

February, 2014



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PCJH Sunday Cross Country Ski Group—2014

A tentative schedule for February is listed below. Please check the weekly PCJH email for changes that may occur due to weather or whim! If you do not receive the newsletter and/or would like to be added to the X-country Ski email list: please contact: June Nystrom at Junenystrom@gmail.com or Debbie Schlinger at debbieschlinger@gmail.com



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| February 2 | Oxbow Bend/Cattleman's Road.
Meet at Forest Service Bldg at 1
NOTICE 1:00, NOT 1:30!!!! |
| February 9 | Golf and Tennis - Meet at the Forest
Service Bldg at 1:45 to carpool |
| February 16 | Game Creek. Carpool from church
parking lot at 1:30 |
| February 23 | Overnight at Turpin Meadows for
those already registered. Others
will have to gather friends and find a
good trail. We hope you join us!! |

A few festive Ice Lanterns.
Make sure to pick one up next year!



Ice Lantern Sale!

On December 15th, 2013, the PCJH Youth put on their annual Ice Lantern Sale. While the sale is a fundraiser for our annual High School Youth Mission Trip, it also is a chance to spread the Good News of Christ's coming around Jackson! In addition to the Sunday morning sale, numerous youth performed "Caroling Deliveries" of Ice Lanterns to some lucky recipients on three different evenings before Christmas. We even had the pleasure of caroling on a horse-drawn sleigh! Overall, the Ice Lantern sale was a wonderful way to spread the coming of Jesus, and the joy that He brings through the Christmas Season.

Thanks to all who supported this exciting event!

A WORD FROM PASTOR PAUL HAYDEN

Dear Friends:

As we begin 2014, Terri and I want to share with you that after much prayer and conversation this will be **our last year** in Jackson Hole. After nearly 20 years of life and ministry with you we have felt God closing this chapter of our lives and have known we must respond. Therein we met with the Session on Tuesday evening and informed them of our decision and had a special meeting with the staff of PCJH on Wednesday and shared this decision as well. As we near the end of this phase of ministry we know we have been blessed.

The normal process a pastor would pursue in concluding a ministry would be to set a retirement date or seek, receive, and accept a new call, and then tell the congregation. We are not following either process. The issue of my transition from PCJH was mentioned a number of times in the Long Range Planning interviews. I felt making and announcing this decision now might allow PCJH to better evaluate and plan the future ministry to which God is calling this church family.

With this announcement begins a series of decisions PCJH must make. The first decision to be addressed will take place at our **Congregational Meeting on Sunday February 9**, following worship.

The question before us will be:

How will PCJH pursue new pastoral leadership?

At the request of the Long Range Planning Committee, the Personnel Team has been researching PCJH's options and will report those options to Session. At the February 9 meeting Session will present to the congregation this research, the option it feels is best for PCJH, and the rationale behind that option. It is the responsibility of the congregation to discuss and vote on its desired direction.

With the importance of this coming congregational meeting I need to remind you about a couple central elements within a Presbyterian congregation:

1. *Presbyterians do things in a "fitting and **orderly way**" (1 Corinthians 15:40). **Prayer and dialogue** are central to this process. We believe God directs his people as we pray, talk, discern and vote on how the Holy Spirit is leading.*

*Please prepare for our future in **prayer**.*

2. *Only those who are '**Active Members**' of the church have a voice and vote at meetings. An 'Affiliate Member' can attend and speak but not vote. An 'Inactive' or 'Non-member' is welcome to attend and listen. If you are not an 'Active Member' and have considered being one there will be a Church Information Class Thursday, February 6 at 5:30 pm.*

And ***what*** will the Hayden's do ***next***? God has yet to reveal this portion of our journey. In March I will be completing my second week of Interim Pastoral Training, a special program to help churches that are in transition. We feel God may be calling us to this unique ministry. In addition, if a church does approach us to serve we would prayerfully consider that possibility. Regardless, we will be completing our ministry at PCJH **on or before August 31, 2014 but not sooner than May 15**. Please keep us in prayer as this chapter of life comes to completion and God leads us to what is next.

Finally, Terri and I have been privileged to live in Jackson Hole and honored to serve you, the people of PCJH and the broader community. With many of you we have become friends and with some we have become family. We have been blessed to be part of the work God has developed in and through this congregation. Thank you for allowing us to be part of your life, for the many ways you have supported us, and for your participation in advancing God's Kingdom in and through PCJH.

Paul and Terri





Children, Youth & Family Newsletter

CYF

February Events

Sunday, February 2nd

• First Sundays
• 9:00 am Breakfast for youth & volunteers.
• 10:15 am Worship together

Sunday, February 2nd

• Super Bowl Sub Sale! (Youth Mission Fundraising)
• 9:00am-12:00pm

Sunday, February 2nd

• Youth Group Snow Bowl
• Noon (lunch provided)

Sunday, February 2nd

• No Youth Group

Wednesday, Feb. 5th

• After School Wed Rendezvous & MS Hangout.

Sunday, February 9th

• Congregational Meeting at 11:30

Sunday, February 9th

• Youth Group
• M.S. 4:00-5:30pm
• H.S. 6:00-7:00pm
• 6-7pm Mission Training

Wednesday, Feb. 12th

• After School Wed Rendezvous & MS Hangout

Friday, February 14th

• Happy Valentines Day

Sunday, February 16th

• Youth Group
• M.S. 4:00-5:30pm
• H.S. 6:00-7:00pm
• 6-7pm Mission Training

Mon/Tues, Feb. 17 & 18

• PCJH Holiday
• NO LITTLE LAMBS

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The Great Lasagna Mission



The Great Lasagna Mission was another blessed and encouraging time for our church family! This was our first big event of the New Year and people came to have fellowship, serve, and deliver meals together. Our projected goal was to deliver 100 lasagnas and we ended up with 92. In doing so, we surpassed last year's 65 delivered lasagnas! This event does not revolve around numbers but more around the fellowship that comes with lending a hand together in faith for God. We had a spectrum of ages that were willing to serve. It is so great to see an intergenerational church family come together to do the possible while God does the impossible. Thank you to all who offered names of a needy person or a

family! Also, thanks again to all the volunteers, and the people who showed up to lend a hand in our mission to the community. We are excited and cannot wait for next year's Great Lasagna Mission.

Wednesday, Feb. 19th

• After School Wed Rendezvous & MS Hangout

Friday, February 21st

• High School Winter Retreat 5:00pm to Saturday, 22nd @ 5:00pm

Sunday, February 23rd

• CYF All Family
• Tubing Party 3-5pm
• NO Youth Group

Wednesday, February 26

• After School Wed. Rendezvous & MS Hangout

Friday, February 28th

• 30 Hour Famine
• 6:00pm to Saturday, March 1st 6:00pm



Family Fun & Fellowship

Come share a winter afternoon with us tubing at Snow King Mountain!

Sunday, Feb. 23rd

3pm-5pm

Drop in Anytime!

Prices will be at a discounted PCJH group rate.

We'll provide the hot cocoa!



“Sticky Faith” Parenting Class

In February I will begin a five-week parenting class entitled “Sticky Faith”. It is a class for every parent, no matter how old your child is. It is especially important for parents of adolescents. Sticky Faith is an initiative started by Fuller Theological Seminary (where Paul and I attended seminary). Dr. Kara Powell and her team spent more than six years researching the reasons why kids often ditch their faith after high school and into young adulthood. Whether your child is in preschool or in high school, the Sticky Faith findings are important for you to know so that you can do your best to encourage your child in their faith journey, starting now. Here is a little blurb from her website...

Most parents would give anything to anchor their children with a vibrant faith that ‘sticks’ and continues to mature into adulthood. Yet, despite this deep desire, research indicates that approximately 40-50% of high school seniors drift from their faith after graduation. The Sticky Faith Parent Curriculum is a video-based study that came from the groundbreaking Sticky Faith research and Dr. Kara Powell’s desire to see her own kids emerge from adolescence with their faith intact. Through personal, real-world experiences of research and sharing, the Sticky Faith Parent Curriculum enables parents to instill a deep and lasting faith in their children. This video curriculum presents powerful strategies and practical ideas to help parents encourage their children’s spiritual growth, enabling them to develop a faith that sticks.

If PCJH is truly concerned about “Passing on the Faith,” I hope to see many of you parents at this class. I also would encourage the attendance of grandparents, Sunday school teachers, youth leaders, and anyone (whether a parent or not) who wants to see PCJH continue to be a church that passes on the faith effectively from generation to generation.

I will begin the five-week Sticky Faith class in February on both Sunday mornings at 9:00am and Wednesday evenings at 5:15pm. The Sunday and Wednesday class will be identical so come to whichever day best fits your schedule. Childcare will be provided. Here is an outline of the class...

- **Feb. 2 & 5** - Sticky Faith Essentials
- **Feb. 9 & 12** - A Sticky Identity
- **Feb. 16 & 19** - Family Conversations about Faith that Sticks
- **Feb. 23 & 26** - Your Sticky Faith Team
- **March 2 (no Wed class)** - The Ups and Downs of the Sticky Faith Journey

I can’t tell you how important this class is if we truly want to encourage our children to be believers and disciples of Jesus Christ for a lifetime and beyond. I hope to see you there!

Clergy Rep. for St. John’s Medical Center

I want to let my PCJH family know that I have been elected by our local clergy association to be the clergy representative for the Spiritual Care department at St. John’s Medical

Center. As the clergy representative, I serve as part of the team of Lay Chaplains who provide spiritual care to patients. I serve in an advisory role and as a liaison between the hospital and the local churches in Jackson Hole. This is an honor to serve our community in this way and to extend the ministry of PCJH beyond the walls of our church. Pastor Paul has been the clergy representative for the past few years, so it is great to be able to continue our involvement with the hospital. I am also proud to serve alongside the members of PCJH who serve as Lay Chaplains.

Chaplain at Jackson Hole Mountain Resort

This will be my fourth winter serving as the Chaplain of the Jackson Hole Mountain Resort. As the chaplain, I provide several worship services throughout the winter at the summit of the gondola. We also provide a Christmas Eve and Easter service. However, in 2014 Easter is after the mountain closes so we won’t have a sunrise service this year at the resort. My 2014 winter sermon series at the summit of the gondola is entitled, “Spiritual Lessons in Skiing and Snowboarding.” I hope to see some of you up there on the following dates...

February 16th at 9:30am
March 9th at 9:30am

This season the resort has provided me with a uniform, and I have been trained in mountain operations through the Mountain Host department. This provides me with access and opportunity to serve the staff and be a larger presence on the mountain. I look forward to seeing how God will use this opportunity to bless others beyond simply providing worship services. As chaplain I am also “on call” if the resort should ever need me in a crisis situation.

Why is Ben so involved in our community?

Some of you might be wondering why I am so involved in our community outside the walls of PCJH. The simple answer is... because that’s what Jesus would do. The bigger answer is that if we want to continue to be a strong presence and influence in our community, we (as a church) need to go out to where the people are who aren’t coming to church. The other reality is that being the clergy representative at SJMC and the resort chaplain at JHMR are not huge time commitments, but they pay huge dividends in the sense that they allow me to extend the ministry of PCJH and the influence of Jesus Christ into two of the largest organizations in the valley. Please pray for me as God opens doors to share God’s love to people who need it.

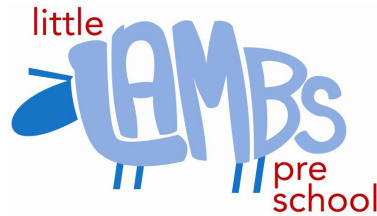
I also encourage you to reflect on the ways the Lord wants to use you to share the love of Christ beyond the walls of PCJH.

God has given us all gifts and passions to use for his purposes.

How are you serving the Lord in our church and community?

Faithfully, ~Pastor Ben

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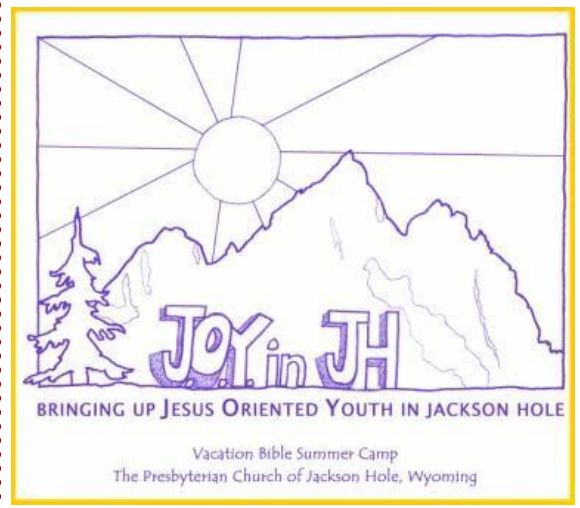


 * January was such a busy month at Little Lambs! We visited the Jackson Hole Historical Museum, discovered Jack- *
 * son's Wintery Wonderland through play and art and learned about our amazing bodies. This month, we look forward *
 * to celebrating Valentine's Day sharing God's love and going to the National Elk Refuge to see the amazing wildlife *
 * there. Our February Bible memory verse is: "Love each other as I have loved you," from John 15:12. We invite you *
 * all to join us in learning and then practicing this verse with the many people we come in contact with each day. *
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 * May you be filled with Christ's love always! Mrs Erin *
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Jackson's Wintery Wonderland through play and art



Jackson Hole Historical Museum



Are you thinking about summer?
**Jesus Oriented Youth in Jackson Hole
 Summer Day Camp returns!**
 June 16th to August 22nd, 2014

Enrollment begins March 3rd for PCJH
 members and regular attendees and
 March 10th for the community.

Contact Diane McGee for more
 information about summer day camp at
 739-9591 or JOY@pcjh.org

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 BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND ...
 A daily program for just
 Middle and High School
 Students!



2013 FINANCIAL RESULTS

2013 was another outstanding year for the Presbyterian Church of Jackson Hole. God continues to bless all of our Ministry and Mission programs. Pastor Paul participated in an international pulpit exchange with Scottish pastor Gordon Stevenson. Pastor Ben had a great summer sermon series “Secular Movies...Sacred Message.” Pastor Ben created a Grief Support Group that included the Stephen Ministers. Additionally, Pastor Ben and his wife, Addie, taught a well attended class on Marriage: Surviving to Thriving. Pastor Paul and Pastor Ben had a great fall and winter sermon series (which is continuing now) on the book of Romans. The Mission Team continued the highly successful Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinners for the community (serving over 5100 meals), and continued the work with the developing village of Tierra Nueva through Agros International and led two adult mission trips to this village in Nicaragua. Ricky Emlyn joined our staff as Director of Discipleship for Children, Youth and Family. And the list of God’s blessing goes on and on.

These successes are also reflected in our financial results. Once again, God has financially blessed PCJH. Thanks be to Him! Thanks also to our congregation, volunteers and staff for your extraordinary support.

The financial results for this past year were excellent. While the offerings were below budget (-\$66,000), volunteers increased other revenues through the Home Furnishings and other sales (+\$16,000) and the staff contributed by holding expenses well below budget (-\$80,000). All together, we were able to turn a budgeted operating deficit into a positive result, adding to our General Fund operating reserves.

The following table summarizes the results:

	2013 <u>Actual</u>	2013 <u>Budget</u>	Favorable (Unfavorable) <u>vs. Budget</u>
REVENUE			
Offerings	\$884,000	\$ 950,000	(\$66,000)
Other Revenue	<u>95,000</u>	<u>79,000</u>	<u>16,000</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	\$979,000	\$1,029,000	(\$50,000)
 TOTAL EXPENSES	 <u>975,000</u>	 <u>1,055,000</u>	 <u>80,000</u>
 NET INCREASE (DECREASE)			
IN GENERAL FUND RESERVES	 <u>\$ 4,000</u>	 <u>(\$26,000)</u>	 <u>\$30,000 better than budget</u>

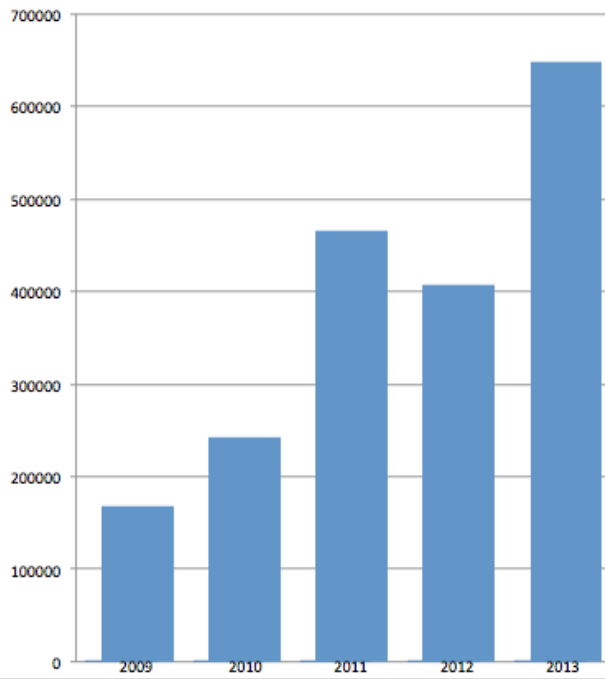
The accompanying graph illustrates the changes in our “Year End General Fund Reserves” for the past 14 years. These reserves represent our “rainy day fund” and the cash set aside to fund our maintenance reserve (now over \$275,000), in order to accumulate cash in advance of its requirement for major repairs and maintenance projects such as a new roof or repaving the parking lot. Reserves went down during the years of construction to expand the Church facility, but have grown substantially these last five years.

Our “cash on hand” has also grown significantly, from \$168,000 at the end of 2009 to over \$649,000 now.

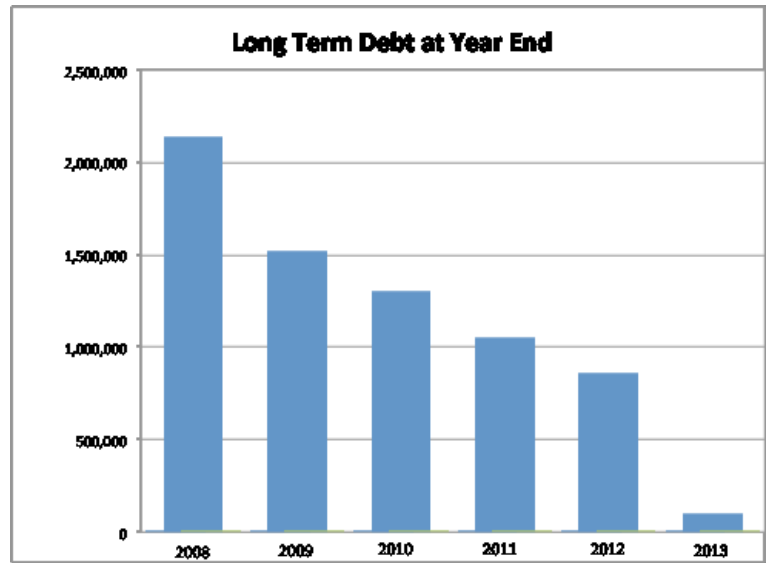
The payoff of the debt resulting from the expansion of the church facilities is now nearly complete. As a result of our “Debt Payoff Campaign” and the \$600,000 Sullivan bequest we received in 2013, we have paid off over \$2 million in debt during the past five years. We are scheduled to make the last payment of \$100,000 in December, 2014

Article prepared jointly by your PCJH Finance and Stewardship Teams.

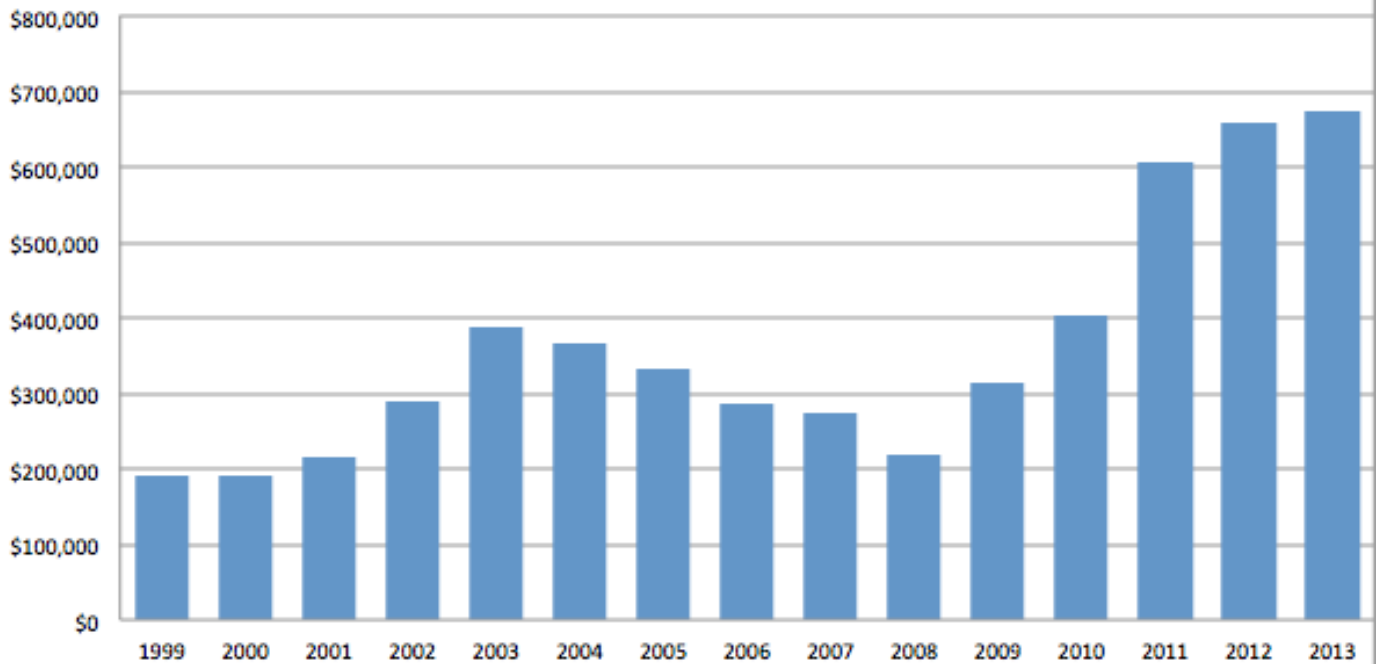
Cash Balance at Year End



Long Term Debt at Year End



Year End Reserves



BLANKET SUNDAY
Sunday, February 9, 2014

“Tools of Hope
BLANKETS

A Rainbow of Caring to Children and Families the World Over”
One Blanket for \$5 --- Two for \$10 --- Five for \$25!!
\$15 can provide a hoe, shovel and rake for a rural family!

Your TOOLS OF HOPE AND BLANKET GIFTS make a world of difference for millions of people at home and around the globe who find themselves without basic necessities due to a natural or man-made disaster. CHURCH WORLD SERVICE, of which Presbyterian Church (USA) is a member, uses Tools of Hope and the Blanket Program funds to purchase and quickly ship blankets and other relief aid to areas of need. When possible, the tools and blankets are purchased closer to the scene of a disaster to speed delivery AND to spur local economics. Blankets not only keep people warm, they also provide shelter, privacy and are a means of carrying children, or transporting meager household goods. Tools of Hope can help a family help itself, and include family shelter kits, emergency medical supplies, food, water, cooking utensils, gardening tools, health and school kits, and other essentials.

We invite you again this year on FEBRUARY 9th, to participate in this one of four special offerings of PCJH. You may designate this gift of love “IN APPRECIATION OF” or “IN MEMORY OF” a loved one. We enclose a special envelope for your offering in the Sunday Bulletin. You may fill out the form attached to the envelope if you wish to dedicate your gift in honor or remembrance of a loved one. (Donations may be made payable to PCJH). On Sunday February 23rd, the names of donors and those honored will be printed in our bulletin; the list will appear again in our PINNACLE.

To read more about this mission to those in dire need, see churchworldservice.org.

Thank You!
The Mission Team

Donation Form

Given by....

In Appreciation/Memory of...(circle one)

Checks may be payable to PCJH
Thank You
The Mission Committee

One Blanket for \$5.00 _____
Two Blankets for \$10.00 _____
Five Blankets for \$25.00 _____
A hoe, shovel and rake for \$15.00 _____

NEW and VARIED opportunities for fellowship at PCJH. We are trying some GROUP DATES for all to participate in. Different days, different times, and different activities in hopes of finding a few (or all of them) throughout the year that work for you. EVERYONE is welcome.

Saturday, February 15th, we will be going to the Boys Varsity Basketball Game at the High School Gym for their 4:15pm matchup with Lander. Look for some other PCJH'ers in the bleachers on the right. Cheer on the Broncos and have some popcorn.. Pizza afterwards at Pizza Artisan (formerly Antica) on Meadowlark Lane.

With the Oscars scheduled for March 2nd we will be taking in a 4:15pm matinee on Friday, Feb 28th followed by a burger at The Bird.

This is SO FLEXIBLE you won't believe it ! Come for either/both/part of each planned event. No planning; No cleanup; and no rsvp required. LET'S FELLOWSHIP ! Contact cindydahlin@hotmail.com with any suggestions or events you would like to help plan.

THANK YOU

Dear PCJH

Thank you for the use of the Fellowship Hall for this year's Help-Portrait event. Help-Portrait is an event that uses volunteer photographers to take family portraits for those that cannot afford one.



All involved said the increased space over last year's venue made for a pleasant experience.

Four studios with backdrops and studio lighting were set up. The photographers took over 500 photos in 55 photo sessions.

For families with children, photos were taken of the whole family and of the individuals. Editors selected the best images and printed 8x10 photos that were framed and given to the families.

Before the session the individuals or families could get their hair styled and visit with a make up artist.

It was rewarding to see the look on the faces when presented with the prints.

The following partners provided the clients: Community Entry Services 9; Climb Wyoming 3; Community Safety Network 3; Community Resource Center 1; Latino Resource Center 39.


All selected photos were put on a CD and given to the clients. This allows for copies and some were used for Christmas cards.

It took 21 volunteers including 6 photographers, editors, printers, hair and make up stylists, escorts and administration to make this happen.

A video created by Jennifer Tennican, who produced the documentary about the Stagecoach Bar, can be viewed at <https://vimeo.com/80869649>

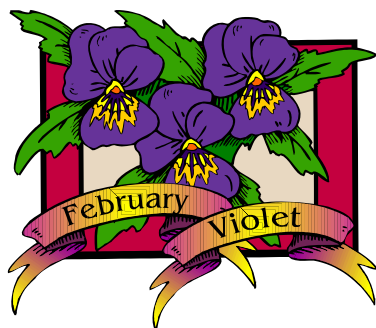
Thanks again for your support for this year's Help-Portrait, Doug Ayers

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>2 8:00 am Worship Service 9:00am Adult Bible Class 9:00am-12 Super Bowl Sub Sale 9 am FIRST SUNDAY BREAKFAST for youth and Volunteers 10:15am Worship Service NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 12Noon—MS/HS Youth Group Snow Bowl NO YOUTH GROUP</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 7:30 Stewardship 12 Noon Women's Bible Study 1:30pm Staff</p>	<p>5 After school-6:15pm Midweek Rendezvous 5:15 Adult Classes 6:15pm Dinner 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm Koinonia</p>	<p>6 12:00 Noon Men's Group at E. leaven 5:30pm Church Information Class</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 8:00am Men's Discussion Group PCJH Youth Lounge</p>
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<p>23 8am Worship Service 9:00am Adult Bible Class 10:15am Worship Service 10:30am Children's Sunday School 3pm-5pm -CYF Tubing Party @ Snow King NO YOUTH GROUP</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 After school-6:15pm Midweek Rendezvous 5:15 Adult Classes 6:15pm Dinner 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm Koinonia</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 30 HOUR 6pm → 6pm</p>	<p>March 1 FAMINE 6pm → 6pm</p>

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The Mission of The Presbyterian Church of Jackson Hole is

Passing on the Faith

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
21st Century.*

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