



October 2023

The Grapevine

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

(John 15:1)

STEWARDSHIP

SHARING THE GIFTS WE HAVE



I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth...Isaiah 43:19

Ask most church people why they are a part of the church and they will include that it is the community and friendships, the support, the weekly worship and study groups that inspire and help them live as followers of Christ in their daily lives.

Stewardship season is the time in the church year we ensure this community will be able to continue gathering, worshipping, and serving God for another year. But stewardship is also how we live our lives – individually and as a church community. It is how we share of ourselves for the continuing ministry of Jesus Christ in this place. There are so many ways people give of their time and their talents, as well as their treasures, and it is appreciated!

Our stewardship theme is **New Beginnings**. There are a lot of changes in the air at Plymouth Presbyterian Church. The most obvious is the search for a permanent, called pastor. There is work happening, as well, to consider our environmental footprint as a church community, in particular the addition of solar panels.

A stewardship letter, with a pledge card included, should be arriving in your mailbox very soon. Please prayerfully consider how you can participate in supporting the ministry of the church. We will dedicate our pledges on Celebration Sunday which is November 5.

Thank you for all you do to be a part of this faith community!

Important Dates for Your Calendar

October 01 - World Communion Sunday. Please join us for worship that day!

October 15 - Third Sunday education following worship

PLYMOUTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

3755 Dunkirk Ln N
Plymouth, MN 55446
763-559-2946

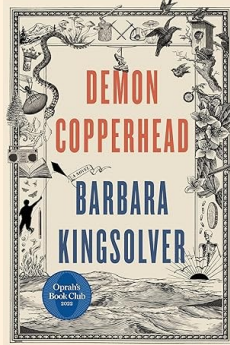
www.plymouthpc.org



Book Club is meeting at 1:00pm on Wednesday, October 25, in the Fireside Lounge. We will be discussing *"Demon Copperhead"* by Barbara Kingsolver. Lu Wilmot will be leading.

Looking Ahead:

November 15 - *"Braiding Sweetgrass"* by Robin Kimmerer



News from the Office

Please be careful when you see an email or text message from the pastor or someone else at church. If it looks suspicious, don't open it! The pastor would never contact you via email or text asking for gift cards or money! Churches are sadly the target of scams because they know members are kind-hearted and may respond.



Plymouth Presbyterian Church is looking for a self-motivated person to work as an Administrative Assistant for eight hours per week. At

least two hours must be worked in the office on either Thursday afternoon or Friday morning to print the bulletins.

If you know of anyone interested in this position, please have them email carla@plymouthpc.org for more

Worship News



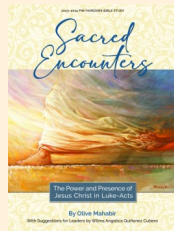
Pastor Carol will be away for a study leave time in Montreat, NC. In her absence, Sandy Hawley will preach on Sunday,

October 08.

Win Reski, son of Trina & Brian Reski, will be baptized on October 15.

G.I.F.T.

Growing In Faith Together (GIFT) Women's Group will meet in the Fireside Lounge at 10:00am on Wednesday, October 11. They will be studying Lesson 2 in the study book, *Sacred Encounters: The Power and the Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke - Acts*.



News From the Deacons...

Sometimes life throws you a curve ball. Maybe it is a sudden need for car repair and you need that car to get to your job. But this time, for whatever reason, there is no money to use.

The Deacons keep monies available to help families in situations like this one and others. If there becomes a need, you can contact the Pastor who will make the necessary arrangements. It is done on an anonymous basis.

Often, people hesitate to ask for help for a number of reasons. But our Deacons wanted the congregation to know about this part of the Deacon's mission to serve the Church community.

GOOD STEWARDS OF THE EARTH

In September many churches around the world observed a Season of Creation. We joined in, considering ways we can care for God's amazing creation. At our outdoor worship service on September 10, the sermon included some ideas of how we can be good stewards of the earth. Here are some of the ideas shared:

- Change any remaining light bulbs from incandescent or fluorescent to energy saving LED bulbs. LED lights use up to 75% less energy than incandescent bulbs (and can last 25 times longer.)
- Adjust the temps in your home. Do like they do in perennially hot climates, close the windows and the blinds or curtains early in the morning of hot days to keep the house from needing so much AC. Turn down the heat a bit in the winter; we all have plenty of sweaters in our closets!
- Use cold water to wash clothes – and use phosphate free detergents. There are many new eco-friendly options like Earth Breeze that eliminate that huge plastic jug.
- Use drying racks – the clothes dryer uses more energy than any other appliance in most of our home. Plus, clothing lasts longer when laundered and dried more carefully.
- Stop buying plastic bottled water, many of which will never be recycled. Carry your own water bottle – they are easily available for purchase.
- Consider letting grass grow longer between cuttings – most gas lawn mowers are inefficient and create a lot of pollution.
- Keep car tires inflated & get regular tunes. Quick acceleration and high speeds use much more gasoline. When it comes time to buy a new car, consider one that is more fuel efficient, a hybrid or even an electric vehicle.
- Carry reusable cloth bags to the grocery store. Keep them right in the trunk of the car so they are always there.
- There are countless harmful chemicals in our homes – right under our kitchen sinks, near food! Consider using safer, effective cleaning alternatives: baking soda with a little water makes a paste that cleans and scours, as does Borax. White vinegar can also be used for all kinds of cleaning including washing windows. Vinegar and baking soda together is good for clogged drains.
- Eat locally grown food whenever possible – so you are not paying for the shipping of foods from the other side of the world.
- Use white or even unbleached paper products in your home – and products made of recycled materials. Cut down on paper waste by using a rag instead of paper towels in the kitchen or cloth napkins that can be used for several meals.

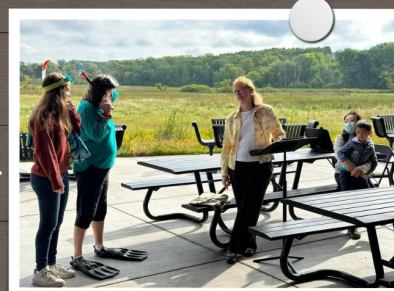




Outdoor
Worship
September 10



Loni & Emma prepare to
take a “deep dive” in the
Third Sunday education
event



In addition to food, toiletry, and household donations, **IOCP is currently in need of paper grocery bags.** These are expensive to purchase and offer you an opportunity to recycle the bags you don't need. Thank you!

Most Needed Items:

- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Pull-Ups, size 4T-5T
- Brand Name Cereals
- Hearty Soups
- Healthy Snacks
-

Visit iocp.org/donations/food-shelf-donations for hours, address, and Most Needed Items.



Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.” (John 11:25)

Jan Leaf passed away on September 23. She was a charter member of Plymouth Presbyterian Church, a faithful member, actively involved and serving in so many ways through the years. Our sympathies to Amy, JoJo, and all the family as they grieve her loss.

Remember to join us for Third Sunday, October 15, for our new education time, following a shortened worship service.

From Your Building & Grounds Committee...

Fall Clean-up

We will be holding the church fall clean-up on Saturday, October 7. Come to the church between 8:00am and 10:00am. We will be done by noon. October 14 is a back-up day for outside things in case it is raining on October 8.

Activities include:

- Oil/polish the sanctuary pews and other sanctuary furniture (polish will be provided)
- Wash the inside windows in sanctuary, offices, and Fireside Room and all outside windows. Needed: step stool, rags, bucket, squeegee, vinegar (or another favorite window cleaner)
- Replace furnace filters
- Wash off the filters on the air handlers outside the sanctuary and kitchen
- Drain water heaters
- Take out winter supplies (shovels, sand, etc.)
- Sweep parking lot. Needed: brooms, scoop shovel
- Clean space under entry rugs (remove rugs, clean space under rugs, replace rugs)

Please contact Gordon Doshier if you have questions. Also, if you want to do one of these on a different day, contact Gordon to let him know what you want to do.

Leaves for Composting

If you bag leaves, consider bringing some bags to church for the compost bins. We need about 8 bags of leaves to fill the bins. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or contact **Gordon Doshier** at gordon.doshier@outlook.com.

Solar Panels

We are continuing our discussions on putting solar panels on the church roof. Everything looks good from a finance and pay-back perspective. The roof sustained damage in the August hail storm so we will need that replaced and have had the insurance company out to look at it for replacement. Please contact Gordon Doshier for any questions.

Presbyterian Peace & Global Witness Offering

September 03 - October 08

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Mid councils 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.

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.

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.

**PLYMOUTH
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

3755 Dunkirk Lane N.
Plymouth, MN 55446