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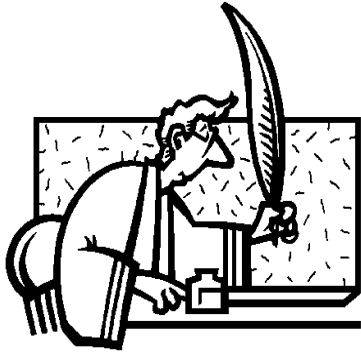
Salvation Army bellringers help raise funds for community needs each holiday season. Pictured here are Ingrid Shaw with her children Dean and Faith. If you are interested in volunteering next year for this important ministry, contact the church office@pcjh.org or 734-0388.

Through your gifts to PCJH, the church Mission team was able to send funding to the Community Resource Center, Community Safety Network, the Good Samaritan Mission and the Teton Free Clinic in 2011. Funds from the Annual Summer Sale were used to support the Senior Center. The Jackson Cupboard, Toys for Kids and directed support through the Deacons' fund are additional ways that your church family is helping neighbor help neighbor.

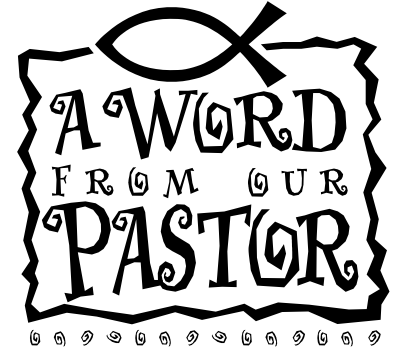


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Paul's Page



Howdy Everyone.....

...and thank you for all the wonderful Christmas greetings you sent Terri and my way this year. It was great hearing from you, getting hugs and calls, and seeing you at the many wonderful celebrations of the birth of our Lord offered through PCJH. These were great ways to Pass on the Faith to our children, our family, friends, and neighbors.

And now, WELCOME TO 2012!! Hard to believe but here we are and what a great year it is going to be. And why will it be great?

- Not necessarily because of an economic recovery even though we hope the right decisions are being made to help us along in that direction;
- Not because of peace on earth, there are too many power-hungry leaders pursuing their goals at all costs;
- Not because all diseases will be cured even though we pray for God's healing touch and the end of suffering;
- Not because a political shift has or has not taken place in our government because history proves that either party in dominance can make as many mistakes as the other;

No, it will be a great year because we have an opportunity to live this year in relationship with a living God who loves us, understands us, and will direct us through the work of Holy Spirit as we follow Jesus our Lord!!

Last year our primary growing opportunities focused on reading the Bible in one year (Pastor Paul) and several classes on spiritual growth in families and mission service (Pastor Ben). If you haven't seen the Adult Education brochure for 2012 here is a brief summary of **GROW** opportunities for the year that is ahead in the 1st half of the year.

- **Sunday morning 9 AM.** In January Pastor Paul will be presenting an overview of Christian core beliefs based on our having read through the Bible last year. This will be followed by a look at other religions and how their core beliefs compare to Christian faith.

- Pastor Ben will be teaching a class on missions titled, The Hole in our Gospel, and it will give us a chance to examine how to bring the Gospel into the world.
- **Tuesday Noon.** January this women's group will be looking into angels and then beginning in February a study on the healing ministry of Jesus and how it applies to Christians today.
- **Wednesday at 5:15 PM.** We will continue our introduction to the Bible class. January through May we will be looking at the books of the New Testament. Ben will also be repeating his Sunday AM class at 5:15.
- This year we will be doing our **All-Church Study** during the weeks of February 12 through March 18, ending just before Spring vacation. These small group studies are a wonderful time to get to know others in the congregation in the relaxed setting of a person's home. Our theme this year will be the Exodus: Markers of God's work to set God's people free.

I hope you will make time to find a place for your ongoing spiritual growth this winter and spring. If these offerings don't work for you and you have a specific time and place that would, let me know and I will see if we can put a group of GROW-minded people together.

My prayer for us as part of God's family is that we will deepen our love for our Lord and find practical ways to share that love with those whom we are privileged to touch. Keep your staff, Elders and Deacons in your prayers as we strive to lead the people of God.

Growing with you,

Pastor Paul

Dear PCJH Family,

Happy New Year! My prayer is that 2012 is a spectacular year in the life of PCJH! I hope we have great times of gathering together to bless God, growing in our faith, and going out into our world with the message of passing on the faith, hope and love of Christ.

The Hole in Our Gospel

I will be teaching a six-week class on the bestselling book, *The Hole in our Gospel*, by World Vision's President, Richard Stearns. The class will be offered on Sundays at 9:00am and Wednesdays at 5:15pm. Come to whatever day works best for you. This is a great class for people who want to make a difference in our world. You can find more information in a separate article in this month's Pinnacle.

Safe Church

On Sunday, January 29th, we will officially implement our new Safe Church policy. We have all heard the news about the alleged abuse at Penn State. This is the reality of the world we live in. At PCJH we take the safety of our children and youth seriously. We will have a day of theological reflection and education on what it means to be a safe church and why it is important in our mission to proclaim the love of Jesus Christ. Our CYF Administrator, Diane McGee, will be leading our first ever Safe Church training seminar at 11:30am on Sunday, January 29th. This seminar is for all staff, elders, deacons and CYF volunteers. We will also have the director of the Community Safety Network speak to our youth that Sunday night. It will be a day that marks the beginning of our Safe Church policy and our continued legacy in Jackson as a church that loves and protects the children and youth entrusted to our care.

High School Mission Trip to Hollywood, CA

When we hear the word "Hollywood" we often think of movies, actors and rock stars... but... did you know that Hollywood is one of the homeless capitals of the United States?

We will be taking our high school students to Hollywood from June 16th-24th in order to minister to people who live on the streets. We will be partnering with a mission agency called DOOR (Discovering Opportunities for Outreach and Reflection.) Our hope is that our students will see some of the realities of urban American poverty and social issues. We also hope our students will see Christ in their midst as they walk with people who are in need.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in going on the trip, please pick up an informational packet at PCJH or download one from our website. All applications are due by January 31st. We will also have two identical informational meetings after church on Sundays, January 8th and 22nd at 11:30am. We encourage students and parents to come and ask questions and learn more about the trip.

My vision for our high school mission trips is to have a three year cycle of destinations. The first year we will go somewhere international (like Guatemala or Nicaragua); the second year we will go somewhere in urban America (like L.A. or Chicago); the third year we will go somewhere in rural America (like a Native American Reservation or small town). I believe this will give our students a broad perspective of the needs of our nation and world.

We will have various PCJH sponsored fundraisers in 2012 to help raise funds for the trip. In February we will have our annual Super Bowl Sub Sale. In March we will see Gnomes appearing on people's lawns throughout the valley. In April the youth will host an Easter brunch. In May our students will work in your homes and yards, doing whatever tasks need to get done. In June we will have a car wash in town. In the summer our youth can also participate in the Summer Sale and Peach Sale as a way to raise funds for a future international trip. In addition, the youth craft fair table and the ice lantern sale at Christmas time have both proven to be a huge success!

Intern Search

We are beginning our search for two interns for the 2012-2013 academic year. The internships will be nine months, from September to June. Please spread the word among any soon-to-be college graduates you know. We will also be looking for people to host an intern in their home. Please keep this process in your prayers as we discern who God is calling to serve as an intern at PCJH next year.

May you all have a Happy New Year in Christ!

Faithfully, ~Pastor Ben

Save the Dates

January 4th

Wednesday
Midweek -Rendezvous
resumes after school
until 6:10pm

January 8th

- Sunday School resumes at the 10:15 Worship Service
- High School Mission Trip informational meeting at 11:30 am
- High School Youth Group meets from 5:30 to 7:30pm starting a series called "If Only".

January 22nd

High School Mission Trip informational meeting at 11:30 am

January 29th

Safe Church training
11:30 am

February 2nd

Superbowl Sub Fund-raiser - sub construction
5:00 to 7:00pm

- Youth Group Super Bowl Party 5:30 to 7:30pm. Subs will also be sold on Sunday Feb 3 before and after church



Children, Youth & Family Newsletter

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January 2012

Epiphany, God's Show and Tell Time...



"Today in the Town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11

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 January 6th and is observed Sunday, January 8th. 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 sees 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.

God's Little Lambs



Hayden visits the residents at the River Rock Lodge in December 2011

Leaving 2011 behind, **Little Lambs Preschool** made some fond memories. During December, Little Lambs decorated our very own gingerbread houses, visited **River Rock Assisted Living** and sang to the residents there. In turn, River Rock shared special Christmas cookies, which we of course enjoyed! We also had a fun time at our Christmas Performance. Afterwards, we spent time with our families in fellowship. As we move into 2012, we look

forward to a new year filled with more fun and exploration. From all of us at Little Lambs, have a happy and healthy new year! ~ Ms. Erin

Youth News

**DEADLINE TO SIGN-UP
FOR THE HIGH
SCHOOL MISSION
TRIP IS
JANUARY 31ST!**



Youth Group

Sunday Nights from 5:30pm to 7:30pm
(games, dinner, music, discussion, prayer)

Wednesday After School program for MS & HS students

Snacks, games, homework time, hang with friends, work on a group project, devotional, stay for dinner at 6:15pm.

High School Mission Trip Informational

Meetings set for January 8th and 22nd at 11:30am.

A Christmas Story told...

December 11, 2011



A special thank you to Kathy Robertson and Brooks Harshman for the beautiful photos!

JANUARY Birthdays 2012

Bella Eaton	January 1
Macye Maher	January 1
Dave Guslander	January 4
Barbara VanGenderen	January 4
Nathan Eaton	January 5
Savannah Huhn	January 5
Linda Hanlon	January 6
Karla Hanson	January 6
Brad Herman	January 6
Brian Remlinger	January 7
Ralph Hudelson	January 8
Brett Smith	January 10
Sue Bybee	January 11
Ed Wigg	January 11
Cindy Zabriskie	January 11
Holland Scott	January 12
Ingrid Watsabaugh	January 12
Katie Boillot	January 13
Donna Clark	January 13
Tom Jordan	January 14
Bill Neal	January 14
Therese Metherell	January 15
Sara VanHatten	January 17
Richard Spencer	January 18
Zach Walker	January 19
Katie Carr	January 23
Mark Barron	January 24
Olivia Lee	January 24
Scott Nickell	January 24
David Cleeland	January 25
Bob Kopp	January 25
Bob Walton	January 25
Corey Jackson	January 26
Dawn Sheue	January 26
Brooks Harshman	January 27
Liz Sparks	January 27
Annalise Zabriskie	January 27
Mike Rohrstaff	January 28
Nikki Dunn	January 29
Neil Ford	January 30
Sydney Smith	January 31

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES 2012

Jan 3	David & Marian Meyers	31 Years
Jan 8	Bob Graham & Karen Terra	4 Years
Jan 8	Royal & Norma Price	5 Years
Jan 15	John and Linda Hanlon	12 Years
Jan 18	Steve and Brenda Roberts	15 Years
Jan 28	Thom & Dawn Sheue	28 Years
Jan 29	Jerry & Mary Ann Tapp	63 Years

Safe Church Policy Training

PCJH will be implementing a formal *Safe Church Policy* beginning 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. All Staff, Elders, Deacons, and CYF Volunteers will be required to complete a training course. PCJH members and attendees are also welcome to attend. By implementing this policy, our goal 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. Our goal is 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.

The first *Safe Church* training will be Sunday, January 29th, beginning at 11:30 in the Genesis Room. Lunch will be provided. A second opportunity for the training is on Sunday, February 26th.

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

Worship at the Summit of the Gondola

Pastor Ben will be leading worship services at the Summit of the Bridger Gondola at Jackson Hole Mountain Resort on the following Sundays at 9:30am.

January 15th February 19th March 11th

Complimentary sight-seeing tickets will be available at the JHMR ticket office. Come join others in worship on the mountain followed by skiing and fellowship together the rest of the day. This is a great opportunity to invite friends to experience Christian community who wouldn't otherwise step foot in a church building.

The first PCJH Agros Mission Trip to the village of Tierra Nueva in Nicaragua will be April 14th to 22nd. If you are interested in participating in this trip and have not yet attended an information session please plan to attend the next session on **Sunday, January 8th at 11:30 AM**. Participation in the trip is limited to 14 adults so please don't miss this session. If you are interested but cannot attend please contact Bob Kopp at bkopp@waldenasset.com or Ben Pascal at bpascal@pcjh.org for additional information.

JANUARY 2012 DEACON

Howdy, my name is Karlene Owens and I am a Deacon of the month for January. I am a nurse working for Gros Ventre OB/GYN. My husband Hugh is retired, but stays very busy building, fixing vehicles, repairing everything that breaks or malfunctions, and tending our flock of chickens and peacocks. Our son Hans works for Dell computers in Oklahoma City, and our daughter Heidi is working on an elementary ed degree in Laramie.



As a member of PCJH you are blessed with a Deacon. If you are a member and have not been contacted by a Deacon please call the church office. Your Deacon prays for you constantly and encourages your prayer requests. Deacons also may help you with meals, rides, encouragement and sometimes even help pay bills in some circumstances. A little secret about Deacons....the worst feeling for a Deacon is a flock member who does not respond. How about a New Years resolution for 2012 "Get to know your Deacon!"

STEPHEN MINISTRY UPDATE



Special Thank You to Patty McDonald and Jane Lavino for stepping up to serve as co-leaders for Stephen Ministry

There's a little town in Arizona named HOPE. When you travel into Hope the sign reads, "Welcome to Hope". When you leave Hope there is a sign that reads, "You're Beyond Hope". My first reaction was to laugh at the humor that, I'm sure, was intended, but then after some thought I felt a tug at my heart. Are we really *Beyond Hope*? I'm thankful that God doesn't send us the message of hopelessness but in turn ... (1 Peter 1.3) "By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ..."

The Stephen Ministers of the Presbyterian Church are ready and willing to share this message of Hope. Please give us a call.

Robyn Jones - Your Stephen Minister for the Month of January. 690-5191

The Hole in our Gospel

A six-week class led by Pastor Ben

In *The Hole in Our Gospel*, Richard Stearns urges readers to ask the question, “What if?” What if all followers of Jesus looked beyond the walls of their churches and worked together in reclaiming the world for Christ’s kingdom? What if we actually demonstrated God’s love for the world instead of just talking about it? What if we embraced the whole gospel of loving God and loving our neighbors?

Having traveled more than a million miles to dozens of countries around the globe as president of World Vision, Stearns shares compelling stories of the revolutionary power of the gospel – the gospel without a hole – that is truly good news for a world broken by poverty, disease, and injustice. And he urges readers to join him in making this vision a reality.

Pastor Ben will be leading a six-week class based on this “2010 Christian Book of the Year.” The class will be offered on Sundays at 9:00am and Wednesday at 5:15pm. Come on the day that works best for you. This class will challenge and prepare you for the work God is calling us to do at PCJH.

Session 1: **“Where is the Hole?”** (January 4th and 8th)

Session 2: **“Finding the Hole in Me”** (January 11th and 15th)

Session 3: **“What’s Wrong with this Picture?”** (January 18th and 22nd)

Session 4: **“Putting the American Dream to Death”** (January 25th and 29th)

Session 5: **“Uncovering the Hole in the Church”** (February 1st and 5th)

Session 6: **“Repairing the Hole in the World”** (February 8th and 12th)

BIBLE CLASS FOR MOMS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

Starts: Thursday, January 4th, from 10am-11:30am and meets weekly

Place: Kathy Robertson's home- 8 miles south of town just past the Wy DOT. Stay on the main highway and turn right where the center turn lane ends. It is an unmarked road. You will go around a barn and up a hill, go straight and we are the last house. It has a big deck and says Robertson on the end of it.

Childcare provided. Contacts: Addie Pascal at addiepascal@gmail.com or 206-604-2890, Kathy Robertson at kr Robertson@bresnan.net or 307-413-3245

Please join us for this lifegiving time of fellowship. And not only that, but PLEASE extend this invitation to any Moms you know who may be interested. This class is open to all moms with young kids

~Addie Pascal and Kathy Robertson~

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FIFTH SUNDAYS IN 2012: January 29, April 29, July 29, September 30, December 30th. Meaning we come together as one church family at 10:15am, no 8 am service when there are 5 Sundays in any given month.



The Wednesday dinner program offers another wonderful outreach and mission to the local community. This is the third year that the Grand Teton Lodge Company has partnered with PCJH to provide the Wednesday dinner. Vail Valley Associates actually purchase the food and employees provide all of the volunteer people power to prepare, serve and clean up for the annual Christmas feast. This year, they served 230 people on December 14, 2011. Special thanks to the following volunteers who helped on Wednesday: Chef Vishu Nath, Emily Claassen, Shawna Traugher, John Rutter, Jim & Debra Bankson, Bekah Hiestand, Frank & Deanna Realing, Sabra Gent, Logan Steffens, Nancy Cary, Levi Thorn, Allen & Jane Elzay, Stephanie Tacke, Jeff Harley, Matt Souther, Guy Evans, Jerry Hollenshead, Gina MacIlwraith, Wyatt Bradford, Rich McLaughlin, Patti Green.

SUNDAY CROSS COUNTRY SKI--2012

Once again, **PCJH** members and friends are invited to participate in a cross ski outing which is planned for Sunday afternoons in January, February and early March. Promptly each **Sunday at 1:30 p.m.** we will meet at a designated place or carpool from the green Forest Service building on North Cache to a determined location. Each ski is approximately 3 miles on easy/moderate terrain. Anyone who likes to ski is encouraged to participate. Following the ski, we generally go to a local home or restaurant for an apres ski of fellowship, fun and food.

A tentative schedule for January is listed below. Please check the weekly **PCJH E-mail** for changes that may occur due to weather or whim. If you do not receive this newsletter and/or would like to be added to the Xcountry Ski emailing list please contact **Sally Byrne at 734-9033**, or sallybyrne30@gmail.com.

January 8	Granite Canyon:	meet, depart from Granite parking area	1:30 p.m.
January 15	Phelps Lake:	meet, depart from Granite parking area	1:30 p.m.
January 22	Whitegrass Ranch:	meet, depart from Forest Service Building	1:30 p.m.
January 29	Cottonwood	meet, depart from Forest Service Building	1:30 p.m.



NEEDED: YOUR COLLEGE STUDENT'S SNAIL MAIL ADDRESS

Please confirm with your Deacon or with Jo Holton in the church office to be sure we have the current mailing address for your college student. The Deacons of PCJH are planning a special valentines day gift box for each and every one of them again in 2012. Deadline = February 1st. office@pcjh.org or call 734-0388, ext. 113

KOINONIA

Approximately 20 people gathered for the Koinonia party in the home of Ben & Addie Pascal for a holiday party organized by Deanna Fox and Annie Tonoli. Most were regular Wednesday night dinner and Koinonia worship service attenders, with a few new faces, friends and family joining in the fun and the festivities. Visit any member of the PCJH staff to learn more about this vibrant ministry.

Speaking of Young Adult Ministry, have you enjoyed the opportunity to get to know our own Post College intern, Preston Gordon? Email him at pgordan@pcjh.org to invite for a meal or other family fun!!

YOUNG ADULT MISSION & MINISTRY

Young Adult Volunteer Kirt Gibbs (from PC USA)

Miami, Fla.

You wouldn't know it by hearing him speak, but Buffalo, N.Y., native Kirt Gibbs is not what most people would think of when envisioning the "typical" PC(USA) Young Adult Volunteer (YAV). Most YAVs are born and raised Presbyterian, but it wasn't until college that Kirt's personal convictions led him to be baptized as a Presbyterian. Not only has Kirt embraced our Church, he is passionately demonstrating Christ's love as a Young Adult Volunteer in Miami, Florida.

Currently, YAVs are tasked with raising a large portion of their own support funds: "Raising the money is hard. ... But ... this is an amazing experience. It's beyond simply doing a good deed. It's literally changing [social] structures, our world views, and people."

Being driven by his passion for others, Kirt plans to attend seminary and work in full-time ministry once his current YAV stint is finished. As positive as his experience has been, he also recognizes the financial obstacles that may prevent others from following the same path—and how you can help: "When you donate to YAVs like me, you're helping to raise future leaders for Presbyterian congregations. ... You're [helping] people who care about people come forward and make a difference."

The PCJH Mission team responded by making a generous year-end gift that will help ease the burden faced by those young adults who wish to serve our Church and our Lord. These funds are made possible by your contributions to PCJH and are carefully and thoughtfully allocated by our local leadership. Additionally, we give a minimum of four offerings per year through PC (USA) special offerings. Details are available at www.pcusa.org.



Computer needed for church library.
Donate new or (gently) used desktop
or laptop.



JANUARY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 HAPPY NEW YEAR! ONE WORSHIP SERVICE 10:15am	2 Church Office Closed	3 12 Noon Women's Bible Study 1:30pm Staff	4 3:00-6:15pm Midweek Rendezvous 5:15 Adult Bible Studies 6:15pm Dinner NO CHOIR 7:15pm Koinonia	5 12:00 Noon Men's Group at the Teton Steakhouse	5	7 8:00am Men's Discussion Group PCJH Youth Lounge
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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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