

January 2013



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PCJH Sunday Cross Country Ski Group—2013



Ready, set, ski! For wonderful fellowship and winter outdoor recreation, you are invited to participate in PCJH cross country ski outings which are held weekly each Sunday afternoon from January through mid March. Each week we meet promptly at 1:30 p.m. at a designated location or at the green Forest Service building on North Cache to car pool to a predetermined location where we ski on easy to moderate terrain for approximately 2 hours. Anyone who likes to ski is encouraged to participate. Following each ski the group is invited to Après Ski held at a participant's home or at a restaurant for added time of fellowship, fun, and food!!

A tentative schedule for January 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 Jim or Sally Byrne at 734-9033, or sallybyrne30@gmail.com.

- January 6** Whitegrass Ranch meet, depart from Forest Service Building, North Cache—1:30
- January 13** Granite Canyon meet, depart from Granite Canyon parking lot—1:30 p.m.
- January 20** Cottonwood Creek meet, depart from Forest Service Building, N. Cache—1:30 p.m.
- January 27** Phelps Lake meet, depart from Granite Canyon parking lot—1:30 p.m.

Howdy Everyone.

Benefit(s). That is the word that I have been thinking about as we head into a new year. By definition here are a number of ways we use this word:

noun

1. something that is advantageous or good;
2. a payment or gift to help someone;
3. a theatrical performance or other public entertainment to raise money for a charitable organization or cause;

verb (used with object)

4. to do good to another; be of service to:

verb (used without object)

5. to derive benefit or advantage from...;

Idioms

6. for someone's benefit, so as to produce a desired effect in another's mind: *He wasn't really angry; that was just an act for his girlfriend's benefit.*

One of the great benefits I have in my personal and professional life are the people with whom I have been able to establish friendships with as we share life, faith, and the Work of our Lord. After a busy Christmas season I am reminded once again of the benefits given me by our staff. **Ben** is truly a partner in ministry as he leads his staff to share the gospel and disciple children, youth, and families. **Bill** continues to bring music to our ears and order to our facility. For you who don't know, Bill has been with PCJH for over 12 years and full-time in his dual areas of responsibility for 5 years. **Jo** is that wonderful voice of welcoming and our office administrator that helps everything run smoothly. Each works in their area with staff and volunteers to advance the ministry and mission of this church. They are great benefits to me and us.

Speaking of volunteers, what an incredible host of volunteers we have...seen and unseen. The New Testament talks about the church as being the Body of Christ.

(1 Cor 12:12, 27 NIV) The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ.... Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

Our Elders serve the role as leaders and decision makers in the life of our church; Deacons serve as the prayerful, caring hearts to our members; Our Wednesday dinner crew weekly prepares a meal to nourish body and soul; Our choir...our Sunday School teachers...our... the list could go on. Every person benefits the whole body and I pray that each person associated with PCJH will find their place of service within the Body of Christ as we continue to **Gather, Grow, and Go.**

In the midst of all these benefits I come across a difficulty. It seems to me that the longer we benefit from something or someone the easier it is to take those things...those people... for granted. We begin to assume that because a person was there once or twice or twenty times they will certainly be there next time. Because of assumptions people begin to slip away from our times of worship or study, a regular contributor stops giving, a friend we have cherished goes through a hardship alone because we assumed everything is and always will be fine. Benefits can easily be lost.

Sometimes I wonder if this is what we do with our faith. We celebrate Christmas but we lose sight of how we are different because God became one of us. We go through lent without remembering the sacrifice Jesus lived to make sure his ministry was focused. We celebrate Easter without recommitting our life to being a disciple of the Risen Lord. We take the benefits of our faith for granted and they slowly, quietly slip away.

This year, leading up to Lent which begins on February 13, we are going to be looking at the benefits we have because Jesus came. My prayer for us, is as we look at these central beliefs, is that we will deepen in our faith as we continue to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. May 2013 be a year we all look back upon as one of the great benefits to our walk of faith.

Walking with you,



Pastor Paul

Dear PCJH Family,

Happy New Year!! It is a new year and there are a lot of new things happening at PCJH among the Children, Youth and Family department. I would like to share some exciting opportunities with you.

Confirmation Students and Mentors

It is not too late to sign up for confirmation class. Any teenager in 8th through 12th grade is eligible to be a part of this great class. Preston Gordon and I will be teaching confirmation on Sundays at 9:00am beginning January 6th through March 17th. This is a milestone in the faith journey of a teenager. During the class the students will have the opportunity to examine their faith and their relationship with God. Students will also be paired up with a mentor who will walk with them through their confirmation journey. If your child is interested in the class, please sign up before January 6th. If you would like to be a mentor (by the way, we *need* mentors), please let me know.

Parent's Night Out

Parent's Night Out returns on Friday, January 18th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. I know I don't have to remind you parents, but I would like to remind all of you empty-nesters and young adults out there that Parent's Night Out does not happen without volunteers like you. The purpose of Parent's Night Out is two-fold. First, it gives parents a night off to go on a date or do something that brings them life. Second, it gives our church family an opportunity to minister to a bunch of kiddos and get to know our families with young children. Please consider being a volunteer for Parent's Night Out. It's easy... you just have to show up for about two and a half hours and you will not only be a blessing, but you will be blessed.

High School Mission Trip

This summer our High School students will have the opportunity to travel to the New York City area to help rebuild after Hurricane Sandy. The mission trip is open to all students who are currently in 8th-12th grade. Space is limited due to the nature of the travel and we will not have the ability to be flexible in adding students once all the spaces are filled, so please be sure to sign up as soon as possible as it will be first come first served. Application packets (with all the details) will be available at the church in January and at www.pcjh.org/youth-ministries.htm. Students must fill out an application and attend one of the January informational meetings with a parent in order to be considered for the trip.

CYF Transportation Fleet

We are beginning the process of reassessing our transportation needs for CYF. Currently we have three 15-passenger vans and one Suburban. The vehicles still have some life left in them, but they have aged quite a bit and are becoming more and more unreliable as each year passes. In addition, 15-passenger vans are not the safest vehicles for transporting people, especially our

children. We need to begin planning for how we might replace and/or repair these vehicles in order to ensure safety and reliability. We are looking into the possibility of purchasing mini-buses similar to those owned by Teton Science School. The mini-buses hold 15 people so there is no commercial driver's license required to operate them. However, they are expensive and we need to begin praying and planning for how we can upgrade our transportation fleet in such a way as to ensure the safety of our kids. We are looking for someone within the congregation to assist us with this endeavor. We need someone who can help us assess our current vehicles and develop a plan for acquiring and/or leasing the vehicles we need to keep our kids safe. If this is something you think you can help us with, please contact me at bpascal@pcjh.org.

Director of Discipleship Informational Meeting

We have begun receiving applications and resumes for the new position of Director of Discipleship for CYF. If you would like to hear more about this position, the search process and the overall vision for CYF, please come to an informational meeting after church on Sunday, January 6th at 11:30am. The search committee will be available to answer questions and receive comments and feedback from the congregation, parents, students and volunteers.

Worship at the Summit of the Gondola

Join us for worship at the summit of the gondola at Jackson Hole Mountain Resort on Sunday, January 20th at 9:30am. Free sight-seeing tickets are available at guest services.

As you can see, there is a lot going on in January. I pray the Lord will continue to guide and direct us as we enter into 2013.

"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, forever and ever! Amen."

-Ephesians 3:20-21





Children, Youth & Family Newsletter

Save the Dates

January 2nd

After School Wednesday
Rendezvous & MS hangout
resume.

**Pick-up at 5:00pm, NO
Community Dinner.**

January 6th

- Confirmation Class at 9:00am with Pastor Ben.
- Director of Discipleship informational meeting at 11:30am.
- MS/HS Youth Group, 4:30pm to 6:30pm

January 9th

- After School Wednesday Rendezvous & MS Hangout.
- Community Dinner resumes!
- HS Mission Trip information meeting at 5:15pm.

January 10th

Youth serve dinner at The Good Samaritan Mission.

January 13th

- Confirmation Class at 9:00am with Pastor Ben.
- **Youth Group New Year Sledding Party!** Meet after church; 11:30am to 5:30pm

January 16th, 23rd & 30th

After School Wednesday
Rendezvous & MS Hangout.

January 18th

Parents Night Out!

5:30 to 7:30pm. Contact Erin Abel for more details.

739-9591 or eabel@pcjh.org.

January 20th

- Confirmation Class at 9:00am with Pastor Ben.
- HS Mission Trip info meeting at 11:30am.
- MS/HS Youth Group, 4:30pm to 6:30pm

January 27th

- Confirmation Class at 9:00am with Pastor Ben.
- Safe Church Training at 11:30am
- MS/HS Youth Group, 4:30pm to 6:30pm

January 31st

HS Mission Trip applications due!

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The Fellowship Of Believers

Epiphany the holiday: is a Christian feast day which celebrates the revelation of God in human form in the person of Jesus Christ. It falls on Sunday, January 6th. This commemorates the visitation of the Magi to the Messiah.

Epiphany the feeling: is the sudden realization or comprehension of the larger essence of something. In ancient Greek, epiphaneia, "manifestation, striking appearance". The feeling one has when they find the last piece of the puzzle and now see the whole picture!

We celebrate Epiphany (the holiday) on January 6th, which means a sign from God breaking into our world and doing something. The Wise Men followed the star to the birth place of the Messiah. The manifestation of Christ to the world, the Mystery of the Incarnation. Western Christianity observes a twelve day festival, starting December 25, and ending January 6, known as Christmastide or the Twelve Days of Christmas.

Safe Church Training



Sunday, January 27th at 11:30am in the Genesis Room

- All Staff, Elders, Deacons and CYF Volunteers are required to complete a training course.
- Lunch and childcare will be provided.
- RSVP to Diane McGee at 739-9591 x104 or dmcgee@pcjh.org
- PCJH implemented our formal Safe Church Policy in January 2012 to continue to ensure that the children and youth who participate in programs and activities within our church community have a safe and secure environment.
- PCJH members and attendees are also welcome to attend.

Little Lambs

Happy New Year!

December flew right by and the kids were such a delight to watch sing and dance as we celebrated Jesus' birthday. We went to The River Rock Assisted Living Center and sang to the residents there and decorated sugar cookies, too! We were also able to make many fun crafts that involved lots of sparkle and even some sweet treats! January is sure to be fun, filled with activities in the snow. Our January memory verse is from Colossians 4:2, "Continue praying, keeping alert and always thanking God." May you have many blessings this new year!

Love, ~Mrs. Erin



Youth



**INVITE
A
FRIEND**

- ☺ Middle School Wednesday hangout resumes on January 2, 2013. **Pick-up will be at 5:00pm as there is No Community Dinner that night.**
- ☺ MS/HS Youth Group 4:30 to 6:30pm: Jan. 6th, Jan. 20th, Jan. 27th
- ☺ **Youth Group New Year kickoff sledding party!!** January 13th after church 11:30am to 5:30pm.
- ☺ HS Mission Trip information meetings: Jan. 9th @ 5:15pm or Jan. 20th @ 11:30am. Come to one of the meetings to find out more about our trip!
- ☺ HS Mission Trip application deadline: Jan. 31st

Mid Week Rendezvous



What a great year we had at the Mid Week Rendezvous! Elementary and Middle School students alike enjoyed our weekly afternoons together. We have made lasting friendships and positive connections during our time together so far this year. Thanks to all of the awesome kids who come each week and a *special thanks* to our leaders extraordinaire Miss Renee, Miss Katie and Miss Alex!! Blessings and Cheer to You All! ~ Mrs. Cindy



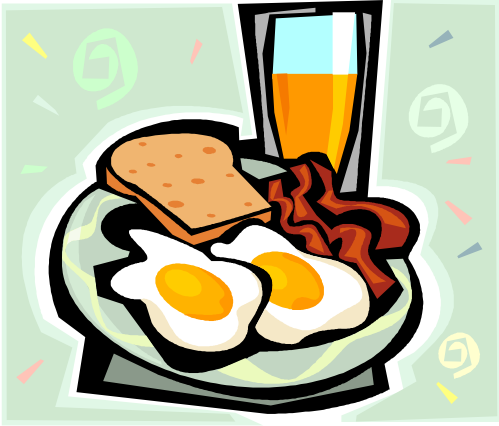
A Christmas Story told... "Welcome To Our World"



A special thanks to Kathy Robertson for the beautiful photos!

Monthly Men's Breakfast & Study

Once a month, a group of men from all generations of PCJH gather to eat a home-cooked breakfast together and study God's word. **The men meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:00am in the Genesis room.** The vision behind this gathering is to get all the men together once a month. When we say "all the men" we mean "all the men." Are you wondering if this group is for you? Here's a list of the men who we want to be involved:



- Men of all ages
- Men at various stages in their faith journey
- Men who are already in a weekly small group
- Men who are in no small group
- Men who are members or regular attendees of PCJH
- Men who have never been to PCJH in their life

As you can see... this group is for all men. The purpose is to rally all the men of PCJH together once a month in hopes that we might all get to know one another and grow in our faith. We realize that many men are already in small groups. This is not meant to replace your small group... it's meant to be the center of our men's ministry at PCJH where all small groups ebb and flow. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Paul or Pastor Ben.

Safe Church Policy Training

PCJH is entering our 2nd year of our formal *Safe Church Policy* to continue to ensure that the children and youth who participate in programs and activities within our church community have a safe and secure environment. Our goal with this policy is to protect the children and youth of PCJH from incidents of misconduct or inappropriate behavior, while also protecting our staff and volunteers from false accusations. We desire for all of God's children to feel the welcome and love of Jesus Christ and to develop a lifelong relationship with Christ as we gather, grow, and go in passing on the faith.

All **new** Staff, Elders, Deacons, and CYF Volunteers are required to complete a training course this year. PCJH members and attendees are also welcome to attend.

The first *Safe Church* training of 2013 for any **new** Elders, Deacons and CYF Volunteers will be **Sunday, January 27th, starting at 11:30 in the Genesis Room.** Lunch will be provided and child care is available **with a reservation.** A second opportunity for this training will be in the fall of 2013.

Looking Ahead: During the year, PCJH will offer two special courses: one for youth group participants and one for parents & members of the congregation. Dates to be determined.

Please contact Diane McGee with questions and to register:
dmcgee@pcjh.org or 739-9591.

Grief Support Group



If you are experiencing loss or grief in your life, know that you are not alone. Pastor Ben, in conjunction with the Stephen Ministers, will begin moderating a series of weekly group sessions aimed at helping bring God's love and peace to those who are grieving for any reason. The first session will be held on Wednesday, January 9th, from 5:15 to 6:15 pm at PCJH. All in need are invited to join the support group for sharing, helping each other, and quiet prayer. For more information, please contact the church office.

Worship at 9,000 feet

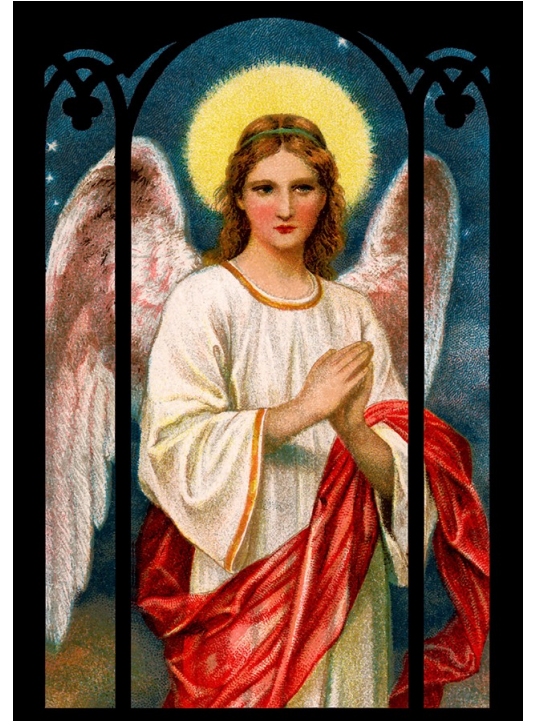
Pastor Ben will be leading monthly worship services at the summit of the gondola at Jackson Hole Mountain Resort throughout the winter months. The gatherings will take place in the Cornice Room upstairs near the Couloir Restaurant. Free sight-seeing gondola tickets will be available in guest services for anyone who wants to attend the services. For those who enjoy skiing or snowboarding, come on up and worship in your ski boots! After the service a group of people ski a few runs and then share lunch together. It's a great time of fellowship.

Sunday, January 20th at 9:30am

Sunday, February 17th at 9:30am

Sunday, March 10th at 9:30am

Easter Sunrise Service on March 31st





NEW YEAR'S EVE SONG AULD LANG SYNE

The traditional song for ringing in the New Year in almost every English speaking country in the world is Auld Lang Syne. This New Year Song is generally credited to Robert Burns, but earlier versions of this ballad precede his time. Burns combined a common Scottish folk song with his own lyrics to arrive at the version commonly sung on New Year's Eve.

What is the meaning of this New Year's Eve Song? Auld Lang Syne is about old friends who have parted and meet again. To celebrate their long friendship, they share a drink together and reminisce of memories from long ago. The basic message is that we should not forget our old friends and should celebrate a reunion with them.

When the clock strikes midnite on New Year's Eve, gather everyone together at your party or celebration to sing the New Years Song and remember the good memories of family and friends from long ago.

Auld Lang Syne by Robert Burns

: Should old acquaintances be forgotten,
: And never brought to mind?
: Should old acquaintances be forgotten,
: And days of long ago !

: *Chorus:*

: For old long ago, my dear
: For old long ago,
: We will take a cup of kindness yet
: For old long ago.

: We two have run about the hillsides
: And pulled the daisies fine,
: But we have wandered many a weary
: foot
: For old long ago.

: We two have paddled (waded) in the
: stream
: From noon until dinner time,
: But seas between us broad have roared
: Since old long ago.

: And there is a hand, my trusty friend,
: And give us a hand of yours,
: And we will take a goodwill draught (of
: ale)
: For old long ago!

: And surely you will pay for your pint,
: And surely I will pay for mine!
: And we will take a cup of kindness yet
: For old long ago!

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**January
 Anniversaries 2013**

David & Marian Meyers
 January 3
 Married 32 Years

Bob Graham & Karen Terra
 January 8
 Married 5 Years

John & Linda Hanlon
 January 15
 Married 13 Years

Steve & Brenda Roberts
 January 18
 Married 16 Years

Thom & Dawn Sheue
 January 28
 Married 29 Years

Jerry & Mary Ann Tapp
 January 29
 Married 64 Years

January Birthdays 2013

□ Macye Maher	□ Jan 1	□ Olivia Lee	□ Jan 24
□ Aidan Harris	□ Jan 3	□ Scott Nickell	□ Jan 24
□ Zachary Guslander	□ Jan 4	□ Ella Snider	□ Jan 24
□ Barbara VanGenderen	□ Jan 4	□ David Cleeland	□ Jan 25
□ Savannah Huhn	□ Jan 5	□ Bob Kopp	□ Jan 25
□ Linda Hanlon	□ Jan 6	□ Bob Walton	□ Jan 25
□ Karla Hanson	□ Jan 6	□ Corey Jackson	□ Jan 26
□ Brad Herman	□ Jan 6	□ Dawn Sheue	□ Jan 26
□ Brian Remlinger	□ Jan 7	□ Brooks Harshman	□ Jan 27
□ Ralph Hudelson	□ Jan 8	□ Liz Sparks	□ Jan 27
□ Brett Smith	□ Jan 10	□ Annalise Zabriskie	□ Jan 27
□ Sue Bybee	□ Jan 11	□ Mike Rohrstaff	□ Jan 28
□ Cindy Zabriskie	□ Jan 11	□ Nikki Dunn	□ Jan 29
□ Holland Scott	□ Jan 12	□ Neil Ford	□ Jan 30
□ Ingrid Watsabaugh	□ Jan 12	□ Nicholas Korpi	□ Jan 30
□ Katie Boillot	□ Jan 13	□ Sydney Smith	□ Jan 31
□ Donna Clark	□ Jan 13		
□ Tom Jordan	□ Jan 14		
□ Bill Neal	□ Jan 14		
□ Pam Flores	□ Jan 15		
□ Therese Metherell	□ Jan 15		
□ Emerson Tebay	□ Jan 16		
□ Walter Stradley	□ Jan 17		
□ Sara VanHatten	□ Jan 17		
□ Richard Spencer	□ Jan 18		
□ Zach Walker	□ Jan 19		
□ Kane Halpin	□ Jan 22		
□ Katie Carr	□ Jan 23		
□ Mark Barron	□ Jan 24		



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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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