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Office Hours

9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
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From the Pastor

Dear Friends:

Consecration Sunday is coming!

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's Stewardship Ministry Team has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's mission, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday, November 2nd. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader, the Rev. David Maghakian, will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

Making friends Serving People
Worship: Sunday 9:30 a.m. Education for All 10:30 a.m.
3755 Dunkirk Lane North, Plymouth, MN 55446
(763) 559-2946 Webpage: www.plymouthpc.org

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We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday Ministry Team, the Session, and the Board of Deacons. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend worship on Consecration Sunday.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Your Consecration Sunday Stewardship Team: Tom Braun, Cheryl Jalonen, Ewen Holmes, ex officio



General Assembly Commissioner speaks at October Adult Forum

On Sunday, October 12, Jean Emmons will be leading our Adult Forum. Jean, a ruling elder from First Presbyterian Church of Stillwater, is an active leader in her local congregation and the larger church. She was born and raised in the Presbyterian tradition in Paw Paw, Michigan and attended Alma College, a Presbyterian college in Michigan. When the 2014 General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) was scheduled to take place in Detroit, it seemed logical for her to go back to Michigan as one of our presbytery's commissioners. Jean reports that her experience was incredible, her spiritual expectations were exceeded and hope abounded.



You may have read about some of the actions taken by the General Assembly and have questions. Jean is here to tell you about the atmosphere and give you her insight into the background of some of the decisions.

Worship Ministry - Sarah Kipp and Sandy Hawley

The Worship Ministry is working hard to make our worship service a more meaningful experience. They are making plans for World Wide Communion Sunday and a Thanksgiving service. Lisa is working on the Christmas Cantata and would love to have your voice in the choir or perhaps to help the hand bells ring out. Please see Lisa after worship or email her at lisa@plymouthpc.org

Another way of making worship more meaningful for you and others, is by volunteering to help with the service. You can do that by being a greeter, usher, worship leader, giving the children's message or being an acolyte. You can sign up by calling the church office at 763-559-2946, by e-mailing volunteers@plymouthpc.org, or by calling Sarah Kipp. If you would like to volunteer on-line using **SignUp Genius**, the instructions are below.

Directions for using SignUp Genius

- 1) Go to www.plymouthpc.org
- 2) Scroll down to SignUp Genius (just below Office Hours)
- 3) If you are already registered with SignUp Genius, click on
- 4) Click on a **yellow box** to **Sign Up**
- 5) Click on **Submit and Sign Up**
- 6) Click on **Sign Up Now!**



If you have not registered with SignUp Genius, follow the first 2 steps and click on  to register, then close out and go back to Step 1.

If you have questions or need help with SignUp Genius, please call Penny Blankenship or the church office. We're happy to help!

Deacon's Memorial Dinner and Service

The Plymouth Presbyterian Church Deacons will hold their Annual Memorial Dinner and Service on Sunday, October 26 beginning at 5:00 p.m. This event is open to anyone who has lost someone significant in their life the past year (October 2013 - 2014). Invitations are being sent, but at times there are people that have suffered losses we are not aware of or that we inadvertently overlooked. If you do not receive an invitation but would like to attend, please contact one of the Deacons or call the church office at 763-559-2946.



Building and Grounds— Don't forget the Fall Clean-Up!

The Fall Cleanup Event is scheduled for this Saturday, October 4. Coffee, doughnuts, and fellowship at 8:30 a.m. Then we'll get busy sprucing up God's house for the fall and winter seasons. We typically finish up between 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. The more hands we have, the faster it goes! Even if you can only help out for a short time, we can use your help. See you there!



From Jon Warren - Children and Youth Ministry Intern

As we enter into October, exciting things are happening at Youth Group!

Social Outing - We kick off the month (October 1) with laser tag at the Brunswick Zone. Both drop offs and pick-ups will be at the church.

Cooking - We not only like to cook, but we love to be hospitable with what we make. Come join us on October 8 as we cook something related to the season.

Service - The preparation for the new youth room is underway. The floor tarp is down and the paint color has been chosen. This has given our youth a lot of ownership. We will start with trimming on October 17 and will hopefully finish the project by the end of the month. Everybody (youth and adults) are invited to participate.

There is also a 5th Wednesday in October. That means that we will be serving at IOCP on October 29 beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Club-This month, club will happen on October 22. It will consist of music, group activities, sharing and connecting with one another.

Kids Club Kicks Off! - Our first Kid's Club will be on Sunday, October 26 at Sky Zone Indoor Trampoline Park, 13310 Industrial Park Blvd., Plymouth, 55441. Let's meet at 11:30 a.m., right after Education. Anybody from Kindergarten to 5th grade is welcome. **We have free slots for the first ten that get there!**

Let's have a great pumpkin month!!!



NOTICE: Regulations require that only soap be in the bathrooms when Bright Start is using the building. They will remove the lotion and the sanitizer in the areas they use and will replace them for Wednesday evenings and weekends.

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Deanna Anderson
Lauren Bailey
Helen Bjorlin
Alexandria Chapman
Chris Hagen
Myrtle Hebeisen
Jerri Hiniker
Ewen Holmes
Bob Klein
Helen Knipe
Abby Larson
Allison Lavender
Tom Marquardt
Kaycee Peek
Keith Phifer
Nancy Richard
Olivia Richard
David Robertson
Ethan Robran
Daisianna Rudy
Erin Simenson



Aaron and Debbie Dando
Karen and Troy Ess
Belinda and Joe Hollman
Erik and Pam Koehler
Chris and Kim Loew

"When you get to your wits end, you'll find God lives there."

- Anonymous

Upcoming events for 2014:

October 10 - 12 – Annual All Church Retreat at Presbyterian Clearwater Forest

November 8 - 2nd Annual Lefsa Making

November 16 – Recovery Sunday

November 22 – Holiday Traditions & Rituals

Annual All Church Clearwater Retreat October 10 - 12

There are still a few spaces open!!!

Everyone is invited to spend a weekend of quality family time at Presbyterian Clearwater Forest in Deerwood, MN. We have reserved the Leaning Tree Lodge, which overlooks Clearwater Lake. The lodge has 15 guest rooms with shared bathrooms. Each room contains one queen bed and either one or two twin beds. It has two fireplaces, a full kitchen and two common meeting areas. We will also have access to the many amenities of the camp.

The family retreat will combine faith and family free time. This is a great place to connect with other families while enjoying fishing, boating, swimming, hiking, and singing around the campfire all for a minimal cost. The plan is for families to bring snack items to share for the weekend and either dinner for Friday night or eat on the way up. The remainder of the food for the meals for the weekend will be provided. Those interested in participating are encouraged to contact [Kriss Peek](mailto:KrissPeek@plymouthpc.org) at her e-mail address in the directory or 952-292-8151 or send a message to Fellowship@plymouthpc.org. A sign-up is posted in the narthex.



Book Club Selection for October 27

***“Safe from the Sea”* by Peter Geye**

Set against the powerful lakeshore landscape of northern Minnesota, “*Safe from the Sea*” is a heartfelt novel in which a son returns home to reconnect with his estranged and dying father thirty-five years after the tragic wreck of a Great Lakes ore boat that the father only partially survived and that has divided them emotionally ever since.



PPC Prayer Chain

The PPC Prayer Chain has committed to praying for all members of our congregation at designated times. You will be contacted the week prior, that you will be in their prayers during the next week. If you have specific joys or concerns you would like included, please let them know by sending an e-mail to: prayerchain@plymouthpc.org.

This is an opportunity for the Prayer Team to lift up the members of our congregation individually in thanks to and also for help from God. Please continue to send any specific requests at any time throughout the year to the Prayer Chain.



More information on any of the Fellowship events or groups can be found on the [Plymouth Presbyterian Church](http://PlymouthPresbyterianChurch.org) website, through the contact person for each event or group, by send an email to Fellowship@plymouthpc.org, or by contacting the church office.

Ongoing groups:

GIFT Group -

Women's Bible study -
Meets 1st, 2nd, & 4th Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room. On the 3rd Wednesday meet at Summerwood in Plymouth.

Contact: [Jan Leaf](mailto:JanLeaf@plymouthpc.org)

Men's Group -

Men's Bible study -
Meets at 8:00 a.m. on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month at PPC.

Contact: [Gordon Doshier](mailto:GordonDoshier@plymouthpc.org)

Serenity Seekers -

Al Anon support group
Every Thursday from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room at PPC.

Prayer Chain -

Third Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

Contact: Penny Blankenship
PrayerChain@plymouthpc.org

Book Club -

Fourth Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

Contact: Dorothy Vigness

PPC Gals -

Second Sunday of each month following worship and education (approximately 11:00 a.m.) in the narthex.

Contact: Debi Shatto,
Fellowship@plymouthpc.org
or the church office.

Baker's Group -

Meets at 10:00 a.m. on 2nd Saturday of each month in the kitchen at PPC.

Contact: Kriss Peek

Family Group -

Meets at 6:30 p.m. on 2nd Saturday of each month at PPC

Contact: Pam Koehler,
Christianformation@plymouthpc.org

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>28</p> <p>9:30 Worship</p> <p>9:45 Education</p> <p>10:45 Adult Forum</p> <p>6p Boy Scouts</p>	<p>29</p> <p>12:15p Staff Meeting</p> <p>2p Thrivent Financial Seminar</p> <p>6p Cub Scouts</p> <p>7p Thrivent Financial Seminar</p> <p>8p Nominating Committee</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>Oct 1</p> <p>9 GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) Group</p> <p>6p Celebration Ringers</p> <p>6:30p Youth Group</p> <p>7:30p Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6p Al-Anon</p> <p>7:15p Recovery Team</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8 PFC Fall Clean-up</p> <p>8 Men's Group</p>
<p>5</p> <p>World Wide Communion Sunday</p> <p>9:30 Worship - Communion, 3rd Grade Bklt</p> <p>9:45 Education</p> <p>6p Boy Scouts</p>	<p>6</p> <p>12:15p Staff Meeting</p> <p>7p Fellowship & Connection and Membership</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9 GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) Group</p> <p>6p Celebration Ringers</p> <p>6:30p Youth Group</p> <p>7:30p Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6p Al-Anon</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Clearwater Forest Family Retreat</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:30 Slavic Discovery Center</p> <p>9:30 Baker's Group</p> <p>1p Cub Scouts</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Clearwater Forest Family Retreat</p> <p>9:30 Worship</p> <p>9:45 Education</p> <p>10:45 Adult Forum</p> <p>11:45 Gail's Gathering</p> <p>6p Boy Scouts</p>	<p>13</p> <p>12:15p Staff Meeting</p> <p>7p Session Meeting</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:30p Deacons Meeting</p> <p>7p Mission Commission</p>	<p>15</p> <p>11 GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) Group</p> <p>12p Grapevine Deadline</p> <p>6:30p Christian Formation Meeting</p> <p>6p 25th Anniversary Committee</p> <p>6p Celebration Ringers</p> <p>6:30p Youth Group</p> <p>6:30p Prayer Chain Mtg.</p> <p>7p Building and Grounds</p> <p>7:30p Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6p Al-Anon</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>8 Men's Group</p> <p>9:30 Slavic Discovery Center</p>
<p>19</p> <p>9:30 Worship</p> <p>9:45 Education</p> <p>10:30 SERRV Sale</p> <p>6p Boy Scouts</p>	<p>20</p> <p>12:15p Staff Meeting</p> <p>6:30p Consecration Sunday Leadership Din</p> <p>7p Worship Ministry</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9 GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) Group</p> <p>6p Celebration Ringers</p> <p>6:30p Youth Group</p> <p>7:30p Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6p Al-Anon</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9 Presbyterian Women of the PTCA Gatheri</p> <p>9:30 Slavic Discovery Center</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Deacon's Memorial Dinner/Service</p> <p>9:30 Worship</p> <p>9:45 Education</p> <p>10:30 SERRV Sale</p> <p>10:45 Adult Forum</p>	<p>27</p> <p>12:15p Staff Meeting</p> <p>6p Cub Scouts</p> <p>7p Book Club</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9 GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) Group</p> <p>5:30p IOCP Volunteer Night</p> <p>6p Celebration Ringers</p> <p>6:30p Youth Group</p> <p>7:30p Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6p Al-Anon</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>Nov 1</p> <p>8 Men's Group</p> <p>9:30 Slavic Discovery Center</p>