



The Grapevine

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

John 15:1

Grapevine next publishing: December 15th.

Calendar for November 30—December 15

Tuesday, December 3

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, December 4

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

Sunday, December 8

9:30 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Friends of Bloom

Monday, December 9

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Tuesday, December 10

Grapevine Deadline

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, December 11

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

6:00 p.m. Deacon's Meeting

Saturday, December 14

9:30 a.m. Baker's Group

Sunday, December 15

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:45 a.m. Prayer Chain Group



From: Rev. Jeff Foels,

This Sunday, the scripture in Isaiah ends "...and his dwelling shall be glorious." As winter weather places its sparkly gloss on our world, we see the blessings of creation decorated just as we decorate our homes and church this Advent.

The impulse for making life intentional and bright is one that so many share, and one that we're called to do even through scripture. In the coming weeks, we'll look at other activities of the season - celebrations, even going to church - and how they can be part of a deepening, faithful Advent. And of course, such topics dovetail nicely with the decorating of the church on Sunday, December 8th, and of caroling the following week.

Wishing to all the blessings of hope and joy this Advent!
~Jeff

Two Worship Services on Christmas Eve

After hearing feedback on a time change for Christmas Eve services, we will be returning to the worship times of the past few years.

The Christmas Joy service will be a shorter service, starting at 4:00pm, featuring festive carols, joyful prayer and reflection, and the gathering of the nativity for all who want to be involved. **The Christmas Candlelight service will be at 9:00pm**, featuring the music of the choir. We look forward to celebrating Christmas with our church family!

PLYMOUTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Church Office Hours:

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

Worship Times for Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m.—Christmas Joy Service
9:00 p.m.—Christmas Candlelight Service with Choir

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?** Contact Lu Wilmot for details. luwilmot@yahoo.com or 763-476-1824.

PPC Book Club



There will be no meeting for the Book Club in December!

Have a very Merry Christmas!

December 15 and 22

When we give to the Christmas Joy Offering, we share our love with the leaders of our Church — past, present and future — who point us to God.

We are with them.



Decorating PPC for Christmas & Caroling!



Please join us **after worship on Dec. 8th** as we decorate the Narthex and the Sanctuary for the 2019 Christmas Season! Hot cocoa and cookies will be served to help celebrate the occasion.

On Dec. 15th we are going Christmas caroling at Summerwood Senior residence at **3:00 in the afternoon**. Please join us!

You can contact Erik Koehler or Randy Petersen with any questions.

Thanks, on behalf of the Worship and Fellowship Committees!



WOMEN of Song Presents
34th Annual Holiday Concert

What Sweeter Music

Mary Kay Knapp, Director
Mary Fadden, Accompanist

Saturday, December 14 - 7:00 PM
Church of the Ascension
1723 Bryant Ave N.
Minneapolis, MN 55411

Sunday, December 15 - 3:00 PM
Wayzata Free Church
705 County Rd 101
Plymouth, MN 55447

Freewill Offering
www.womenofsongchoir.com

Celebrating music that uplifts, entertains and inspires.

"Women of Song, a 30-voice Twin Cities area women's chorus, presents their 34th Annual Holiday Concert, 'What Sweeter Music,' on **Saturday, December 14 - 7:00 p.m. at Church of the Ascension, 1723 Bryant Ave. N., Minneapolis, MN 55411; and Sunday December 15 - 3:00 p.m. at Wayzata Free Church, 705 Country Rd. 101, Plymouth, MN 55447.**

Freewill offering; there is no charge for admission. Please join us in celebrating the holiday season with music for the whole family that uplifts, entertains and inspires."

Bloom Early Learning & Child Care

Bloom continues to add students and staff while remaining committed to a 50/50 split of scholarship and full-pay children. With eight children, the infant room is full.



- Anyone **interested in volunteering** with the babies, toddlers or preschoolers, **contact Melissa or Alex Cannon (764-559-0045)** to go through the background check and get started. Bloom welcomes volunteers in the classrooms.
- **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.
- **Join the Marketing Committee.** We especially need people experienced in marketing, public relations, social media, writing, videography and photography. Share your talents with us!

Reminders & Updates:

Friends of Bloom PPC. The next meeting is **Dec. 8th, at 11:00 a.m.**

Donations. The PPC Friends of Bloom has created a bin for food and clothes donations for Bloom families. *See the list to the right for food needs.*

Childcare. Any families interested in child care may check out the website at Bloomearlylearning.org.

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: 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.** 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



Pantry Needs

Thank you to all who have made donations for the Bloom families! This will be a

continuous effort to secure donations to help them. Reminder, that the main shelves will be in the back of the church by the classrooms with a smaller cabinet by the front door. Please put items in the bin at the front of the church. Please feel free to ask friends, neighbors and family if they have any items to donate!

Some of the Items we are looking for are:

- Canned fruit and 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
- **New socks and underwear, Sizes 2T—4T**
- 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.

Merry
Christmas