



# The Grapevine

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

John 15:1

## Calendar for September 16—September 30

### **Tuesday, September 17**

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### **Wednesday, September 18**

11:00 a.m. GIFT Group to SummerWood

7:00 p.m. Building and Grounds

### **Sunday, September 22**

9:30 a.m. Worship—Bloom Sunday!

10:45 a.m. Adult Education - John Braun

### **Tuesday, September 24**

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### **Wednesday, September 25**

#### **Grapevine Deadline**

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

11:15 a.m. Book Club "Day Trip" (carpool from church)

### **Sunday, September 29**

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:45 a.m. Adult Education - John Braun

**From:** Rev. Jeff Foels,

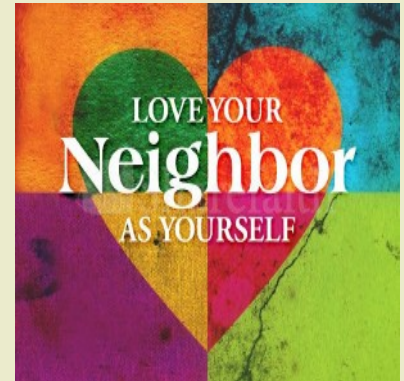
Reaching out with our Partners

On September 10th, we did a Park and Ride Appreciation Day – reaching out and saying hello to the folks that use our lot and ride the Plymouth MetroLink into downtown or the U of M each day. We had coffee and donuts, water and fruit. From 5:30 on, we have people arriving in our lot each day to go about their days of work and school – over a hundred, by the time you add in folks who get dropped off as well as those who park their cars here. Thank you to those who got up to greet our neighbors! I hope it becomes a regular event.

Reaching out in care and consideration of our neighbors is an important part of our life as a church and as a people of faith. I also see that resonating with our partners with Bloom. Here are people in our community who are so in need of good quality child care and who are able to find it here, as a part of our partnership with them. This Sunday, September 22nd, will be our Bloom Sunday at PPC. We'll hear a little from Melissa about how things are going, and all are invited to sign up to attend the Bloom Gala on September 27th. As partners, we're able to connect even more with showing care and consideration for those in our community.

As we seek to be good neighbors – indeed, as we seek to follow Christ's call to "love our neighbor as ourselves," I am excited to be reaching out in community and partnership together as a church.

Wishing you all a lovely beginning of fall! ~Jeff



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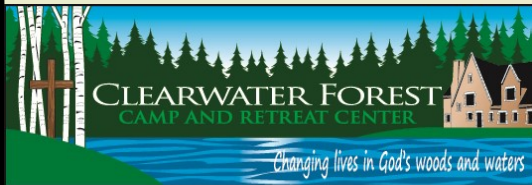
## Growing in Faith Together

### SUMMERWOOD MINISTRY

GIFT (Growing in  
Faith Together)

small group has been leading a monthly Bible study with residents of Summerwood Presbyterian Homes for a long time. About 10 residents participate regularly. Over time the number of PPC people available to participate has declined. Do you have time to help lead the study, meeting once a month, from 11 a.m. to about 12:30 p.m. (includes a free lunch) on the second Tuesday of the month? We have been using the Horizons Bible studies published for Presbyterian Women; a study of the 10 Commandments will begin in September.

Contact Lu Wilmot for details.  
[luwilmot@yahoo.com](mailto:luwilmot@yahoo.com) or 763-476-1824.



### Church Clearwater Retreat Update!

We are looking forward to being together at our annual Clearwater Retreat scheduled for the **weekend of October 18th!** If you have never been to Clearwater or haven't been up there for awhile, you will enjoy spending time with God and friends in the north woods!

As of today, **the Retreat is full!** There is a waiting list going. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Leaf at [leafamy@yahoo.com](mailto:leafamy@yahoo.com), or call 612-708-3628.

Thank you!



Volunteers needed to provide Fellowship Treats After the Service

It is nice to have a cup of coffee and a treat after the service, and you can help by volunteering to bring a treat and prepare the coffee. The Deacons and Bakers Group each handle one Sunday per month, which leaves 24 opportunities for members to help out each year. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex and also on the church website—if every family volunteers one week each year, we can ensure that there are treats every week to enhance our fellowship after church.

### Book Club



On September 25th, join the Book Club on a “day trip” (our 2nd annual!) to visit Bobbie Cooper (and Cal) in Eagan. We will carpool from the church at 11:15 & have a potluck lunch in their party room before discussing, ‘The Stolen Marriage,’ by Diane Chamberlain. We will plan to be on the road home between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. Call Carole Marsh @ 763-242-0039 for details.



### Church Office Hours:

9:00a.m.-12:00p.m. and  
12:30p.m.–3:30p.m.(M-F)



**Grapevine**— The Next Grapevine will be published: September 30th.



## Bloom Early Learning Gala Update

The GALA is coming! **Friday, September 27th**, is the annual Bloom Gala. It's an evening of inspiration and connection which includes a silent auction, a wall of wine and a live auction, too. If you are interested in helping set up the dinner on 9/27 at 10 a.m., please contact **Suzy Robertson at 952.426.5835**. Sign-up information coming soon. You may purchase tickets on the Bloom website at [www.bloomearlylearning.org](http://www.bloomearlylearning.org). We will collect people at the PPC table.

**Center update:** Enrollment continues to grow and staffing is complete! If you are interested in helping in the nursery, contact Melissa or Alex to start the background check process. Also any interested families may check out the website at [Bloomearlylearning.org](http://Bloomearlylearning.org) or call Alex Cannon at 763-559-0045.

**Friends of Bloom PPC.** The PPC Friends of Bloom has created a bin for food and clothes donations for Bloom families. See the list (on back page) for food needs.

**Kitchen.** Please contact Janet Menary for instructions in using the kitchen appliances.

**Security.** The doors at the main entrance will be locked during the Bloom hours: 7am to 6pm. Please use the office entrance on the far left and pick up a visitor tag to help Bloom with security. If no one is in the office, please check in with the Bloom staff and wear your church nametag.

Thank you.

**Penny, Suzy and Janet**



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

Bloom Early Learning and Child Care opened on June 17, 2019. Please join in the fun and Volunteer today!

- 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.



**Sunday Seminar.** An adult class called "A Second Look at the First Book" will begin **September 22** and run for four weeks **through October 13**, meeting after morning worship from 10:45-11:45. The class will be taught by Dr. John Braun, retired Gustavus professor, and will "read" the familiar opening chapters of the book of Genesis through the less familiar eyes of Biblical scholars. Plan now to join this ticklish conversation about these ancient stories of the beginnings of things.



Hello Fellow PPC Members,

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered for Worship leader!

Let's get the last two spots for September filled. Thank you for your continued support! Here's what is still needed:

**Worship Leader (9/22) - open**

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If you are willing to volunteer for one of these openings, please either use the Google Docs sign up sheet (link below). There is also a sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you prefer, or if you don't receive this digitally.

[Worship Leader, Usher, Communion Server Schedule](#)



### Peace & Global Witness Offering

**October 6.** Any gifts you make to the Peace & Global Witness Offering will enable the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world.

Our congregations will utilize up to 25% of this Offering to connect with global witness of Christ's peace.

Mid councils will retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

Sometimes it feels like there is nothing we can do in these troubled times: here is a way to give a little to make a big difference.

The Mission Ministry thanks you!



### Bloom Pantry

Friends of Bloom have started a Pantry for the Bloom families. The main shelves will be in the back of the church by the classrooms with a smaller cabinet by the front door. We are looking for donations to help the families. Please put items in the bin at the front of the church.

Some of the Items we are looking for are:

- Canned fruit
- Canned Veggies
- Cereal
- Noodles
- Bread
- Ketchup, Salsa, Mayo, Jam
- Syrup
- Soup
- Ramen
- Toiletries
- Paper product
- Granola bars they can grab for a snack on the way home
- Children's clothes, diapers, wipes
- Adult clothing
- Other items to help out the young families

Contact **Kriss Peek** if you have any questions at **952-292-8151**, or email **krisspeek@gmail.com**.

### Church Budget and Offering Update

With summer vacations and weekends at the cabin, we have fallen behind over the summer on our pledge revenues for the operating budget. We are in the second year of a three-year building fund campaign for our mortgage, and we have also fallen behind those building fund revenues. We would appreciate if it you would make efforts to catch up on your pledges. Thank you for your help!