

Office Hours

9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Monday - Friday

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Dear Friends:

The other day I was putting away some books in my office and I came across that little book of Richard Carlson's of many years ago – *Don't Sweat the Small Stuff...and it's all small stuff*. The book's title reminded me of what's important to me: God, Family, Church! If I can keep that order I believe everything will be all right!

Does it mean I'll coast through life with no faith challenges? Does it mean I will have a perfect relationship with the people I love? Does it mean I won't stumble and fall? NO! But it does remind me that today I am going to do the best I can to be God's child...to love everyone...and to keep Christ's ministry and mission before me. Micah reminds us "to do justice...love kindness...walk humbly with God." Jesus says it this way, love your God with all your heart, mind, and soul; and love your neighbor as yourself. In short, if we put our relationship with God first, we will come to understand where everything else fits.

I know summer is quickly approaching. You will soon be heading to your cabins, the lakes, vacations, and more. Wherever you go, please be safe, but always remember what's important – God, relationships, Church; everything else is really small stuff, don't sweat it!

Until then, Shalom,

Mission Ministry - Joanne Mann and Krista McMahan

Thanks so much to everyone who participated in the Minnesota March FoodShare Prevent Hunger program sponsored by IOCP. We donated over 167 pounds of food and \$210 dollars to this awesome program!



April is a great month, it marks the beginning of spring AND it has five Wednesdays, which means we will be volunteering at Interfaith Outreach and Community Partners (IOCP)! Please join us on Wednesday, April 29 at 5:00 p.m. Please meet at IOCP, 1605 County Road 101 N., Plymouth.

We will be collecting the **Pentecost Offering on Sunday, May 24**. A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children.

Mark your calendars now for our **Annual 363 Days Sandwich Making Event on Sunday, May 3!** We will be hosting this event in the narthex after worship. Alan Law, from 363 Days, will be there to get us started and collect the sandwiches. Plan to attend, as this is a great time of fellowship and mission. Please consider making a free-will donation to help cover the cost of the sandwich supplies.

Christian Formation - Pam Koehler and Stacy Larson

Christian Formation has two dates for you to put on your calendars:

Sunday, May 17 will be the last week of Sunday School. Please join us as we thank our teachers for their commitment to our children's Christian Education on that day.



Sunday May 31 we will be recognizing those in our congregation that will be graduating from High School and post High School programs. If someone in your family is graduating, please notify Christian Formation or the church office so that we can include them in this celebration. If they are willing to share a brief statement about their future plans, that would be appreciated.

Children and Youth Ministry Intern - Jon Warren

School is almost out, the NBA and NHL playoffs are in full swing and we are in our last month for Youth Group. **Don't miss these important dates!**



May 6 - Social Outing Calvin Presbyterian Church will be our host for paintball, laser tag or miniature golf.

May 13 - Service It's spring time and the flowers are blooming. Come join us for our last community service project in the church garden.

May 20 - Cooking Our last week in the kitchen. Come join us for food, fellowship, fun and games.

May 27 - Ice Blocking School's out for the summer!!!

Which can only mean one thing: our PPC tradition and favorite event of the year!!!

It always hard to explain. So Ill just let this picture do the talking.



Youth Mission Trip (YMT) Fundraisers coming up:



Wednesday, May 13 from 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. Solo's Pizza at Bass Lake Rd & 494 will donate 30% of your sale to the YMT Fund if you present their flier! We will be distributing those fliers soon!

Tuesday, May 19 - 4:30 - 8:30 p.m. Culver's, 4335 Peony Ln, Plymouth will donate 10% of sales to the YMT Fund.



Wednesday, June 3 - 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. Cherry Berry at 3500 Vicksburg Ln, Plymouth will donate 15% of sales to the YMT Fund.

Throughout the month of May we will be hosting a Thirty-One party! All proceeds will go to the YMT Fund. Thirty-One specializes in trendy totes, purses and bags. More information



BBQ to Welcome Home the Mission Trip Participants and Say Farewell to Jon Warren!

Christian Formation is hosting a BBQ on Sunday, June 21 in honor of the safe return of our Mission Trippers! Please join us around 5:00 p.m. as we welcome the youth and chaperones home from their trip, hear their stories and share a meal. This will also be a good chance to say goodbye and thank you to Jon!

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex to order your food and/or donate items for the BBQ or you can go to sign up genius at [www.SignUpGenius.com go/10C0948AAA72DA2FB6-welcome/1871548](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0948AAA72DA2FB6-welcome/1871548).



Sunday, May 17

The kids all voted on Laser Tag.
Anyone K - 5th grade is welcome to attend.
More details on location coming soon.

Connection & Fellowship and Membership — Jan Lillemo and Kriss Peek Ongoing Groups:

GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) Group

Women's Bible study - Meets 1st, 2nd, & 4th Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room

On the 3rd Wednesday meet at Presbyterian Homes SummerWood in Plymouth.

Contact: Jan Leaf

Serenity Seekers

Al Anon support group - Meets on Thursday from 6:00 - 7:15 p.m. in the Fireside Room

Prayer Chain 3rd Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Since September 29, 2014, this group has prayed for every family in the congregation, as well as for frequent visitors. **Contact:** Penny Blankenship PrayerChain@plymouthpc.org

Book Club

4th Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

Contact: Dorothy Vigness

PPC Gals

2nd Sunday following worship and education (approximately 11:00 a.m.)

Location posted in the Narthex.

Contact: Debi Shatto, Fellowship@plymouthpc.org or the church office.

Baker's Group

2nd Saturday at 9:30 a.m. in the Kitchen

Contact: Kriss Peek

More information: If you would like more information about any of the on going groups or upcoming events, please contact the coordinators or e-mail fellowship@plymouthpc.org. If you are viewing the online version of the Grapevine you can



Birthdays

Michael Allen
Carla Bahls
Tom Braun
Ann Brearley
Tom Breidenbach
Bill Bush
Madelyn Ess
Julia Fox
Lauren Hayward
Lori Haskamp
Sandy Hawley
Riley Holmes
Brad Koenen
Stacy Larson
Kim Lavender
David Lillemo
Rick Lillemo
Sarah Lutz
Ellen Olsen
Kriss Peek
Suzy Robertson
Pat Ruble
Bob Simenson

Anniversaries

Kyle and Stacy
Larson

Jim and Laurie
Latimer

Mark and Kim
Lavender

Mike and Krista
McMahan

Worship and Music Ministry - Sandy Hawley and Laurie Latimer



It's not too late! We are still accepting dedications for the new hymnal. The cost is \$20/per hymnal which all goes toward the price of the purchase. Dedication forms can be found in the narthex, church office, or by contacting the Worship and Music Ministry Team at:

worship@plymouthpc.org

Summer Music at PPC Do you play an instrument? Sing (solo or group)? Have another music talent? We are looking for people who are interested in providing special music on Sundays during the summer months beginning May 24 and ending September 13. Please look at your calendar and see which date (or dates) works best for you and let Lisa Foland know so that day can be reserved for you. Remember, the sooner you sign up, the better chance you have of getting your first choice!

Thank You Choir!! The choir will sing through May 25 and then take a break during the summer months. The choir is an incredibly dedicated group that works very hard at practice on Wednesday nights and on Sunday morning to enhance our worship. They spend around 4 hours a week on our behalf to the Glory of God! Thank you, thank you!

RUMMAGE SALE

PPC's Annual Church Rummage Sale is Saturday, May 30!

Donations will be accepted starting after worship on Sunday, May 17. Volunteers will be needed for work shifts throughout the entire day of the sale, and for preparations during the week prior to the sale. Details and sign-up sheets will be posted in the Narthex and on the church website. Contact Karen Ess with any questions.

Building and Grounds Committee

Building and Grounds Committee Annual Spring Clean-up - Saturday, May 16 from 8:00

a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Pull out your grubbies and prepare to scrub the church until it's sparkling clean!

We'll have indoor as well as a few outdoor chores. As usual, donuts and coffee will be served before we get started.



Thank You Janet Menary!

A big **Thank You** to Janet Menary for heading up the Wednesday night Lenten Dinners! We had a great turnout each week! The soups and artisan breads were well-received.

PASTCF? by Sandy Hawley

Yes, PASTCF. It stands for the Presbyterian Association on Science, Technology and the Christian Faith, and is one of the best kept secrets in the denomination. It is an independent organization dedicated to challenge and assist the PCUSA (at all levels), to "study, understand, discuss and act on the implications of science and technology as they affect theology, worship and the practice of our faith." I've been a member of this group for many years and have attended their luncheons at General Assembly whenever I have had the opportunity. I find it to be a wonderful group of scientists, clergy and others who believe that theology and science are not in opposition, but rather complement each other. The opportunity to discuss how our faith relates to our scientific careers and interests is too often a rarity. PASTCF allows – actually encourages -- that discussion.



Recently I was given the chance to become more active as I was nominated, and consequently elected, to serve on the board. My first board meeting was April 15 - 18 in Cleveland, OH where we joined with ecumenical brothers and sisters (UCC, Episcopal, ELCA and Methodist) at the Ecumenical Round table on Faith, Science and Technology. The theme of this year's Roundtable was "Faith, Sustainability and Climate Change." It was a great introduction for me since sustainability and alternative energy has been my passion for many years. I'm hoping to follow up with information on the organization and its work but in the meantime you can check out the website pastcf.org or join the discussion on FaceBook.

Plymouth Fire Department Will Host Annual Waffle Breakfast on Sunday, May 3



Firefighters and the Plymouth Crime and Fire Prevention Fund are hosting their Annual Waffle Breakfast fundraiser on Sunday, May 3 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Fire Station III, 3300 Dunkirk Ln. Tickets are \$7 in advance, \$8 on the day of the event and \$20 for a family of four. Advance tickets can be purchased at the Fire Department administrative offices, located on the second floor of the Public Safety Building, 3400 Plymouth Blvd. Cash or check are accepted as payment. Checks should be made payable to the Plymouth Crime and Fire Prevention Fund. Established in 1977, the Plymouth Crime & Fire Prevention Fund is a non-profit, volunteer organization made up of Plymouth residents and business owners. The fund raises money to support special initiatives that enhance safety in our community.

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