



The Grapevine

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

John 15:1

Calendar for May 16-31

Friday, May 17

10:30 a.m. Bloom Construction Meeting

Saturday, May 18

8:30 a.m. Spring All Church Cleanup

Sunday, May 19

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:45 a.m. Prayer Chain Group

Tuesday, May 21

12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 22

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

1:00 p.m. Book Club

Friday, May 24

10:30 a.m. Bloom Construction Meeting

Saturday, May 25

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

Sunday, May 26

9:30 a.m. Worship

Monday, May 27 - MEMORIAL DAY

Office Closed



Tuesday, May 28

12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 29

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

5:30 p.m. IOCP Food Shelf

Friday, May 31

10:30 a.m. Bloom Construction Meeting

More Room to Bloom



From: Rev. Jeff Foels,
On May 14th, the
Presbytery of the Twin
Cities Area met in
Minneapolis, and a

theme for the meeting was telling our stories. As a part of this regional meeting, congregations were invited to share stories of new life and joy in ministry right now. I shared the following about PPC and Bloom!

We had a recycling dumpster full of cardboard at Plymouth Presbyterian Church at the end of last week. It was full of cardboard because Thursday was new furniture day, and it was new furniture for the preschool rooms of Bloom Early Learning, our community partner who will be sharing our space.

Bloom Early Learning began almost twenty years ago, first as a mission of Messiah Methodist Church in Plymouth, and then spun off as its own non-profit learning center, still housed at Messiah. From its beginning, Bloom has dedicated half of its enrollment to low-income children through community-funded scholarship programs. At the same time, Bloom Early Learning is committed to high quality child care, achieving accreditation through the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and is 4-star Parent Aware rated; it has also been named the best preschool and child care in Plymouth by the local newspaper. Their mission is to break the cycle of poverty through nurturing care and an exceptional early learning program. Their vision recently was to expand to a second location, to double the impact they're able to have on the community.

Enter Plymouth Presbyterian Church. Throughout the past two years, we have begun partnering with Bloom. (continued on back page)

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It's that time of the year again,
time for the
**SPRING ALL CHURCH
CLEANUP!!!**

Please come and help take care of our church. We have a long list and many hands make light work for all. Lunch will be provided.

When: Saturday, **May 18th**

Come at 8:30 for coffee and donuts and divide into cleaning teams with work beginning at 9:00.

Job listings will also be posted, including sign-up sheets in the narthex.

If you have questions, please contact Janet Menary (wimenary@gmail.com or 763-549-0055).



IOCP Food Shelf needs us. We are up for volunteering on the fifth Wednesday of this month, **May 29th** 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!



Bloom Early Learning and Child Care at Plymouth Presbyterian Church

As you know, we anticipate opening **Bloom Early Learning and Child Care in June 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!
- 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 or 612-325-2077.



PENTECOST OFFERING will be received on **June 9th**.

The Pentecost Offering helps the church

encourage, develop and support its young people. 40% percent of the Pentecost offering is distributed locally by our congregation to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. This year the benefits will go to Bloom Early Learning and Child Care. The remaining 60% supports ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency with ministries for youth, young adult volunteers and child advocacy.

Thank you for your consideration.

The Mission committee



Bloom Early Learning Update

The PPC **Friends of Bloom** group is exploring ways to welcome children, family and staff. Projects under consideration include creating a food and clothes pantry and a library, organizing events such as author visits and holiday parties, and providing identification lanyards that church members and visitors can wear when visiting during the child care hours of operation. The next meeting is **June 2nd** at 11:00 a.m. If you are interested in joining the Friends of Bloom Plymouth Presbyterian group, please contact Janet Menary (wimenary@gmail.com or 763-549-0055) or drop by the meeting.

Construction work is nearing the final stages for the building. Furniture has been delivered and assembled. The nature-scape playground plans are in the final stages of review.

Audrey Heavens, Center Director, along with **Alex Cannon**, Assistant Director, have been busy meeting with prospective families and interviewing potential staff for the site. Several children are scheduled to begin in mid-June and several others have expressed interest. Bloom is accepting **applications** for children aged 6 weeks through 5 years from both scholarship and full-pay families. 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. Center opening is now scheduled for **June 17th**.

The **baby shower** gift registries remain open at Target (click on the tiny print to “find an organization”) and Amazon, if you would still like to donate any items.



Upcoming Bloom events at PPC:

Open House for the prospective families - TBD (late May – early June)

Ribbon cutting ceremony, will include the Twin-West Chamber of Commerce, Bloom friends and representative from the Plymouth Area. This means you! - TBD (late May – early June)

Bloom Annual Meeting “Get the Scoop” - Ice cream sundaes and tours from 6:30-8:00 p.m. A VIP reception for capital campaign donors begins at 5:30. All are welcome! – June 13

Thank you. Penny, Suzy and Janet



Let's Go to The Movies!

Join **Bella Lumina**, the Twin Cities' newest treble chorus (including PPC member Jan Lillemo), on a trip down movie memory lane! Mingle with friends and listen to live movie music while you bid on fabulous silent auction items and enjoy theater treats and beverages. After the auction, stay for our **A Night at the Movies Musicale** concert! Saturday, **May 18, 2019** from 6:45 – 9:00; Minnetonka United Methodist Church, 17611 Lake Street Extension, Minnetonka, MN 55345. Tickets are available at the door only; \$20 for adults and \$5 for ages 12 and younger. Hope you can join us!

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Conversations built upon each other, and Bloom embarked on a capital campaign of a half million dollars to provide for renovations, furnishings, a new environmental playground, and operating expenses while they build up to capacity. Congregation members and I have joined their board, and our Bloom welcome team has made quilts so that every child who comes to Bloom will have their own blanket here.

Within a story structure, we are still perhaps in the rising action. Bloom will be opening its location at Plymouth Presbyterian in June, with directors and teachers already hired. Life at the church building will look different soon, in ways we may not yet anticipate.

And so back to that dumpster full of cardboard, and all the new furniture. Our renovated classrooms are filled now with new furniture, and will soon be filling up with children and teachers. The halls that had been quiet were filled with construction, and soon

will be filled with laughter and music and play. For church members, the money that had been going to pay for a mortgage, hanging over the congregation's head, is now going to not only support their church, but to support this mission in our community. And we have been remembering in prayer the children and parents who will soon be part of our lives.

I was thinking we should be saving some of that cardboard – it would make for such fun projects in the years ahead. Imagination and vision turns a box like that into a spaceship or a bear den or a treehouse. Imagination and vision turns the box of the church building into a way of living our mission, caring for the least of these, as we are all called to do.

This is exactly the kind of ministry that gets others excited, and I was excited to share this with the Presbytery. Together we'll be moving forward into this new vision!

Jeff

Happy Memorial Day!

We honor the memory of service members
and their families who have sacrificed
to protect the freedom we enjoy.