

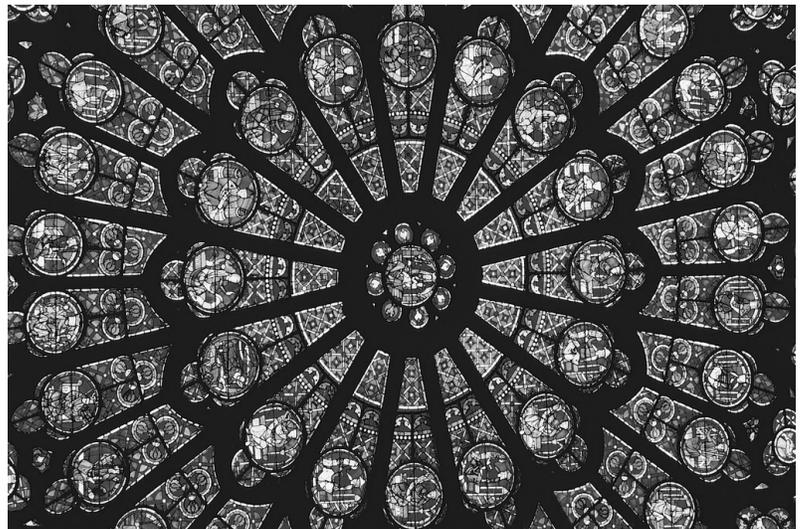


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**WORSHIP AT THE SUMMIT
OF THE GODOLA**

Join Pastor Ben for Worship at the Summit of the Gondola on Sunday, March 11th at 9:30am and/or

Easter Sunrise Service at the Summit of the Tram on Sunday, April 8th



The First Wednesday Dinner of each month is PCJH BIRTHDAY MONTH CELEBRATION! If you are having a birth day that month, we will be recognizing and celebrating with you during that Wednesday Fellowship Dinner which starts every Wednesday at 6:15pm in our Fellowship Hall. Birthday Cake included!

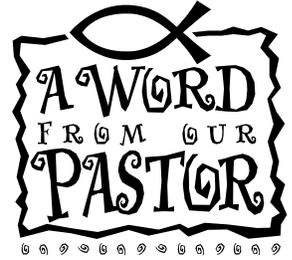
If you are regular attender of Wed Night Dinners than we look forward to seeing you. If you are a friend/member of PCJH and don't come regularly to this great opportunity for fellowship.... think about coming that First Wed of Each Month and join us. The church office would also like to know when your birthday is. Come see who shares with you this very important day.

Happy Birthday to all of you who have that reason to celebrate in 2012!





Paul's Page



Howdy Everyone.

As you are reading this, Terri and I will be enjoying the warm, tropical climate of Maui. It has been years since either of us made it to The Islands and it has been our goal over the past few years, to have a winter getaway to warm up. It is also good to get away so that we can gain a different, if not new perspective, on the work we do and the ministry the Lord would have us do, in the midst of that work.

Jesus knew the importance of finding those times of separation from his work so that he could be renewed. In our Tuesday women's Bible study where we are studying the healing miracles of Jesus we read:

But he would withdraw to deserted places and pray.
Luke 5:16

Jesus made these alone times on a regular basis after times of intense ministry. He also did this with his disciples, pulling them away from the demands of the life they had found with him, so they might reflect on what was happening and have personal time with him. He seemed to know that times of separateness are important for renewal with those closest to us and with our Lord. When we return we are often energized for what is ahead.

One of Jesus' alone times that we remember during the Season of Lent (Lent is the period of time within the church year that leads us to Easter) was when Jesus went into the desert to be tempted. The first three Gospels tell us the story but I like Luke's account the best. Luke tells us:

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan (where he had been baptized) and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness where for 40 days he was tempted by the devil.

Matthew and Mark tell us that Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted. Luke tells us that Jesus was "led by the Spirit in the wilderness..." To me learning to be led by the Spirit is the ultimate goal of both our alone time as well as the seasons of temptation. Temptation is simply being presented with a choice to make. Often the choices are not between radically opposed directions. Temptation is often choosing between the right

way and the easy way to get to a goal. Luke implies that Jesus' deepest temptation was the choice between listening to and following the lead of the Holy Spirit versus the other voice(s) that were tugging at his heart.

During the Season of Lent people will often give up something as a spiritual discipline reminding them that Jesus fasted for 40 days and nights while in the wilderness. People will often give up chocolate or alcohol or something that is a vice for them. People also might give up a meal once a week to be reminded of Jesus' time of fasting. These sacrifices can be helpful as a connect point to what Jesus did for us.

What I like to encourage people to do during the Season of Lent is to take on a spiritual practice that will make them more sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit. Here are some ideas:

- † Make time to pray 3 times a day;
- † Make time to daily read the Bible;
- † Read a book on Christian Spirituality;
- † Commit to attending a Bible study;
- † Once a week, find a need within your circle of friends and meet it with an anonymous action;
- † Learn what it means to be led by the Spirit.

The outcome of Jesus' alone time in the wilderness was his growth from being "full of the Spirit" (4:1) to being "filled with the power of the Spirit" (4:14). I believe this is what God wants to do in our lives through our alone times and during Lent. God has given each of us areas of ministry and Christian influence: family, friends, business, church... May we discover the power God wants to give for our serving as we spend time with Him.

Walking in the Spirit with you,

Pastor Paul

Dear PCJH Family,

"How good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters live together in unity!" -Psalm 133:1

I am writing the day after four Presbyterian youth groups convened at PCJH for an awesome night of worship, fellowship, games and prayer. It was wonderful to see the Genesis room bursting at the seams as 70 youth and adult leaders gathered together in unity of faith. It was energizing and encouraging to see so many youth seeking God in their lives. The churches in attendance were First Presbyterian Church of Idaho Falls, Sun Valley Presbyterian Church, Church in the Tetons in Driggs, and PCJH. Continue to keep our youth in your prayers as they learn to walk in the way of Jesus.

Little Lambs Expanded Hours of Operation: Attention all parents and grandparents of preschoolers! I want you to know that our Little Lambs Preschool will be expanding its hours of operation for the 2012-2013 academic year. Our normal Little Lambs program hours have always been 9:00am to 3:00pm, and will continue to be. However, we would like to provide before-care (7:30am-9:00am) and after-care (3:00pm-5:30pm) for families who need extended childcare in order to work or for a variety of other reasons.

Registration for the 2012-2013 academic year will be open to PCJH and Little Lambs families on Monday, March 5th. We will then open registration up to the public the following day, Tuesday, March 6th. Please note: We must have a minimum of 4 to 5 kids enrolled in before and/or after care in order to make it viable. In addition, there is a maximum of 10 kids that we will be able to accommodate for before/after care. Please spread the word about our new hours of operation for the 2012-2013 academic year!

You can obtain a Little Lambs registration packet on our website or at the church in order to get more information about our program. Please direct all inquiries and/or questions to our amazing and awesome Little Lambs Director, Erin Abel eholmes@pcjh.org.

High School Mission Trip Update: I thought you all would be pleased to know that we have 19 high school students from PCJH who will be heading to Hollywood, CA this June to work with the homeless. Their first

two fundraisers have been extremely successful and the students are in the midst of preparing for their trip through monthly team meetings and by enlisting family and friends to support them through prayer. We are so blessed to have such incredible teenagers who have a heart for serving others. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare. Pray that they encounter Jesus through the preparation and the mission experience.

"58" Film Screening at PCJH: I would like to highlight a special opportunity to reach out to our Jackson Hole community through a free film screening of the movie "58". It is a new film that discusses the issues of global poverty as it relates to Isaiah 58. Our youth will be hosting the event for the Jackson Hole community on **Saturday, March 3rd at 3:00pm** at PCJH. All are welcome to attend. The purpose of showing the film is to engage a larger audience in the discussion of global poverty and how Jesus calls us to respond. The film screening will take place during the youth's 30-Hour Famine event. As many of you know, World Vision's 30-Hour Famine is a nation-wide fast that raises money and awareness to fight world hunger. Therefore, this film fits perfectly with the mission and values of what the 30-Hour Famine is all about. We will also have a brief panel discussion following the film. You can find more information about the film at www.live58.org/thefilm. I hope you can attend and bring friends... especially non-Christian friends, as this is a great opportunity to share the hope and power of the gospel.

Koinonia 20s & 30s Retreat: Our young adults will be getting away for a brief overnight retreat to a backcountry yurt in Rock Springs Canyon just outside the ski boundary of JHMR on March 10th-11th. If you are in your 20s & 30s or know someone who is in their 20s & 30s, please let them know about this exciting opportunity to fellowship in the outdoors. Please contact Chris Arrasmith at c.arrasmith@gmail.com for more details.

Lots of exciting stuff going on in March! May the Lord be with you and me.

Faithfully, ~ Pastor Ben

Home Furnishings Needed

Over the past two years, the Church has benefited significantly through our "Fine Furniture Sales." Two families provided the backbone for two very successful sales – one at the home a family was selling and the second in March, 2011 in our Fellowship Hall. We are planning for another Fine Furniture Sale later this year – again in the Fellowship Hall.

You can help! First, please donate items for the sale. Then, attending the sale and buying some great furniture and home furnishings at excellent prices.

Do you have some fine home furnishings to add to our upcoming sale of furniture donated from professionally decorated local homes? We have not yet set the date for this year's sale, but would like to have all donations by April 30.



Here's what we need

Bookcases
End tables
Living room chairs
Night stands
Area rugs
Floor and table lamps
Lamp shades
Dining tables and chairs
Dressers
Framed mirrors
Quality bed and bath linens
"Crate & Barrel" style table ware
Sets of dishes, glasses, flatware
Fine cookware
Accent pillows and better art pieces

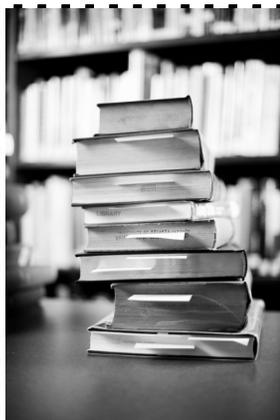
Sorry, we cannot accept these

No televisions
No large TV wall units
No "too worn or torn"
No large desks
No fitness machines
No mattresses
No odds 'n ends of table service pieces

If you have items to donate (we can arrange pickup), please contact Ed Cheramy at 690-1245 or the church office at 734-0388.

Funds raised will be used to support PCJH Mission projects and Children, Youth & Family activities.

PCJH LIBRARY NEWS



We have a wonderful variety of Christian material from DVD's and Concordances to Novels and Bible Studies. Please stop in and browse after a Sunday service or make a special trip to the PCJH library to find some great Spring Break reading!

Here are a few examples of inspirational literature from our collection:

Blue Like Jazz by Donald Miller

The back cover tells us "For anyone wondering if the Christian faith is still relevant in a post-modern culture, or for a genuine encounter with a God who is real ... this book is a fresh and original perspective on life, love, and redemption."

My Heart's Cry: Longing for More of Jesus by Anne Braham Lotz

A reviewer of this book says: "The acclaimed bible teacher and revival speaker shows you how saturating your life with more of Jesus can bring you the keys to restoring love to your marriage, finding the antidote to fear, discovering hope in your grief and more ..."

Come Thirsty: No Heart Too Dry for His Touch by Max Lucado

This prolific Christian writer asks, "What image best describes your heart? A water-drenched kid in front of a fire hydrant? Or a bristled, desert tumbleweed? Either way .. Just visit the WELL and drink deeply."

Please feel free to email Maggie if you have any questions about the PCJH Library! mwvaliante@earthlink.net

Per Capita: An Overview

In essence, per capita is a set amount of money (apportionment) per member that congregations pay to the larger Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Every Presbyterian shares in the benefit of the PC(USA)'s system of government, so every Presbyterian is asked to share the expenses associated with coordinating and performing the functions of that system.

Why per capita? The Book of Order states that per capita exists as a way for all Presbyterians to share costs that belong to the whole church, to "give meaning to the interdependent nature of Presbyterian polity" (G-9.0404d).

Per capita is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. It exists to allow the whole church to share equitably in those things that make us Presbyterian:

- ¥ our theological identity
- ¥ our connectedness
- ¥ our system of governing bodies that allow elders and ministers together to discern the mind of Christ
- ¥ our ecumenical connections that make us part of the church universal
- ¥ our core structures that keep us together as a church
- ¥ our call to work for full participation in decision making

Per capita allows us to work with other churches to further the mission of Jesus Christ around the world.

Exodus 30:11-16 - "...the rich shall not give more, and the poor shall not give less, than the half shekel (for the sanctuary)..."

1 Corinthians 12:7 - "To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."

Per capita is similar to:

- ¥ contributing one's dish to a potluck meal
- ¥ paying to be connected to the Internet
- ¥ paying for the benefit of utilities, such as electricity, water and telephone
- ¥ pitching in with other passengers to pay for gasoline for a road trip
- ¥ participating in community supported agriculture (CSA) or a similar co-op

A Brief History: The earliest history of something like a per capita apportionment dates back to the 1700s.

In the mid-1800s, a "plan of mileage" was adopted by the General Assembly to defray the expenses of commissioners attending General Assembly meetings so that everyone could be present to participate regardless of distance or financial resources. Over time, per capita has been used to fund "ecclesiastical and administrative" functions that are shared by the whole church. In 1995, the following definition was developed:

Per capita is an opportunity for all communicant members of the Presbyterian church through the governing bodies to participate equally, responsibly, and interdependently by sharing the cost of coordination and evaluation of mission; and of performing ecclesiastical, legislative, and judicial functions that identify a Reformed Church, while at the same time strengthening the sense of community among all Presbyterians. (GA Minutes, Part 1, 1995).

MARCH Birthdays 2012

Mike Jorgenson	March 1
John McFarland	March 1
Jade Ridgeway	March 1
Steve Roberts	March 1
Tena Webb	March 1
Finn Beninga	March 2
Lindsey Dufault	March 2
Sarah Andrews	March 3
Scarlet Amdor	March 5
Tom Thompson	March 5
Katie White	March 5
Robert Wikoff	March 5
Glenn Jansen	March 6
Natalie Lyon	March 6
Lindsey Primich	March 7
Don Cushman	March 9
Averil Dickorson	March 9
Christine Lasher	March 9
Pamela Stockton	March 9
Karen Brennan	March 10
Bill Long	March 10
Grace Pike	March 10
Lynn Sherwood-Humphries	March 10
Maggie Valiante	March 10
Harrison Sauter	March 11
Sara White	March 11
Wendy Eaton	March 12
Caryn Haman	March 12
Tanya Zaist	March 13
Shane Crabtree	March 14
Drew Hauser	March 14
Julie Birrer	March 15
Jeanne Hudelson/Robbins	March 15
Brooke Jarvie	March 16
Lauren Kopp	March 16
Robyn Reedy	March 16
Anna Falcey	March 17
Sam Hayden	March 17
James Hayden	March 17
Paul Piper	March 17
Patsy Raam	March 17
Mike Deland	March 18
Suzanne Stiegemeyer	March 18
Bethann Wittig	March 18
Jack Nystrom	March 19
Dawn Dunlap	March 20
Julie Miller	March 21

Wyatt Grosvenor	March 22
Ingrid Shaw	March 22
Scott McGee	March 23
John Simms	March 23
Alison Kyle -Varilone	March 24
Carol Pugmire	March 25
Joel Revill	March 25
Samantha Wittig	March 25
Karen Gill	March 26
Hillary Lavino	March 26
Ariana Snowdon	March 26
Kris Thompson	March 26
Bill Hungate	March 27
Leif Huot	March 27
Owen Beninga	March 28
Dominic Windey	March 28
Sally Byrne	March 30
Kiki Zaist	March 30

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in color.

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**MARCH
ANNIVERSARIES
2012**

Pike & Sue Sullivan	March 8	Married 60 years
Mike & Robyn Jones	March 9	Married: 37 years
Neil & Gemma Ford	March 13	Married: 19 years
Bob & Mary Walton	March 16	Married: 38 years
Brad & Jan Herman	March 20	Married: 19 years
Ben and Addie Pascal	March 25	Married: 6 years

Congratulations to our own Mallory Wilson (high school senior). She has been awarded the Starr Scholarship to Michigan State University for 4 years!



God Speed Mallory as you head off to Michigan in the Fall. Go Spartans!

Save the Dates

March 1st

J.O.Y. Summer Camp registration begins for PCJH families and Little Lambs families.

March 2nd thru 3rd

30 Hour Famine begins at 12:00 noon on Friday - meet at the church for the "lock-in" at 6:00pm. The fast will end Saturday at 6:00pm.

March 4th

No Youth Group

March 5th

Little Lambs registration forms due from current Little Lambs families and PCJH families for 2012-2013 school year.

March 6th

Open enrollment for Little Lambs 2012-2013 school year.

March 7th

- Safe Church education for PCJH and Little Lambs parents from 5:15pm to 6:15pm. Childcare provided, please RSVP to Diane at dmcgee@pcjh.org.
- Fellowship Dinner to follow at 6:15pm.

March 11th

Youth Group 5:30pm to 7:30pm

March 12th

J.O.Y. Summer Camp open enrollment begins.

March 15th

Mission Trip paperwork and 25% of participant's fundraising goal is due.

March 17th

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

March 18th

- Youth Group 5:30pm to 7:30pm
- Mission Trip Team meeting 9:00am

March 26th

Spring Break! 3/26 to 4/9. No Youth Group during the break.

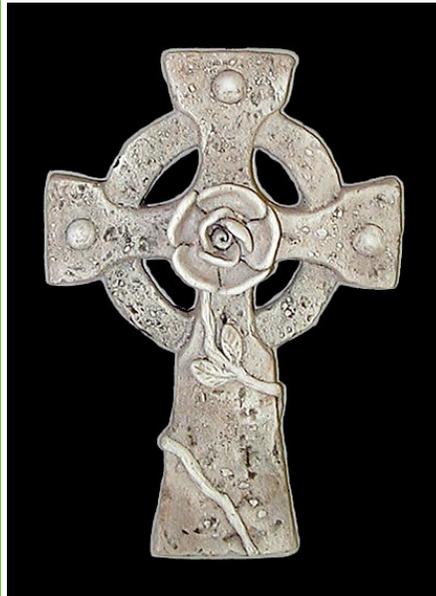


Children, Youth & Family Newsletter

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March 2012

Planting seeds of love in the hearts of others



The Cross represents earthly pain, grief and suffering while the Rose symbolizes hope, comfort and salvation. The two together speak directly of our journey toward God.

This is the season of Lent. Do you remember how long Lent lasts? That's right, Lent is the 40 days before Palm Sunday which leads right into Holy Week and Easter Sunday. The word 'Lent' comes from another word 'Lente' which means springtime. What are some things you and I can do during Lent to prepare for Easter?

- ◆ Open up our bibles and read them more. When we read our Bibles, God speaks a fresh word to us and fills our hearts with His presence.
- ◆ Clear out the clutter in our closets and in our lives. Take out and get rid of objects we don't need or use any longer, Get rid of excess or "things" that get in the way of our spending quality time with the Lord.
- ◆ Clean up all the dirt that has been hiding all winter, dirt that no one else sees, but dirt that you know is there. Clean up mistakes that you have made. Apologize to someone for something you said or did. Ask God for forgiveness.
- ◆ Plant different kinds of seeds. We can plant seeds of love in the hearts of others when we are kind or helpful or when we tell someone about Jesus. For Lent think of Jesus, the one who did something really beautiful for you!

God's Little Lambs



Wow! What a fun February we had at Little Lambs...cross country skiing, Little Lambs Olympics, Valentines Day, the toddlers visit to the Jackson Hole Children's Museum and so much more. **This month registration for the 2012-2013 school year is taking place.** We are happy to offer before and after Care programs to our Little Lambs in the 2012-2013 academic year from 7:30am to 5:30pm. Please contact me if you have any questions or if you have interest in having your child attend Little Lambs in the fall. Little Lambs families and PCJH families registration is March 5th and enrollment to the public will open March 6th. Blessings ~ Mrs. Erin

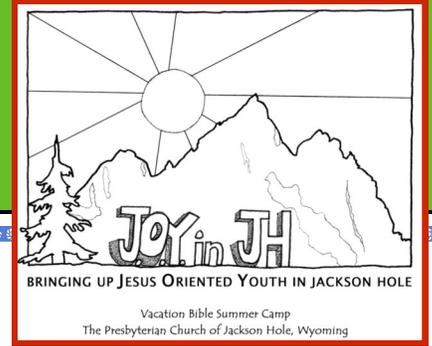
Safe Church



With PCJH's new Safe Church Policy, we are committed to providing an annual educational opportunity to the families of PCJH regarding infant abuse.

On Wednesday, March 7th from 5:15pm-6:10pm there will be a class briefly discussing the policy, as well as a presentation by the representatives from the Community Safety Network and Teton Youth & Family Services. Childcare will be provided. Contact Diane McGee to make your reservation at 739-9591 or dmcgee@pcjh.org.

J.O.Y. Jesus Oriented Youth in JH Summer Bible Camp



Registration Begins!

- ☸ **MARCH 1-9** for PCJH members or regular attendees and Little Lambs Preschool families.
- ☸ **Open registration begins MARCH 12th** for our friends in the community.
- ☸ Download an application on our website: pcjh.org or contact Diane at dmcgee@pcjh.org

J.O.Y. Fundraiser:

Sunday, May 13th, Mothers Day! We will be selling flower bouquets as our main fundraiser for scholarships. Reserve your bouquet in advance and pick up at the 10:15 Worship Service on Mother's Day! Volunteers needed! Contact Diane McGee to help with this worthy cause and reserve your flowers at 739-9591 or dmcgee@pcjh.org



Youth News

Youth Group meets Sunday's from 5:30 to 7:30pm

GNOMES AT YOUR HOME



Fasting begins Friday, March 2nd @ 12:00 noon and concludes Saturday March 3rd at 6:00pm

Middle School and High School Students will check-in to PCJH on Friday, March 2nd at 6:00pm for their lock-in. Remember there is no school this day. The fast will conclude with worship and communion in the Chapel at 6:00pm on Saturday, March 3rd.

Thank You for supporting our Youth Programs with your time, talents, treasure and prayers!

A Gnome Insurance Policy

Will also be available for those of you who would like to avoid the gnomes in your yard at all costs. We guarantee that with this plan, no gnomes will find their way onto your lawn. Please contact Preston to inquire about the policy as well!

PICTURE THIS: You are sitting at home in front of a warm, cozy fire reading your favorite book and drinking a cup of tea. Suddenly, you hear your door bell ring. But when you answer the door there is no one to be found! Only small gnomes, scattered about on your lawn, standing silently in the snow. After your initial confusion (and possible discomfort) you notice a large sign held by one of the gnomes: **"YOU'VE BEEN GNOMED"** by the PCJH Youth Group! In the event this happens to you, please call 739-9591 to have the gnomes removed for a small fee. **All proceeds go toward the Youth Service Trip to Hollywood, CA this summer!**

Yes, that's right--March has arrived, and the PJCH gnomes have returned with it! All month long, the youth group will be accepting requests to "gnome" members of the congregation. If you would like to "gnome" someone, please contact Preston at 739-9591 or pgordon@pcjh.org to plan your "Gnoming" experience.

MARCH DEACON 2012



Hello! I'm Nancy Stockhouse. Deacon of the month for March. St. Patrick's Day is on the 17th. I was surprised to learn St. Patrick had been captured from Britain at age 16 and focused to be a slave as a shepherd on the cold, rainy slopes of Ireland. For six years, he prayed as often as 100 times a day during his captivity. He said it helped him not feel the cold and snow! Finally, he escaped to the coast and returned home to Britain. The experience left him deeply moved. He became an ordained bishop and eventually returned to Ireland to serve the people there. What courage! I think this story is an extraordinary example of the power of prayer and faith. We have been members of PCJH for a long time .. over the years, we've had our ups and downs as a family, and as a church family, but through faith and a lot of prayer we have all grown. I feel honored to serve, once again, as a deacon for PCJH. Not because that means I'm a perfect Christian .. Far from it! It means as a deacon I will make every effort to serve you faithfully through prayer and service. It is a great way to meet your church family and it's fun! I get a lot of help from my family too .. Michaela, my oldest daughter, loves photography. She has helped me with Stephen Ministry posters, SM brochures and bulletin inserts, .. And wonderful greeting cards to send to my flock with her photographs. She still comes home and helps with church projects and provides welcomed comments on my writing which is always humbling, but inspiring too! My youngest daughter, Christina, is also an artist. She provided her artwork for PCJH greeting cards and the Peach Sales. She also worked hard as a teenager to share Christ with her friends through various programs. She now works part-time at her church in Colorado Springs and is working toward her masters in counseling. We visit about what it means to be a Christian through listening and praying. Her husband, Sam Jurekovic, who is an incredible athlete, is a wonderful addition to our family. He looks forward to being a teacher soon! My husband, Jim, is my constant cheerleader who helps me be brave and patient during life's challenges. He also helps me when I need to laugh and remember to enjoy life! We feel we grew up together with our church family at PCJH while building our faith and supporting one another. I hope this will be your experience at PCJH too. I wish all the best to you long time friends and exciting new friends at PCJH!

"May the road rise up to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rains fall soft upon your fields
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand."

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PCJH is starting a Mentoring program for our confirmation classes. We are pairing up each student to have a "faith friend" or mentor for a year during and following their confirmation class. We would like to start with last year's class. These students made a commitment to strengthen their faith and join the church, so in turn we would like the mentors to be members of PCJH.

The one year commitment would involve; meeting with your mentee once a month, touching base throughout the month, 1-2 group events, be available for support if needed, and above all PRAY for your partner.

All volunteers will need to complete the Safe Church orientation and application, please see Diane McGee for Safe Church information.

We are calling you! Adults who love the Lord - Christ calls us to encourage and equip people - who best than our young people - their gifts and hearts are wide open.

If you are interested please contact Terri Hayden 732-1390 or tjhayden58@gmail.com- or Ben Pascal.



Michele Nelson was recently chosen to be the Kitchen Director and will coordinate Wednesday Fellowship Dinners for PCJH, along with other kitchen related duties for the church. Those pictured (L-R) are - Debbie Kopp, Suzanne Kemmerer, Gemma Ford, Michele Nelson, Kelly Peterson, Polly Warner, Mike Liles, and Ray Wallace.

Michele explains that the success of the program depends on volunteers. For information, contact her at (913)484-0966.

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as we GATHER to love God;

GROW to know and follow Jesus; and

GO and make a difference.

*All are welcome and all are needed as we advance this significant mission for the
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