



The Grapevine

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

Calendar for October 16 — 31:

Sunday, October 18

- 9:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Education
- 10:45 a.m. Adult Forum - Peter Soulen

Monday, October 19

- 12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Worship Ministry

Wednesday, October 21

- 11:00 a.m. GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) to SummerWood of Plymouth
- 5:30 p.m. Christian Formation Ministry
- 6:30 p.m. Leadership Dinner for Stewardship
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Chain Group
- 7:00 p.m. Building and Grounds Committee
- 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 22

- 6:00 p.m. Al-Anon

Sunday, October 25

- 9:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Education
- 10:30 a.m. Confirmation Class
- 5:00 p.m. Deacon's Memorial Dinner/Service

Monday, October 26

- 12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Book Club

Wednesday, October 28

- 9:30 a.m. GIFT (Growing In Faith Together)
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group
- 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 29

- 6:00 p.m. Al-Anon

Upcoming events:

November 8 - Consecration Sunday

November 15 - Recovery Sunday

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From Pastor Holmes:

We often use the phrase "proclaim the Good News" without truly thinking about where it came from and what it means to us. In a post-resurrection time, the early church was in the midst of turmoil. Herod unleashed violent persecution on the church. James was killed and Peter was imprisoned. After being miraculously freed, Peter rejoined the remaining disciples and then journeyed to Caesarea. Meantime, the church in Antioch was sending our Saul and Barnabas on a missionary journey. It's during this first journey that Saul becomes widely known as Paul.

What does this common phrase/charge me to you?

I would encourage all of us to think of broadening our use of this phrase in a number of ways. Although the most common way we think of using it is through the spoken word – exhortation, think about the other ways you can "proclaim" your faith: how you treat a stranger in need of help, the way you greet someone for the first time, the consistent ways you interact with loved ones or friends, or how you deal with a sudden change in things (an emergency, a surprise, a change in an event).



Deacon's Memorial Dinner and Service

Sunday October 25 5:00 p.m.

Please join us for dinner and a memorial service, intended for anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one in the past year. Invitations are being sent. Please RSVP by October 11 to deacons@ppc.org with your name and how many total will be attending.

October 18 Adult Forum Speaker - Peter Soulen

Peter Soulen, a ruling elder from Westminster Presbyterian Church and chair of the Presbytery's Bills & Overture Committee, will be our guest speaker on Sunday, October 18. He is specifically coming to talk about the history and actions of the PCUSA's 221st General Assembly that approved Amendment 14-F, which was later affirmed by a majority of the 172 presbyteries (121 Yes; 47 No; 1 No Action; 1 Not Reporting)), what is commonly known as the "Marriage Amendment." It has been a source of much conversation and confusion, but it is an issue we need to learn about as the Session discerns what the policy will be for PPC.

Worship Volunteers

Sunday, October 18

Worship Leader - Rick Ackerman

Ushers - PPC Deacons

Greeters - PPC Deacons

Children's Message - Matthew Spoden

Nursery - Jo Jo Kipp

Fellowship - PPC Deacons

Sunday, October 25

Worship Leader - **Volunteer Needed**

Ushers - **Volunteers Needed**

Greeters - Gail and Glenn Nordhaus

Children's Message - **Volunteer Needed**

Nursery - Natalie Kovach

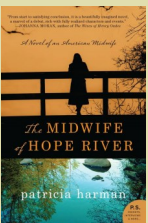
Fellowship - **Volunteer Needed**



Youth Group for 6th - 12th graders, is finally starting up again and will begin on Wednesday October 21 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Come and get to know each other better and meet Matt Spoden, the new Children and Youth Ministry Intern, who is working to make Youth Group a time and place that fills your needs. If you have any questions, concerns, ideas or want to meet with Matt, feel free to e-mail him at mspoden@plymouthpc.org.

One event that is coming up soon, is the annual Sleep Out, which is happening on Saturday, November 7. Come help raise money for Interfaith Outreach and Community Partners (IOCP) so that they can continue their ministry to help families in need. More details will be coming soon.

Handbells It's been a while since PPC has heard the ringing of hand bells in a Sunday morning service, but that time is coming to an end! The only thing we need to bring back the bells, is hands to ring them. Do you have two hands? Can you tell which is the left and which is the right? Then you can ring a pair of bells! Notice, no mention was made of being able to read music. That's right, you simply need to be willing to try something new and fun! We'll guide you through it, and you'll receive the reward of sharing God's love and joy with your PPC family. Our first rehearsal is Wednesday, October 21, at 6:00 p.m. in the Bell Choir Room (across from the kitchen) with the goal of ringing in church on Sunday, November 22 (the day PPC celebrates Thanksgiving). If you're up for a new adventure, contact Lisa Foland at lisa@plymouthpc.org so she can set aside a pair of bells for you!



PPC Book Club — Monday, October 26

Join the group as they discuss *The Midwife of Hope River* by Patricia Harman. It's the story of Patience Murphy who escorts mothers through the challenges of bringing children into the world in the hardscrabble conditions of Appalachia during the Depression. The group meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

Magen Nivison Continues to Share Her Research Work Magen Nivison will be presenting her research work at the seventh annual Conference for Undergraduate Women in Physical Sciences. The conference will be held October 15 - 17 at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Magen is a junior at the University of Minnesota, Morris majoring in chemistry. She was named a Morris Academic Partner to continue working on her research, which focuses on the progression of neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's. **Congratulations, Magen!**

From the Building and Grounds Committee

Thanks to all who participated in the Fall Clean-up Event on Saturday, September 25. We had a small crew but managed to make a good dent in our list. Good work and fellowship!

There are three items (left over from the rummage sale?) in the small coatroom: an office chair, a computer monitor and a diaper genie. We need to get these items out of the coat room in preparation for winter coat season. If you are interested in those items free of charge, please pick them up by Wednesday, October 16. After the 16, they will be disposed of.