

The Grapevine

*"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower."
(John 15:1)*

June/July 2023 Edition

Prayer for a Summer Day

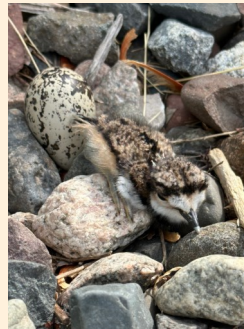
*Lord Jesus Christ, you recognized the beauty
of the lilies of the field.
In wild places you found the stillness that
helped you to pray.
You reminded us that every sparrow and
raven is known and cared for.
You saw the labor of the farmers and
enjoyed the fruit of that work.
Let us be like you and cherish this earth you
created, sustain and promise to make new.
Simon Taylor*

("Let Us Be Like You" from *Enjoy the Earth
Gently*, Wild Goose Publications, Scotland)

Coming Events

Tuesday, July 18, 7pm: Session Meeting
Wednesday, July 26, 1pm: Book Club
Sunday, July 30, 10:45am: Worship & Music
Meeting
Thursday, August 3, 11am-1pm: Bloom
Fundraiser
Sunday, August 13: Potluck Picnic
August 17-20: Women's Chrysalis Retreat
Sunday, September 10: Outdoor Worship &
Picnic
September 29-October 1: Family Retreat

Plymouth Presbyterian Church has feathered friends this summer!



Newly-hatched
Killdeer



Adult Killdeer



Nest in crushed
rock at the church



Sandhill Cranes



Sandhill Crane

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Honoring Our Graduates

**On Sunday, July 09, we honored those who have recently graduated.
Congratulations and God's blessings upon each one of them!**

Emma Becker graduated from Armstrong Senior High School in Plymouth. She is taking a gap year to work, travel abroad and further explore career options. The following year, she plans to go to the University of Minnesota to study Graphic Design and Communications.



Mason Becker graduated from high school this year. He will take a gap year in order to work full-time for a lawn and landscaping company. The following fall, he plans to attend college, likely at the University of Wisconsin-Steven Point to study Forestry.

Sam Hollman graduated from Maple Grove Senior High School. He will be attending Iowa State University to study Actuarial Studies.



Cole McMahan graduated from Maple Grove Senior High School. He will be attending the University of Kansas to study Engineering this fall.

Abiye Agbeh graduated from the Medical College of Wisconsin and has begun a Residency in Pediatric Anesthesiology in Pittsburg, PA.



Alex Bahls graduated from Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, with the degree of Master of City and Regional Planning in May 2023. He is currently working as a Senior Research Analyst at Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning.

**Sam, Emma, and
Mason at the
reception to honor
the graduates**



Women's Chrysalis Retreat - August 17-20

Registration is now open for this wonderful opportunity for women and friends of Plymouth Presbyterian Church (PPC). This year's topic: "Heritage of Women" will be presented by Sue L. Hamilton. In three sessions, Sue will share her personal story of hope from being set free of alcohol and drugs because of a praying mother and her friends, how God loves us and needs us to pass on our skills and talents to the next generation. Sue will discuss the importance of why we never stop praying.

For more information and to register please visit <https://clearwaterforest.org/clearwater-chrysalis/> Scholarship opportunities are available through the Chrysalis Steering Committee and the PPC Kolb Memorial Fund.



**What: Outdoor Worship
& Picnic**

When: September 10, 2023

**Where: Northwest Greenway Pavilion,
5250 Peony Ln N, Plymouth, MN**



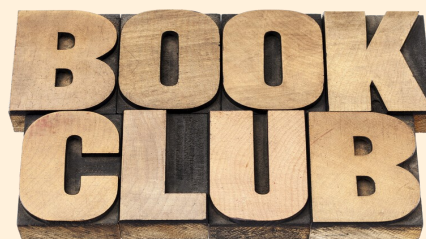
**This is sure to be another great
time of worship and fellowship!**

News from the Administrative Team



Thanks to everyone who continues to financially support the church! The expenses of the church do not go on vacation in the summertime – a time when giving generally drops in churches.

If you have not yet paid your per capita, our payment for the denomination is \$37.50/member. This contribution allows us to work with other Presbyterian Church (USA) congregations around the country to further the mission of Jesus Christ.



Book Club is meeting Wednesday, July 26, at 1:00pm. The book to be discussed is "*Carolina Moonset*" by Matt Goldman. Our leader will be *Carla Bahls*.



Membership at Plymouth

Are you interested in becoming a member of Plymouth Presbyterian Church? We will have a new member's class this summer for anyone wanting to officially join the church. Interested? See Pastor Carol.



Interfaith Outreach™

Igniting the power of community

IOCP Volunteer / Giving Opportunities

Save the Date! Volunteers needed Wednesday August 30 at IOCP from 5:15-7:15. Work will be in the resale area and we have 10 volunteer slots to fill. IOCP is monitoring our online sign up and reaches out to us when we're not filled, so if you think you'll make it, please sign up online at <https://iocp.volunteerhub.com/vv2/lp/PlymouthPresbyterian>

IOCP also has numerous other volunteer opportunities-in the resale area, food shelf, and other special events. You can review open slots and sign up at <https://iocp.volunteerhub.com/vv2/>

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://iocp.org/donations/great-expectations-youth-education/>



*Some of our Plymouth group at a recent
IOCP volunteer evening*

Looking for Mission Ideas!

Our Mission team is looking for new ways for our congregation to volunteer / serve our mission. What are you passionate about? Or what might you already be involved in that we could try and involve others in? Example: if you would like to become involved with Habitat for Humanity, we'd love to work with you to find a date that works and try and round up some others. If you have any ideas, please contact *Belinda Hollman* and/or *Jan Lillemo*.

Thank You!

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Pentecost offering. \$171.25 was received. This is a special offering taken by the Presbyterian Church (USA). 40% of the offering stays with our church to use for children and youth programs in the community.

Labels, Food Waste and Climate Change

Suzy Robertson

1 Corinthians 4:1 says, ***“Thus should one regard us: as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.”***



Presbyterians for Earth Care (PEC) is a national eco-justice network that cares for God’s creation by connecting, equipping and inspiring Presbyterians to make creation care a central concern of the church.

A recent PEC webinar, “Labels, Food Waste & Climate Change,” featured a climate analyst working for ReFed.org, which seeks data-driven solutions to food waste and climate care. In the US in 2021, 38% of all food went uneaten, a hard fact to swallow when 1 in 10 people are food insecure. Yet, even giving it away adds waste to the environment, and landfills and compost create their own emissions.

Farms waste 17%, manufacturing wastes 15%, consumer-facing-business wastes 20% and homes waste 48%. Plate waste, what we leave on our plates at a meal, is a huge contributor. So there are ways we can make change by focusing on our shopping, eating and storage.

Labeling is part of the problem and Re-Fed puts forth a bill each year to get clarity on “Use by” and “Best If used by,” so the consumer know what is safe/unsafe and what is a matter of quality. For instance, how many days after the best buy dates on eggs are they still good to eat? 10-20! Check whether they sink or float. If they float, the shell has become permeable and has let in air.

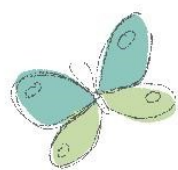
If you are interested, you may view the video at <https://presbyearthcare.org/labels-food-waste-climate-change/>. Past videos are available at <https://presbyearthcare.org/events/>.

Potluck Picnic - August 13

Plan to join us for fun and fellowship after worship on August 13 for another potluck picnic and games. The church will provide the beverage and meat to grill.

Bring your favorite game to share. If the weather allows, we will be outside; otherwise, we will plan indoor games.

A FUN & EASY WAY TO HELP SUPPORT BLOOM EARLY LEARNING!



Plymouth Holiday Station

BBQ LUNCH & CAR WASH FUNDRAISER

Thursday, August 3, 11 am - 1 pm

BBQ LUNCH \$5

**Hamburger, Brat or Hot Dog
with Chips & Small Drink**

CAR WASH \$9 & up

Plymouth Holiday Gas Station

16850 County Road 24, Plymouth (Hwy 55 & Cty Rd 24)

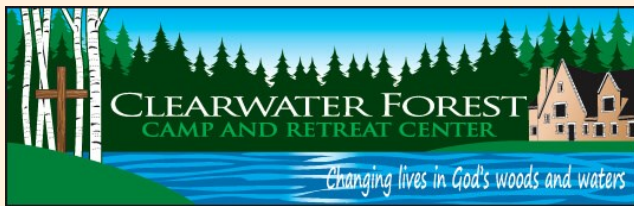
**ALL PROCEEDS FROM LUNCH & CAR WASHES PURCHASED
BETWEEN 11 & 1 WILL GO TO BLOOM EARLY LEARNING**





Music News

All singers: Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 20. The whole choir and any new singers are invited to come at 8:50am to join in an anthem based on the familiar tune, "Be Thou My Vision."



Church Family Retreat

Plymouth Presbyterian Church Family Retreat at Clearwater Forest will be September 29 to October 1. All are invited! The retreat can be found on the church website calendar. More details to follow!

Prayer Chain

To ask for prayers of the Plymouth prayer chain, send a message to:

PPCprayerchain@plymouthpc.org.

Alternatively, feel free to contact Pastor Carol:

Pastor@plymouthpc.org or contact

Office@plymouthpc.org.

If you would like to join the prayer chain, contact *Loni Gradick* or the Church Office.

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for someone to do light, occasional weeding around the church building. Probably once a month and just in the areas with shrubs, not around the air conditioners or other similar equipment. If willing, contact Gordon Doshier, Gordon.doshier@outlook.com.

Next Steps In the Search Process

In a Presbyterian church, a call to a pastor is considered to be like a three-legged stool. It involves the congregation, the pastor, and the



Presbytery. There are certain things that we are required to do as a congregation before the actual search really begins. One is writing, preparing what is called a Mission Study that needs to be approved by the Presbytery before a Pastor Nominating Committee can be formed.

The Strategic Planning Team is taking the lead on pulling together the Mission Study. This is including history of the church, who the church is currently, and where it is hoping to go in the future. If you would like to be a part of helping with the work of this short-term project, speak to *Penny Blankenship* or *Pastor Carol*.

Pastor Carol's Office Hours

Pastor Carol will be in the office Tuesday through Thursday, 9am to 1pm. For an appointment with Carol, please contact her at

pastor@plymouthpc.org.

Please send any announcements and information for the bulletin to office@plymouthpc.org by the **end of day on Tuesday**.

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