



The Grapevine

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

John 15:1

Calendar for November 15—November 30

Sunday, November 17

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:45 a.m. Prayer Chain Group

Tuesday, November 19

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 20

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

1:00 p.m. Book Club

7:00 p.m. Building & Grounds/Cancelled

Sunday, November 24

9:30 a.m. Worship

Monday, November 25

Grapevine Deadline

Tuesday, November 26

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 27

9:30 a.m. GIFT Group—No Meeting (Growing in Faith Together)

1:00 p.m. Book Club—No Meeting

Thursday, November 28

THANKSGIVING DAY!



Have a Blessed Day!

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From: Rev. Jeff Foels,

This year Advent is coming just around the corner, starting December 1st. I am excited for Advent! It is the one piece of the church year I have yet to truly celebrate with you all here. Last year, Mari had just been born and Kelly and I were trading off sleeping shifts and getting through happy but long days with our newborn. I am tremendously grateful for the gift of that time, given by you all, and by clergy colleagues Jeff Japinga and Denise Dunbar-Perkins.

This year, as we get ready to dig into Advent, I have been struck by the ways that the words of the prophet Isaiah, about preparing the way of the Lord, and how they seem connected with the ways we fill our Decembers. Through scripture and preaching, we'll look at some of those activities of December busy-ness – the shopping, the decorating, the celebrating, even the going to church – that so often make us feel crazed and hectic this time of year. And, to look at those texts from Isaiah that share a quieter purpose to this time of year. We are also looking ahead, planning-wise, for Christmas Eve. Last year I loved the elements of worship – the gathering of the nativity, with all who wanted or were able to wear a crown or a shepherd's cloak or the ears of a stable animal; and I loved the candlelight ending of the service and the music of the choir. In conversation with the worship committee, we've set one Christmas Eve service this year, at 7:00pm, to incorporate both of these elements into one service, a new tradition of Christmas in joy and reverence. I look forward to seeing you all at church! ~Jeff



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:
December 1st.

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

Please join us in welcoming Roxanne Wynne Minor as Office and Communications Manager!

Roxanne began working at PPC in mid-August through a temporary service. As of November 11, 2019, she is officially a PPC employee and we are delighted to have her with us.

"Hello, PPC Family!

I am delighted to have been offered to work with you all as Office and Communications Manager! My passion has always been in the admin field. When I was 6 years old, my dad placed a (now, old-fashioned, outdated) typewriter in my lap to play with and I never looked back! I graduated from MN School of Business in the Legal Secretary Program. I have more than 30 years' experience with office programs and procedures and ran my own administrative business for more than 10 years as I raised my 5 children from home. I kept up with all the latest software and honed my craft to be where I am today. I am honored to meet all of you and to serve as the Lord leads."

If you are at church during Office Hours, please introduce yourself and say hello.

The PPC Personnel Committee



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WOMEN
of
Song
Presents

34th Annual Holiday Concert

What Sweeter Music

Mary Kay Knapp, Director
Mary Fadden, Accompanist

Saturday, December 14 - 7:00 PM

Church of the Ascension
1723 Bryant Ave N.
Minneapolis, MN 55411

Sunday, December 15 - 3:00 PM

Wayzata Free Church
705 County Rd 101
Plymouth, MN 55447

Freewill Offering

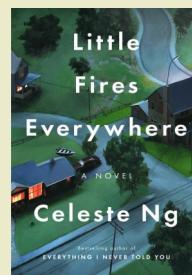
www.womenofsongchoir.com

Celebrating music that uplifts, entertains and inspires.

"Women of Song, a 30-voice Twin Cities area women's chorus, presents their 34th Annual Holiday Concert, 'What Sweeter Music,' on **Saturday, December 14 - 7:00 p.m. at Church of the Ascension, 1723 Bryant Ave. N., Minneapolis, MN 55411; and Sunday December 15 - 3:00 p.m. at Wayzata Free Church, 705 Country Rd. 101, Plymouth, MN 55447.**

Freewill offering; there is no charge for admission. Please join us in celebrating the holiday season with music for the whole family that uplifts, entertains and inspires."

PPC Book Club—Come Join Us!



Little Fires Everywhere
by Celeste Ng

Wednesday, November 20, 2019
1:00 p.m.

Presented by: Sharon Larson

Bloom Early Learning & Child Care

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 **Dec. 8th, 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 to the right for food needs.*

Childcare. Any families interested in child care may check out the website at Bloomearlylearning.org.

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



Pantry Needs

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 and 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
- **New socks and underwear, Sizes 2T—4T**
- 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.

