



PROSPECTUS

May 2019

*We seek to be an inclusive Christian community
that affirms faith in God and spiritual growth
with a commitment to justice
and stewardship of God's creation.*



PPUMC'S Spring Musical!

A Year With Frog & Toad

By Robert & Willie Reale,
Based on the books by Arnold Lobel

Fridays, May 10 & 17 • 7 pm

Saturdays, May 11 & 18 • 2 pm • 7 pm

Performances in the PPUMC sanctuary. See page 6.

A Year With Frog & Toad is presented through special arrangement
with Music Theatre International, NYC.

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HEADS UP: The Prospectus takes a summer vacation!

This year we are trying something new! The Prospectus is taking a summer vacation.

The schedule of the church and of the congregation changes in the summer. It seems only natural that our communications reflect that, and that like other ministries, our time away may inform and deepen our work.

Your Communications Team will still be in place and sending out the mid-month digital news-treat which is Prospectus 2.0. You'll still hear from us every Friday afternoon with worship bulletins and announcements (of events and building use) for the coming week by email. And there will likely be an occasional "Having a great time, wish you were here," kind of note.

Next edition: AUGUST 1, 2019!

-The PPUMC Communications Team



**PPUMC Presents
A Year With Frog & Toad**

Join us for our spring production of this delightful Tony winning musical that skips and hops through four seasons with a pair of unlikely amphibian friends in their natural habitat – a neighborhood filled with friends! This will be an eclectic production for all ages.

A portion of proceeds from *A Year With Frog & Toad* will be given to Friends of the Mississippi River, an organization that “engages people to protect, restore and enhance the Mississippi River and its watershed in the Twin Cities region.” Visit fmr.org to learn more about the organization.

Enjoy a performance, and help preserve the neighborhood for Frog and Toad. You won’t want to miss it!

Prospect Park United Methodist Church Presents



By Robert & Willie Reale,
Based on the books by Arnold Lobel

**Friday May 10 & 17 ~ 7:00
Saturday May 11 & 18 ~
2:00 & 7:00**

FREE WILL DONATION

No admission fees or reservations
General seating
opens $\frac{1}{2}$ hr. before the show

Parking on street or in school lot
across the street

22 Orlin Ave. SE, Mpls 55414

prospectpark.church.org
Facebook ~ Instagram
612•378•2380

Presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International.

Pastor's Corner



There is an old, old Inuit teaching story I learned from a woman who herself seemed as old as the seashore. It is about the ocean and the personification of life, a woman, Sedna, that inhabits its depths. The ocean lives and moves and changes around her. The tides tangle her long black hair, and Sedna combs it. Hour by hour, day by day, year by decade by eon, she combs. She combs out the tangles that come from constant movement. She combs by the moon and the sun. She combs singing and wailing. She combs out the shipwrecks and the slaughters. And from her combing comes life. Comes health. Comes the future.

This year has brought us many tangles to comb through. There has been upheaval greater than usual within our denomination – in addition to the myriad of twists and turns such as unexpected maintenance expenses brought about by the intensity of our winter. As a community, we take change as a matter of course. We're pretty good at it, whether we like it or not. We are characterized by steadiness and level-headedness and our processing skills. We come together in worship at least as often as we come together in councils, which keeps our decisions centered in our mission as a movement, gathered for the purpose of lending our one-by-one energies to a larger/greater One.

When I speak of us to colleagues these days, I characterize this congregation as rooted. I say that we are a collection of United Methodists who are on the trail of justice, and we know our quadrilateral! We bring our spiritual traditions (UMC included), our experiences

(the ones we've heard as well as the ones we've lived), our reason (our educations as well as our common sense) to our understanding of scripture (which we explore together and live), so we have tools for discernment. We're not easily confused. We have a comb to use on our tangles, as it were.

I also characterize this congregation as a community rooted in grace. This is a circle that lives by the mystery that each one of us born is an expression of the Ground of All Being. Each of us is made (by some miraculous somehow) in the very image of the Very God. This understanding brings us to our knees in prayer and humility. And it causes us to stand up in absolute confidence to declare the truth of equality in the mind of God.

And I characterize us as stubborn. Wait, make that steadfast. Or both. We will not be brushed under a rug any more than we will be secreted in a closet.

We are in the midst of it. And we will be. Always. We have learned that complete order and stillness is like a breath caught and held: sweetly temporary, before we gasp and live on. Motion is life. When Sedna stops working through the tangles of the world, the winters grow long and cold. The fish do not school. The tides grow sluggish. And so, we comb.

Wild blessings,
Chris



PPUMC 2018-19 Community Concert Series Wraps 9th Season

PPUMC wrapped its 2018-19 Community Concert series with a bow, and in this case you can pronounce that as bō - as in a tied ribbon, or bau - as in what performers do at the end of a performance!

Bravo to the wonderful bands and musicians who donated their time and talents, and to the numerous folks who came out to enjoy music, fellowship and support a cause.

\$8,148.54 was raised to support designated area nonprofits and community organizations!

The 2018-19 season supported the work of:

**FamilyWise
MN Council of Churches Refugee Services
Pratt Community School
Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative
Habitat for Humanity
Southeast Seniors
MN Interfaith Power & Light
Glendale Food Shelf**

The following fine musical acts donated their gift of song:

**My Anchor Holds
First Saturday Folk
Lazy Does It
Musical Chairs
Timbre Junction
Tower Hill Brass Sextet
University Baptist Church Bell Choirs
Calliope Women's Chorus**

Finally, thanks to those who helped to provide a signature PPUMC welcome by assisting with hospitality, from set up to clean up and bringing treats!

Concerts are free and open to the public.
A free-will offering is accepted with 100% forwarded to beneficiaries.

Social Justice Matters



OUR MOVEMENT FORWARD CONFERENCE:

A summit to discuss the future
of The United Methodist Church,
centered on POC+Q+T
(Person of Color, Queer, and Transgender) voices.

May 17-18 at Lake Harriet UMC
4901 Chowen Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55410

Preconference: May 17th • 5 - 9pm
Conference: May 18th • 9am - 5pm

WHO: POC + Queer + Trans People of Faith and Allies,
both Laity and Clergy.

WHY: General Conference 2019 showed the world that some of the most articulate, faithful, visionary leaders of the church are POC+Q+T. And yet, while there are post-GC gatherings planned for leaders who oppose the Traditional Plan, we are yet to see a gathering that specifically centers these wise (and underrepresented) groups.

Details: <https://um-forward.org/our-movement-forward>

May Events

RAW (natural born artists) MINNEAPOLIS presents IMPACT: an eclectic arts showcase Wednesday, May 1, 7 pm at the Pourhouse, 10 S 5th Street in Minneapolis. PPUMC member Angela Hed Vincent of the Studio Project is among the 80+ artists featured! To see her work and order tickets, visit <https://rawartists.org/angelahedvincent>. For more info and to see all participating artists, visit <https://rawartists.org/minneapolis/impact>

Schneider Drug, long-time pharmacy in Prospect Park, closes May 2. The store will be open through May 1 to serve the community. Prescriptions are being forwarded to CVS Pharmacy at 818 Washington Ave. SE in Minneapolis, 55414, 612-331-4240. Schneider Drug has become a neighborhood institution over decades and will be greatly missed!

Celebrate Southeast with a Taste of Southeast: 8th annual fundraiser for Southeast Seniors, Saturday, May 4, noon-3 pm at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, 1500 Franklin Ave. SE, Minneapolis. Featuring a buffet by area restaurants, a silent auction, beautiful music, and a special program celebrating Southeast resident, Ardes Johnson. Noon – 2 p.m. food, silent auction, music, then 2 p.m. program. Tickets: \$25 Seniors (65+); \$30 Adults; \$10 children under 10. Contact Southeast Seniors for scholarship information: (612) 331-2302, or visit their website www.seseniors.org for more information. Tickets: <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4193627>.

All Church Clean Up Day: Sunday, May 5, immediately following worship. Jobs big and small for one and all. Please help if you can! Homemade food is your reward.

PPUMC Fair Trade Sale: Sunday, May 5, before and after the 10 am worship service. Purchase fair trade coffee, chocolate, and weavings from India.

Taking Heart Open Houses - 2019: Coordinated by the Minnesota Council of Churches (MCC) and the Muslim American Society of Minnesota (MAS-MN), this program brings Christians and members of other faith communities

together with Muslims for food and conversation during Ramadan. Minnesota mosques and Islamic community centers welcome their non-Muslim neighbors for a traditional Iftar, inviting a time of encounter and learning. Visit <http://bit.ly/TakingHeartRegister> to learn more and register. Free and open to the public. Questions? Contact Rev. Cynthia Bronson Sweigert at revcbs11@gmail.com.

Ecumenical Taizé Service: Thursday, May 9, at Faith Mennonite Church, 2728 East 22nd Street, Minneapolis. A light supper will be served at 6 p.m., followed by the Easter-tide candlelight prayer service at 7 p.m. Faith Mennonite welcomes friends from St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, Prospect Park United Methodist Church, Dignity Twin Cities, and Compassion of Christ Catholic Community. This will be the final in the 2018-19 series. More coming in the fall!

PPUMC presents A Year With Frog & Toad:
Fridays, May 10 & 17 at 7 pm & Saturdays, May 11 & 18, 2 pm and 7 pm. Details on page 6.

The Letter Carriers Food Drive is May 11th. They will pick up any nonperishable items on that date to stock the local food pantries for the summer, a time of year that pantries run short and depend on the generosity of others.

PPUMC Administrative Council Meeting: Tuesday, May 14, 7 pm at PPUMC in the balcony Space 21/Youth Room.

PPUMC Women's Group: Women are invited for breakfast and conversation at The Egg & I, 2550 University Ave in St. Paul, on Wednesday, May 8, at 8:30 a.m.

PPUMC Men's Group: Monthly breakfast meeting Saturday, May 18, 8:30 am at PPUMC in Community Hall.

Our Movement Forward Conference: May 17-18.
See page 7.

David Shove Memorial Service: Friday, May 24, 7 pm at PPUMC.

Mary Alice Kopf Memorial Service: Sunday, May 26, 1 pm at PPUMC.

May 2019



SUN

MON

TUE

WED

1

9a Music Tog
10:15a Music
6p Classical A
7p PPUMC Ch

5 9-9:30 & 11-11:15a
Coffee & Conversation
10a Worship
10a Sunday School
11a All Church Clean-Up
1:30p Frog & Toad
Rehearsal
5p Compassion Worship

6

6p Yoga
6p Classical Actors
6:30 Frog & Toad Tech

7

12:30p Music Together
6p Classical Actors
6:30 Frog & Toad Tech

8

8:30a PPUMC @Egg & I, p9
9a Music Tog
10:15a Music
6p Classical A
6:30 Frog & Toad

12 9-9:30 & 11-11:15a
Coffee & Conversation
10a Worship
10a Sunday School
11:30a Adult Ed

13

1p Study Club
6p Yoga
6p Classical Actors

14

12:30p Music Together
6p Classical Actors
7p PPUMC Admin
Council Meeting

15

9a Music Tog
10:15a Music
12p SE Lunch Br
6p Classical Act
7p PPUMC Choi

19 9-9:30 & 11-11:15a
Coffee & Conversation
10a Worship
11:30a Adult Ed
1p Strike Party

20

6p Yoga
6:30p PPA Meeting

21

12:30p Music Together
6p Classical Actors

22

9a Music Tog
10:15a Music
6p Classical Act
7p PPUMC Choi

26 9-9:30 & 11-11:15a
Coffee & Conversation
10a Worship
11:30a Adult Ed
1p Mary Alice Kopf
Memorial Service
5p Dignity Worship
6p Dignity Potluck

27 Memorial Day
6p Yoga?

28

12:30p Music Together
6p Classical Actors
6:30p Climate Justice
Congregational
Certification Meeting

29

9a Music Tog
10:15a Music
6p Classical Act



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***Christian Education
Sunday School: 10 —11:15 am
September—May***

Sunday School Happenings:

May 5th we will discover how Jesus appeared to the disciples after Easter, on the walk to Emmaus. At 11:15am we will join the rest of the congregation in the annual Church Clean-Up.

May 12th is our Clean up Tower Park Day – a fun service project that gets us outside to care for the earth. This is also our last day of Sunday School until fall.

Many thanks to our teachers this year: Steve Kerrigan, Nancy Kristensen, Patti Elliott Allen, Christy Myers and Rebekah Richards. It's been a great year. The Christmas pageant that took us around the world, raising money for the Glendale Food Shelf, acting out Jesus parables, tidying up the sanctuary, tie dyeing dish towels for the Fall Bazaar, learning drumming prayers. We have experienced many things and grown in many ways. Thank you to the church for supporting us!

A special thank you to Ruth Ann Marks for her help in our sanctuary cleaning project and to Maren Olson and Sam Velasquez for their help with tie dyeing for the Fall Bazaar.

Great thanks to Rebekah Richards, too, for extraordinary leadership and all manner of enthusiasm on behalf of our children throughout the year.



***Christian Adult Education:
30 minutes after worship end—12:30 pm
September—May***

We had a great conversation about Preventing Falls on April 28, Sharon Kimble facilitating.

There will be similar learning sessions: May 19 and 26.

Possible topics: Exercise and Type 2 Diabetes, Nutrition and Portion Management, Non-pharmaceutical Management of High Blood Pressure, General Exercise Concepts, Sleep Hygiene.

Please let Sharon know ahead of time, if you have interest in one over another.

Thanks for an enriching year of Adult Education. Thanks to Greg Neumann for excellence and faithfulness to the task of facilitation in the long haul, to Marilee Johnson for the rich suggestion and conversation around “Why Religion,” our Lenten book study, and to all the learners who shared time and ideas and life together. If any of you have thoughts or desires about study topics in the coming year, please don’t hesitate to say so.

Send a Kid to Camp Fundraiser

Remember your time at summer church camp? The musty cabins and bunk beds, the campfires, hikes in the woods, craft time, capture the flag, camp songs, new friends, those crazy counselors, Bible study, swimming, canoeing, tether ball, sun burns and mosquito bites. Remember the relationships that deepened along with the questions asked about life and love and how God shows up in that? Would you like to help kids from our church attend camp this summer? During the month of May we are raising money for a camp scholarship fund.

Our scholarships will help children and youth attend our United Methodists Camps here in Minnesota. A week of regular camp costs \$450; a week of horse camp (very popular!) is \$680. For some families these are a stretch or completely out of reach.

Won’t you help create memories and a foundation for faith with our children and youth? Donations can be put in the Sunday morning offering plate, marked camp scholarship; or mailed to the church office at 22 Orlin Ave SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414.

Questions? Ask: Rebekah Richards or Pastor Chris.
Thank you for your generosity!

**PPUMC Choir: September-May
Wednesday Rehearsals 7-8:30 pm
Warm Ups & Run-Throughs Sundays, 9 am**

PPUMC Choir says “THANK YOU” in Song

From the, “How in the world did we get here so quickly?!” files, we are entering the final month of the 2018-19 PPUMC Choir season - unbelievable! It has been an honor and privilege to offer our gift of song during worship over these past several months, and we hope you’ve found meaning, inspiration, strength, and perhaps a smile or two in our music. We sincerely appreciate your on-going support.

In May, we turn to the gospel genre for two powerful numbers, “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” on May 12, and, “Order My Steps” on Sunday the 19th. For our final piece of the season, we’ll feature a selection inspired by folk and early American music, entitled “Deep Waters.” Jesus calls us to cast our nets wide, and promises a harvest of life to its fullest - what a precious gift indeed.

A personal note of thanks to the choir for your wonderful artistry and enthusiasm...you continue to delight and amaze! To all who have joined us with your musical contributions over the past months, thank you for your gift of time and talents. And, thank you, Frank for your extraordinary musicianship and boundless patience with my many twists and turns along the way. It has been a true joy, friends.

We hope to create a handful of ‘pick-up choir’ opportunities in the months ahead – please watch your email for further information. There is also the opportunity for offering your musical gifts during other Sundays during the summer; please talk with Donna Shaheen to learn more. We look forward to returning next fall with another intriguing lineup of worship music!

Peace,
-Dave Nyberg, Choir Director



Poet's Place

A MAGIC SHOP

Don't you wish
there was a shop
where we could change
poverty into abundance,
greed into gifts,
my way into a HIGH way,
failure to care into a future of fair?

Wait! Is that us?
We the church try to be
a community of open hearts,
with Love that shares
and assists and thinks
and prays and can't stop
being and trying
to love God and love neighbors.

Jesus has shown,
has asked us,
has lived and died for us.
Now it's our turn.

-Joy DeHarpporte



Joy DeHarpporte is a longtime PPUMC member and retired school teacher. In addition to writing poetry, she works tirelessly to support social justice initiatives.



Reflection

April Snowballs

Our mid-April blizzard (and ensuing school release day; *arg!*) has melted down to patches of wet, icy snow on Minneapolis's boulevards. This is the kind of loose snow you can easily scoop and pack that only appears in the spring. Our family after-dinner walks to the lake have naturally turned into moving snowball fights. Sun warms our shoulders, loons dive down at the lake, an occasional heron flies overhead, and we sling snowballs at each other. We reenact the dual between Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr. We hurl them into the lake. We aim at stop signs. They splat, leaving a wet smear. They soak through our mittens.

I grew up in New York, where spring starts in March. Even after thirty-two years of living in Minnesota, even though I honestly love the winter, I'm tormented by this spell from March through April. My body says "Enough already!" and my mind turns toward the garden. I had planted kale under the cloche and sugar snaps along the back fence just before we were blanketed in ten fresh inches. Suddenly my equanimity toward the cold collapsed. I joined everyone else in the Midwest in griping about the weather.

Today patches of snow linger in the shade while the grass greens fast and the rivers run high. Snowball fights, which for most of the winter aren't possible because the snow is too cold to pack, are now sheer delight. When my mittens turn soggy the air is warm enough I can tolerate grabbing a fistful of snow with bare hands. Our three-way, traveling snowball fight pauses frequently for other neighbors out on their evening stroll. Everyone smiles.

Here is the flip-side of too many dark, cold days: This glorious, enthusiastic emergence of humans onto our sidewalks and birds into our parks and new life everywhere! We're all giddy. We can breathe freely again, we can walk outside without guarding our steps, we can propel ourselves long distances safely, we can even comfortably, amazingly, sit! This exultation only comes from weathering winter; it's a unique gift for having suffered the cold. Those in warmer climes never know this particular mix of relief and anticipation and glory and full-bodied movement. It's expansive, communal, playful, and I want to take it in until I'm completely soaked.

--Elizabeth Jarrett Andrew



Elizabeth Jarrett Andrew is a published author, writing instructor and spiritual director living in Minneapolis, MN. She shares her monthly blogpost here and at:
<http://www.elizabethjarrettandrew.com/>.



Happy Birthday

Cassie Davies-Juhnke	May 1
Melia Anders	May 2
Liz Richards	May 15
Liz Pierce	May 21
Stu Anderson	May 30
June Whitney	June 3
Jennifer Smith-Kristensen	June 7
Genet Elliott Allen	June 23
Erickson Ethan	July 11
Jody Ouradnik	July 17
Faye Labatt	July 22
Isabel Kristensen	July 23
Tim Labatt	July 27

Happy Anniversary

John & Sharon Nielsen	May 10
Ann Rauvola & Jayant Saraph	May 23
Phyllis & Ernie Burnham	May 27
Chris Kliesen Wehrman & Dave Nyberg	May 31
Steve & Mary Bloom	June 7
Walter & Roxanne Lockhart	June 10
Jody & Stu Ouradnik	June 18
Judy & Janet WestLee	June 18
Nancy & Mark Kristensen	June 26
Gordon & Christy Myers	June 27
Donna & Bill Shaheen	July 5

PPUMC Sunday Schedule:



**Coffee & Conversation:
9:30-10 and 11-11:15 a.m.**

Worship: 10 a.m.

**September—May:
Sunday School Grades K-8: 10 am—12 pm
Adult Education: 11:30 am—12:30 pm**

The coffee's great! Tea is too.
 Your extra treats and snacks at
 hospitality and other church events
 are also welcome!
 Due to severe allergies, however, **please**
DO NOT bring items with nuts.

Judy and Janet WestLee, and
 Joy and John DeHarppoerte,
 would love to help with set up
 and clean up.



**September—May:
Choir: 9 am
warm ups/run throughs
(Rehearsals Wed. 7 pm)**



**The Ministers are all the people of the church:
“The world is our parish.”**

PPUMC Staff:

Pastor: Rev. Chris Kliesen Wehrman

Administrative Assistant: Anna Rieth

Communication Associate: Cassie Davies-Juhnke

Lay Leader: Ann DeGroot

Choir Director/Song Leader: David Nyberg

Organist/Music Director: Frank Trnka

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Nursery Caregiver: Melissa Hodne

Typical Office Hours:

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The office is closed Mondays.

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