

## Office Hours

9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
Monday - Friday

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## From the Pastor

Dear Friends:

You have heard that “perception is reality.” The vantage point we use to see things effects what we decide to be reality.

I was recently reminded of this when I re-read a quote from C.S. Lewis about maps and perception.

**“If a person has once looked at the Atlantic from the beach, and then goes and looks at a map of the Atlantic, they will also be turning something real into something less real.... The map has behind it masses of experience just as real as the one you could have from the beach; only, while yours would be a single isolated glimpse, the map fits all those different experiences together. In the second place, if you want to go anywhere, the map is absolutely necessary.**

**As long as you are content with walks on the beach, your own glimpses are far more fun than looking at a map. But the map is going to be more use than walks on the beach if you want to get to America.”**

### – Readings from C.S. Lewis

In short, we need maps, but maps cannot replace walks on a beach or a hike through a forest. This reminds us of faith and life. Take time to look around. What surrounds you may excite you beyond measure. God gives you opportunities to see the waves rolling in, to take in the wonderful aroma of the trees, to appreciate the vast landscape of where you are in this magnificent world. But don't forget the value of maps.

God gives us a map of the wider world created for us. While we may be content with the way things are in our lives, God trusts that we will grow in our faith and be agents of hospitality to one and all. God is always giving and wants us to do the same. The greatest example we have of this is the Incarnation – God with us – Jesus the Christ!

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By the time to receive this newsletter, Consecration Sunday will be upon us. It reminds us that God is always giving and always wanting us to do the same! It's also a reminder that we are always in relationship with God and with each other. That's what the Church is for – what we human beings are about!! We don't necessarily need a map for those relationships we are engaged in every day, but we certainly need a map to help us navigate through unknown terrain or unfamiliar cultures.

One final point needing repeating, as important as maps are, let's not allow our heads to be stuck in maps. Make sure to get your head out of your map so you can see what's around you.

Have a safe and fun journey,



## **Adult Forum - November 23**

General Colin Powell has said, "This is the moment when we have to move forward and all of us come together to reduce the number of nuclear weapons and eliminate them from the face of the earth."

With that in mind, it is a distinct honor to welcome to PPC on November 23 as our Adult Forum speaker, Roger Hale. Mr. Hale comes representing the Minneapolis-based, Ploughshares Fund whose mission is to reduce reliance on weapons of mass destruction.

Roger, who was educated at Brown University and Harvard Business School, served as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Navy. In civilian life Roger worked for Tennant Company for 38 years (the last 23 as CEO.)

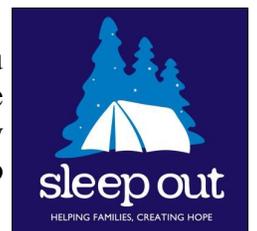
In the corporate world, Roger has served on many corporate boards. Some of which are Target, St. Paul Companies, Valspar, Donaldson, and US Bank. He has also understood he was a servant to the community, serving on the boards of Walker Art Center, Public Radio International, Metropolitan Airports Commission, and the Governor's Workforce Development Committee, to name a few.

His association with Ploughshares Fund dates back to its inception. He has served as its director for many years and has just completed 8 years as chair of its board of directors. Ploughshares Fund leads and supports "a community of experts, advocates and analysts to implement smart strategies to seek the peace and security of a world without nuclear weapons."

Our Adult Forum on November 23 is a great opportunity for us to learn what leading figures in the world are doing to reduce and, hopefully, eliminate the threat of mass destruction. We encourage you to invite a friend to church that day. The forum will begin at 10:45 a.m. in the sanctuary.

## **From Jon Warren - Children and Youth Ministry Intern**

In the 25th chapter of Mathew, Jesus says "I was hungry and you fed me, I was thirsty and you gave me a drink, I was homeless and you gave me a room, I was shivering and you gave me clothes, I was sick and you stopped to visit, I was in prison and you came to me" (Mathew 25:25). Jesus places Himself in the personhood of humanity and says " Whatever you did to the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me" (25:40).



Homelessness is rising in Minnesota, especially among children, youth and families. It's important that we not only encounter Christ through our relationships with the homeless but to raise awareness of this issue. The PPC Youth will be doing this November 8 - 9 by participating in the annual IOCP Sleep Out. We will experience a small taste of what it means to be homeless by sleeping outside in boxes at the church. Anybody from 6th - 12th grade is welcome to experience this fun and eye opening event. It's our hope that this awareness will lead us into the action of God: To bring peace, justice and transformation to our world.

## Worship Ministry - Sarah Kipp and Sandy Hawley

Greetings from the Worship and Music Ministry Team! We are heading into a busy and blessed time of the year. We start the month with Consecration Sunday on November 2, then Recovery Sunday on November 16, a Thanksgiving themed service on November 23 and the last Sunday of November, the 30th, is the First Sunday of Advent.

Make sure that you take time this month to think about all that you have to be thankful for and to give thanks to God for them. Remember, blessings can be small they aren't always staring you in the face; it might be as simple as a smile from a friend on a hard day or a beautiful leaf floating by. We're giving you a challenge as a way to be more aware of your blessings and grow in gratitude: Starting Thanksgiving Day, write down at least one new and specific thing you are thankful for each day of the year. If you do this, next Thanksgiving you will be amazed at all the unique things you have to be thankful for and we bet it will be more than 365.

Thank you for the blessing you give this church and for those around you.

Blessings,

Sarah Kipp and Sandy Hawley

Your Worship and Music Ministry Team Elders

**Give Thanks**



## BIRTHDAYS

Sally Ackerman

Mary Gabe

Kathy Hammelman

Kyle Haskamp

Ben Hollman

Paige Hollman

Laurie Latimer

Jan Lillemo

## Building and Grounds Committee

### Sanctuary Lighting Project

The Building and Grounds Committee reinstalled new, energy efficient LED lighting in the sanctuary on October 18. These bulbs have a higher lumen output and better light dispersal pattern than the LED bulbs installed in July. The committee believes there is a marked improvement of the lighting in sanctuary. If anyone has additional concerns regarding the lighting in the sanctuary, please contact the Building and Grounds Committee at [buildingand-grounds@plymouthpc.org](mailto:buildingand-grounds@plymouthpc.org). Changing to LED blubs is estimated to save the church \$965 annually in electrical costs.

### Coming Soon – New Paper Towel & Soap Dispensers

Building and Grounds has reviewed the church's use of paper towels and soap in the restrooms of the church. Working with our supplier, Bertelsons, we have found that switching from folded paper towels to roll towels will save the church between \$100 & \$200 per year. In addition, switching from the liquid soap dispensers to fragrance free foam soap dispensers will also save money yearly. Bertelsons provides the dispensers at no cost. Look for these new dispensers in the coming weeks.

## Directions for Using SignUp Genius

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

## 4th Annual Recovery Sunday - November 16

Plymouth Presbyterian Church's 4th Annual Recovery Sunday will be held on November 16. Mission Express, the music group from Christ Recovery Center in St. Paul will again provide music for the worship service.



**Gloria Englund**

**The Pulpit Speaker** will be Gloria Englund, a pioneer in the field of addiction recovery and support. She holds a Master of Arts in Human Development and is a certified Recovery Coach who works with individuals and families dealing with an addiction to alcohol, drugs, food and relationships.

Gloria has personal as well as professional knowledge of addiction and recovery; her oldest son died of a heroin overdose in 2007. She also offers two, on-going coaching support groups. Courageous Caregivers© is a group for loved ones of active drug addicts and alcoholics. A Different Kind of Grief© is a group for those who have a loved one who has died from addiction. As an accomplished public speaker, advocate and published author, Gloria brings a message of hope and recovery to others.



**Jill Petsel**

**The After Worship Speaker** is Jill Petsel, Executive Director of the Minnesota Recovery Connection, will be the Adult Forum speaker. A person in long-term recovery, Jill has 25 years of non-profit development and leadership experience. Previous to the MRC position, she served as the Vice President for Development at the Wilder Foundation and led University of Wisconsin-Superior's alumni, communication and fund raising efforts.

Jill is a graduate of Buena Vista University (Storm Lake, IA) with a degree in psychology. She is a member of the St. Paul Rotary Club and serves on the Department of Human Services Alcohol and Drug Abuse division Advisory Committee. She will speak about the vision and purpose of the Minnesota Recovery Connection, located in Minneapolis. There will be a time for a question and answer period following her talk.

## 2014 IOCP Clergy Sleep Out - Ewen Holmes

Once again, the IOCP Clergy Sleep Out is before us! As you know, every year a handful of clergy and IOCP staff sleep out. This year we are going to sleep out on Wednesday, December 3. There are many reasons why we sleep out: to raise awareness of the homelessness in the Twin Cities; to lift up the mission and ministry of Interfaith Outreach & Community Partners (IOCP); to express our gratitude for supportive families and faith communities and to remind us that God is in our presence, even in challenging times.

In previous years I have sought the support of individuals through a "sign-up" chart placed in the welcome area of the church. This year I have moved into a high-tech approach. Donations can be made directly through an online, secured sight. I borrowed a phrase from Presbyterian Women who have the "Least Coin" program. I would like to ask you to give the equivalent of the least coin. Take a coin that you would consider the least and multiple it by the number of minutes I will be sleeping out. A typical night's sleep of 8 hours equals 480 minutes. It's one way to look at making a donation.

My goal in "*Ewen's IOCP Least Coin SleepOut*" is to get as many people as I can to be conscious of what we take for granted and what others pray to have – a safe, warm, undisturbed night of sleep.

Here is how you can make a donation through GiveMN.org – <https://givemn.org/fundraiser/Ewens-Sleepout---201454468d735f1c2>. One final piece of information: if you can make a donation between November 1-13, your donation will be doubled by the "Give to the Max" program, which IOCP is one of its recipients.

In advance, I want to thank all of you for your kindness, support, prayers and anything you might donate to this incredible night!

## Upcoming events for 2014:

**November 8** - 2nd Annual Lefsa Making

**November 8 - 9** - Youth IOCP Sleepout

**November 16** – Recovery Sunday

**November 22** – Holiday Traditions & Rituals

**December 7** - Children's Christmas Program

**December 14** - Choir Cantata

### **Baker's Saturday - 2nd Annual Lefse Making**

**When:** Saturday, November 8 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**Where:** PPC Kitchen

For the beginner to the experts. Make this delicious Scandinavian tradition with friends of all ages.

Please sign up in the Narthex so we have enough equipment, or contact Amy Leaf with any questions.



### **Back by popular demand, the 2nd Annual Holiday Traditions & Rituals**

**Saturday, November 22, 2014**

**11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Baking, crafts, music,  
tea and friendship.

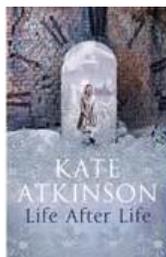
Mark your calendar so you don't miss this fun event!



### **Book Club Selection for November 24**

***"Life After Life"* by Kate Atkinson**

What if there *were* second chances? And third chances? In fact an infinite number of chances to live your life? Would you eventually be able to save the world from its own inevitable destiny? And would you even want to?



The PPC Prayer Chain has committed to praying for all members of our congregation at designated times. You will be contacted the week prior, to let you know 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](mailto:prayerchain@plymouthpc.org).

This is an opportunity for the Prayer Team to lift up the members of our congregation individually in thanks to God and for help and guidance. 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.com) website, through the contact person for each event or group, by send an email to [Fellowship@plymouthpc.org](mailto:Fellowship@plymouthpc.org), or by contacting the church office.

### **Ongoing groups:**

#### **GIFT Group** -

*Women's Bible study* -  
Meets 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of each month at PPC.

**Contact:** [Gordon Dosher](mailto:GordonDosher@plymouthpc.org)

#### **Serenity Seekers** -

*Al Anon support group*  
Every Thursday from 6:00 - 7:15 p.m. in the Fireside Room

#### **Prayer Chain** -

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

**Contact:** Penny Blankenship  
[PrayerChain@plymouthpc.org](mailto: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](mailto:Fellowship@plymouthpc.org)  
or the church office.

#### **Baker's Group** -

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

**Contact:** Kriss Peek

#### **Family Group** -

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

**Contact:** Pam Koehler,  
[Christianformation@plymouthpc.org](mailto:Christianformation@plymouthpc.org)

## Ways to help Interfaith Outreach and Community Partners (IOCP)

### 1605 County Road 101 N, Plymouth

#### **Holiday Gift Program Sponsors Needed**

Over 450 families in our community have already registered for the Holiday Gift Program and more are signing up every day. Now we just need sponsors to make the program possible – and spread a little holiday cheer!

Whether you like to shop and wrap or simply make a financial contribution, we appreciate your generosity in helping out this year. There are families of all sizes that you can sponsor as a group or on your own. Groups who have enjoyed giving back together include church choirs, church circles or bible study groups, book clubs, neighbors, co-workers, and more! For additional information, please visit [www.iocp.org/holiday-gift-program](http://www.iocp.org/holiday-gift-program).

#### **Holiday Food Items Needed**

With the holidays just around the corner, IOCP is starting to stock special food items to help bring cheer to our clients throughout the season. Please consider making a donation. We are in need of nuts and crackers, stuffing mix, canned green beans, sweet potatoes and cranberries, baking ingredients and mixes and other non-perishable food items. Donations can be dropped off Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

#### **Donate Your Paper Grocery Bags**

We are in need of paper grocery bags for our food shelf. If you have extras on hand, please consider donating them.

#### **Winter Clothing Wanted**

Our ReSale 101 Shop is in need of new and/or gently used winter coats and boots, hats, mittens, and scarves for children, teens, men and women. These items will be available for sale in the store. Families we serve can pick them up free of charge, while the general community can purchase them. All proceeds support IOCP programs.

Consider sponsoring a coat drive through your church or community organization, or simply drop off your individual donation at our site. Store and donation hours are: Tuesday, Friday, Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Wednesday, Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

## Minnesota Alliance Of Peacemakers holds 19th Annual Celebration with Paul K. Chappell

Tickets are required for the event. A donation of \$10 per ticket is suggested.

Please e-mail: [rfofmplsmn@aol.com](mailto:rfofmplsmn@aol.com) to request the number of tickets needed.

Write a check payable to: Minnesota Alliance of Peacemakers

Mail the check to: MAP, PO Box 19573, Minneapolis, MN 55419

An e-mail listing the number of tickets you requested will be sent to you. Your printed e-mail will be your entrance ticket.

All proceeds from this event will go to Nuclear Age Peace Foundation. If you have questions, please call Mary at 612-823-5534. The evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. with the *A Peace Of My Mind* Photo Exhibit by John Noltner. At 7:00 p.m. Paul K. Chappell will speak on “Is World Peace Possible? The Anatomy of War and Peace”

**Paul K. Chappell** is Peace Leadership Director for Nuclear Age Peace Foundation (NAPF). He graduated from West Point in 2002, served in Iraq, left active duty in November 2009 and soon after began working at NAPF. He is the author of a seven-book series about waging peace, ending war, the art of living and what it means to be human.

Paul grew up in Alabama, the son of a half-black and half-white father (who fought in the Korean and Vietnam wars) and a Korean mother. Growing up in a violent household, Chappell has sought answers to the issues of war and peace, rage and trauma, and vision, purpose, and hope. Paul lectures across the country and internationally. He also teaches college courses and workshops on Peace Leadership at the University of San Diego.

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<p><b>Celebration Lunch After Worship</b> <b>Consecration Sunday</b> Rev. David Maghakian Preacht 9:30 Worship - Communion 9:45 Education 6p Boy Scouts</p>	<p>12:15p Staff Meeting 7p Fellowship &amp; Connection and</p>	<p>12:15p Staff Meeting 7p Session Meeting</p>	<p>9 GIFT (Growing in Faith Together) 6p Celebration Ringers 6:30p Youth Group 7:30p Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>6p AI-Anon 7:15p Recovery Team</p>	<p>7</p>	<p><b>Youth Sleep-Out 3:00 p.m.</b> 9 Baker's Group (Leisa making) 9:30 Slavic Discovery Center</p>
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