

# the GRAPEVINE

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

*-John :15:5*



October 1, 2011

Dear Friends:

The word pilgrimage came across my mind the other day and it got me to thinking about the many pilgrimages people take throughout the world. It also got me to thinking about the pilgrimage we take in our lives.

Pilgrimage is a long journey made to a sacred place. It has a purpose and a meaning. And the pilgrim is that traveler or wanderer who makes that trek.

All of us are on a pilgrimage of one sort or another where we are seeking that sacred, holy place that gives us peace, reassurance, calmness, serenity, and the knowledge that we are right with God. Our paths are individual, our journey is unique, but our final destination is similar.

This pilgrimage started the moment we left our mother's womb. We are searchers, wanderers seeking to complete this sacred journey. Sadly, many don't give it the attention it deserves.

Sometimes a road map can help us in our journey. One place you can find such road maps is within the context of church. While participating in worship, mission, fellowship, education, etc. you will begin to see and better understand which path you need to take. It will be exhilarating, challenging, life-changing, joyful, and possibly causing some cuts and bruises, but the destination will be rewarding.

Look at your journey (your pilgrimage) and see if there's anything that might assist you in your journey of life!



## Online Class "Meeting God"

*Ewen Holmes is going to lead a 5-week online class entitled "Meeting God."*

When we meet God and begin to fathom all that God is, things change – we change. Things that were confusing no longer are. Our worlds begin to make sense and there is a peace and assurance that comes with our meeting God.

If you are interested, call or email Ewen at 763-559-2946 or [ewen@plymouthpc.org](mailto:ewen@plymouthpc.org). The week of October 23 will be an introduction to the topic and how we will proceed and then we will continue through Thanksgiving weekend.



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# News Around PPC



## Birthdays & Anniversaries This Month!

Deanna Anderson  
Lauren Bailey  
Helen Bjorlin  
Alexandria Chapman  
Chris Hagen  
Myrtle Hebeisen  
Allison Henderson  
Ewen Holmes  
Helen Knipe  
Abigail Larson  
Tom Marquardt

David Maul  
Evan McGoogan  
Kaycee Peek  
Bob Reddick  
Olivia Richard  
Nancy Richard  
Ethan Robran  
Doris Sigler  
Erin Simenson  
Francelle Slocum  
Irv Tang  
Dorothy Vigness

Steve and Heather Blanchette  
Troy and Karen Ess  
Gary and Mary Gabe  
Tim and Gwen Goblirsch  
Joe and Belinda Hollman  
Chris and Kim Loew



## *With Thanks*

Thank you to my PPC family for all of your prayers, cards, well wishes and anonymous gift bags! They have all been day brighteners for me. As I heal from surgery I am beginning to feel much stronger but still don't know when I'll be back to work. Visitors are invited to stop by! Please call about 1/2 - 1 hour ahead of time, no need to bring anything - just stop by to visit or watch TV. Tuesdays are my treatment days so I am gone during the day but I tend to be home most evenings and late in the week are usually my tired days where I can't get out. Thanks again for all your care.

With gratitude,  
Debi Shatto

We extend our sympathy to several of our PPC families who have experienced the death of a loved one recently.

**To Ann and Kevin Foote, Greg and Laura** at the death of Ann's mother, Pauline Parker. Services were held in Jesup, IA on Tuesday, August 9.

**To Ann Brearley and Chris Hagen, Rachel and Hannah** at the death of Ann's father. Services were held in Iowa on September 2.

**To Edie Carr and her family** at the death of Edie's husband, Gene, on September 1. A memorial service was held at PPC on Friday, September 16.

**To the family of Pat Anderson** who died recently. A memorial service will be held at the family cabin in Pequot Lakes, MN.

Cards to Pat's family can be sent to Sue Iverson's attention at 18510 25th Avenue N, Plymouth, MN 55447. Memorials can be made to Wayzata Public School Education Foundation or North Memorial Residential Hospice.

**To Myrtle Hebeisen and family** at the death of her son, Bob, who passed away on Friday, September 23. Services were held at PPC on Wednesday, September 28.

**To Kevin Honius** at the death of his father, Rev. Kenneth Honius, who passed away on Friday, September 23 in Worthington, MN

## *With Thanks*



Dear PPC family,

We are very grateful for your calls, prayers, cards and, most of all, hugs in memory of our mom and grandma, Pauline Parker. Mom was so proud to have been a part of the chartering of PPC and was pleased to know the love and kindness that has always been the hall mark of our congregation.

With appreciation and in Christ's love,  
Ann, Kevin, Greg and Laura Foote

## EDUCATION

### **Children's Christmas Program Coordinator Needed**

It's not too early to start thinking about Christmas! We are in need of a coordinator for the Children's Christmas Program, which will take place on December 11. The responsibilities of the coordinator include determining the format, recruiting volunteers to help, gathering participants and overall communication about the program. Total hours required are approximately 7-10 (depending on the complexity of the program), including rehearsal time. You won't be alone, because you'll have support, guidance, and help from the Christian Formation Commission. Please help this great tradition continue! Contact Cindy Chapman, Lori Haskamp or Allison Nahr at christianformation@plymouthpc.org.

### **Youth Group to Sever's Corn Maze October 2**

Bring \$15 for lunch and admission to the maze. We'll eat right after Sunday School and then head out. We plan to be back to the church between 3:30 and 4:00 p.m. Friends are welcome. Sign up on the Youth Bulletin Board.

### **Senior High Service Day**

Senior high students are invited to participate in one of two mid-day service projects on Saturday, October 15!

#### **Option 1:**

Come serve at Feed My Starving Children (sign up online at volunteer.fmssc.org, click on Permanent Site, Join and Existing Group and enter Join Code 148990). We will leave the church parking lot at 11:00 a.m. and plan to be back around 1:45 p.m.

#### **Option 2:**

Be a part of a small group to go to La Conexion for the Kitchen Connection program. Spanish and English speaking participants come together in the kitchen to cook a meal together, to connect people through cooking and conversation! Space is extremely limited, so sign up on the Youth Bulletin Board. We'll leave church around 11:15 a.m. and will be back around 3:00 p.m.

### **3rd Grade Bible Presentation**

3rd graders are special to our congregation!

On Reformation Sunday, October 30, they will be presented with a Bible during worship by their parent(s) and then spend some time together during the education hour learning about their new Bible and how to read it. Please plan to join us in worship for this milestone event in the lives of our third grade families.

### **Academy for Vital Christianity Coming to PPC in October**



*How to Talk about What I Believe* - Many of us attend church regularly but aren't comfortable talking about what we believe. In this class we will learn to articulate our own beliefs and how to share those beliefs with others. It will be led by **Cindi Beth Johnson**, director of community programming in the arts, religion and spirituality at United Theological Seminary and an ordained member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

**Dates:** Tuesdays, October 4 and 11

**Times:** 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

**Location:** Plymouth, Plymouth Presbyterian Church

**Cost:** \$70.00 (\$90.00 after September 20)

**Register at:**  
[www.unitedseminary.edu/CommunityPrograms/academy.asp](http://www.unitedseminary.edu/CommunityPrograms/academy.asp) or contact Renee at 651.255.6138 or [rflesner@unitedseminary.edu](mailto:rflesner@unitedseminary.edu) *Discounts are offered for multiple registrants from one church that register as a group. Again, contact Renee.*

### **MOM'S DINNER – OCTOBER 9**

What: Mom's Dinner

Date: October 9

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Where: PF Chang's in Maple Grove

RSVP: Melonie Robran at [microbran@comcast.net](mailto:microbran@comcast.net) or 763-478-0167 if you plan to attend.

The Mom's Dinner was originally started by a group of young mothers, but all women of the church are welcome to attend the monthly dinner.

## DEACONS' NEWS

### **Deacons' Memorial Dinner**

Our annual Deacons' Memorial Dinner followed with time of reflection and sharing will be on Sunday, October 16 at 5:00 p.m. This heartfelt event is open to members and their families who have lost a family member or close friend in the past year.

### **A Request from the Deacons:**

In an effort to better serve our congregation, the Deacons are looking for a used wheelchair to have available for use at the church. If anyone knows of one, please contact Sharon Larson at 763-494-4393 or the church office.



### **Court of Honor Invitation**

The Boy Scouts of Troop 3538 would like to invite the members of PPC to attend our first Court of Honor on Sunday, October 2 at 5:00 p.m. Come and see what the boys have been doing since August 15, when the troop began. Treats and fellowship will follow the ceremony.

You can sign up in narthex, or by contacting Kim Romine at (kromine@berlyconsulting.com)

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## **WORSHIP COMMISSION NOTES**



### **October 2 - A Special Communion Service**

World Communion Sunday was originally called World Wide Communion. This celebration originated in the Presbyterian Church (USA). In 1936 it was celebrated for the first time in Presbyterian churches all over the United States and overseas. Today it includes many different denominations and many countries.

The day has taken on new relevancy and depth of meaning in a world where globalization often has undermined peace and justice, and in a time where fear divides the peoples of God's earth. On this day we celebrate our oneness in Christ, the Prince of Peace, in a world ever more in need of peacemaking. To this end, the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. commemorates this Sunday through its annual *Peacemaking Offering*.

Let us all come together to celebrate the Sacrament of Communion on this first Sunday in October in the midst of this world we all are called to serve.



*“A harvest of justice is sown in peace”*

(James 3:18)

*Peace be with you.* Our annual Peacemaking Offering is collected on the first Sunday in October, which is also World Communion Sunday. On this day, we gather as one with Christians from around the world to pray for unity with Christ and each other, as well as peace throughout the earth.

Christians are called to be God's peacemakers, as agents of reconciliation in families, individual lives, communities, churches, the international arena and the whole of creation. The Peacemaking Offering supports the peacemaking efforts of the church at every governing level and provides an opportunity to witness to God's gift of peace in the world.

In order to help the whole church respond to God's peace giving in the world, 25% of the Peacemaking Offering is retained by congregations to support our local peacemaking ministry; 25% is used to support presbytery and synod peacemaking efforts and 50% is forwarded to the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program of the General Assembly, so that it can continue to provide assistance and resources for congregations and other bodies of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Please prayerfully consider making a donation to the Peacemaking Offering on October 2, 2011.

## MEMBERSHIP MEMOS

It's time to tell you what the Membership Commission has been working on. Like a lot of things in life, everything seems to take longer than we expected:

- Nine new members have joined the church, including one couple and seven confirmands.
- Currently we have two families interested in joining PPC and we continue working with them to steer them through the process. We have been talking with visitors almost weekly.
- We have been campaigning for a new sign and luckily the Building and Grounds Committee has also been working on this. A design has been approved by the Session and you will hear more.
- We have been working on getting a new Welcome Table and the final draft has been approved. It is being constructed by one of our own members.
- We hope to have a new picture directory soon. We are seriously considering doing this in-house, so perhaps soon we will be asking to take your photo. There are still some technical answers to be found.
- Our website has also been a focus as most visitors find us on the web rather than in more traditional forms of advertising.
- Another item that interested us was a plan to shepherd new members through their first year of membership. This idea is not quite complete, but we hope to implement it soon.

There are many more ideas we have considered. Primarily our goal is to promote our church to the community and to help us have a growing, vibrant and participating membership who gather to worship our Lord and help those less fortunate. Our group is open to anyone interested in helping us reach these goals.

Sally Ackerman and Judy Maul  
Membership Elders

**Coming soon to PPC:** Be watching for an announcement about a new sign on our church building that will better identify us.

Building and Grounds Committee

The Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area cordially invite women of all ages to attend their Fall Gathering of Presbyterian Women on Saturday October 15 from 9:15 a.m. -2:30 p.m. at Calvin Presbyterian Church in Long Lake.



The theme for the Fall Gathering is "Faith Empowers Community: Serving Our Sisters in Christ". The speakers include the Rev. Alika Galloway of Kwanzaa Presbyterian in North Minneapolis and Dr. Lauren Martin of the University of Minnesota. The two women will together speak about the Northside Women's Space, a new and innovative project taking place in Minneapolis.

Kwanzaa's Northside Women's Space is the brain child of University of Minnesota Researcher Lauren Martin, Ph.D. and Kwanzaa co-pastor Rev. Alika Galloway. After hearing many women tell their stories in her past six years of research, Martin was urged to find a solution. Pastor Alika and her husband, Rev. Ralph Galloway, were also looking for a way to help the women they saw from their church windows. After hearing positive words about one another through mutual circles, the two finally connected to create what Martin says is "a space designed for women and girls to rest, think and find connections to services and supports to ultimately get from where ever they are right now to where ever they want to be in their lives".

The cost for the event is \$15 per person. To register, please go to our Presbytery's website at <http://www.presbyterytwincities.org/> and click on Ministries, then Presbyterian Women and scroll to the Fall Event. Registration deadline is October 6. Please make check payable to PW/PTCA. You can mail your check and registration form to the following address:

Jane Boss  
14795 Ostlund Trail North  
Marine-on-St. Croix, MN 55047

### **Grapevine Gets a New Look**

**OOPS!** We weren't quite ready to unveil the new Grapevine format this month, but we're working hard to use it for the November edition. Thanks for your patience!