



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

John 15:1

Calendar for April 16—30

Tuesday, April 16

12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 17

9:30 a.m. GIFT (Growing in Faith Together) Group
6:30 p.m. Confirmation
7:00 p.m. Building and Grounds

Thursday, April 18

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 19

10:30 a.m. Bloom Construction Meeting

Sunday, April 21 EASTER SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. Worship
10:45 a.m. Prayer Chain Group



Tuesday, April 23

12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 24

9:30 a.m. GIFT (Growing in Faith Together) Group
1:00 p.m. Book Club
6:30 p.m. Confirmation

Thursday, April 25

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

Friday, April 26

10:30 a.m. Bloom Construction Meeting

Sunday, April 28

9:30 a.m. Worship
10:45 a.m. Deacons' Auction

Tuesday, April 30

12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
6:00 p.m. Bloom Open House
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal



HOLY WEEK

From: Rev. Jeff Foels,

In the church's mission statement, we say that we celebrate Jesus Christ as the driving force in our lives. As we have journeyed through Lent and are now in Holy Week, the events that unfold have a driving force of their own. In the

Gospels, there comes in each of them a point somewhere in the middle where it becomes time for Jesus to start heading toward Jerusalem – narratively as well as literally. Palm Sunday becomes the first crisis point there, where the rubber meets the road, and Jesus' ministry comes in clear conflict with the authorities of church and state.

From there, events continue quicker – the upper room with disciples for a last supper, Maundy Thursday. And then the driving force brings Jesus' betrayal, being handed over to the authorities, arrested, tried before the crowds, sent to die on the cross. The events from Sunday through Good Friday have a kind of immediacy and pace that feel like a continual acceleration to the cross – and then....silence.

After Good Friday, it seems the story is over. There is silence, the last movement seems finished. And yet, as people of faith, we know that Easter comes. We know that resurrection comes, we know that death does not have the last word. This week though, this Holy Week, we live in that silence all the same, all the better to understand what comes on Easter.

Wishing you all a contemplative and meaningful Holy Week, and looking forward to Easter.

Jeff

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One Great Hour of Sharing makes a difference in the world.



One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) received during season of Lent. A gift to OGHS enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

Our gifts go to fund Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-development of People. Consider how you can give. Our One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received each Sunday in April or online <https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/OG999999>. I hope that you'll join Christians all across the country in opening their hearts to witness tangibly to the abundant love of God through One Great Hour of Sharing.



Minnesota Sandwich Project (formerly 363)

Thank you for the support of Minnesota Sandwich Project sandwich making event.

A total of 1,200 sandwiches were made.

HOLY WEEK



Holy Week Service Services

April 18th Maundy Thursday Service with Communion at 7:00PM

April 21st Easter Sunday 9:30 AM



Annual Deacons' Auction!

This year's Deacons' Auction will be **Sunday, April 28th**, after worship and will feature silent and live auctions, delicious home baked goods, fun activities for the children, a tasty lunch, and fellowship. Proceeds this year will be donated to the mortgage (75%) and to mission (25%).

If you have items to donate to the auction (new items only please) contact a Deacon or the church office (office@plymouthpc.org). Donation forms are available in the Narthex.

Donated items should be dropped off no later than Friday April 26th, unless approved by a Deacon and can be put in the bell room across from the kitchen. Bake sale items should be dropped off on Saturday April 27th 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

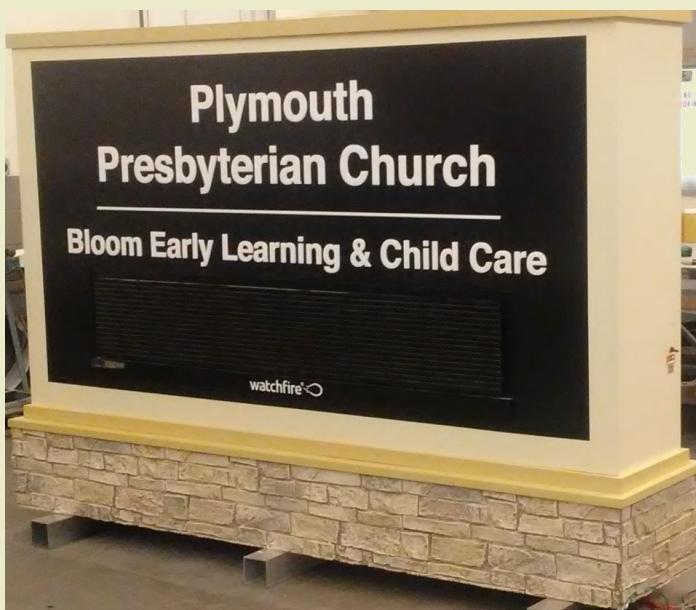
Mark your calendars and plan to join us for fantastic fellowship, walking tacos, a bake sale, and an all-around good time!





Soles4souls shoe drive success

A big thanks to everyone who donated shoes as part of the Soules4soles shoe drive this past month. Ben Hollman and the PPC youth collected 205 pairs of shoes this year. Thank you!



PPC NEW SIGN STATUS

The City issued a permit for new sign on April 4th. We are coordinating the completion of sign fabrication and installation with the sign contractor. Weather permitting, we will be working on the sign installation the week of April 15th. The final step will be finishing the power supply work and connection which will be scheduled following the sign installation. Watch our corner at County Road 9 for the sign soon!



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!

- 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.

More Room to Bloom

COMING MAY 2019



The New Bloom Early Learning Center will be located
@Highway 55 and Rockford Road



Bloom Early Learning Update

The Bloom **Baby Shower** was a huge success with many people attending from PPC, Messiah Methodist and the surrounding community. Attendees enjoy some delicious treats, conversation and games. Many of the beautiful quilts from the **PPC Friends of Bloom Quilt Group** were on display for all to enjoy! Thank you to Abby Larson for organizing this fun event! The gift registries remain open at Target (click on the tiny print to *find an organization*) and Amazon, if you would still like to donate something to help welcome the children to our community.

The **Friends of Bloom Plymouth Presbyterian group** is exploring ways to welcome children, family and staff. Projects under consideration include creating a food and clothes pantry, organizing events such as author visits and holiday parties, and organizing identification lanyards that church members and visitors can wear when visiting during the child care hours of operation. If you are interested in joining the Friends of Bloom Plymouth Presbyterian group, please contact Janet Menary.

Construction work is nearing the final stages for the building. Stop by the rooms to enjoy the progress. The nature-scape playground plans are in the final stages of review. Stay tuned!

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 has been delayed to mid-June as construction finishes and they continue their efforts for identifying students and staff.

As with Messiah United Methodist Church, PPC will be credited with being a **Bloom Partner**. It is crucial for fund-raising to be clear that Bloom is not a religious institution, though of course the curriculum is values-based. For that reason, our site will be referred to as Bloom Early Learning at Dunkirk Lane N. and Rockford Road. Of course, for PPC's purposes this is a mission, and providing the use of our space is an outward sign of our passion for mission.

Upcoming Bloom events at PPC:

April 30 - **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!

June 13 – **Bloom Annual Meeting “Get the Scoop”** - Ice cream sundaes and tours from 7:00-8:30 p.m. A VIP reception for capital campaign donors begins at 6:00. This is a fun and tasty event. All are welcome!

Thank you. Penny, Suzy and Janet



Come with GIFT on a field trip to a solo art exhibit by Ekaterina Kazachenko: born, raised and trained in Russia; now a resident of New Hope, MN. Her work includes still life, landscapes, portraits, and composition. First Presbyterian

Church of South St. Paul has turned its walls into a gallery. We will meet at the PPC parking lot, near the office, on Wednesday, **April 17** at 10 a.m. and car pool to So. St. Paul. (GIFT is a small, friendly group that meets regularly for Bible study and occasional field trips.)

Contact Lu Wilmot at 763-476-1824 or luwilmot@yahoo.com for more information.