



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

John 15:1



Calendar for January 1-15

Tuesday, January 1, 2019—

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

9:00 a.m. Church Office
Closed All Day

Wednesday, January 2

9:30 a.m. GIFT (Growing in
Faith Together) Group
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 6

9:30 a.m. Worship—Communion
10:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting
10:45 a.m. Confirmation Meeting

Tuesday, January 8

12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, January 9

11:00 a.m. GIFT Group to SummerWood
6:00 p.m. Deacon's Meeting
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 10

12:00 p.m. **GRAPEVINE DEADLINE**

Saturday, January 12

9:30 a.m. Baker's Group
TBD Officer Training in the Fireside Room

Sunday, January 13

9:30 a.m. Worship—Ordination & Installation of
Officers

Tuesday, January 15

12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

From: Rev. Jeff Foels,



Every year, the ticking of our clocks and the turning of our calendars bring about significant moments just through their uniqueness. There is truly nothing special about January 1st, as different than January 15th or July 20th or November 1st. It is basically just another day. And yet, we place a special significance on the new day, the new year. It's the significance that comes with the hope of a fresh start.

Throughout the world, people celebrate the new year with traditions that are supposed to bring luck, favor and goodness into the year. Many of us practice making resolutions to see through changes we would make in our lives. All too often these can soon turn into challenges for us – a place where we get down on ourselves and feel defeated, hopes turned into despairing, however small.

This year, as you might make resolutions, I encourage you toward those that help you live more fully into who you are called to be – a beloved child of God. Resolve to forgive yourself. See yourself through the eyes of a gracious and loving God who rejoices in your living. Find in scripture or prayer a new word that can stay with you in the day or week or year ahead. Love. Peace. Loving-kindness and charity. Grace. Forgiveness. These too, are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Happy New Year! **Jeff**

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The Church Office will be closed at noon on December 31st and all day January 1st.

IOCP Food Shelf needs us. We are up for volunteering on the fifth Wednesday of this month, **January 30th** at **5:30p.m.—8:00p.m.** Please sign up in the Narthex if you can lend a hand.



Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not rely on your own insight. in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make straight your paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6



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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.

CHURCH CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session is calling a congregational meeting for **Sunday, January 6th, 2019** Immediately following worship for the election of officers.

Confirmation Meeting- Please join us **Sunday, January 6th at 10:45 a.m. in the Fireside Room.** Parents and Youth should attend. We will plan our Confirmation Schedule for the year. If you can't make the meeting please call Loni at 612-868-8826.



Officer Training



Officer Training in the Fireside Room on Saturday, January 12th. Time To Be Determined.



QUESTIONS TO ASK AT THE START OF A NEW YEAR

1. What's one thing you could do this year to increase your enjoyment of God?
2. What's the most humanly impossible thing you will ask God to do this year?
3. What's the single most important thing you could do to improve the quality of your family life this year?
4. In which spiritual discipline do you most want to make progress this year, and what will you do about it?
5. What is the single biggest time-waster in your life, and what will you do about it this year?
6. What is the most helpful new way you could strengthen your church?
7. For whose salvation will you pray most fervently this year?
8. What's the most important way you will, by God's grace, try to make this year different from last year?
9. What one thing could you do to improve your prayer life this year?
10. What single thing that you plan to do this year will matter most in 10 years? In eternity?
11. What's the most important decision you need to make this year?

By DON WHITNEY