

the GRAPEVINE

"I am the vine, you are the branches."
-John :15:5



September 1, 2011

Dear Friends:

I've found myself looking back – recalling a past event. It happened ten years ago, but it is forever etched in my mind. It was a *normal* Tuesday morning. I was shaving and listening and listening to National Public Radio's *Morning Edition*, my morning ritual. Then everything changed and became abnormal. The news person reported the occurrence of a tragic event that had just come across the wire. A plane had crashed into the World Trade Center in New York City. It was September 11, 2001.

Ten years later I still remember as if it was yesterday the television pictures...the report of another plane flying into the Pentagon...a plane crashing into a field near Shanksville, PA...towers falling...people wandering in disbelief hazes covered in dust....surreal images and uncertainty washing across the airwaves.

This year September 11 falls on a Sunday. Some of our congregation will be at Clearwater Forest, the Presbytery Retreat Center, for our annual Intergenerational Fall Retreat. The rest of the congregation will be worshipping in our sanctuary in Plymouth. No matter where we are, though, we want to and need to remember that day (9/11) and all that it means to us individually and as a nation. We will, of course, be remembering 9/11 in our worship service, but included in this note is a prayer – We Remember Them...

We Remember Them

At the rising of the sun and at its going down

We remember them.

At the blowing of the wind and the chill of winter

We remember them

At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring

We remember them.

At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer

We remember them.

At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn

We remember them.

At the beginning of the year and when it ends

We remember them.

As long as we live, they too will live;

for they are now a part of us

as we remember them.

When we are weary and in need of strength

We remember them.

When we are lost and sick at heart

We remember them.

When we have joy we crave to share

We remember them.

When we have decisions that are difficult to make

We remember them.

When we have achievements that are based on theirs

We remember them.

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for they are now a part of us as we remember them.

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Plymouth Presbyterian Church

Building Faith Making Friends Serving People

Worship: Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Education will resume on Sunday, September 11.

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Birthdays & Anniversaries This Month!

Jeanette Anderson	Emma Johnson
Gene Carr	Sarah Kipp
Lauren Durdin	Ron Kramber
Kristin Feterl	JaneyKroneberger
Kevin Foote	Kim Loew
Brent Freeman	Gloria Lutner
Luke Freeman	Joyce Marquardt
Mark Halverstadt	Deb Morem
Alison Hamlin	Andrew Morem
Will Huenemann	Michele Thompson

Anniversaries

Rick and Sally Ackerman
 Cindy and Chris Chapman
 Paul and Sarah Gustafson Dombeck
 Dianne and Steve Fischer
 Helen and Ken Knipe
 Audrey and Jack Perkins
 Laurie and Bob Simenson
 Chuck and Francelle Slocum
 Ben and Millie Vickery

“Fare For All”

Upcoming Distribution Dates
 September 17 October 22 November 19
 9:00 - 10:30 (PPC church office door)
 Call 763-450-3880 to place your order.

Attention: The summer is over and so are summer office hours! Beginning Tuesday, September 6 the office will be open M, T, Th, F from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. and on W from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m..

Grapevine Gets a New Look

The October Grapevine will have a new and different look, one which we are hoping will be easier to read on line. We're anxious to know what you think, so don't hesitate to e-mail the office at mari@plymouthpc.org.



Time flies and so does the dirt and dust!

PPC's Annual Fall Clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, September 17 and your hands are needed. Coffee and rolls will be served in the kitchen at 8:00 a.m. There are jobs both inside and out, so plan to spend a few hours on a task with a fellow PPC volunteer. Here's a sample of what we have planned - outside window washing, oiling pews and chancel woodwork, parking lot sweeping, sidewalk patching, downspout repair and caulking, vacuuming under the entry way air lock mats and general policing of the grounds. No person is too small or time to spend too short. Your help is needed! This exciting event is being brought to you by your Building & Grounds committee.

September is

National Recovery Month in Minnesota

In connection with our First Annual Recovery Sunday at Plymouth Presbyterian Church which will take place on Sunday, November 20, we would like to make the congregation aware that September is National Recovery Month in Minnesota.

Recovery Month serves to educate the public that alcohol and drug addiction are a national health issues, are treatable illnesses and that recovery is possible. For more information, please go to the Minnesota Recovery

Connection website: <http://www.minnesotarecovery.org/news/index.html>

Yoga Devotion at PPC this Fall

Are you ready for YOGA to begin again? We have two sessions scheduled for October - December. The first one is an 8-week session – September 8, 15, 22, 29 and October 6, 13, 20, 27. The second will be a 6-week session - November 3, 10, 17 and December 1, 8, 15. The cost is \$55/8 weeks and \$45/6 weeks. Classes are one hour long and will be at 6:00 p.m. on Thursdays. The best part of Yoga Devotion is that they donate 20% back to PPC. Please ask your friends neighbors and family!

EDUCATION



*Christian Education
Classes
(For Adults & For Children)*

Begins September 11!

If you're not at Clearwater, plan to join us for Sunday morning Education Hour. This year, all ages will be using the new *Feasting On The Word* curriculum.

PreK/K (4 and 5 year olds) – Pre-K room

1st and 2nd grades- Classroom 1

3rd and 4th grades- Art Room

5th and 6th grades (Tweens)- Classroom 2

6th-8th grades- Middle School Room

9th-12th grades- Senior High Room

Adult Bible Study- Conference Room

Adult Forum- Fireside Room

Nursery care is provided for children younger than 4.



Adult Education 2011 - 2012

This year, we'll be offering TWO options for Adult Education. In the Conference Room, we'll use the

new *Feasting on the Word* materials to explore the lectionary Bible passages for the day. Don't know what a "lectionary" is? Come find out!

The other option is our familiar gathering that includes guest speakers and topical studies. The year will begin with welcoming Chuck Lutz, a retired Lutheran church executive who coordinates the Minnesota grassroots advocacy program of Churches for Middle East Peace. Other topics we'll touch on this year: spiritual journey, addictions, communication, finances, aging-related speakers, cyber safety, and more!

6 Week September/October Adult Education Series with Ann Brearley

Exploring the Way:

An Introduction to the Spiritual Journey

"You have created us for Yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You."

---St Augustine

We are all on a spiritual journey 'back home' to our Creator and Lord. What does that mean? How do we nurture this growing relationship? How exactly do we go about listening for God's voice in our lives? If these questions resonate with you, please consider joining us in September for a six-week Sunday morning adult education series called "Exploring the Way: An Introduction to the Spiritual Journey". Each week we will learn about and 'taste test' one new spiritual practice: journaling, sharing our journeys, lectio divina (praying the scriptures), breath prayer, holy listening and daily examination. We will have the opportunity to practice each one through the week and share our experiences with each other at the following meeting.

The class will run six weeks, September 18 and 25 and Oct. 2, 9, 16 and 30 and will be led by Ann Brearley. You are welcome to drop in and out of the class as your interests and schedule allow; but you will get more out of the class if you attend all six sessions.

If you are interested in this class, please contact me (Ann) via email (brearley@visi.com) so I can order the appropriate number of participant booklets.

At Youth Group, we feed their bodies, not just their souls!



We're still looking for people to help with dinner for the Youth Group on Wednesday evenings. We average 10-12 mouths to feed at 6:00 p.m. If you can help out regularly, once in a while, or even just one time, please contact Allison Nahr. You don't have to stay for the meal, you can drop it off and we'll get it set out and cleaned up. The meal doesn't have to be homemade, and you will be reimbursed for the cost of food purchased.



Youth Group Kickoff - September 14

Youth in 6th grade through 12th grade are invited to join us at 6:00 p.m. for our first meeting of the year! We'll eat, get to know each other and have some fun together. Dinner costs \$5 at the door, or purchase a coupon book with 5 dinner coupons for just \$12.50.



Middle School Lock-In and Service Project

All youth in 6th-8th grade and their friends are invited to join us on Friday, September 23 at 7:00 p.m. for a trip to Feed My Starving Children followed by a lock-in. Sign up for FMSC online at volunteer.fmssc.org, click on Permanent Site, then Join An Existing Group, and enter the Join Code 148889. Space is limited, so make sure you sign up online! We'll be done on Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m., in plenty of time to participate in Plymouth On Parade.



Youth Group Outing October 2

The youth group will be going to Sever's Corn Maze on Sunday, October 2 after Sunday School. Bring \$5 for a pizza lunch and then we'll head down to go through the maze. Depending on how long it takes us to go through the maze, we'll plan to be back at church around 3:30p.m.. We'll call parents when we're leaving Sever's (about 30 minutes away).



You Are Invited!

Interfaith Outreach
and
Community Partners

Grand Opening

Thursday, September 8
4:30 - 6:30 P.M.
1605 County Road 101 N,
Plymouth

Opening the Doors to New Possibilities

Everybody can be great ... because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.

— **Martin Luther King, Jr.**
Civil Rights Leader

MEMBERSHIP COMMISSION

Last month in this column we talked about three important strengths a congregation needed, to be a growing, vital entity.

There were a total of ten strengths researched. The most important are: (in no particular order)

- *Participating in the congregation*
- *Caring for children and youth*
- *Welcoming new people*

Having a sense of belonging, meaningful worship and empowering leadership are also important qualities.

The final strength is an orientation to look toward the future, rather than a tendency to look back on the past. Doing what is best does not require great strength but it is required to choose the right path.

A strong congregation takes risks and tries new ways of doing things. It has a vision for the future of the church and must focus on multiple strengths to do all that is required of people of faith. We must all pull together to focus on our strengths and ensure our future.

Sally Ackerman and Judy Maul
Membership Commission

WORSHIP COMMISSION NOTES



Volunteers Needed for Sunday Worship!

Consider how you may help thank the Lord and share your gifts. You can be the worship leader, greet, usher, be the acolyte or give the children's message. You can sign up on line: Go to <http://www.plymouthpc.org/> and click on the **News and Events** tab and then on *Sign Up Genius*.

Would You Consider Being Part of the Worship Commission? Please join the Worship Commission and help with any number of responsibilities: floral planning and preparation; materials management for the sanctuary, services and communion; communication for the bulletin and the Grapevine; SignUp Genius and many other duties. Please e-mail worship@plymouthpc.org if you have questions about SignUp Genius or about joining the Worship Commission. We welcome any amount of time you can give!

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 or contact Renee at 651.255.6138 or rflesner@unitedseminary.edu Discounts are offered for multiple registrants from one church that register as a group. Again, contact Renee.

PPC on Parade

Actually it's: PPC in a parade. The PPC Deacons invite you and your families to walk with them in the Plymouth Parade on Saturday, September 24. The parade is from 11:30 a.m. -12:20 p.m. (lining up at 10:00). If you are unable to walk in the parade, then cheer us on from curbside. Afterward enjoy the activities at the Plymouth City Center with your PPC friends and families. Let's show Plymouth that PPC is here in the community. See the Deacons bulletin board in the narthex for details and sign up. See you there!

Deacons' Memorial Dinner

Our annual Deacon's 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. Please mark the date on your calendar and look for your invitation soon.