



The Grapevine

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

John 15:1

Calendar for October 1—October 15

Tuesday, October 1

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, October 6—P & G Witness Offering

9:30 a.m. Worship

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

10:45 a.m. Worship Committee

11:00 a.m. Friends of Bloom/PPC

Tuesday, October 8

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 9

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

6:00 p.m. Deacon's Meeting

Thursday, October 10

Grapevine Deadline

Saturday, October 12

8:30 a.m. All-Church Cleanup Day!

9:30 a.m. Baker's Group

Sunday, October 13

9:30 a.m. Worship

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

Monday, October 14

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Tuesday, October 15

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

From: Rev. Jeff Foels,



In the Gospel of Luke, when Jesus is sending out the disciples, he says "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few." This time of year, we see such a harvest in so many different places. We can see the crops in the field, and the harvest beginning. We see the

apples and the pumpkins in the stores and imagine our own experiences in orchards and patches. We see the way that school and program years begin again, gathering up the children and youth and all those involved in education. And we so many opportunities and ways to help. Sometimes it can even feel too much! So many ways to be involved.

So, as we recognize that the laborers are few, we know also that the most any one of us can do is what's before us - the call we feel in our lives, the specific places we serve. As we are in this 'harvest' season, it's a great time to pray, to consider where we are able to help in our own specific way.

As you read this month's Grapevine, I encourage you to think about where you might feel called to help with the bountiful harvest of the world. And, as Jesus continues in Luke, "ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into the harvest." Let us labor, and let us invite others in as well. ~Jeff

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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)



*Grapevine next publishing:
October 15th.*

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 has begun.

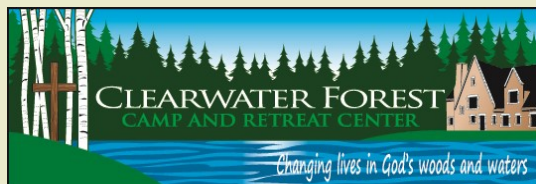
Contact Lu Wilmot for details.
luwilmot@yahoo.com or 763-476-1824.

Church Clearwater Retreat Update!

It is getting closer to our time together with God and friends in the North woods! You are sure to come away refreshed and ready to continue building those relationships that are sure to be started! We hope you are excited for this time!

The Retreat is now full! A waiting list has been started. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Leaf at leafamy@yahoo.com, or call 612-708-3628.

Thank you!



PPC Book Club—Come Join Us!



Manhattan Beach
by Jennifer Egan

Date : October 23rd at 1:00 p.m.

Presented by, Loni Gradick.

Sunday Seminar

An adult class called “A Second Look at the First Book” will continue each Sunday, **through October 13th**, meeting after morning worship from **10:45-11:45 a.m.** The class is being taught by **Dr. John Braun**, retired Gustavus professor, and we’ll “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.


Fellowship Treat Servers 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.

The Fall Gathering of Presbyterian Women

Sorry, Charlie, this is for Women Only! 

Want to take a drive to do some leaf-peeping? And spend some time with other Presbyterian women learning about refugees and immigrants? And learn about the mission activities at our sister churches?

The Fall Gathering of Presbyterian Women of our presbytery will be held **Saturday, Oct. 12th, at First Presbyterian Church, Kasson, MN, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Kasson is about an hour and 45 minutes from PPC.

The morning speaker is Mary Hogan, Community Relations Officer DHS-ICE Agency for MN, IA, NE, SD and ND. There will be a discussion in the afternoon on how Presbyterian Women groups and congregations can help refugees. **The cost is \$15 per person.**

Registration is due Oct. 5th. If you are interested, contact **Lu Wilmot** right away: luwilmot@yahoo.com or **763-476-1824** (landline, no texts). ~Lu

IOCP Food Shelf Needs Us...

We are up for volunteering on the **fifth Wednesday of this month, Oct. 30th at 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Please sign up in on the IOCP online registration site or the sheet in the Narthex.

<https://iocp.volunteerhub.com/lp/PlymouthPresbyterian/>

Thank you ~Mission



Bloom Early Learning Update

We have 30 children now and can grow to 46. Any families interested in child care may check out the website at Bloomearlylearning.org. or call Alex Cannon at 763.559.0045. Also any interested families may check out the website at Bloomearlylearning.org.

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 next 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





Hello Fellow PPC Members!

Your service has been much appreciated! It is what is needed to run a smooth service and to meet the needs of others.

As October is quickly approaching, we will be needing a **Worship Leader, Communion Servers and an Usher** for our **October 6th worship**.

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

We will receive the Peace & Global Witness Offering on **Sunday, October 6th**, but it can be received at any time.



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

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
- 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**](mailto: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!



All-Church Clean-up

Saturday, October 12, 2019

8:30 a.m. — Coffee & Donuts / Divide into Teams

9:00 a.m. — Start Cleaning

There is a sign up on the table in the narthex! Here are some things we will be doing:

- Wash exterior windows
- Clean/organize mechanical rooms
- Sanctuary
- Entry/chair
- Change furnace filters
- Deadhead flowers and pull weeds
- Clean up storage areas
- Trim Trees
- Install bike stand
- Change Faucet & Toilet batteries
- Attach bookcase to wall for FOB store
- Put up quilt clothes line for FOB

Bloom Early Learning & 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!

- Bloom continues to add students and staff while remaining committed to it's 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:

The next Friends of Bloom meeting is **Sunday, October 6th, at 11AM.**

For more information and to sign up, please contact **Melissa Musliner, Bloom Executive Director**, at melissa@bloomearlylearning.org or 612-325-2077.

The Cultural Unity and Diversity Team of the Two Cities Church

Through education and dialogue, CUAD strives to build unity through our cultural, economic and social differences in God's family. You are invited to:

Simunye ("We are One") Weekend 2019

Friday, Oct. 4th - NexGen Event

7 p.m. @ Wellstone Center, St. Paul

- ◇ Diversity discussion & dialogue for teens, college students and young professionals.

Saturday, Oct. 5th—Workshop

1 p.m.—4 p.m. @ Wellstone Center, St. Paul

- ◇ Workshop by Scott Kirkpatrick of the International Cultural Unity and Diversity team for our family of churches. R.S.V.P. to Roxanne at 763-559-1205. Thank you!

find us on FB @MSPCUAD



General Assembly 2020: Are you interested in being a Commissioner?

The 224th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church USA will meet in Baltimore, Maryland, from June 20 – 27, 2020. The Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area can send four Commissioners (two Teaching Elders and two Ruling Elders) and one Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD) to this assembly.

Being a Commissioner or YAAD is a wonderful opportunity to serve Christ's church and to enrich your theological, social and spiritual life. It is also an invitation to some hard work, with reading, study, and prayer in advance of the eight-day long days at the Assembly. Commissioners and YAADs will also be invited to report on the General Assembly at an appropriate meeting of Presbytery.

The PTCA's Nominating Committee is currently accepting applications from teaching elders, ruling elders, and young adults. The written application can be found on the Nominating Committee page of the Presbytery website. You can also obtain an application, or get more information, by contacting the Presbytery office at office@ptcaweb.org.

Application Deadline OCTOBER 1st.

Please consider this invitation yourself or pass it along to someone who you think could serve the wider church in this capacity. Thank you.

*Thomas J. Ruter, chair
Nominating Committee
PTCA*

*Barbara Lutter, Stated Clerk
PTCA*



Many Thanks

For our Gardens!



Our church grounds look so pretty in the summer and fall and it takes lots of loving hands to make it so. Thanks to all these folks! Gloria and Larry Lutner and Randy Peterson for help on a regular basis; Donna Holtan-Halverstadt, Dan Menary and Gary Gabe for overseeing the rain garden; Gary and Rick Ackerman for staying ahead of the parking lot weeds and the rain

garden thistle; Loni Gradick for over-seeing the garden and connecting the Bloom children with nature, and for her neighbor Jim Fink who graciously bags his weed-free grass clippings and leaves every week for mulch. We who appreciate the garden complete the circle, so stop by to see the pumpkins, strawberries, gourds and cucumbers, all for the "Bloom where you are planted, garden"!

