

Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech, Nobel Peace Prize lecture and "Letter from a Birmingham Jail" are among the most revered orations and writings in the English language. His accomplishments are now taught to American children of all races, and his teachings are studied by scholars and students worldwide. He is the only non-president to have a national holiday dedicated in his honor, and is the only non-president memorialized on the Great Mall in the nation's capitol. He is memorialized in hundreds of statues, parks, streets, squares, churches and other public facilities around the world as a leader whose teachings are increasingly-relevant to the progress of humankind.

*Except from <https://thekingcenter.org/>*



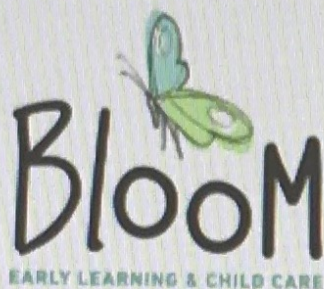
**Sunday, January 13th we dedicated our new narthex fellowship tables, given in memory of Jerry Leaf.** Jerry was a founding member of the congregation. We were pleased to welcome his extended family at the

dedication. A special thanks to Rick Ackerman and all who have helped with the tables!

**Per capita allows us to work with other churches to further the mission of Jesus Christ around the world.**

The Presbytery approved an individual per capita amount of \$35.70 for 2019. Per capita is allocated between the Presbytery of the Twin Cities, General Assembly and Synod of Lakes and Prairies to sustain programs and ministries. Your prompt payment of the per capita amount is greatly appreciated, **mark your check per capita.** Thank you!





Hi PPC Members,

We are encouraging you to vote for our new daycare center which will be opening here May of 2019. If you would like to vote, copy this link into your browser bar. Thanks!

<https://plymouthmag.com/announcing-2019-best-plymouth-survey>

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### Vote for Bloom as Best Private Preschool / Childcare

We are grateful for the fabulous teaching staff, families and supporters of Bloom!  
We know you are the best and we want the community to know it, too!  
Help us by voting for Bloom in this year's Best of Plymouth survey.

[Click here to vote now!](#)

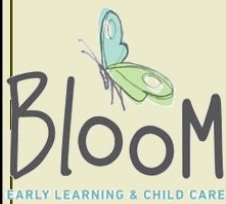
Hurry - voting ends January 31st.

Ask your friends, families, neighbors and colleagues to vote, too!

Results will be available June 1 at [plymouthmag.com](https://plymouthmag.com).

Thank you for everything you do for Bloom!





### Bloom Early Learning Update

Bloom is delighted to announce that a director has been hired for the PPC site! Audrey Heavens will start working January 21st, spending time training at the Messiah site at first. Audrey has worked as director of Head Start (PICA) in the Glendale neighborhood of Minneapolis.

The final construction bid is in, and you will soon see a site plan posted to let you know where changes will be made. We hope to schedule construction to minimize any disruption, especially with the kitchen. Construction is expected to start at the end of January.

Bloom is looking for both scholarship and full-pay families, so please pass the word to any you know. who might have a need or interest.

Remember that **March 17th** will be a fun **Friend-Raiser for Bloom at TOPGOLF in Brooklyn Center** from 3:00-6:00. More to come soon!



Bloom Welcome Team

### Thanks to our new Elders and Deacons!



**Elders Installed:** Randy Petersen

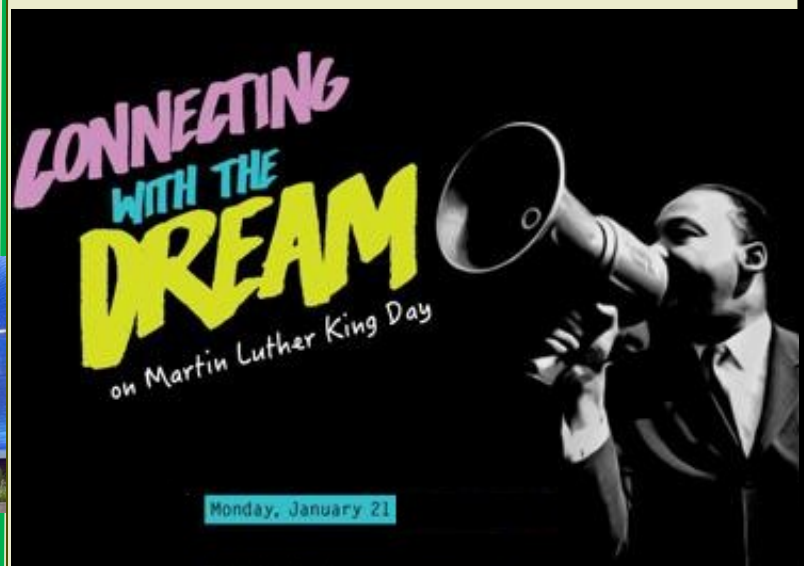
**Elders Ordained and Installed:** Mark Kipp

**They will be Joining:** Dave Bahls, Melody Baker, Gordon Doshier, Erik Koehler, Kyle Larson, Gail Polley-Nordhaus and Lu Wilmot.



**Deacons Installed:** Jojo Kipp, Amy Leaf, Janet Menary

**They will be Joining:** Donna Holtan Halverstadt, Sandy Hawley, Pat Johnson, Jan Leaf, Adam Ling, Jake McMahan, Georgia Motes and Jennifer Voca.



DARKNESS CANNOT DRIVE OUT  
DARKNESS; ONLY LIGHT CAN DO  
THAT. HATE CANNOT DRIVE OUT  
HATE; ONLY LOVE CAN DO THAT.

- MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.