



## The Grapevine

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

John 15:1

### **Calendar for February 15 - 29:**

**Monday, February 15**

**Church Office Closed for President's Day**

12:30 p.m. Session Meeting

**Tuesday, February 16**

6:30 p.m. Zumba Class

7:00 p.m. Worship Ministry Meeting

**Wednesday, February 17**

11:00 a.m. GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) Group

4:30 p.m. PTCA Committee for Church Vitality

5:30 p.m. Christian Formation Ministry Meeting

6:00 p.m. Lenten Dinner

6:45 p.m. Lenten Service

7:15 p.m. Building and Grounds Committee

7:15 p.m. Prayer Chain Meeting

7:15 p.m. Youth Group

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, February 18**

6:00 p.m. Al-Anon

**Sunday, February 21**

9:30 a.m. Worship - Rev. Lindsay Freeman

9:45 a.m. Education

10:30 a.m. Confirmation Class

**Monday, February 22**

12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. Book Club

**Tuesday, February 23**

6:30 p.m. Zumba Class

**Wednesday, February 24**

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

6:00 p.m. Lenten Dinner

6:45 p.m. Lenten Service

7:15 p.m. Youth Group

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, February 25**

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

6:00 p.m. Al-Anon

**Friday, February 26**

6:30 p.m. PPC Youth - Thirty Hour Famine

**Sunday, February 28**

9:30 a.m. Worship - Rev. Sandra Stuart Gray

9:45 a.m. Education

10:30 a.m. Confirmation Class

**Monday, February 29 - Staff Meeting**



## Lenten Services and Meals

### **Wednesday Midweek Lenten Services**

(February 17 and 24; March 3, 10 and 17)

The Confirmation Class, under the leadership of Matt Spoden and the Christian Formation Ministry, will conduct midweek Lenten Services at 6:45 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Each week will focus on a different aspect of "Being Christian in an UnChristian World."

**Lenten Meals** (Wednesdays through March 17) – The Fellowship/Membership Ministry will serve a light supper of soup and bread each Wednesday in Lent at 6:00 p.m. Please join us! No charge, but donations gladly accepted to help with the cost of ingredients.

February 17 - Loaded Baked Potato Soup

February 24 - Sausage & Tortellini Soup

March 2 - Chicken Tortilla Soup

March 9 - Cheesy Broccoli Soup and Chili

March 16 - Chicken Noodle Soup

March 23 - TBD

**Guest Preachers** – During this transitional period of ministry, PPC has an opportunity to hear from different guest preachers. We are pleased to welcome the following:

February 21 – The Rev. Lindsay Freeman, a Minnesota-based Episcopal priest. She will also be our Adult Forum speaker that day, leading a discussion on her research and book, *Women of the Bible: All Their Words and Why They Matter*.

February 28 – The Rev. Sandra Stuart Gray, Teaching Elder, Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area

March 6 – TBA

March 13, March 20 (Palm Sunday) and March 27 (Easter Sunday) – The Rev. Jim Brasel, Committee on Ministry, Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area



**Easter Flowers** We will decorate our sanctuary with flowers for the Easter Sunday Service. Order forms will be available in the bulletin on February 28 or in the church office. The last Sunday to order Easter flowers is March 13.

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## **Worship Volunteers**

### **Sunday, February 21**

**Worship Leader** - Shari Durdin

**Ushers** - PPC Deacons

**Greeters** - PPC Deacons

**Children's Message** - Matt Spoden

**Fellowship** - PPC Deacons

### **Sunday, February 28**

**Worship Leader** - Gail Nordhaus

**Ushers** - **Volunteers Needed**

**Greeters** - Kristin Feterl and Ben Hollman

**Children's Message** - Rev. Sandra Stuart Gray

**Fellowship** - **Volunteer Needed**

**Update on Allie Tang - Youth Missionary** Allie and her team are currently in the Holy Land. The first 3 weeks, the team was based in the Galilee region. They were literally 10-20 minutes from places like Mt. Carmel (where Elijah confronted the prophets of Baal), Mt. Tabor (the Mount of Transfiguration), Cana (where Jesus turned water into wine), Capernaum, the Sea of Galilee (many miracles happened here while Jesus used this region as His home base), and not the least, Nazareth. While in Nazareth, they reached out through reenacting life as they lived back in the 1st century. During this time they have also boldly shared stories of Jesus to all who had come to visit the village. For the past week they have been in the central part of the country spending time in Jerusalem and Bethlehem.

The team will be returning to Hong Kong on February 23 and Nancy and Irv will fly there to meet Allie a few days later. They plan to spend two weeks at the YWAM base with her.

**They have placed note cards on the table under the bulletin board in the narthex and would like people to write Allie notes that they will take with them to give to her.**

Your prayers are very much appreciated for her good safety and for her continued passion in promoting God's kingdom. Shalom!

## **Mission Ministry**

Joanne Mann and Kevin Nivison

### **Important Reminders for March:**

Minnesota Food Share Campaign (PPC is supporting IOCP)

Special Offering for One Great Hour of Sharing (through Sunday, March 27 (Easter))

Wednesday, March 30 – Volunteers needed to help at IOCP Food Shelf and Retail 101 Store from 5:30 - 8:30pm

**January Food Shelf Support** For the month of January, 94 lbs. of food and personal hygiene items were collected, with the donations delivered to PRSIM. Thank you for your generous support! Also, if you can help with deliveries to PRISM, CROSS or IOCP, please contact either Joanne Mann or Kevin Nivison.

**Information for 2016 Food Shelf Support** While Plymouth Presbyterian Church has generously supported several organizations over the years, food shelf donations have been primarily made to IOCP. Families and friends of the congregation are geographically dispersed, and the majority live in a community served by food shelves other than IOCP. Therefore, the Mission Ministry has decided PPC will support CROSS and PRISM as well. Donations of food and other essential items will rotate each month on a quarterly basis; PRISM in the first month, CROSS in the second month and IOCP in the third month. The opportunity will also continue for volunteers to help in the Food Shelf and Retail 101 Store at IOCP during the months that have a fifth Wednesday.



**Save the Date!!** The Annual Deacons' Auction is Sunday, April 24, following the worship service. You won't want to miss the food, fun and games! We'll be looking for donations soon. Please consider a gift of your time, talent, vacation home, game tickets, themed baskets, etc. for our auction and/or raffle!

## Children and Youth Ministries Intern

Matt Spoden

**Youth Group Update** - The Confirmation students will be leading the Wednesday Lenten services again this year, and everyone is encouraged to come and support them as they help all of us to reflect on our Christian faith as we live in a secular world. Youth group will still happen after the Lent services, and each week we will be looking at video clips from "The Bible", a documentary that depicts certain events in Jesus' life. The idea is to help us look at another angle of what Jesus' ministry may have looked like as we read the Bible.



**30 Hour Famine on Friday, February 26 at 8:00 p.m.** This

Youth event will be a time when participants fast from their school lunch on Friday until lunch at the church on Saturday. During the fasting, we will reflect on world hunger, the importance of stopping it, and on our faith. No one is required to fast for the whole time; there will be juice and some small snacks available. Please feel free to invite youth outside of the church to join us. You can RSVP either by using the sign-up sheet on the Youth Group bulletin board, or by emailing Matt. If there are any questions or concerns about the famine please let Matt know (mspoden@plymouthpc.org).



## VocalPoint Choral Concerts -

**"Wind in our Sails - The Creative Art of Packing our Boats for the Upstream Journey"** Concert dates are Saturday, February 27 and Sunday, February 28 at 4:00 p.m. at Central Presbyterian Church, 500 Cedar St., St. Paul. VocalPoint, now in their 5th season, challenges people through music to build a better world. They donate 100% of performance-driven donations to a worthy cause that will make a dramatic impact in everyday lives. This year's beneficiary is Upstream Arts, a unique organization that works with people of all ages with all levels of disability, fostering creative communication and social independence through the power of arts education. **For more information or to buy tickets, please see Jan Lillemo or visit VocalPointChorus.org.**

## Connection, Fellowship and Membership

Jan Lillemo and Rick Ackerman

### "God's Word is Our Prescription for Healing"

Clearwater Chrysalis Winter Women's Retreat

February 26 - 28

"You'd better take your medicine!" What does the Bible really say about health and healing? Some of the "preached" teaching about healing is contrary to scripture and hinders women in particular from complete wellness. Societal views that intersect with race, class, gender, and faith traditions encourage women's silence on this issue. Join us as we address wellness of the mind, body and spirit, lift you up and provide you with some tools to assist you in your fight for your life and soul.

Speaker Annette Madlock Gatison, Ph.D. is an independent scholar and Associate Professor at Southern Connecticut State University. She has published several books and articles, with her current research focusing on the negotiation of identity and the spiral of silence as it relates to women's health. She is a breast cancer survivor and has been in leadership roles in several churches, including Kwanzaa in Minneapolis.

Click here for more information: <http://clearwaterforest.org/retreats/adult-retreats/clearwater-chrysalis/>, or call Clearwater at (218) 678-2325. **REGISTER BY FEBRUARY 15!**

**PPC's Old Hymnals** Last fall PPC donated our old hymnals and Sing the Faith songbooks to two small congregations in the southern part of the Presbytery. The hymnals went to First Presbyterian Church in Hayfield and the songbooks went to First Presbyterian Church in Kasson.



### Coat Room Remodeling Almost Ready to Start!

We need 8 more pledges of \$100 (or whatever you can contribute) to get started. Please make checks out to PPC with Coat Room Project on the memo line. All donations are greatly appreciated!