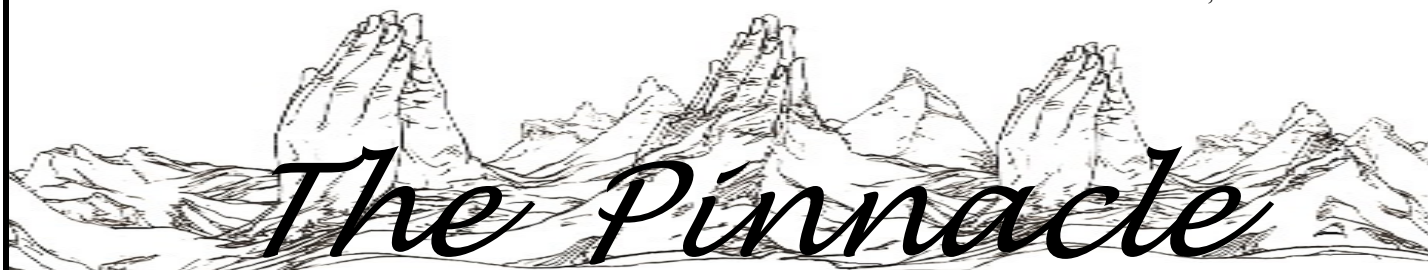


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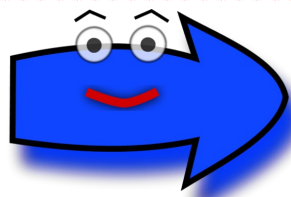


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## **Grand Targhee Ski and Chili Day – Saturday, March 21**

All are invited to spend a day skiing the “Ghee” on the west side of the Tetons on Saturday, March 21. Whether you are a downhiller, a skater or a classic skier, Grand Targhee has it all and it would be a blast to make some tracks together. There is also a sledding area! All ages are welcome! Let’s meet at the outdoor fireplace at 11:30 to choose lunch options. After the ski day is over everyone is invited down the hill for a bowl of Pastor Steve’s “Not-So-Famous-But-If-Cindy-Helps-It-Might-Taste-Really-Good-Apres-Skiing” Chili at their Driggs’ home.

Send Steve an email to RSVP at [sweber@pcjh.org](mailto:sweber@pcjh.org) and he will send you directions to their home. You may bring other appetizer foods and beverages to complement the chili.



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\* **Keep reading the Pinnacle to find out more information on the two** \*  
\* **most important things happening in March:** \*  
\* **HOLY WEEK and J.O.Y./Little Lambs Registration** \*  
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## **Five Memorable Bible Verses to Commit to Memory**

Have you ever wished you had some key scripture verses committed to memory for your own reflection or to share with someone who may be encouraged through it? Here are five important verses to know. The best way to memorize a verse is make your own flash card and put it where you will frequently see it: bathroom mirror, computer monitor, TV remote, etc. Enjoy!

### **Isaiah 40:28**

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.

### **Revelation 3:20**

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.

### **2 Peter 3:9**

The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

### **Psalms 119:105**

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

### **Galatians 2:20**

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

### Every Member a Minister

**Dear PCJH Family,**

I hope this letter finds you well. I thank God for each and every one of you. I continue to be amazed at how God is working in and through all of you as we continue to do the Lord's work of ministry and mission here in Jackson Hole. I am blessed to be your pastor. Thank you!!

#### **The State of the Church Address**

Many of you were unable to attend our annual congregational meeting on Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015. At the meeting I gave a "State of the Church Address" similar to how the President gives a State of the Union Address, but much shorter and less controversial... I hope... : )

Here's my report...

### **HIGHLIGHTS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS FROM 2014**

#### **A Successful Senior Pastor Transition**

Thanks to the great work of our beloved founding Pastor, Rev. Dr. Paul E. Hayden, we were able to make a relatively smooth transition as you all called me to be your next senior pastor. Thank you all for the prayers and dedication throughout this process. It was a significant accomplishment and God was definitely present with us in the midst of all the changes and decisions that were prayerfully made. Praise the Lord!

#### **Rev. Steve and Cindy Weber**

They have been a great addition to our PCJH family and we are so blessed to have them here!

#### **Realigning and Hiring of Staff**

There were a lot of changes in staff during the summer and throughout the fall as we said goodbye to some and hello to others. As of January 2015, we have a full staff and are equipped to move forward in the plans God has for us as a staff team.

#### **Congregational Retreat**

For the first time in almost 20 years, we hosted a congregational retreat in October. We took intentional time to face our past and find our future together.

#### **Every Member a Minister**

We launched a new vision to encourage every member to be involved in ministry. We have had weekly testimonies from people in our congregation and have been challenged and encouraged to engage in ministry as followers of Jesus Christ.

#### **Restructuring Wednesday Nights**

Our Wednesday night programs look a little different from last year now that we provide an informal worship service at 5:15pm; dinner at 6:00pm; and programs and classes for all ages from 6:45-7:45pm. We have seen an increase in participation on all levels. It has been exciting to see four classes emerge after dinner, along with choir, kid's programs, and youth group for middle school and high school students. Wednesday has become our hub night in the middle of the week.

#### **Expansion of Dinner Fellowship Groups**

We have 16 dinner fellowship groups currently meeting in the life of the church (that's 229 people when you include all the children!!)

#### **Expansion of Little Lambs Preschool Hours**

We added before and after care for our preschool to help accommodate families that have working parents. Our expanded hours are from 8:00am to 5:30pm, Monday-Friday.

#### **Continuation of Agros Mission in Nicaragua**

As you all know, we had a very difficult year when our dear sister in Christ, Karen Colclough, was murdered in Nicaragua while on a church mission trip. I know Karen would be proud of us for continuing our work with the village of Tierra Nueva.

#### **Paid Off All Debt**

We were able to pay off all of our debt and are completely debt free. Praise the Lord!!

#### **Acquired Two New Activity Buses**

We acquired two new activity buses that are the safest type of transportation on the market. We can now transport our children in and around Jackson Hole with peace of mind, knowing that we are doing everything we can to ensure our kid's safety.

#### **Continued Stability and Strength**

We continue to be a stable and strong ministry presence in Jackson Hole. Our attendance and offerings have remained strong and we pray that God continues to show us favor as we seek Christ in all we do. May we see continued spiritual growth in the people who call PCJH home.

Every Member a Minister

## DREAMS & OBJECTIVES FOR 2015

### Every Member a Minister

We will continue to challenge and encourage the people of PCJH to engage in ministry as we gather, grow and go. We are all called to use our gifts in ministry.

### Small Groups

Research and experience shows that true spiritual growth occurs in small groups. We plan to provide more small group opportunities in 2015.

### Global Leadership Summit

PCJH will be one of Willow Creek's premiere host sites for this summer's Global Leadership Summit on August 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>. The Summit focuses on leadership development and will be an outreach to our community businesses, non-profits, government agencies, and churches. The Summit will showcase some of the world's best thinkers on leadership.

### Evangelism Initiative

We hope to bring an evangelism initiative to PCJH in November, 2015 that will help us learn how to effectively share the gospel in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

### Men's & Women's Retreats

We have a men's retreat and guest speaker scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. We also have a women's retreat and guest speaker and worship leader scheduled for October 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>.

### Expanding the After School Program

We believe we can provide a service for our community by expanding our after school program beyond just Wednesdays. This could be a way to reach our children, youth and families in Jackson Hole who might not otherwise step foot into a church.

### Wilderness Ministry

Pastor Steve and I both love the outdoors and hope to provide more opportunities for spiritual growth while playing in the outdoors together as a church.

### Music Ministry

Kenny Hadden has a passion for teaching music and we hope to expand our music ministry so that we can be a place that provides affordable music lessons for kids and adults. Our hope is that PCJH continues to be known for its musical excellence and a place for people to express their faith through the arts.

### Enhanced Communication

Now that we have Lindsey Parr as our Communications Coordinator, we are excited to see the new ways in which we can effectively communicate with all of you through all the various media that is available to us today.

### Church Planting Initiative

Healthy churches plant new churches. I would love to see PCJH invest in planting new churches. The PCJH Council recently pledged a portion of our Presbytery mission budget to go towards a church plant in Casper, Wyoming called *The Table*. I also have a vision of seeing some of our former and current interns begin to plant churches around the country. How might we be able to continue partnering with our interns as they go on into vocational ministry as pastors?

### Additional Employee Housing

Housing is an issue in Jackson Hole and we are trying to address it as it relates to hiring and retaining quality employees. As some of you know, we own the residential lot directly behind our sanctuary in the Indian Trails Subdivision. Currently we have a committee working on plans to develop this site into a single family house that could provide additional housing for our associate pastor and/or other employees.

### Increase Stewardship of Time, Talent, Treasure

My hope is that through the *Every Member a Minister* initiative, we would see an increase in our stewardship of time, talent and treasure. As our devotion to God increases, I hope to see us give more of ourselves as we engage in ministry in our community and beyond.

### Continue Our Legacy as the Community's Church

Pastor Paul and the members of this church over the past 20 years have done an exceptional job of being a church that has open arms to our local community. I am committed to making sure that we continue this legacy as a church that is here for the good and welfare of our community as we proclaim the life-transforming love and power of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.*

-Ephesians 3:20-2

Every Member A Minister,

~Pastor Ben

## Meet the PCJH Staff

### Pastoral Staff

Rev. Ben Pascal – Senior Pastor  
Rev. Steve Weber – Associate Pastor

### Worship Staff

Kenny Hadden – Worship Coordinator  
Keith Phillips – Pianist

### Administrative Staff

Jo Holton – Church Administrator  
Lindsey Parr – Communications & Congregational Life Coordinator  
Pam Flores – Congregational Host  
Barb Huhn – Pinnacle Newsletter Publisher  
Kim Bogen – Bookkeeper  
Sanchez Family – Custodial Crew  
Bill Fox – Maintenance Specialist

### Kitchen Staff

Steve Murphy – Wednesday Fellowship Dinner Chef

### Children, Youth and Family Ministry

Ricky Emlyn – Director of Children, Youth and Family  
Jordan Shive – 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Intern  
Abby Powell – 1<sup>st</sup> Year Intern  
Darla Jackson – Nursery  
Renee Knutson – Wednesday After School Program Teacher

### Little Lambs Preschool

Effie Edwards – Director & Teacher  
Diane McGee – Assistant Director & Teacher  
Martha Davila – Teacher  
Mrs. Cho – Teacher  
Katie Moteberg – Teacher  
Pat Wright – Teacher

### J.O.Y. Summer Camp

Diane McGee – J.O.Y. Summer Camp Director  
Stephanie Murphy – Assistant Director

### Upward Basketball

Linda Hanlon – Upward Basketball Director

## Fine Furniture Sale Chairperson

Due to scheduling issues, PCJH is looking for a person to chair the Fine Furniture Sale fundraiser. This event is always well received and a major source of income for us. If you feel called to help in this area, please let us know by contacting Jo Holton at 734-0388, ext. 109 or at [jholton@pcjh.org](mailto:jholton@pcjh.org).

Thank you!

## Worship at the Summit of the Gondola

The 2015 winter sermon series at the summit of the gondola is entitled, "Transformational Mountain Top Experiences." We have been exploring several transformational passages from Scripture that took place on the top of a mountain. We hope to see some of you up there on the following dates...

March 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am with Pastor Steve  
April 5<sup>th</sup> - Easter Sunrise Service

## Holy Week

Holy Week is coming soon! (March 29<sup>th</sup> – April 5<sup>th</sup>). **Palm Sunday** marks the beginning of Holy Week as we remember Jesus' grand entrance into Jerusalem as people waved palm branches while declaring that he is the Messiah. It is a day filled with joy and anticipation! **Maundy Thursday** is the night we remember the Last Supper and how Jesus was betrayed by his disciple, Judas. We will meet in the chapel for an intimate communion service at 7:00pm. **Good Friday** is the day we remember the cost of our salvation... that Jesus suffered and died on the cross so that we would be forgiven and have everlasting life. We will have the Stations of the Cross set up in the Sanctuary for anyone to come and do a meditative walk through Christ's journey to the cross. At 7:00pm we will have a quiet and brief Good Friday service in the chapel. On **Easter Sunday** we will begin with a sunrise service at the summit of the gondola at Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, followed by a grand celebration at PCJH at 10:15am with special music and worship.

- Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday
- Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Maundy Thursday in the Chapel at 7:00pm
- Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> – The Stations of the Cross (all day in the sanctuary) with 7:00pm service
- Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunrise Service at Jackson Hole Mountain Resort followed by a grand celebration of music and sacrament at PCJH at 10:15am

## Blanket Sunday 2015

Your Mission Team gratefully acknowledges your generous gifts to the Tools and Blankets : A Rainbow of Caring Offering of \$1600.00 You warm our hearts with your generosity just as the blankets warm those in need some 80 countries around the world. The tools provide food for some of these same people.

THANK YOU! Your MISSION TEAM!



## **Many Thanks \* Many Thanks \* Many Thanks \* Many Thanks**

The snow wasn't always what we hoped for but the company and the fun we had made it all worthwhile in this winter's cross-country ski gatherings. Thank you June Nystrom and Debbie Schlinger for leading our Sunday afternoon adventures this season. And thank you to all our après ski hosts. While the snow was a bit sketchy this year, the meals were delicious.

### **Spiritual Care Volunteers at the Hospital**

Pastor Ben currently serves as the clergy representative for the volunteer spiritual care program at St. John's Medical Center. They are currently looking for new spiritual care volunteers who have a desire to practice the ministry of compassion and presence as they serve the patients at the hospital. There will be a training program on March 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 1:00pm that Pastor Ben will be leading alongside other spiritual care volunteers. If you are interested in getting involved with spiritual care at the hospital, please contact Ben at [bpascal@pcjh.org](mailto:bpascal@pcjh.org).



### **Thank You to our Outgoing Ruling Elders and Deacons**

We would like to thank our outgoing Ruling Elders and Deacons who have served so faithfully over the past several years. They gave of their time and heart to serve the Lord and others through their ministry at PCJH. THANK YOU!!

**Ruling Elders** – Bob Kopp (Mission), Caryn Haman (Worship), John Drew (Clerk of Council), Brian Bultema (Koinonia 20s & 30s Ministry)

**Deacons** – Meg Womack, Maddy Remlinger, Addie Pascal, Suzanne Kemmerer



# Children, Youth & Family Newsletter

Children, Youth & Family Newsletter

March, 2015

## Save the Dates

### Sunday, March 1

Enrollment begins for J.O.Y. summer camp and Little Lambs Preschool 2015-2016

### Wednesday, March 4

After School Programs  
6:45-7:45 MS Youth Group

### Wednesday, March 11

After School Programs  
6:45-7:45 MS Youth Group

### Friday, March 13

Parent's Night Out  
5:30-7:30

### Wednesday, March 18

After School Programs  
6:45-7:45 MS Youth Group

### Wednesday, March 25

After School Programs  
6:45-7:45 MS Youth Group

### Wednesday, April 1

NO WEDNESDAY PROGRAMS

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

The PCJH After-school Program on Wednesday is in full swing this spring! We currently pick up children from Jackson Hole Classical Academy, Jackson Elementary School, and Colter Elementary School. With field trips, to the Jackson Hole News and Guide we took last month, new worship songs, and of course new crafts to look forward to, what the teachers are most excited about is walking through the season of Lent with the children and all of the fun lessons it brings. We are all excited to reveal Jesus as no longer the baby born in a manger, but the powerful and perfect man who walked this



earth that he created in order to save us, to teach us more about him, to let us know that we have an incredible God to follow, and that we are loved. If you are interested in helping out and spending time with a wonderful group of children, please contact Jordan Shive at [jshive@pcjh.org](mailto:jshive@pcjh.org).

## YOUTH MINISTRY

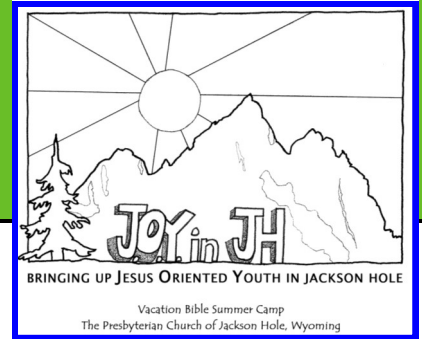
Fun was had by all at the First Annual Valentine's Day Dinner! Six middle and high school girls came together to cook, eat, talk, and laugh the night away. Everything was done as a team, from cooking, to setting the table, and even icing the cake. The girls were able to come together and truly celebrate the friendships they all have with each other, which is exactly what Valentine's Day is for! Aline, a freshman at Jackson High School, said her favorite part was "making the food together because we all had the chance to help and work together for a perfect result." And perfect it was!





# J.O.Y. Jesus Oriented Youth in JH

## Summer Day Camp



## Registration Begins!

- ☼ **MARCH 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>** for PCJH Members and J.O.Y. and Little Lambs families.
- ☼ **Open registration begins MARCH 9<sup>th</sup>** for our friends in the community.
- ☼ Registration is all **on-line!** Find the link on our website: [pcjh.org](http://pcjh.org)
- ☼ Contact Diane McGee at [joy@pcjh.org](mailto:joy@pcjh.org) or 739-9591 with any questions.

Daily Programs June 15th - August 26th  
for Children age 3 years (as of September 15, 2015) through  
students entering 5th grade.



### **New This Summer!** **Early Season Booking Discount**

For PCJH Members Only!  
Book prior to April 15th for \$40 per day  
8:00am-5:30pm Regular Price is \$55.

### **Middle School Offering**

3 Weeks *Only!* July 6th-24th \*Limited Spaces\*  
Explore JH, Serve Others, Develop  
Leadership skills, and more!

Then you'll qualify to be considered as a  
"Counselor in Training" for the remainder of the summer!



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February was such a fun month full of LOVE, learning and enjoying the snow! We had such a fun visit from Ranger Mrs. Diane! She coordinated an amazing program to teach the kiddos all about animals in and around Jackson. Even though our snow mountains are fastly melting, we are still enjoying being outside and have welcomed all this sunshine! The Preschool and Pre-K groups will be participating in Cross Country Ski School in the upcoming month. This month, we will start a new unit about Growing Up Healthy and look forward to a field trip to the grocery store! Also, in the month of March, we will be learning how we can love like Jesus. Our new bible verse for the month is, "Love one another." John 13:34



### 2015-2016 Little Lambs Registration

Priority Enrollment for Little Lambs  
Families and PCJH Members

March 1st-8th at [pcjh.org](http://pcjh.org)

Contact Effie Edwards with  
Enrollment questions  
[eedwards@pcjh.org](mailto:eedwards@pcjh.org)  
or 307-739-9591



## The PCJH LIBRARY

Searching for a book? Need an answer to a question that has been keeping you up at night? Come to our library to find books/DVDs on topics such as:

- Grief and loss
  - Single parenting
  - The Psalms
  - Apologetics
  - Old and New Testament (Commentaries)
  - Substance abuse
  - Healing
  - Prayer
  - Finances
  - Raising Teens
  - Jesus' life and ministry
  - The Church and the World
  - Inspiration
  - Christian Novels
  - Evangelism
  - Christian Classics
  - Marriage
  - Bible Studies (group and individual)
- .....and many more!



## Global Leadership Summit

PCJH will be hosting Willow Creek's *Global Leadership Summit* this summer on Thursday and Friday, **August 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, 2015** in the PCJH sanctuary. The Global Leadership Summit is an annual conference on leadership development put on by Willow Creek Community Church in Chicago, IL. It is a two-day workshop that features top-notch speakers and is known internationally for its excellence.

The Council of PCJH hopes this will be a great outreach to our community businesses, non-profits, government agencies, and churches. We will be one of Willow Creek's premiere hosting sites. This means we will be streaming the live conference on video into the PCJH sanctuary. Some of the speakers who will be presenting at this year's Summit are...

- **Jim Collins** – Nationally Acclaimed Business Thinker; Best-Selling Author of *Good to Great*
- **Sallie Krawcheck** – Chair of Ellevest Network; Former President of Bank of America's Global Wealth & Investment Management
- **Brian Houston** – Founder and Senior Pastor of Hillsong Church
- Many more speakers yet to be announced!!

You can find more information and register for the Summit at [www.willowcreek.com/summit](http://www.willowcreek.com/summit). PCJH members and regular attendees can register at a reduced rate. Don't miss out on this great opportunity this summer right here in Jackson Hole!

## Welcome New Members

We would like to welcome the following people as new members of PCJH...

1. Katie-Chloe Stock
2. Marge McCallister
3. Cindy Weber
4. Dylan and Catherine Wade
5. Craig and Susie Youngblood

Membership at PCJH is a way for people to publicly proclaim their faith in Jesus Christ and their commitment to the ministry and mission of the local church. Once someone becomes a member of PCJH, they are assigned a deacon who prays and cares for them. Members are also allowed to vote on important matters in the life of the church, serve as deacons, elders, and committee chairs. There are other perks and discounts related to our children, youth, and family fee-based ministries.

In order to become a member, we ask people to attend one of our quarterly church information classes. After attending the class and having any questions answered about their personal faith and the church, the individual attends one of our Church Council meetings where they are asked four questions of faith in front of the Ruling Elders and then accepted into membership. If you are interested in becoming a new member, our next Church Information Class will be held on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am to 2:00pm (lunch and childcare provided). Please RSVP with Jo Holton at [jholton@pcjh.org](mailto:jholton@pcjh.org) if you are interested in attending.

## WHERE IN THE WORLD IS...?

Ed Wigg



## New Ruling Elders and Deacons

Please welcome our new Ruling Elders and Deacons that you, as a congregation, nominated and voted into office at our Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Please be sure to thank these individuals for stepping up to serve the Lord and others through the ministry of PCJH.

**Ruling Elders** – Katie-Chloe Stock (Mission), Nancy Dunlap (Worship), Larry Jorgensen (Clerk of Council)

**Deacons** – Nancy Brumsted, Jackie Montgomery, Yvonne Henze, Sandra Zender, Carol Poole

## How did we do in 2014 and what's in store for 2015?

From a budget standpoint, 2014 started out as a normal year. PCJH had an approved budget with total expenses of slightly under \$1.1 million and expected revenues of slightly under \$1.0 million. PCJH faced a potential deficit for 2014 of approximately \$100,000. Then, things changed.

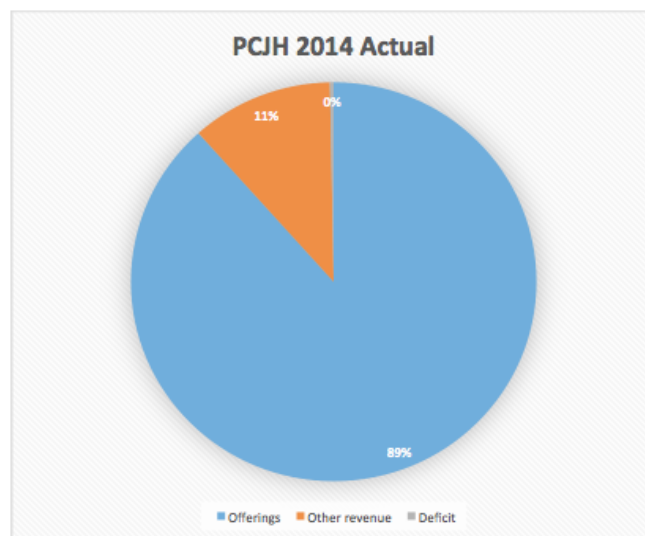
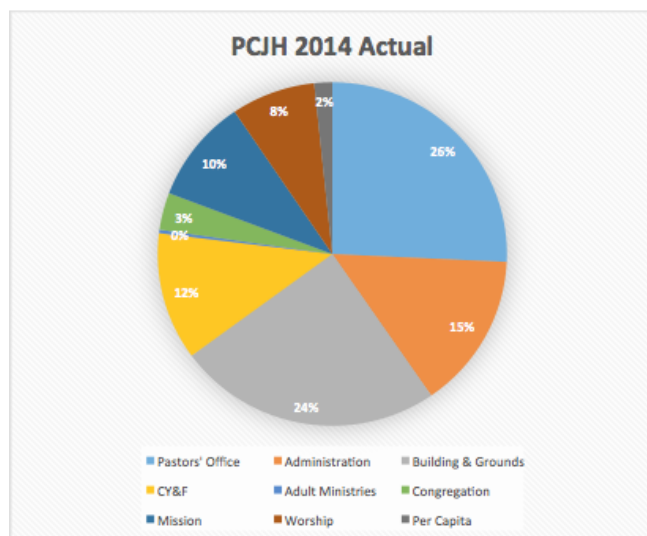
With the departure of Pastor Paul Hayden and the resignation of Bill Hungate, a significant portion of the budgeted payroll for 2014 went away. Both of their positions had to be replaced and were. Pastor Ben Pascal became our Senior Pastor creating a vacancy for several months until filled by Pastor Steve Weber as our new Associate Pastor, several months later. Bill held two positions at PCJH, overseeing Worship, especially music, and Building & Grounds. Through realignment of some job duties, Pastor Ben was able to cover these positions with part-time hires of Kenny Hadden for music & worship and Bill Fox to oversee the maintenance side of Building & Grounds with Jo Holton taking on the scheduling of our Facilities. The vacancies and reduced payroll for the replacements impacted 2014 and continues to benefit 2015.

As usual, the PCJH staff were good stewards of the church's funds and found numerous ways to reduce our overall expenses for the year. Also, PCJH members and regular attenders stepped up and gave more than budgeted for the year by about \$10,000, resulting in our finishing the year with a near breakeven deficit of about \$3,029.

What does all of this mean for 2015? PCJH is able to reduce the overall budgeted expenses by more than \$60,000 when compared to 2014. We still start the year with a budgeted deficit of approximately \$27,000. But it is one that increases spending in the areas of programs (Children, Youth & Family and Mission).

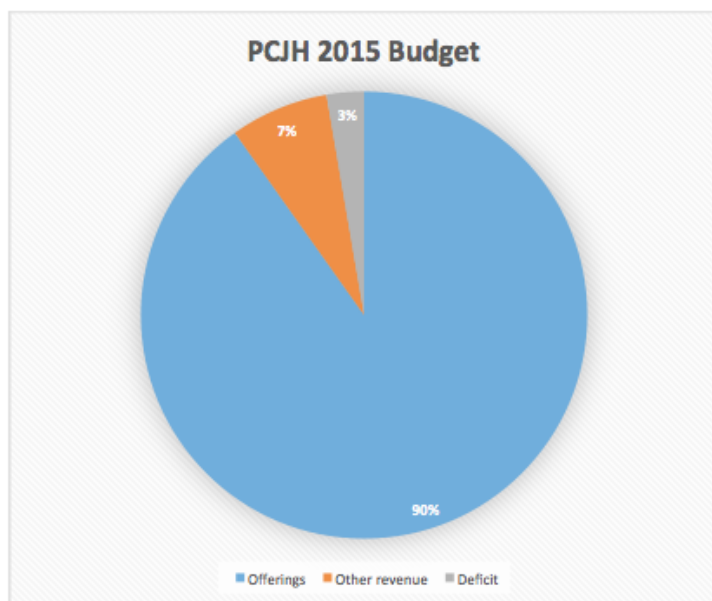
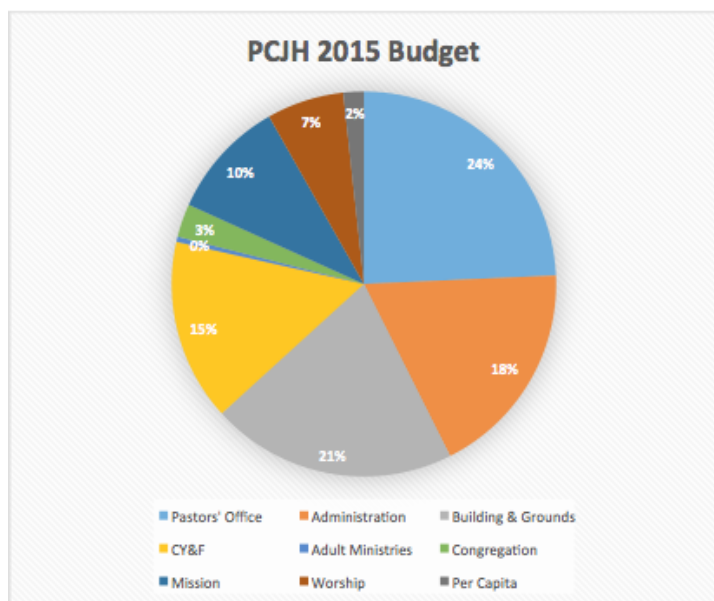
Please see the pie charts for the breakdown of expenses in 2014 and 2015.

### PCJH 2014 Actual



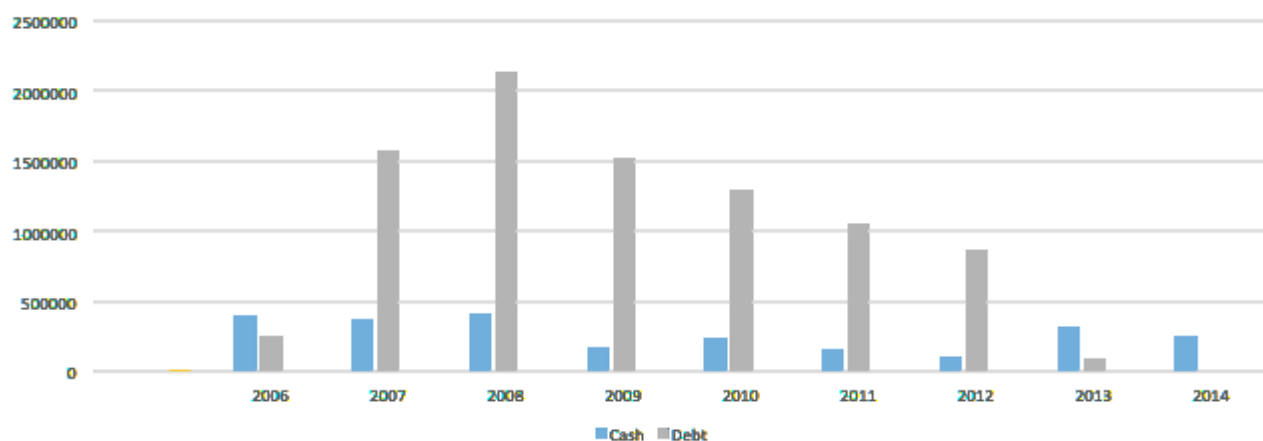


# PCJH 2015 Budget



Additionally, in 2014, PCJH replaced two old 15 passenger vans with two brand new 15 passenger buses that have had the immediate impact of reducing our insurance premiums as they are significantly safer vehicles. PCJH also was able to pay-off the last remaining debt from building our facilities. Please see the graph of our debt and unrestricted cash at yearend for the last several years.

# PCJH Financial Strength



## MARCH Anniversaries 2015



Mike & Robyn Jones  
March 9, 1974  
Married 41 Years

Neil & Gemma Ford  
March 13, 1993  
Married 22 Years

Bob & Mary Walton  
March 16, 1974  
Married 41 Years

Ben & Addie Pascal  
March 25, 2006  
Married 9 Years

Eric & Sarah Wilson  
March 25, 2006  
Married 9 Years

### Email Address Privacy

PCJH is committed to protecting everyone's email address privacy. Please do not use PCJH as a way to acquire email addresses for soliciting purposes. If you should receive emails about church business where email addresses have been inadvertently listed rather than BCC'd, we kindly request that you do not use those addresses for purposes other than church business communications.

Should you receive an unwanted solicitation email from a PCJH member or affiliate, please notify the church office at [office@pcjh.org](mailto:office@pcjh.org).

Thank you!

# THANK YOU

## 2015 Nominating Committee

Thank you to the individuals who stepped up to be our new 2015 PCJH Nominating Committee. The congregation voted them in at our congregational meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup>.

If you have someone you would like to nominate to be a Ruling Elder or a Deacon, please contact these individuals.

George Scarlett,  
Marian Meyers,  
Kerry Murphy, or  
Debbie Schlinger.

## Lenten Small Group Study



If you haven't yet signed up to be a part of a small group during Lent, there is still time to join in the action! We will be exploring the "I AM" statements of Jesus in the Gospel of John during Lent. We have a wonderful study guide by Rob Fuquay entitled *The God We Can Know*.

Small groups are meeting at the following days and times...

- Sundays at 9:00am at PCJH
- Mondays at 8:45am at PCJH (women only)
- Tuesdays at 6:45am at the Virginian (men only) or 12:00pm at PCJH (women only)
- Wednesdays at 6:45pm (for anyone)
- Thursdays at 12:00pm at Jackson Whole Grocer Community Room (men only)

# March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 8am Worship Service 9:00am Adult Classes 10:15am Intergenerational Worship Service  <b>Little Lambs &amp; JOY registration begins</b>	<b>2</b> 8:45am—Women's Covenant Group	<b>3</b> 6:45am—Men's Breakfast at the Virginian 12 Noon Women's Bible Study 1:15pm Staff	<b>4</b> After School Program 5:15-6:00pm Worship 6:00pm Fellowship Dinner 6:45-7:45 Programs (Choir, Classes, Koinonia, MS & HS Youth Groups, Childcare)	<b>5</b> 12:00 Noon Men's Group at JH Whole Grocer in the Community Room	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 8:00am Men's Discussion Group PCJH Youth Lounge
<b>8-DST begins</b> 8am Worship Service 9:00am Adult Classes 10:15am Intergenerational Worship Service 11:30am—Stewardship Meeting MS-Sledding in the Rockies	<b>9</b> 8:45am—Women's Covenant Group	<b>10</b> 6:45am—Men's Breakfast at the Virginian 7:30am Stewardship 12 Noon Women's Bible Study 1:15pm Staff	<b>11</b> After School Program 5:15-6:00pm Worship 6:00pm Fellowship Dinner 6:45-7:45 Programs (Choir, Classes, Koinonia, MS & HS Youth Groups, Childcare)	<b>12</b> 12:00 Noon Men's Group at JH Whole Grocer in the Community Room	<b>13</b> 5:30-7:30pm Parent's Night Out	<b>14</b> 8:00am Men's Discussion Group PCJH Youth Lounge 8:30am-12:30pm Ski Shuttle Outreach
<b>15</b> 8am Worship Serv. 9:00am Adult Classes 9:00am—Worship at the Summit of the Gondola 10:15am Worship Service w/ Children's Sunday School 11:30am Deacon's Meeting	<b>16</b> 8:45am—Women's Covenant Group	<b>17</b> 6:45am—Men's Breakfast at the Virginian 12 Noon Women's Bible Study 1:15pm Staff 4:00pm Finance Team 5:30pm Council Meeting	<b>18</b> After School Program 5:15-6:00pm Worship 6:00pm Fellowship Dinner 6:45-7:45 Programs (Choir, Classes, Koinonia, MS & HS Youth Groups, Childcare)	<b>19</b> 12:00 Noon Men's Group at JH Whole Grocer in the Community Room	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 8:00am Men's Discussion Group PCJH Youth Lounge
<b>22</b> 8am Worship Serv. 9:00am Adult Classes 10:15am Worship Service w/ Children's Sunday School 11:30am—Stephen Ministry Meeting	<b>23</b> 8:45am—Women's Covenant Group	<b>24</b> 6:45am—Men's Breakfast at the Virginian 12 Noon Women's Bible Study 1:15pm Staff	<b>25</b> After School After School Program 5:15-6:00pm Worship 6:00pm Fellowship Dinner 6:45-7:45 Programs (Choir, Classes, Koinonia, MS & HS Youth Groups, Childcare)	<b>26</b> 12:00 Noon Men's Group at JH Whole Grocer in the Community Room	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 8:00am Men's Discussion Group PCJH Youth Lounge 8:30am-12:30pm Ski Shuttle Outreach  <b>Spring Break Begins</b>
<b>29 Palm Sunday</b> 8am Worship Serv. 9:00am Adult Classes 10:15am Worship Service w/ Children's Sunday School	<b>30</b> 8:45am—Women's Covenant Group	<b>31</b> 6:45am—Men's Breakfast at Virginian 12 Noon Women's Bible Study 1:15pm Staff	<b>1</b> <b>No Wednesday Programs</b>	<b>2</b> <b>Maundy Thursday</b>	<b>3</b> <b>Good Friday</b>	<b>4</b>
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## A WORD FROM ASSOCIATE PASTOR STEVE WEBER

### An Intentionally Slow Season

For those who have known me for some years, it would be no secret that awhile back I repented of a lifetime of snickering at the game of golf and those who play it. I suppose it was a long time coming. As a boy, my first real job was as a caddy for \$3.50 a bag, at a local course where every member was required to have a looper. Golf, in those days, seemed so slow and tedious to a 12 year old boy lugging those beastly, leather bags around a sweltering summer afternoon. As a teen, I would sometimes play a round with friends and would often resort to jogging between shots to speed the game up. Then, as an adult, I just didn't have time for a game that takes the better part of a day.

How I would chuckle at a game where whispers were expected. Is that even a sport? At times I suspected the short grass on the greens could be seen growing while waiting for a playing partner to putt. I was so impatient. That's all changed now. A few years back, on a winter Sunday afternoon, I sensed an urge from within to hustle home from church to catch part of the PGA Tour's west coast swing on television. My own son, I recall, was wrestling me for the remote because he wrongly believed we should be watching the high-flying, caffeine-induced Winter X Games. "Golf is so boring," he implored. That's when it hit me; I had become a golfer. I was once like him, but no longer. I have come to appreciate the old, slow game.

Maybe it is the creep of age which has brought me around. Or is it something else at work on my soul? I like to think of myself as not just a golfer, but more of a hiker-golfer. The walk is just as important as the shots in between the steps. Something good happens while walking the course. There is restoration and rhythm that comes back into my life. There is a renewed sense of pace and recovery of a healthy speed. As in other natural settings and in other slowdown modes of living, God is just more present.

Jesus was a walker. Down by the Sea of Galilee, he called two pairs of brothers to leave their nets and walk with him. "Come, follow me," he called, as he walked on into the hills and surrounding villages. On some occasions he brought the power of God to those who were famously disabled, saying, "Pick up your mat and walk." And they did. Walking into a new life of spreading their good fortune with whoever would listen. The Bible recounts the many times Jesus walked "throughout all Judea" (Acts 10:37). He walked everywhere. He even walked on water. He may not have ever played golf, but he sure walked the course His Father had laid out before him.

The season of Lent can be viewed like a long, slow walk; a journey to Jerusalem; to the cross and resurrection; to a significant place with God. What I appreciate about going for a walk – with clubs or not – is that it generally leads to prayer. Step after step, as the body moves slowly forward, so do my thoughts and my desire to be in union with God. I read about the Archbishop of Canterbury Ramsey who was asked once, "How long do you pray every day?" He replied, "For one minute." "One minute? That's not very long." "No," replied the archbishop. "But it takes me an hour to prepare for that minute."

Lent is a 40-day walk in the wilderness, much like Jesus did. It is an annual pilgrimage to Easter that is best spent wandering, slowly, step-by-step preparing for prayer and for union with God. It is a time to withdraw a bit from the pace we have been keeping. I'm not sure if the local courses will be open quite yet in this Teton season of Lent. So I believe my approach to Lent will be transformed to include a set of skis in the woods. May this season serve to slow the pace a tad to provide pathways of renewal and devotion to develop.

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