



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

John 15:1

## Calendar for October 15—October 31

### Tuesday, October 15

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### Wednesday, October 16

11:00am GIFT Group to SummerWood

7:00pm Building and Grounds

**Friday, October 18** All-Church Retreat

**Saturday, October 19** All-Church Retreat

**Sunday, October 20** All-Church Retreat

9:30am Worship

10:45am Prayer Chain Group

### Tuesday, October 22

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

### Wednesday, October 23

9:30am GIFT (Growing In Faith Together)

1:00pm Book Club

### Friday, October 25

#### **Grapevine Deadline**

### Sunday, October 27

9:30am Worship

### Tuesday, October 29

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

### Wednesday, October 30

5:30pm IOCP Food Shelf



**From: Rev. Jeff Foels,**

The Joys of Celebration!

October has always meant celebration for me. My birthday is toward the end of the month, and last year

it was the day before my installation here at PPC as pastor.

For our service on **Sunday, October 27th**, I'm excited to share a few things to look forward to! We will be **celebrating a few new members joining the church, as well as the baptisms of Paige Reski and Mari Foels**. We celebrate with their families, as well as our church family on that Reformation Sunday.

We will also be having a **potluck that day after church** as a way of celebrating and kicking off our fall stewardship campaign. As we start to think about "Reflecting God's Love," we can all remember the moments of the past year we've been nurtured, strengthened, and moved by our church experiences, and give thanks together.

We also celebrate the beauty of creation this time of year, especially those able to attend our **retreat up to Presbyterian Clearwater Forest from Oct. 18-20** to enjoy time together.

And we celebrate with our neighbors - wishing our Jewish neighbors a blessed Yom Kippur last week, and our Indian neighbors a happy Diwali at the end of the month.

In all our celebrations, I am thankful for our congregation and the ways we celebrate God's love together as a church and in our community.

With joy,

~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 31st.*

## 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](mailto:luwilmot@yahoo.com) or 763-476-1824.

God has you in his ARMS, We have  
you In OUR Hearts

Please join us for

*The Deacon's Memorial Dinner and Service*

**Sunday, November 3, 2019**

**Meet and Greet 5:00 p.m.**

**Dinner 5:30 p.m.**

**Worship 6:15 p.m.**

**Please RSVP by October 27th**

To: [office@plymouthpc.org](mailto:office@plymouthpc.org) or

**763.559.2946**

**\*\*If there are any food allergies or you need a ride,  
please let us know\*\***



### PPC Book Club—Come Join Us!



*Manhattan Beach*  
by Jennifer Egan

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

Presented by, Loni Gradick.

### Thank You for Your Help on Sundays!

All of the volunteer spots for Worship Leader and Ushers for October are filled. Way to Go! Thanks to everyone for their support and service!

If you are willing to volunteer in the near future for one of these openings, please 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](#)

### 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.

To Our Neighbors:  
**Happy Diwali!**

After our Park and Ride Appreciation Day in September, one insight we gained from sharing coffee and donuts with the folks who use our lot each day is just how diverse our area is becoming. Some statistics estimate that 8-9% of the population within two miles of the church are of Asian descent, and I think our Park and Ride bears that out, with perhaps one third of folks who ride the bus from our lot being of South Asian descent, many from India.

We've been talking a lot about neighborliness, what it means to love our neighbor, and in the story of the Good Samaritan, Jesus shows that neighborly care goes beyond religion distinctions. Here at the end of October, in a spirit of hospitality and welcome, we wish our Indian neighbors a happy Diwali. One of the major Indian holidays celebrated by folks of a variety of religions in India, Diwali is a festival of lights, of the triumph of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance, and good over evil.

The Session approved putting a sign near our bus stop to share these holiday greetings with our neighbors as they celebrate, and we hope to share similar signs for Thanksgiving, Christmas, Lunar New Year, and other important holidays for us and our neighbors as well.

## Church Clearwater Retreat Update!

This weekend we'll be heading up to the North Woods to spend quality time with God and our friends! **The Retreat is now full!** There is still a waiting list available. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Leaf at [leafamy@yahoo.com](mailto:leafamy@yahoo.com), or call 612-708-3628.



Thank you!

## Bloom Early Learning & Child Care at Plymouth Presbyterian Church

- 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 **Nov. 3rd, 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 (on next page) for food needs.*

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

**Childcare.** Any families interested in child care may check out the website at [Bloomearlylearning.org](http://Bloomearlylearning.org), or call **Alex Cannon at 763-559-0045**.

**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**

## Stewardship Sunday, Nov. 10th

The stewardship campaign theme this year is Reflecting God's Love. We chose this theme as descriptive of the mission of the church as well as the engagement of our members within and outside of our PPC community. The stewardship campaign will kick off with **a potluck after the worship service on October 27 (and also to celebrate the baptisms of Paige Reski and Mari Foels on that Sunday)**! We will be **receiving 2020 operating fund pledges at the service on Sunday, November 10**. Please look for more information coming on the campaign.



## 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

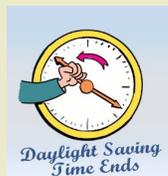


## Loose Change Offering/ Change Clocks on November 3rd.



The proceeds from the offering will be used to purchase sandwich making ingredients for 363. Change your clock back for an extra hour of sleep!

Thank you!



## 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

Contact **Kriss Peek** if you have any questions at **952-292-8151**, or email **krisspeek@gmail.com**.

