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NEED HELP WITH SPRING CLEANING? WE CAN DO IT!

Support High School Students by giving them a way to pay for their Mission Trip to Guatemala.

There are work teams who have two or more people prepared to work indoors or outdoors 8:30am—4:00pm on

Saturday, May 14 or May 21

Suggested donation is \$100 per worker plus lunch.

Consider sponsoring a work team to participate in Love Your Neighbor(hood). Every \$100 given will allow one person to work with a team and help serve someone in Jackson Hole.

CYF SPRING WORK DAYS INTERESTED? Contact Matt Coyne // 307-734-0388 x121 // mcoyne@pcjh.org





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Howdy Everyone.

CrossWavs

The Stations of the Cross were deeply moving. The Maundy Thursday Service of Healing provided a touch of God's Spirit for the body, the mind, the soul. Sharing Good Friday with our Lutheran friends reminded us of the sacrifice of our Lord upon the cross for the sins of the world...including ours. And i to lose "The Way of the Cross." We allow the stresses of then there was Easter. What a joyful celebration!

word, death was not the final word, pain was not the final ling of God's family, Easter. We stop talking. We stop word. Resurrection was and is God's ultimate word. Yes, i laughing. We stop sharing. We stop serving. We become suffering, pain, and death are real in our world. But, God's is spiritually isolated and attempt to fill a God-shaped hole in great news is that as Jesus rose so we too shall rise. Halleluiah!!

It seems to me as I reflect on my years in ministry that many i The last thing Jesus said was "Into your hands I commit my of us must endure our crosses before we experience our Easters. There are dark nights of our soul. There are the years of struggle before we can identify the blessings. There are times power. This is what the Apostle Paul prayed for the early of illness or loss which go unexplained for those of us who Christians. Listen to his Prayer in Ephesians 1:18-21 love God and desire the abundant life Jesus promised. Often I hear people talk about having their cross to bear. What we need to remember in the midst of our 'way of the cross' is that God is the God of Easter and when we experience it in our !! "" "knower" (as someone once called it) everyday living changes forever.

I recently completed Todd Burpo's book. Heaven is for Real. It is an account of understanding heaven through the life-after -life experience of his young son, Colton. Through Colton's experience his minister father was changed forever. Knowing the nature of heaven, hearing of the reality that the promise Easter brings, changed forever all the crosses the family had to bear.

How unfortunate it is that instead of learning this secret of Holy Week, getting to Easter by the Way of the Cross, we get i rob you of the joy and power God intends for you as you crossways in life. A pastor friend of mine has seen well intentioned Christian people get crossways with each other. They seem to have forgotten that worship is about God not! about themselves. They seem to have forgotten the example | of Jesus who listened closely to his world, for 30 years, before he began to teach and heal. They do not demonstrate love and respect, two core values of meaningful human relationships. They have gotten crossways with one another. I am sad. That part of God's family is in pain. The church may split.

In our community I have seen people who say they are following "The Way of the Cross" get crossways with each other. It might be the carry-over of tough business situations; It might be over a theological emphasis; It might be What a wonderful Easter and what a tremendous Holy Week. i because of financial hard times; It might be because of stress within marriage; It might be because of struggles with the kids; It might be because...

...Whatever the reason, it is easy to get crossways and then this world, our 'Fridays,' to rob us of our intimacy with God who brings us our Easter. When we are stuck in a Under the sovereignty of God, Friday's cross was not the final spiritual Friday it is hard to participate and receive the carour life with a plethora of temporal things.

> So, what is the way out? To follow the way of the cross! spirit, O Lord." We need to refocus in a like fashion. We also need to learn the lessons of living in resurrection

(Eph 1:18-21 NIV) I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, {19} and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, {20} which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, *{21} far above all rule and authority, power and domin*ion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

The power of which he is speaking is the key to resurrection living. The Way of the Cross leads us to the power of the resurrection. Don't let the tendency to get 'crossways' move from Friday to Sunday, from your cross to the resurrection.

Walking the Road with you,

Pastor Paul

Rev. Ben Pascal

Parents Passing on the Faith



I recently had the privilege of witnessing nine of our confirmation students present their statements of faith to their fellow classmates and parents. Each student was required to articulate their faith in words, music or art. We were all inspired and in awe with the depth and wisdom of our teenagers. I wish you all could have been there... you would have been deeply blessed.

I was tempted to pat myself on the back, saying, "Good job Pastor Ben, you really made a big impact on these student's spiritual lives!" While I know I have made an impact, I was humbled as I looked at the faces of all the parents in the room who have been walking with these students since the day they were born. These parents have been praying for them, they have been teaching them, they have been living their lives as examples of how a Christian man or woman lives. The truth is this... the parents have had the biggest impact on the faith of these students. If you are a parent, I hope you realize just how important your role is in raising your child to be mature in Christ.

Our vision at PCJH is to pass on the faith by partnering home and congregation. The most effective ministry is one in which parents and church staff work together to pass on the faith. In order to do this, I am hosting a class on **Wednesday nights at 5:15pm**. The class is for all parents, grandparents or anyone else who is raising

children or teenagers. The purpose of this class is to encourage and challenge parents in passing on the faith at home. My hope is...

(1) Parents will form strong caring relation ships with other parents.

(2) Parents will grow in their faith and understanding of Scripture and Christianity.

(3) Parents will receive ideas, tools and resources for ministering to their children in order to teach them to know, follow and trust Jesus Christ.

We will use the Scripture lessons from Sunday school and the Sunday sermons as a foundation for passing on the faith at home. This way we will integrate what we are learning at church on Sundays with what we do at home during the week.

As many of you know, my wife Addie and I have a little girl who is one and a half. We are new parents and we are trying to figure out how to raise our daughter, Nina, in the faith. We don't have all the answers... we will be walking with you and learning from each other as we faithfully raise our children to know, follow, and trust Jesus Christ. I can't think of a greater honor or a greater purpose as a parent. I hope you will join us!



Passing on the Faith Class Wednesdays at 5:15 pm. Childcare provided. Family Fellowship Dinner at 6:15pm

Come when you can... there is no need to be at every class... you can skip classes or jump in whenever the time is right for you.

Faithfully,

~Pastor Ben

Stewardship of the Earth

Genesis 1:31 "And God saw all that he had made, and it was very good."

"This land is your land This land is my land From California to the New York Island From the redwood forests to the Gulf Stream waters This land was made for you and me"

How can we even imagine such an amazing gift that God gave to mankind? Along with the WORD in the gospels, and the gift of life - we stand in awe of the earth our Creator designed.

The responsibility of care-taking our precious planet seems a daunting task, and Earth Day this year reminds us again of the many changes in our earthly home. In very recent times, we have been bombarded by the media with the many environmental problems facing our world. Our modern footprint has not always shown the best wisdom and responsibility as we execute dominion over the land, the vegetation, the animals, the air and water, all for the welfare of all human beings sharing our earth.

Fortunately, we have taken many steps in the right direction, and are learning more and more ways to "tread lightly" on our planet.

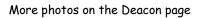
We teach our children effective ways of recycling and reusing. They learn not to litter or pollute, how to conserve and respect resources, and how to make a difference for this as well as future generations.

"This is our purpose: to make as meaningful as possible this life that has been bestowed upon us; to live in such a way that we may be proud of ourselves; to act in such a way that part of us lives on." - Oswald Spengler

Submitted by the PCJH Stewardship Team

Easter Brunch

Great food and fellowship made possible by Chef Bob Walton and his wife Mary, the Saturday morning men's group, key volunteers including Jeff Zender, and the Guatemala Youth Mission trip teens and their parents. This fundraiser will contribute more than \$1,000 to help offset the trip costs, thanks to volunteers and the generosity of our congregation.





Derek Johnson, Corianne DeGoey, Angela Lewis, Mary Walton, George Scarlett, Brad Herman and Chef Bob Walton (seated)

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF JACKSON HOLE

SAVE THE DATES!

<u>May 1st ~</u> Confirmation at the 10:10 service.

Adopt-a-Gnome! contact Matt for more details. 739-9591 or mcoyne@pcjh.org.

<u>May 13th ~</u> PCJH All Congregational Bingo & Potluck Night! 5:30pm-7:00pm Call Cindy Dahlin for details, 690-5018

<u>May 8th & 22nd ~</u> Guatemala Student Team Meeting @ 11:30 am in the Genesis Room.

<u>May 14 & 21st</u> ~ Work Day Fundraiser for the High School Mission Trip. 8:00am -5:00pm

<u>May 27th ~</u> Rec. Center Fun Night! For all MS & HS students! Presented by the JH Youth Alliance, 6:00pm.

Grace Notes

<u>Chimers</u> The Chimers will begin practicing for the Mother's Day Service on Sunday, May 8th. For all of those interested Chimers please contact Grace Pike for more details! 413-3905

Children, Youth & Family Newsletter

May 2011

To Mothers everywhere..we want to say **'Thank You'**

we appreciate all that you do! May God Bless You!



"As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem." Isaiah 66: 13

Looking for Summer Fun

for your Kids or

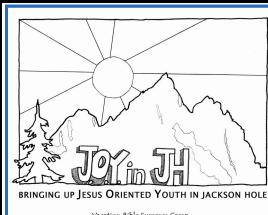
Grandchildren?

The Presbyterian Church

of Jackson Hole

Announces the Return of our

Jesus Oriented Youth



H IN JACKSON HOLE in Jackson Hole Christian Summer Camp Would you like more details?

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

- , Wyoming Please Contact Diane McGee ~ dmcgee@pcjh.org or 739-9591
- Weekly & Daily Programs June 20th August 26th for Children Age 3yrs (as of Sept. 15th, 2011) through students entering 6th Grade.
- 1 Week Middle School Backcountry Camping Trip for students entering 7th & 8th grades - Aug 15-19th.
- Work opportunities for High School 11th & 12th graders, college students & teachers. Apply Now!

Ways to say I Love You Mom...

"Sometimes I used to sleep in her bed but now I sleep in my bed." Jackson age 5

"She takes me rock climbing and that's a special thing we do." Brady age 4 1/2

"Draw a heart that says 'I love you' and says thank you for buying hoodies!" Madison age 4

"I make a picture for her. " Vega age 5

"I love you Mommy and hugs and blow a kiss." Cypress age 2

God's Little Lambs

Spring has sprung! Our Little Lambs are back from Spring Break and we are so happy to have them back at school. This month has been a very special one. We celebrated Earth Day by splashing in puddles, digging for worms and planting grass on our playground. We are so blessed to be able to learn about God's Great Earth at school. We even had a few mud pies. Jesus is the reason for this season. The Little Lambs were busy in the kitchen baking Resurrection Buns for their friends and learning about the Easter Story. The Pre-K Class painted a stained glass cross and the toddlers made bird feeders for our feathery friends. This year is flying by, we are on the last letter of the alphabet. Letter 'Z' is for zebras and zoom, zoom! We strapped on our tool belts and built a derby track, painted fancy derby cars and made them zoom, zoom down the track! Next month we are preparing for graduation and our theme will be Bees, Bugs and Butterflies. If you would like to volunteer at Little Lambs stop in and see us.

Betzabed at the Easter

Egg Hunt

~ Mrs. Mel



A beautiful 'stained glass' cross made by all of the children



Youth News

Sunday, May 1, 2011



Ongoing Youth Opportunities

MS Sunday School ~ Sun 10:30am IMPACT MS Youth Group ~ Sun 5:30-7:30pm IMPACT HS Youth Group ~ Thurs., May 5th & 19th, 3:30-5:00pm MS & HS Small Groups ~ Various times Mid-Week Rendezvous ~ Wednesdays at 5:15-6:15 Godly Play for 4 years to 2nd grade <u>OR</u> "Innovation Station" with Matt Coyne

CONFIRMATION CLASS TO GRADUATE MAY 1ST!

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m R}$ ecently, we had 9 students go through confirmation class

with Pastor Ben. The students took on a huge commitment and did an excellent job completing the projects and readings for the course. They had to complete a 10 week program and if they missed a class, it had to be made up. While in the course, the students learned what the Presbyterian church believes and what we as PCJH believe. The goal of the class was for each student to confirm what they believe in Jesus Christ and understand that this is the beginning of their journey with Jesus. The Students also had to meet with the Elders of PCJH and were asked questions about their faith. Finally, the students had to come up with their own statement of faith.

Please join us on May 1st for the confirmation of these 9 students. We should be very proud of their commitment and their desire to learn what it means for them to follow and trust Jesus Christ. ~ Matt Coyne

A message from the Agros Vision Trip Team to Guatemala:



Our experience during our time in Guatemala was one of great excitement and hope. We were challenged in our ideas about missions and ultimately inspired by what we saw through Agros, a nonprofit organization whose goal is to assist families with land ownership through the extension of loans.

Visits with various Agros villages and many fruitful discussions with Agros staff helped us to see the work God is doing through His people in a war-torn area inhabited by some of the poorest people in the world. We were able to see these people owning and working land, paying off

loans, owning homes, sending their children to school and starting businesses. They were so thankful for all that had been achieved. And we found ourselves wanting to be part of God's work here, to be His hands and His feet, helping restore hope to a people who, at one time, did not have much to be hopeful for.

A more in depth story about Agros and our time in Guatemala will appear in the June Pinnacle. In the meantime, we invite you to prayerfully consider what mission means to you and to ask any of our team members about our time in Guatemala. We are very excited to share it with you!

The Agros Vision Team: David and Liz Sparks, Bob and Debbie Kopp, Therese Metherell, and Ben and Addie Pascal **Please visit www.agros.org for more information**



Men's Retreat May 20th-22nd

w/ Special Guest Rev. Greg Asimakoupoulos

Men have many roles in life... husband, father, son, employee, volunteer, citizen, athlete, adventurer, and man of God (to name a few). How do you manage your time? What does God say about managing our time? How can we be men who glorify God in all the different areas of our life? We encourage you to take time for this retreat... get away... meet some new friends... deepen the friendships you already have... be challenged... be encouraged... get out into the great outdoors... spend time with God.

\$50 (scholarships available) H2H Ranch in Bondurant REGISTER NOW!! office@pcjh.org or 307-734-0388

MAY DEACON 2011



Dear Friends and Church Family - I am Jo Holton and Deacon of the month for May. I am now serving my second term as deacon and have found serving my flock to be such a blessing to me.

Our family has lived in Jackson Hole since 1996 and we have been members of PCJH for over 10 years. I was born in Montreal, Quebec, Canada and our family moved to Southern California when I was a young child. Having been raised without the benefit of our extended family of grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins, I learned from an early age the importance of friends and church family.

As Wes Fessler once said, "I work hard to be my best, but my family makes me better." I believe that is so true, whether you are blessed with having relatives nearby or you have adopted family members through the years. We have 7 wonderful children in all (Bryce, Lyndsay, Ryanon, Jesse, Summer, Shane and Cheyenne) and 5 beautiful grandchildren. Our youngest graduates from high school this year and so we are looking at a new stage of our lives.



Dennis Holton

EASTER BRUNCH

Saturday Mens Group



The Pinnacle The Presbyterian Church of Jackson Hole Box 7530 1251 South Park Loop Road Jackson, WY 83002 Published Monthly Issue #05-2011 May Anniversaries 2011 Randy & Robyn Reedy May 1, 1982 29 years Steve & Debbie Iobst May 6, 1977 34 years Merrill & Carole Seggerman 56 years May 7, 1955 Mike & Darla Jackson May 9, 1987 24 years Craig & Deborah Sonderman May 15, 1992 19 years Dave & Liz Sparks May 17, 1980 31 years Larry & Barb Huhn May 19, 1979 32 years

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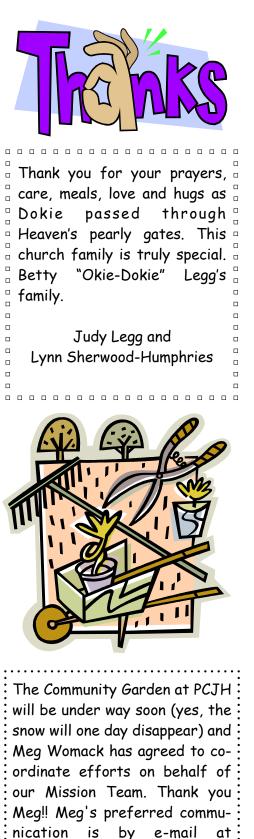
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May 27, 1977 Mike & Kate Rohrstaff

May 29, 2004 John & Maggie Valiante May 29, 1976

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May Birthdays 2011 Mike Jones Mav 1 Karlene Owens May 2 May 4 Maria Brecker Melissa Gill May 4 Julie Huot May 7 **Steve Price** May 7 **Becky Kimmel** May 8 Linda Soper May 9 May 10 Jim Byrne Melissa Kussy May 10 Rachel Harshman May 11 **Bobby Poinsett** May 12 May 12 August Wittig Scott Zabriskie May 12 May 13 Christine Windey May 14 Megan Dufault Terri Hayden May 14 -May 14 Vivienne Mattheis May 15 Stevie Iobst Alexa Luther May 15 Carol Lewis May 16 John Valiante May 16 Kraig Kobert May 17 Larry North May 17 Caroline Henninger May 18 Suzanne Kemmerer May 18 Barbara Simms May 19 Ken Taylor May 19 Ken Blount May 20 Shepard Humphries May 20 Lafon Ward May 21 Bob Lerch May 23 May 24 Tom Chrystie May 24 Dani Long Jo Holton May 25 Laurie Spencer May 25 Nathan Tignor May 25 Melissa Fox May 26 Joe Amdor May 28 Laura Miller May 28 Robert Watsabaugh May 28 **Brady Petterson** May 29 Tim Bergstrom May 31 Blake Clark May 31 Judy Legg May 31



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tails in coming weeks.

MAY 2011

See PCJH.org to contact Children's Youth and Family Ministries for complete listing of events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fríday	Saturday
8:00 am Worship Service 9 am Adult Classes 10:10 am - Worship Service (<u>HS</u> 20nfirmation) 10:45 am Children's Sunday School 5:30-7:30 pm "IMPACT" MS Youth Group	7	3 10 am Staff 12 noon Women's Bible Study	5:15 Midweek Rendezvous & Adult Classes 6:15 pm Dinner 7:15 pm Contemporary Worship Service 7:00 pm Choir	5 12:00 pm Men's Group at Teton Steakhouse 3:30-5:30 "IMPACT" H.S. Youth Group	9	7 8:00 am - Men's Discussion Group PCJH Youth Lounge
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29 5th Sunday ONLY ONE SERVICE 10:10 5:30-7:30 pm "IMPACT" MS Youth Group	30 MEMORIAL DAY	31 10 am Staff 12 noon Women's Bible Study				

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· Commit to Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord

- Elected by their fellow congregation members to serve on the Session.
- \cdot Exercise leadership, planning, governance, and discipline for the life of the church
- · Strengthen and nurture the faith and life of the congregation

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Ongoing Opportunities for You!

<u>Sundays</u>

Sunday School Classes 9:00 a.m. Refreshments and Fellowship - 9:50 a.m. Worship Service - 8:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m. Children's Church during 10:15 service (Nursery Hours: 9:00 - 11:15 a.m.)

<u>Mondays</u>

Tuesdays

12pm Women's bible study

<u>Wednesdays</u>

Mid Week Rendezvous Classes at 5:15pm Dinner at 6:15pm Contemporary Worship at 7:15pm

<u>Thursdays</u>

12 pm Men's Power Lunch @ Teton Steakhouse

<u>Fridays</u> Saturdays

Men's Discussion Group (a) PCJH - 8:00 a.m.

Deacons

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The Deacons of this church are committed to Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord. They are members of this church and demonstrate a spirit of love based on the gospel among family, congregation and the community. They are a group of people dedicated to serving our church family. With God's guidance, deacons are available to their church flock and others for special prayers, assistance with a family or financial problem, meals or aid when someone is injured or ill, to provide a listening ear, and more. Please call your deacon when in need.

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