

# the GRAPEVINE

*"I am the vine, you are the branches."*

*-John :15:5*

June 1, 2011



Dear Friends:

May was a month when we celebrated the confirmation of seven students. This was their passage into full membership in Christ's Church. They are now adult members who have willingly accepted all the rights, privileges and responsibilities of membership – voting at congregational meetings, becoming a member of one of the church's commissions, giving of themselves in various ways to the life of the church, and, being a conscious disciple of Jesus Christ among God's people here and throughout the world.

This past month they worked on their statements of faith, which was an insert in the bulletin on Confirmation Sunday (May 22). The writing of that statement took place over a period of meetings between the students and their mentors, who helped formulate their thoughts and beliefs into words. They met with the Session to present their statements and discuss them. And, finally, they stood before you, the congregation, and professed their faith.

This past month was a month of Teaching Moments for many of us, confirmands and adult members alike. Jesus used such moments to teach some of his most meaningful and complex life issues, often using the tool of parable to convey the lesson.

Paul Cunningham, an organizational expert for denominations and congregations, has written about some organizational teaching moments, which I've adapted to the local church and individual members. Here are some teaching moment opportunities for you to consider:

- ❖ Teaching moments can happen anytime, anywhere.
- ❖ Teaching moments are interactive in nature and allow/expect questions to be asked and, more importantly, answers to be heard.
- ❖ Teaching moments can help set the tone to a relationship.
- ❖ Teaching moments can help people "see and understand" another viewpoint in a constructive and non-threatening way.
- ❖ Teaching moments can provide an atmosphere for "ah-ha" moments to arise and become puzzle-solving experiences.

When you take a moment to welcome these seven young people into full membership in the church, I hope you will consciously take time for it to be one of many a teaching moments. It may just astound you at how much you can take away from that conversation.

Have a great day and a wonderful teaching moment,

Peace,



## Plymouth Presbyterian Church

*Building Faith Making Friends Serving People*

**Worship:** Sunday 9:30 a.m.

**Education Hour resumes on September 11.**

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# News Around PPC



## Birthdays & Anniversaries This Month!

Craig Anderson	Pat Anderson
Hunter Blankenship	Jane Bolton
Lindsey Chapman	Kate Dando
Sam Dando	Dan Durdin
Grace Feterl	Laura Foote
Steve Haskamp	Oliver Holmes
Kyle Larson	Sharon Larson
Stacy Larson	Larry Lutner
Hannah McMahan	David Morem
Jenneth Schmidt	Beverly Thomas
Bonnie Waterfill	

### Anniversaries

Doug and Jeanette Anderson  
Dave and Carla Bahls  
Mike and Krissy Green  
Mike and Sandy Hawley  
Tim and Kathi Huenemann  
Ernie and Pat Johnson  
Jim and Melinda Kovach  
Dan and Katie Little  
Larry and Gloria Lutner  
David and Judy Maul  
David and Debra Morem  
Dick and Judy Odle  
Merle and Jenneth Schmidt  
Dave and Bonnie Waterfill

### **You're Invited!**

#### **Charles Nivison's Eagle Scout Award**

Please join us in celebration as Charles Nivison receives his Eagle Scout Award on Saturday, June 4. The Court of Honor will be held at PPC and begins at 11:30 a.m., with a luncheon following. You can RSVP to either Kevin or Shirley at 763-559-2418 or respond by email to:

[nivisons@netzero.net](mailto:nivisons@netzero.net).



A sincere thank you to all for the kind words and prayers extended to me and my family when Rodney passed away.

Your sister in Christ,  
Dianne Ebbenga and family

### **Building and Grounds Thank You!**

The Building and Grounds Committee would like to thank everyone that helped at this year's Spring Cleanup event. Despite the rain, we accomplished nearly all of the items on the list! Good fellowship, doughnuts and a whiff of window washing cleaner was had by all.

At every spring and fall clean-up event, we find that several "new" items have found their way into the church storage rooms adding to the clutter. In many cases, the items are not labeled and the church staff does not know of their purpose. If you bring something to the church for an event, please remember to take it back home with you when the event is over. If it needs to be kept in one of the storage rooms, please put a label on it so we know who it belongs to or which committee in the church has responsibility for it. Thanks for keeping our limited storage space clean and accessible by all!

### **DEACON REQUEST**

The Deacons have determined that there are times when PPC needs a wheelchair. If you have one that you are willing to donate, please call the church office. The Deacons will pick it up.

#### **"Fare For All"**

Upcoming Distribution Dates

June 18 July 23 August 20

9:00 - 10:30 (PPC church office door)

Call 763-450-3880 to place your order.

### **Summer Office Hours**

Beginning on Wednesday, June 1, the church office will be open M, T, Th and F 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and W 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



## PPC's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Rummage Sale Saturday, June 11

Please mark your calendars and plan to help make this the biggest and best sale to date. The sale's success depends on **YOU!** Your valuable donated sale items can be brought to the Computer Room, but please call ahead to make sure the church is open. Your time and talents will be needed June 6-11 as there will be work shifts every day.

More information (including pre-sale times, specific work shifts, and sign-ups) will be announced via Constant Contact, bulletin inserts, and posted at the church. Until then, start your spring cleaning, reserve the dates to join in the fun and start spreading the word!

Please contact Sale Coordinator Karen Ess ([karwess@gmail.com](mailto:karwess@gmail.com)) with any questions or comments.

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## WORSHIP COMMISSION NOTES



To PPC members and friends:

Summer is fast approaching and that means our wonderful choir will be taking some time off. They will be singing three Sundays during the summer (June 12, July 10 and August 7), but this opens up opportunities for you to share your musical talents during Sunday worship services. We have openings for "Special Music" from late May through mid-September. Please E-mail us your availability or questions you might have to Dan Jasper at [dan@plymouthpc.org](mailto:dan@plymouthpc.org) or to the Worship Comm. at [worship@plymouthpc.org](mailto:worship@plymouthpc.org). Thanks for your involvement!

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## Meet the Newest Deacons Class of 2013

### KRISTIN (KRISSEY) GREEN

Krissy is married to Mike and they have two boys, Jordon, 9 and Evan, 7. They are soon hoping to add two kittens to their family. They live in Maple Grove, but Krissy has also lived in San Diego, Los Angeles, Chicago and Houston. The Greens joined PPC in 2005 and Krissy's favorite memories of PPC are the Christmas pageants, Mom's Dinners and Clearwater and has been involved in VBS. Currently Krissy works as a psycho therapist (part-time) at Family Counseling Center in Buffalo. She attended Stratford High School in Houston and Northwestern University. A favorite vacation place would be Hawaii, Spain or California. Her hobbies and interests are reading, pilates, psychology, spirituality, writing, tennis, piano, and walking. PCC is fortunate to have Krissy as a Deacon.

### KIM ROMAINE (don't call me Kimberly!)

Kim is married and has two boys, Joey and Kenny (who she says we have either seen or heard.) The family also has their own zoo with a dog, Harry; a cat, Izzy; a fish, Cutta 2 and two turtles, Igloo and Spots.

Kim has lived in Plymouth for 21 years and before that she lived in Minnetonka. She isn't sure why she joined PPC, but a favorite memory of church is sleeping in cardboard boxes with the youth and Pastor Holmes to raise money for homelessness. Kim is self-employed as a Project Management Consultant. Her schooling was at Charles A. Lindbergh, Drake University and the University of St. Thomas. She likes adventure and will go anywhere on vacation. Kim's interest include camping, hiking, canoeing, sports and basically anything outdoors. She is also a scout leader. Thanks, Kim, for adding your sense of humor to the Deacon board.

## SAVE the DATES:

**September 9-11, 2011**

### PPC Family Retreat at Clearwater Forest

More information will be available soon. If you have questions, please contact Kriss Peek.

**Note:** For 2012, the dates of the Family Retreat are September 28-30, 2012.

## **Mission Commission Notes**

### **Pentecost Offering, June 12**

**“So I Send You”** (John 20:21)

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

At Pentecost, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit as a bringer of new life. Because of the Spirit's coming, we no longer need to settle for business as usual but can know the transforming and creative love of God that makes the impossible possible.

The Pentecost Offering is one of the four annual church wide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Through Pentecost Offering gifts, we bring God's transforming love to children at risk. We help guide and nurture the faith of Presbyterian young people. We call forth a new generation of church leadership through the PC(USA) Young Adult Volunteer program.

Forty percent of the offering stays in our community to support children-at-risk ministries of our choice. PPC is supporting Kids Care Connect, and Crisis Nursery. The remainder of the offering receipts will be sent to the General Assembly Mission Council to support other programs that minister to youth and young adults and advocate for children-at-risk.

Just ask the children of La Oroya, Peru, who suffer from lead poisoning, yet have been empowered to raise awareness and advocate for justice because of offering funds. The Offering helped the children's group CAMBIALO produce radio spots about La Oroya, one of the world's most contaminated cities.

Or talk to Young Adult Volunteer Robert Morrison, who has made a year-long commitment to work in Los Angeles to bring services to the homeless and to provide care and support for youth in need. He works with P.A.T.H. (People Assisting The Homeless) and La Casa de Comunidad center.

You might even interact with young people who have been equipped to more easily connect with God via the online daily devotional d365.org. This site, co-sponsored by the Youth and Young Adult ministries of the PC(USA), helps visitors center themselves, read Scripture and a devotion, and pray.

This year's theme, “So I Send You” (John 20:21), reminds us that as Jesus was sent by God to heal a hurting world, we, too, are called to that same task. We are called to act on the basis of faith. Through gifts to the Pentecost Offering, we act to

make tangible, positive changes in our community, our church, and our world.

Thank you for your support of the Pentecost Offering on June 12.

### **Join the Mission Commission**

#### **363 Day Organization Sandwich Making**

**June 5 – 10:30 a.m.**

After the great success of our last 363 Day event and hearing great feedback from the congregation, the Mission Commission has set up another 363 Day sandwich making event. On June 5' after the worship service, we will be set up to make 1500 sandwiches. Previously, we made 1000 and it went smooth so we are raising the bar to 1500. We need your help !!! Please plan on staying for one hour after service while we serve the Lord by helping others who are hungry. Mission Commission will have it all set up, all you need to do is slap on some gloves and make sandwiches. We are also asking for a donation to help pay for the food. Suggested donation of \$20 would really help the cause but anything would help, a donation box will be set up at the event.

Thanks in advance for your time and effort. We hope to see you on June 5 around 10:30 a.m.

### **You're Invited to Race a Bed!**

#### **Saturday, July 16 at Maple Grove Days**

The Maple Grove Days Bed Race Committee is inviting all churches to participate in the very fun Maple Grove Days Bed Race held on Saturday, July 16 on Main Street.

Please visit the Maple Grove Days website for information: [http://www.mgco.org/event.php?page=bed\\_races&title=Bed\\_Races](http://www.mgco.org/event.php?page=bed_races&title=Bed_Races). If needed, beds and mattresses will be provided and after the race they will be donated to CROSS (Christians Reaching Out in Social Service) to be given to clients.

### **New Children's Choir/Sunday School Opening Survey**

Starting in April, we altered the schedule for children's choir practice. Please take a moment to complete a brief survey regarding this change. All feedback will be taken into consideration as we look to plan for next year. Thank you for your time.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NLNLBXH>

## EDUCATION COMMISSION



### Vacation Bible School

Registration has begun for Vacation Bible School! Just \$25 (\$15 for each additional sibling), checks payable to PPC.

We still need help from adults and youth for VBS, both in leadership and behind the scenes. If you have interest and availability, please contact us at [christianformation@plymouthpc.org](mailto:christianformation@plymouthpc.org).

### Nashville Mission Trip

Please keep the following people in your prayers as we journey to Nashville, TN to work with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to help with flood rebuilding: Abiye Agbeh, Cindy Chapman, Scott Durdin, Rachel Hagen, Mike Hawley, Sandy Hawley, Mary Kipp, Emily Koenen, Ashley Loew, Allison Nahr, Julia Richard and Mark Richard

We will leave on June 18 and return June 26. You can follow our work on the church website! Be sure to check back each evening for new pictures and updates.

We will be leading worship when we return, so plan to come and share in our experiences. We also invite you to a mid-week evening of stories and photos. Watch for details.



Please join us on Sunday, June 5 as we recognize and honor the Class of 2011 during worship. You can read more about them in the bulletin insert on June 5. Heather Anderson-Armstrong; Josh Blankenship- Wayzata; Kristin Brynsvold- Maple Grove; Laura Foote- Maple Grove; Ryan Haskamp- Wayzata; Charles Nivison-Osseo and Allison Tang- Armstrong.

## Synod School 2011 "All My Relatives" July 24-29 Buena Vista University Storm Lake, Iowa

Synod School is a special learning and personal enrichment experience for all ages – to stretch the mind, nurture the soul and offer hope. The week is designed for laity and clergy as well as individuals and families. Classes are available for adults, youth and children – some separately and some intergenerational.

Some of the courses that might persuade you...

### Bible Study?

The Art of Proverbs

Bible Study for Dummies

### Creative Spirituality or Sabbath?

Ukrainian Egg Decorating

Spirited Kites

### Balancing Your Life?

Writing Your Family's History

The Pastor's Spouse

### Something Physical?

Belly Dancing

Yoga: Vacation Style

### Leading a Congregation?

A New Church – A New Day

I'm Scared! The Church I Love is Changing

### What Is the Church – After the Coffee Hour?

Nurturing Spirituality

Guided Spiritual Retreat

### What's in a Dream?

Toward a Prairie Spirituality

### Plan, Lead or Love Worship and Music?

African Style Drumming

A History of Rock and Roll

### Theological Reflection

God at the Box Office

The Gospel According to the Simpsons

### Enhancing Your Ministry?

The Spiritual Lives of Children

Confirmation

### Exploring Serious Issues?

Sudan: From Slavery to Freedom

Four Ideas That Changed Everything

For a complete list of classes as well as speakers and worship leaders, please go to: [www.lakesandprairies.org](http://www.lakesandprairies.org).

July 25-29

9:00 am to  
12:00 pm



For kids ages 3  
through 5th  
grade

We're bringing kitchen fun to the kids at our Vacation Bible School! Children will become chefs-in-training at Shake It Up Café as we discover God's recipe for living.

After a high-energy opening at Shake It Up Café, the chefs make their way to Kitchen a la King. Interactive bible lessons reveal five secret ingredients for living as a follower of God, and chefs will learn Bible Bite memory verses that will boost their faith long after VBS.

Children will expand on what they've learned by participating in a variety of activities: making their own art projects at Tangy & Tart Arts, singing new music at Wok & Roll Hits, exploring science activities at Foodology Factory, participating in recreational activities at Spork Sports, and enjoying tasty snacks at the Takeout Eatery.

Let's get cookin'! Join us here at Plymouth Presbyterian Church on July 25 through July 29 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Just \$25 per child, and \$15 per additional child from the same family (checks payable to Plymouth Presbyterian Church with VBS on the memo line).



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### Registration Form

Name of child: \_\_\_\_\_ Age/Grade (just completed) \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact during VBS (name, relationship, phone number):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or other conditions we should be aware of:  
\_\_\_\_\_

I would be interested in helping with VBS      Yes      No

