



# The Grapevine

*"I am the true vine,  
and my Father is the vinegrower."  
John 15:1*

## Calendar for December 1 - 15:

### Wednesday, December 2

- 9:30 a.m. GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) Group
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
- 6:30 p.m. Christmas Decorating
- 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, December 3

- 6:00 p.m. Al-Anon

### Sunday, December 6 **25th Anniversary of PPC!**

- 9:30 a.m. Worship - **2nd Sunday of Advent**

### Monday, December 7

- 12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

### Tuesday, December 8

- 7:00 p.m.** Mission Ministry

### Wednesday, December 9 **Clergy Sleep Out for IOCP**

- 9:30 a.m. GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) Group
- 6:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group-Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army
- 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, December 10

- 6:00 p.m. Al-Anon

### Saturday, December 12

- 9:30 a.m. Baker's Group

### Sunday, December 13

- 9:30 a.m. Worship - **3rd Sunday of Advent**  
**Choir Cantata**

- 9:45 a.m. Education

- 10:30 a.m. Confirmation Class

- 10:30 a.m. Mini SERRV Sale

- 2:30 p.m. "A Hunting Shack Christmas"

### Monday, December 14

- 12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

### Tuesday, December 15

- 7:00 p.m. Worship Ministry

**NOTE:** No Sunday School on December 6, December 26 and January 3.

## From Rev. Ewen Holmes

Dear Friends:

We're celebrating PPC's 25th Anniversary this Sunday, December 6th, and find ourselves already in the Advent season. As was mentioned on the 1st Sunday of Advent, this season is far more than preparation for Christmas. It speaks of radiant love that comes into our lives in the form of God's Incarnation; it speaks of God's never failing presence in times of ease and times of great difficulty; it speaks eternal life that we experience in and through the resurrection; and it speaks of an enduring and ongoing relationship we will always have in and through Christ Jesus.

May God's Spirit carry you through this season and the upcoming Christmas season with all they embody; may your spirit find solace and renewal in the weeks leading up to that day we celebrate Christ's entry into the world; and may we experience our faith re-awakened through a renewal of what the Incarnation of the Almighty means to us and to the world.

As that wonderful hymn reminds us,  
Let all mortal flesh keep silence,  
and with fear and trembling stand;  
ponder nothing earthly minded,  
for with blessing in his hand  
Christ our God to earth descendeth  
our full homage to demand.

Peace,



We share our sympathy with Kriss, Troy, Kaycee and Zack Peek at the death of Kriss' father, Robert Channer on November 23.

## The Worship and Music Ministry Team

will be decorating the church on Wednesday, December 2 at 6:30 p.m. We would love to have all who are interested come, and help prepare our church for the coming of Christ and PPC's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Many hands make light work. Refreshments will be served after the decorating.



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## **Worship Volunteers**

### **Sunday, December 6**

**Worship Leader** - Ewen Homes

**Ushers** - PPC Session

**Greeters** - PPC Session

**Children's Message** - Ewen Holmes

**Fellowship** - Fellowship and Membership Ministry

### **Sunday, December 13**

**Worship Leader** - Shari Durdin

**Ushers** - Belinda and Ben Hollman

**Greeters** - **Volunteers Needed**

**Children's Message** - Phil Ringgenberg

**Fellowship** - Baker's Group

### **Do you Zumba?**

If not, you should! It's great, fun exercise based on Latin dance – and you don't even need to know how to dance. We are in the process of putting together Zumba classes with a fantastic instructor for church members and their friends. Classes will take place at PPC. If you are interested, please email:

[fellowship@plymouthpc.org](mailto:fellowship@plymouthpc.org) and let us know! More to come!



### **Calling all Parents of Young Children**

Would you like an evening; to go out, to relax or do some chores? As a fundraising event, Boy Scout Troop 3538 would like to offer you an evening without your children (2 years - 5th grade)? While you are busy, the children will be busy with a movie, a crafts, games and a snack.

**Date:** Friday, December 4

**Time:** 6:30 to 10:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$10.00, and \$5.00 for additional children of the same family.

**Signup:**

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0C4DADAA2FA5F49-parents3](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0C4DADAA2FA5F49-parents3)

**Questions:** 612-578-1771

### **From: Matt Spoden**

The next Youth Group event is Bell Ringing and Caroling at Lund's on December 9

from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. This is an opportunity to help raise money for the Salvation Army. While this is a youth event anyone is welcome to stop by and give their support. Questions? Please email me at: [msspoden@plymouthpc.org](mailto:msspoden@plymouthpc.org).



### **Mission Ministry -**

Joanne Mann and Krista McMahan

**PROMISES MADE  
PROMISES KEPT**



Our annual **Christmas Joy Offering** will run November 29 through December 20. This offering is vital to supporting

church workers through assistance in the time of need and developing and educating racial ethnic leadership for the future of our church. We will collect this offering **on December 20**. Please consider donating to this worthwhile cause.

You have one last chance to **volunteer with PPC at IOCP** in 2015! Please join us on **Wednesday, December 30 at 5:30 p.m.** as we donate our time to the food shelf and ReSale shop. This is a great opportunity for combined Fellowship and Mission with your PPC family!

Please don't forget those in need during the season. Food shelf donations can be left in the coat room on any Sunday and will deliver them to IOCP and/or CROSS.

### **"A Hunting Shack Christmas" Sunday, December 13, 2:00**

**p.m.** Plan to attend "A Hunting Shack Christmas" at Yellow Tree Theatre in Osseo on Sunday, December 13! Tickets are \$25; please buy your tickets at <http://www.yellowtreetheatre.com/single-tickets/>.

We'll go out for lunch before the play; more information to come. (This replaces the normal Gal's Gathering for December, but guys are absolutely welcome, too!) If you have questions, please contact Jan Lillemo or Kriss Peek.

