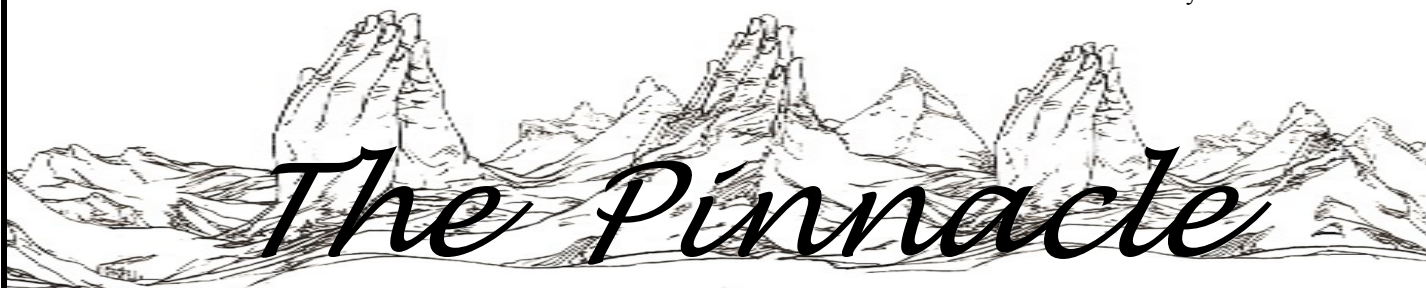


May 2013



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Annual Home Furnishings Sale

"high-quality home furnishings at used prices"

Saturday, May 18, 9:00am
PCJH Fellowship Hall

Preview (see what's for sale):
Friday, May 17

5:30 to 6:30pm PCJH Fellowship Hall

DONATE: Still holding on to some furniture and home accessories that just don't work in your home anymore? Have some "Crate & Barrel-type" serving pieces that you no longer use?

¥ Here's your opportunity to donate

those high quality items that you aren't using.

¥ Bring donation items to Church on Thursday and Friday afternoon, May 16 and 17 (*for other arrangements on donated items, call Ed Cheramy at 690-1245*). Sorry we cannot accept tube TV's, mattresses or large wall units.

SHOP: Need a change in bed coverings to brighten up a bedroom? Like to find a high quality sleeper sofa, rug, bookcase or dresser at a bargain price?

¥ Here's your **opportunity to buy** high quality home furnishings at used prices.

¥ Prices range from \$10 to \$1000 plus.

¥ Selection includes furniture, tables, chairs, sleeper sofas, dressers, rugs, pillow, bed coverings, lamps and much more.

¥ Come to the sale and tell your friends to come, too.

VOLUNTEER: We need help to move and display the sale items, help our customers with their purchases, and help at the cashier table. *If you can help on May 17 or 18, please call Shirley Cheramy at 413-0049.*

(this is not the annual summer rummage sale)

Paul's Page

Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. Paul Everett Hayden

Howdy Everyone.

*Earth's crammed with heaven,
And every common bush afire with God;
But only he who sees takes off his shoes;
The rest sit round it and pluck blackberries.*

-Elizabeth Barrett Browning-

One of the privileges I have as a pastor at PCJH is the opportunity to work with wonderful people. Some of those folks are the paid employees of the church, folks that are supported by you through your tithes and offerings or supported through the 'user fees' given for various programs. Regardless of how they are paid, these folks are deeply committed to Jesus Christ and the work we are called to do on behalf of God's Kingdom through this church.

I am also privileged to work with many non-paid people who volunteer their time to our mission. Some of these folks who give of their time do so because of the sheer enjoyment of what they do and the friends with whom they do it; others serve because they believe in the activity and the ultimate good it will accomplish; still others because they believe they are advancing the kingdom of God, helping people commit to knowing and following Jesus.

Whether a volunteer or paid, I believe there is no greater work we can do than doing the work of God's Kingdom. When a person experiences the gratitude in the eyes of one who is being served, or sees the light of faith get turned on in a person's soul, or assists in helping lift the burdens of life that have been carried because of mistakes made or words poorly spoken to understand this reality, they become hooked on God's work.

Nowhere do we see the importance of working for God's Kingdom more clearly than in the home. It is in the home that the next generation is being shaped by the parents, extended family, and friends. It is in the home where children are taught to love or to hate, to help or to hurt, to pray or to prey. It is in the home that children learn both temporal and eternal values and define ultimate goals for life and the type of friends we want to walk with us in the pursuit and living of those goals. In the Month of May we will celebrate Mother's Day. In June we will celebrate Father's Day. Both days are well deserved. In addition we need to develop a "Celebrate and Strengthen the Family Day" because family is the foundation for how the next generation will live.

One of the groups of friends I have at the church is the

Stewardship Team. In most churches this team is really the 'Fund Raising Team' or the 'Get People to Give More Team.' With 200+ non-profits in Jackson we have a lot of groups with that goal. This team is different. Its goal is more than just raising money, it is educational, helping all of us to think about how we ought to live as stewards, managers of all God has given us. Here are some of their points:

The **Time** we have is a gift from God. You never know when a senseless act or a horrific accident might take it away. Each person is given the same 24 hours to advance temporal and eternal ends.

The **Talents** we have are gifts from God. Each talent can be used for good or for ill, for self or for others, to better our community and/or advance God's Kingdom. Since our talents are gifts they should always be used wisely and with a sense of gratitude to the One who gave them to us.

The **Treasures** we have are gifts from God. The amount we have been given varies but the attitudes with which we use them ought to be the same. Do we use them to strengthen family and faith or is it solely for self?

The **Earth** on which we live is a gift from God. For Christians, creation is something through which we appreciate more fully the Creator-God we worship. "This is my father's world..." is the way hymn writers of old referred to creation. We have been placed here as managers over this resource God claims as his own.

April 22 was Earth Day. May 1 is May Day. Both of these growing celebrations remind us of our responsibility to care for the earth. As Christians, we should take these celebrations a step further: We should *remember* that everything we have is a gift from God; Our daily lives should be filled with *gratitude* for all God has given; and how we use the time we have been given, the talents we have to share, the treasures we seek to invest, and the creation within which we live should all be tools through which we *worship* God the giver of every good and perfect gift. If we don't do these we will simply sit with the rest and "*pluck blackberries*" as Elizabeth Barrett Browning quipped.

A Steward with you,

Pastor Paul

Children Youth & Family Ministry

Associate Pastor Ben Pascal

Dear PCJH Family,

Holy Land Trip

I had an amazing experience in the Holy Land in April!! Thank you for your prayers, I certainly felt surrounded by God's grace as I traveled through Israel. The pages of Scripture came to life in a new way for me in that I could visualize and participate with the people, places and culture where much of the Bible was written. I could see, taste, touch, smell and feel the geography and the land. I could imagine myself walking with Jesus. My experience was like the 3D version of the Bible as it turned the pages of Scripture from black and white into color. I would recommend a trip to the Holy Land for anyone who ever has the opportunity... you will never forget it. I hope to lead a tour from PCJH in the next two years. Let me know if you are interested, and then start saving your money! :)

During the month of June I will be sharing more about my experience in the Holy Land on Sunday mornings at 9:00am and Wednesdays at 5:15pm. During the week of June 9th, I will show a slideshow from my trip and give an overview of the tour and give you a glimpse of what a future tour might look like for PCJH. During the week of June 16th, I will offer my reflections from Scripture. Several passages from the Bible really came alive for me while on the trip and I would like to share them with you. During the week of June 23rd, I would like to discuss the Israeli / Palestinian conflict and how I believe, as Christians, we are called to respond. I gained a unique perspective from our tour guides who are Palestinian/Arab/Israeli/Christians who live in the old city of Jerusalem. As part of our tour we also spent time in the West Bank at the Bethlehem Bible College and we met the Young Life Director for Israel and the Palestinian Territories. I promised our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem and Jerusalem to share their story with you, and I am keeping my promise.

Parent's Night Out

Our last Parent's Night Out of the academic year is this Friday, May 3rd from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Be sure to RSVP with Erin Abel at eabel@pcjh.org. Also, we are always in need of volunteers, so if you are an empty nester, a young adult or someone without kids, please consider helping to bless our parents with a night off. Thank you!

Mother's Day Flower Sale for J.O.Y. Camp

Last year we sold beautiful bouquets of flowers on Mother's Day as a way to honor and love the mothers in our life. We are doing it again this year on Sunday, May 12th. Preorders to Sarah Gensch at joy@pcjh.org are appreciated. All proceeds from the sale will go towards our

J.O.Y. Summer Camp scholarship program to assist kids who need financial assistance in order to go to camp and learn about Jesus and explore the great outdoors.

5th Grade Transition BBQ

As part of our milestones ministry, each year we celebrate the graduation of our fifth graders and welcome them into the PCJH middle school youth ministry. The 5th Grade Transition BBQ will be held at PCJH on Tuesday, May 28th at 5:30pm. If you have a fifth grader, please RSVP with Cindy Zabriskie at czabriskie@pcjh.org.

Little Lambs Preschool Graduation

If you've never been to a Little Lambs Graduation Ceremony, you've missed out. It is quite possibly the cutest thing on the planet. On Thursday, May 30th at 5:30pm we will celebrate our Little Lambs as they walk down the aisle in cap and gown to receive their preschool diploma. The kiddos also bless us with great songs and a reception to follow.

CYF Director of Discipleship Search Update

We are on the home stretch. We have narrowed down our search to two top candidates and we hope to introduce you to the new CYF Director of Discipleship by the end of May. Please continue to keep the search process in your prayers as we seek God's guidance and direction.

All Church Camping Trip is July 19th-21st

Please mark your calendars for the All Church Camping Trip at Colter Bay in Grand Teton National Park. Last year we had about 60 people attend and it was a blast! This year we have a group campsite reserved for the weekend of July 19th-21st. The middle school ministry will also have their annual water ski camping trip at Colter Bay the same weekend. I plan on baptizing people in Jackson Lake, so if you are interested, please let me know. The weekend is an excellent time of fellowship and building relationships with others.

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, in Jackson Hole, and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. –Ephesians 3:20-21

Faithfully, ~ Pastor Ben





Children, Youth & Family Newsletter

Save the Dates

May 1st

- *Happy May Day!*
- Wednesday After School Rendezvous & MS Hangout until 6:10pm
- **"Spring Work Days"** begin as a HS Mission fundraising event through the month of May. Contact Andrew Perkins for more info. at 739-9591 or aperkins@pcjh.org

May 3rd

- **Parents Night Out** 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Sign up at PCJH or RSVP to Erin at eabel@pcjh.org

May 5th

- First Communion with students and parents from the First Communion Class at the 10:15 Worship Service.
- Regular Youth Group 4:30 to 6:30pm.

May 8th

Wednesday After School Rendezvous & MS Hangout until 6:10pm

May 12th

- Special Mother's Day 10:15 Worship Service.
- **JOY Flower Sale!**
- Regular Youth Group 4:30 to 6:30pm.

May 15th

Wednesday After School Rendezvous & MS Hangout until 6:10pm

May 19th

Regular Youth Group 4:30 to 6:30pm.

May 22nd

Wednesday After School Rendezvous & MS Hangout until 6:10pm

May 26th

No Youth Group due to Memorial Day Holiday!

May 28th

5th Grade Transition BBQ at 5:30pm in the Genesis Room.

May 29th

Last Wednesday Rendezvous & MS Hangout until 6:10pm

May 30th

Little Lambs Graduation at 5:30pm in the PCJH Sanctuary.

June 2nd

Graduating Seniors will be honored at the 10:15 Worship Service with Bibles and Prayer Blankets.

Children, Youth & Family Newsletter

May 2013



Happy Mother's Day

God could not be in every place
With loving hands to help erase
The teardrops from each baby's face,
And so He thought of mother.

He could not send us here alone
And leave us to a fate unknown;
Without providing for His own,
The outstretched arms of mother.

God could not watch us night and day
And kneel beside our crib to pray,
Or kiss our little aches away;
And so He sent us mother.

And when our childhood

days began,
He simply could not take command.
That's why He placed our tiny hand
Securely into mother's.

The days of youth slipped quickly by,
Life's sun rose higher in the sky.
Full grown were we, yet ever nigh
To love us still, was mother.

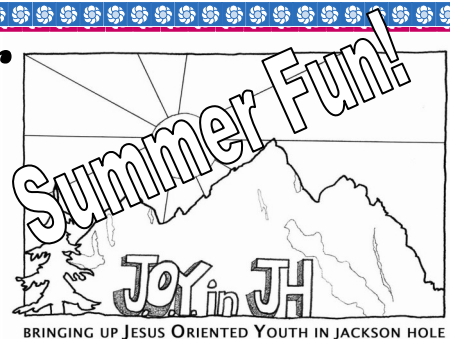
And when life's span of years shall end,
I know that God will gladly send,
To welcome home her child again,
That ever-faithful mother.

--George W. Wiseman

J.O.Y. Fundraiser

Show your love and support to your Mother, Wife or Friend on Mother's Day Sunday, May 12th! Purchase a bouquet of flowers created by Inner Forest Flowers, Inc. and all proceeds will go toward J.O.Y. Summer Camp tuition assistance! Pre-orders are encouraged and will be taken until Sunday, May 5th. Bouquets are \$15.00 and will be available for pick-up on Mother's Day after both the 8:00am and 10:15am Worship Services. Bouquets for purchase will be available on a limited basis on Mother's Day.

For more details or to order online go to pcjh.org.
Contact Sarah Gensch at joy@pcjh.org or 739-9591 with questions.



Vacation Bible Summer Camp
The Presbyterian Church of Jackson Hole, Wyoming

Sign up your children, grand children or sponsor a child for our awesome summer long adventure!

June 10 to Aug. 23
Ages 3 years to 8th grade.

Little Lambs

Little Lambs Graduation
is Thursday, May 30th
at 5:30pm



Spring has finally sprung and the sun is shining bright on us at Little Lambs. After planting starter plants in April, we'll be putting our starter plants in the ground. Hoping to start a small garden. Mrs. Trish is going to teach us a little about archaeology and we are hoping to visit a real archaeological site! **Our Little Lambs end of the year program and graduation is just around the corner on Thursday, May 30th at 5:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.** We will be excited to see all of our preschoolers sing and celebrate our Pre K kiddos as they graduate to Kindergarten. Our May memory verse is *"Be kind and loving to each other," Ephesians 4:32.* We hope you are enjoying a beautiful Jackson spring!
Love Mrs. Erin

Youth News

JOIN US!

- ◆ **Fine Furniture Sale** Saturday, May 18th. We need students to help us on the Big Sale Day.



- ◆ **Mission Trip Spring Work Days going on the whole month of May!**

Contact Andrew Perkins if you want spring cleaning or yard work done. Help a High School Mission Student trying to raise money for the trip to New Jersey. 739-9591 or aperkins@pcjh.org

- ◆ **Youth Group on Sunday's 4:30 to 6:30pm** May 5, 12, 19 no Youth Group on May 26 due to the Memorial Day Holiday.

Wednesday Rendezvous

We have been having a lot of fun during our time together after school. In April, we made match stick crosses to emphasize our theme of the month **'Stuck Like Glue Friendship'**.



During the month of May we will be making quilts again for our friends at the Oncology Dept. at St. John's Medical Center. We recently received a thank you card from a grateful quilt recipient. This activity really gave the students a sense of warmth in their hearts by giving to someone they don't know, something they made with love. Blessings, ~ Mrs. Cindy





I had an amazing experience in the Holy Land. Thank you for your prayers. I certainly felt surrounded by God's grace as I traveled through Israel.
Ben Pascal

Ben Pascal with his Palestinian Christian brothers, Andre and Foteh, who live in Jerusalem. The picture was taken from the Mt. of Olives with Jerusalem in the background.



Pastor Ben baptizing someone on the tour in the Jordan River.

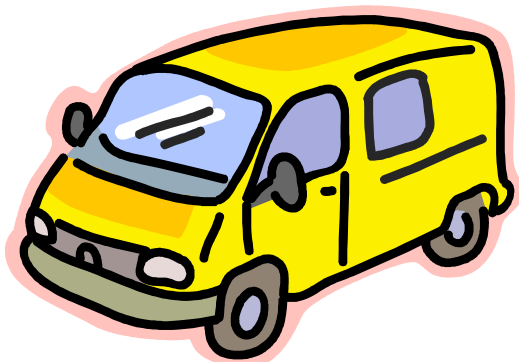


The Garden of Gethsemane just outside Jerusalem.



From the Mt. of Beatitudes where Jesus gave the Sermon on the Mount above the Sea of Galilee.

NEEDED for CYF Ministries: A new/or newer 15 passenger van. Contact Diane McGee for more information. 734-0388.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

We once again thank our generous congregation for your offering to the OGHS.

We were able to send \$640.00 to our Presbyterian Church (USA) "headquarters" for the work of the church, serving people in need at home and abroad! Specifically, 36% is received by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, while Self-Development of People and the Presbyterian Hunger Program each receive 32%!

THANK YOU ALL!!

The Mission Committee

Easter sunrise service at the summit of the gondola



"He is like the light of the morning, like a sunrise bursting forth through a cloudless sky."

-2 Samuel 23:4

Over 400 people gathered for worship on Easter for a sunrise service at the summit of the gondola at Jackson Hole Mountain Resort. Pastor Ben and drummer, Scott Barrett, opened the morning with Bruce Springsteen's hit, "The Rising". The crowd consisted of tourists and locals who woke up early for a beautiful and inspirational service based on the Gospel of John 20:1-18. He is risen!! He is risen indeed!



Tierra Nueva Episode 3: Progress and Reflection

By Chris Arrasmith

Attempting to summarize a week of relationship building, service work, and God sightings in anything less than a novel is no easy task – so I will try to provide some highlights and important thoughts from our adventure. I think for everyone on the PCJH service team our week in Tierra Nueva was both a blessing and an inspirational testament to the power of faith.

Our week in Tierra Nueva began with a very warm welcome from the people of Las Cuarenta, which is the subset of the Tierra Nueva project that PCJH is sponsoring. We were greeted with open (and very excited!) arms into a welcome ceremony complete with devotional time, cultural dances led by our friends in Las Cuarenta, and several songs led by both the villagers and our group. After these introductions had taken place the PCJH team broke into two groups for our first service projects: Planting yucca roots and tending to the passion fruit crops.

We were very excited to jump in on day one and get our hands dirty with the earth, or Tierra, that will be the livelihood of the people of Tierra Nueva. We were also humbled by the trust they put into our hands in the planting and maintenance of two of their very important cash crops. This trust was evident not only in the tasks and interactions the villagers had with our group, but also within their community. We saw many examples of neighbors helping each other with foundations, planting crops, and home building. It seemed wherever there was work to be done there were willing people to help with it!

We were blessed to take part in numerous activities during our 4 days in Las Cuarenta – everything from hard labor jobs to very enjoyable recreation. Taking photographs of all of the families proudly standing in front of their new homes and watching as they tediously put together beautiful frames around the pictures of their loved ones was a reminder to us how important both family and ownership of their own land is. Digging ecological toilets (or ETs as Michael Adams calls them) at several different houses gave the PCJH guys a chance to work up a good sweat while attempting to show off our shoveling skills. A recreational day provided us all a chance to enjoy baseball games, soccer, cornhole, Frisbee, and playing with lots of kids; and provided us all a chance to connect with several new friends in Las Cuarenta. The kids loved the puppet shows! Throughout all of these activities and interactions our interpreter, Felipe, helped us to communicate. And in those instances when Felipe was not available I think everyone from our team found out just how much communication can take place even with a language barrier, and especially with the help of our common link – Christ.

I was amazed how much progress has taken place since my time in Las Cuarenta last April. Where before only a couple shacks and one greenhouse were present there are now several dozen houses, more greenhouses, drip irrigation systems, running water and many vibrant people. I look forward to a return trip in the next few years to be further amazed at the progress that can take place through God's blessings.

Though fostering relationships with people in Las Cuarenta was our primary mission, growing in our relationships with each other turned out to be just as important. For me, half the members of our team were merely acquaintances before our trip. Through morning devotionals, many hours each day of conversation on the bus, dinners together, and some valuable debrief time, I feel that I came home with 11 friends with whom I can continue to grow in faith and fellowship! I found that the Agros idea of fostering relationships is not meant to take place simply between PCJH and Las Cuarenta, but also within our community here in Jackson.

Andrea Parker pointed out that each time someone from Las Cuarenta spoke with us they began with “God has blessed us this land,” or “God has blessed us with our crops,” or “God has blessed us to have you here with us.” It was amazing the strength of faith of the people of Las Cuarenta, and inspirational how outwardly thankful to God they are for all of their blessings. It is a lesson to us to keep God at the forefront of our thoughts and daily interactions, and to depend on Him for all things, and to continuously praise him for all the blessings in our lives here in Jackson. As Andrew Perkins said, “We have a lot to learn from the people of Tierra Nueva.”

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Mike Jones	May 1
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Karlene Owens	May 2
Maria Brecker	May 4
Jason Snider	May 5
Julie Huot	May 7
Steve Price	May 7
Karen Bergsma	May 8
Becky Kimmel	May 8
Linda Soper	May 9
Emma Bode	May 10
Jim Byrne	May 10
Melissa Kussy	May 10
Jacquie Riley	May 10
Rachel Harshman	May 11
Wes Womack	May 11
Mason Dahlin	May 12
Tina Korpi	May 12
August Wittig	May 12
Scott Zabriskie	May 12
Cade Morzov	May 13
Christine Windey	May 13
Vickie Atwater	May 14
Brett Gensch	May 14
Terri Hayden	May 14
Vivienne Mattheis	May 14
Stevie Iobst	May 15
Carol Lewis	May 16
John Valiante	May 16
Kraig Kobert	May 17
Alyssha Nelson	May 17
Larry North	May 17
Caroline Henninger	May 18
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Barbara Simms	May 19
Ken Taylor	May 19
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Shepard Humphries	May 20
Maddy Remlinger	May 20
Lafon Ward	May 21
Bob Lerch	May 23
Dani Long	May 24
Jo Holton	May 25
Melissa Fox	May 26
Mary Waid	May 26
Joe Amdor	May 28
Laura Miller	May 28
Robert Watsabaugh	May 28
Tim Bergstrom	May 31
Blake Clark	May 31
Judy Legg	May 31



May Anniversaries 2013

Randy & Robyn Reedy	May 1	31 Years
Steve & Debbie Iobst	May 6	36 Years
Merrill & Carole Seggerman	May 7	58 Years
Darla & Mike Jackson	May 9	26 Years
Aaron and Leah Nydam	May 10	5 Years
Jared and Amy Lloyd	May 15	3 Years
Craig & Debra Sonderman	May 15	21 Years
Dave & Liz Sparks	May 17	33 Years
Larry & Barb Huhn	May 19	34 Years
Jack & Allison Miller	May 20	18 Years
Mark and Brie Morzov	May 20	6 Years
Brooks & Rachel Harshman	May 22	37 Years
Pete & Betsy Forster	May 23	49 Years
Ron & Laura Miller	May 23	31 Years
Jim & Nancy Stockhouse	May 27	36 Years
Mike and Louise Deland	May 30	26 Years



Julie Miller has moved.

Her new address is:

Julie Miller
Foundation House at Bothell, Apt. 208
17502 102nd Ave NE
Bothell, WA 98011

Julie's phone remains the same: 425-385-2189

May 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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GROW to know and follow Jesus; and

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