



The Grapevine

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

John 15:1

Calendar for February 1–15

Sunday, February 3

9:30 a.m. Worship—Communion
10:30 a.m. PPC Annual Meeting
10:45 a.m. Potluck

Tuesday, February 5

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

Wednesday, February 6

9:30 a.m. GIFT (Growing in Faith
 Together Group
6:30 p.m. Confirmation

Saturday, February 9

9:30 a.m. Baker's Group

Sunday, February 10

9:30 a.m. Worship
10:45 a.m. Worship Committee
12:00 p.m. **Grapevine Deadline**

Monday, February 11

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Tuesday, February 12

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

Wednesday, February 13

11:00 a.m. GIFT to SummerWood
6:00 p.m. Deacon's Meeting
6:30 p.m. Confirmation

Thursday, February 14 **Valentine's Day**



From: Rev. Jeff Foels,

When it comes to winter, animals have three primary ways of dealing with the cold. The first is avoidance – think the geese or monarch butterflies who fly south to warmer

weather, avoiding winter entirely. A second, is allowing themselves to freeze and then being able to later thaw. This is rarer, seen in painted turtle hatchlings and woolly bear caterpillars. The wood frog, is another example – they produce a natural antifreeze, allowing as much as 2/3 of their body to freeze and later thaw back to normal use when spring comes.

A third strategy, is to adapt to the cold. Dense coats and layers of blubber help foxes or seals to be insulated from harsh temperatures. Hibernating like a bear, conserves energy to let the body focus on keeping itself warm. Honeybees can keep their hives warm inside, with lots of movement and clustering. Burrowing under the snow or living in the mud in the bottom of a lake, means avoiding the worst of the cold when you're a mouse or a fish that can't migrate, like a duck.

So, avoiding, accepting and bouncing back, adapting. All are three good strategies that work not only for dealing with cold, but also for dealing with challenges in general. We do the same thing with our lives and our church. As we engage with Bloom Early Learning and the construction to come, we're making a big adaptation for the future of the church. When the specifics of construction occur, we may need to accept an inconvenience and bounce back, or just to avoid a room altogether for a week or two, as we adapt to a few weeks of "winter".

And as always, the winter promises that spring will come. Animals find new food and bear their young. Green things return and shoot from the cold ground. Temperatures warm and in all things, new life blooms. **Jeff**

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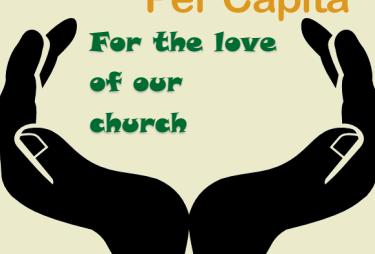
Sunday Worship 9:30am
Visit plymouthpc.org



PPC NEW SIGN STATUS

Session approved a new sign on Jan 14th. Contract and initial payment was delivered to King Sign on Jan 28th. The City sign application was filed Feb 1st.

Our Goal is to have the sign installed, powered up and programmed to display an Easter message by April 1st.



The Presbytery approved an individual per capita amount of \$35.70 for 2019. Per capita is allocated between the Presbytery of the Twin Cities,

General Assembly and Synod of Lakes and Prairies to sustain programs and ministries. Your prompt payment of the per capita amount is greatly appreciated, **mark your check per capita in the memo line.** Thank you!



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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!
- 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.

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 at Plymouth Presbyterian Church @ Hwy 55 and Rockford Road.



It's winter in Minnesota and cabin fever has set in. Here is the cure for you! Join us and others from Bloom Early Learning at the Twin Cities hottest new sports venue, **TOPGOLF**, for an afternoon of friendly competition and friend-raising.

Bloom Winter Golf Friend-Raiser
TopGolf, 6420 N. Camden Ave,
Brooklyn Center, MN
Sunday, March 17, 2019
3:00 p.m.– 6:00 p.m.

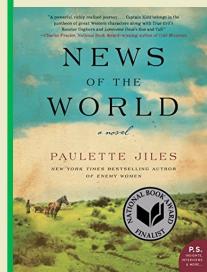
- Tournament play in climate controlled bays
- Buffet dinner and drinks
- Special \$10,000 Hole-In-One contest

Fun for beginners and advanced golfers

- Never played golf? No problem.
- Don't own clubs? Don't worry; we'll provide them.
- Like having fun with lots of friends/ This is the place to be.

This isn't a fundraiser—**Register today!**

Go to www.bloomearlylearning.org/whats-new or call 612-325-2077 to sign up for the Bloom Winter Golf Friend-Raiser. Cost per person is \$75 and includes three hours of golf, fun, buffet dinner and drinks. Be a friend and invite your friends to tee it up with you on March 17th (St. Patrick's Day).



PPC BOOK CLUB 2019

Meetings at 1:00 P.M. on the 4th Wednesday of the month (except November 20; no meeting in December)

<u>Month</u>	<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Book, Author</u>
January	Pat & Loni	<i>Wolf in the Snow</i> by Matthew Cordell and <i>Hello, Universe</i> by Erin Entrada Kelly
February	Pat Johnson	<i>News of the World</i> by Paulette Jiles
March	Joann Mann	<i>Clock Dance</i> by Anne Tyler
April	Melody Baker	<i>Pachinko</i> by Min Jin Lee
May	Lu Wilmot	<i>Enchantress of Numbers</i> by Jennifer Chiaverini
June	Carla Bahls	<i>The Prague Sonata</i> by Bradford Morrow
July	Suzy Robertson	TBD
August	Mignon Nearmyer	<i>The Soul of America: the Battle for our Better Angels</i> by Jon Meacham
September	Carol Marsh	<i>The Stolen Marriage</i> by Diane Chamberlain
October	Loni Gradick	TBD
November	Sharon Larson	<i>Little Fires Everywhere</i> by Celeste Ng
December		No meeting
January 8, 2020		Book selection meeting
January 22, 2020		2019 Caldecott and Newbery winners



Save your shoes-clean your closets!

Ben Hollman & PPC youth will again be leading a soles4souls shoe drive in **March & April**. They will be collecting used and new shoes. Last year they donated 125 pairs and are looking to double that this year! Please consider going through your closets and hanging on to shoes no longer needed to donate to soles4souls. We'll have a drop box set up in March.

Used Shoes = New Opportunities

Your new and gently-worn shoes help individuals start and sustain small businesses

to lift themselves out of poverty. Donated shoes are a viable resource to help entrepreneurs provide crucial necessities for their families.



Traditions of Valentine's Day-

Valentine's Day 2019 traditions include card and gift giving. Popular gifts exchanged on the day include cards, fresh flowers (mainly the rose or plants), chocolates and sweets. Additionally, people also complement these with other gifts of love to express affection and love. Valentine's Day dinner and dance parties are organized all over the country to celebrate the occasion. Many couples hold private celebrations in homes or restaurants. Children also gift handmade gifts and cards to their friends and loved ones. **Make it a fun day!**



PEOPLE OF PLYMOUTH - (PoP)

- Grace Feterl in China

(If you hear of one of our members simply being awesome, we want to celebrate it in our People of Plymouth section. Please let us know at office@plymouthpc.org)