

November, 2013



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ANNUAL FUND PLEDGE SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 17TH

Annual Fund Pledge Sunday, November 17, is fast approaching. The Annual Fund pays for PCJH's operations and programs, as described below. In preparation for this important event, we have mailed a letter with an enclosed Annual Fund Pledge Form. Additional Pledge Forms and the list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) regarding this year's Stewardship Campaign are available in the Church lobby and on the Church website.

PCJH's overall mission is to "Pass on the Faith." To achieve that objective our Church offers a wide variety of ministry and mission (outreach) programs, such as three weekly worship services, community dinners on Wednesday evening, ongoing adult Bible studies and fellowship dinner groups, children's Sunday school, Little Lambs pre-school, Upward Basketball, JOY University in the summer, and Agros International to name but a few. Each of these high-impact programs change the lives of those that participate. The Annual Fund pays for these programs.

As you may be aware, our Church has been the recipient of an extraordinary bequest from the estate of Pike Sullivan. This \$600,000 gift was used to repay most of the remaining outstanding debt, which arose from the Church building expansion several years ago. This generous gift is not being used for the day-to-day operations of PCJH. Your contributions to the Annual Fund of the Church are used for these purposes.

We would like everyone this year to complete a Pledge Form and indicate one of three ways to record your pledge: (1) a percentage contribution which was emphasized in the Old Testament, and/or (2) a specific dollar amount representing a "portion" of what God has given you as added in the New Testament, and/or (3) a commitment to "give when you can."

To participate in this year's Stewardship Campaign, we encourage you to:

1. **Prayerfully consider** what God is calling you to contribute to His work through the Presbyterian Church of Jackson Hole.
2. **Fill out** the Annual Fund Pledge Form for 2014 and encourage others in the congregation to do the same.
3. **Turn in** the Pledge Form on Annual Pledge Sunday, November 17th or mail it to the Church office

Thank you once again for your past support of God's work through PCJH. May God bless your considerations for the coming year.

A WORD FROM PASTOR PAUL HAYDEN

Howdy Everyone.

In our world today we are bombarded with new means of communications and technology. Every year it seems I attend at least one seminar on the topic. One of those new techno-tools is "the cloud." The Cloud is the internet...a network of servers. Through it, you can communicate widely and store and share large amounts of data almost instantly. Wow. That is both scary and exciting. It seems we are surrounded by The Cloud.

In Hebrews 12:1 we are told about another type of universal "cloud." It says:

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses..."

The great news about the cloud in this scripture is it reminds us that **we are not alone**. There are Christians that have gone before us. Some of those dear saints have fought battles of faith and life so that we no longer have to fight them. They have laid the foundation upon which our faith has been built. Some of those saints have also laid the foundation upon which our physical church is built and we should be grateful. The work that they have done and their aliveness in the presence of God surrounds us. *We are not alone.*

There are Christians who will come after us. We see some of those Christians when we watch Upward Basketball games or share in worship with a new generation with our First Sunday Worship of each month. We know that many of these new Christians will have darker skin tone as the center of Christianity shifts to the Southern Hemisphere. Christian faith will continue to grow and expand because it proclaims God's grace through Jesus Christ, good news our world desperately needs. *We are not alone.*

There are Christians today with whom we walk and work, gather and grow. We find them in many congregations worshipping each Sunday. We gain support from them in prayer and small group meetings. During times of crisis they cry with us and in moments of joy they celebrate. Sometimes these brothers and sisters disappear for a season and then return. At times, they are leaders and other

times, followers. What holds the "cloud of witnesses" together is the glue of a shared love for God through Jesus the Lord. *We are not alone.*

The verse I mentioned at the beginning of this note to you, continues by giving three things we need to do because we are not alone but have a tremendous support system. We are to:

1. **"Run the race before us."** It is so easy to look back on the bad: our short comings, our failures, our sins. Hey! They are forgiven. What we need to do is move forward...becoming and doing everything God has planned for us. We need the "great cloud of witnesses" to share the great adventure of faith.

2. **"Throw off the things that hinder us."** We need the support of one another as we address those things of personality or life that keep us from become all God would want us to be. Depression, anxiety, pride, greed, anger, lust, sin and the list could go on. Everyone in the "great cloud" has or has had them. No exceptions. We can do this work better when we have a support team cheering for us as we get rid of stuff.

3. **"Keep our eyes fixed on Jesus."** Distractions come so easily. We need the "great cloud" that gathers for worship every Sunday, the "great cloud" that meets in small groups, "the great cloud" that shares Wednesday dinner, the "great cloud" that... assists us in keeping our eyes and our hearts in the right place.

Where do you find "The Great Cloud" in your life? Who supports you on your journey of faith? Whom do you support? The Church, this church, should be a place where the "great cloud" grows, becoming equipped and empowered to do the three things mentioned above.

This Thanksgiving, I am grateful for each of you who are part of The Great Cloud.

Blessings to you,

Pastor Paul

Children Youth & Family Ministry

Family Ministry

Associate Pastor Ben Pascal

Dear PCJH Family,

Last month our four-year-old daughter, Nina, memorized Jeremiah 29:11 from the Old Testament, "For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord." She learned it by attending Little Lambs Preschool at PCJH. The hand motions she learned that go along with the Bible verse are absolutely adorable!

"For I know the plans I have for you..."

God wants us to trust him. Trust is difficult for us. We like to be in control and we like to make our plans.

But...

God's plans are always better than our plans. Even if we don't understand it now, I believe we will look back on our life from God's kingdom in heaven and see for ourselves... God's plans are *always* better than our plans.

Addie and I have been reflecting on this lately. As many of you know, we have a wonderful daughter, Nina, who has blessed our lives beyond measure. We have always wanted to have more children, but have been unsure of how the Lord might bless us with more.

"For I know the plans I have for you..."

In an act of faith, we began the process of adopting a little girl from Ethiopia. Adoption has always been part of our family planning since before Addie and I met. We began the adoption process in June 2012 and have been filling out piles of paperwork and waiting patiently ever since. We have been praying for a little girl to join our family from half way around the world.

This past summer we got news of a little girl from Ethiopia who we thought might be "the one." We were filled with anticipation, a little bit of fear, but mostly excitement at what the Lord was going to do.

The very same week we found out about this girl in Ethiopia, Addie found out she was pregnant!! We were

filled with joy but we were also left wondering what was going to happen to this little one in Ethiopia whom we had already started praying for. We were thinking, "Lord, what are you doing?!"

"For I know the plans I have for you..."

Since then, the Lord provided another family for this little girl in Ethiopia. Addie is now in her second trimester. We are blessed. We still feel called to adopt in the near future after our biological baby is born.

Although we don't know how the story will unfold, we trust God's plan for us and for our children. We are continually amazed at God's faithfulness and God's timing.

I share this very personal story with you because many of you have been made aware of our adoption journey through our prayer requests and a sermon I preached this summer. I also share it with you in hopes that some of you might be encouraged in your faith.

I know many of you are just like us. You are wondering what God's plan is for you and/or your family. Whatever God's plan is, it's going to be far better than anything you could ever ask for or imagine.

"For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord."

Faithfully,
~Pastor Ben





Children, Youth & Family Newsletter

CYF November Events

Nov 3 - Youth Group:
Middle School; 4-5:30pm
High School; 6-7pm

Nov 10 - Youth Group:
Middle School; 4-5:30pm

November 8-10th
Senior High Youth
Retreat in Casper, WY
Cost: \$20

All Senior Youth of
Presbyterian Churches in
WY are invited to gather,
grow and go.

Games, New Friends,
Music, Time away from
Home!

For more information:
Facebook: "Presbyterian
Church of Jackson Hole
Youth Group"

Go to PCJH website:
<http://pcjh.org/youth-ministries.htm>

Contact Andrew Perkins
at aperkins@pcjh.org or
call 307-739-9591

November 17
All Church Talent Show
4:30pm

November 18th
Upward Basketball and
Cheerleading Awards
Ceremony at PCJH.
Begins at 6:00pm

November 24
Youth Group:
Middle School; 4-5:30pm
High School; 6-7pm

'Like "Presbyterian
Church of Jackson Hole
Youth Group" on
Facebook!

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UPWARD BASKETBALL & CHEERLEADING AWARDS CEREMONY

will be Nov 18th
beginning at 6:00pm



CHECK OUT THESE STATS

There are 20 teams

There are 45 Coaches

There are 33 Players

There are 16
Cheerleaders

There are 29 Referees!



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October was full of pumpkin fun as we "dressed in our costume best". We had fun at our annual Little Lambs Pumpkin Party and we learned new painting techniques. We went to the Fire Station. We were also visited by two furry friends, Awnie and Cecil. They gave us some dog safety tips with their owner Ms. Brantley. We also had fun with our memory verse this month.

**"Be strong and courageous.
Do not be afraid...
for the Lord,
your God
goes with you,"
Deuteronomy 31:6, NIV.**

We look forward to November to count our many blessings as we enter into the holiday season this month.

Blessings, Erin

November Birthdays 2013

Debbie Kopp	Nov 1
Harper Maher	Nov 1
Beckett Maher	Nov 1
Bridget Murphy	Nov 1
Ashley Nelson	Nov 1
Sharon Schoen	Nov 1
Susanne Young	Nov 1
Rodger Nye	Nov 3
Barbara Carlsberg	Nov 4
Corianne DeGoe	Nov 4
Mary Frobouck	Nov 6
Laura Garrard	Nov 6
Jessie Watsabaugh	Nov 7
Amanda Fay	Nov 8
Sue Sullivan	Nov 8
David Conine	Nov 9
Emma Dillon	Nov 9
Bob Jones	Nov 9
George Scarlet	Nov 9
Kerry Murphy	Nov 11
Mike Taylor	Nov 11
Yara Thomas	Nov 11
Becky Jordan	Nov 13
Jakob Metherell	Nov 13
Brad Andrews	Nov 14
Ed Lavino	Nov 17
Caroline Korpi	Nov 18
Angela Lewis	Nov 18
Mandy Hadden	Nov 19
Michael Jansen	Nov 19
Eric Johnson	Nov 19
Sara Skinner	Nov 19
Laine Wilson	Nov 19
Michael Adams	Nov 20
Evie Dennis	Nov 20
Addie Pascal	Nov 20
Ron Stevens	Nov 20
Eric Winthers	Nov 20
Sandra Zender	Nov 20
Eunice Conine	Nov 21
Maura Harrington	Nov 21
Bob Copyak	Nov 23
Kelly Herman	Nov 23
Shauna North	Nov 23
Ned Pinkerton	Nov 23
Ridge Stradley	Nov 23
Warren VanGenderen	Nov 25
Laura DeAssis	Nov 26
Mack Mendenhall	Nov 27
Dave Sparks	Nov 27
Leah Nydam	Nov 30
Claudia Schrotz	Nov 30
Tom Windle	Nov 30
Samuel Zender	Nov 30



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UPWARD BASKETBALL
& CHEERLEADING
AWARDS
CEREMONY
Nov 18th
beginning at 6:00pm

November Anniversaries 2013

Scott and Dana Smith	November 2
Married 11 Years	
Michael and Laura Nordell	November 6
Married 45 Years	
Barry & Janice Skinner	November 6
Married 31 Years	
Alan & Sue Bybee	November 7
Married 43 Years	
Ben and Karen Brennan	November 11
Married 7 Years	
Michael & Claudia Schrotz	November 13
Married 26 Years	
Gary & Ingrid Shaw	November 20
Married 14 Years	
John & Barbara Simms	November 23
Married 34 Years	
Scott & Cindy Zabriskie	November 25
Married 24 years	
Scott & Marsha Nickell	November 29
Married 27 Years	

SAVE THE DATE
Sunday November 17th
at 4:30pm.
ALL CHURCH TALENT SHOW

Come share your God given gifts with all of us in Fellowship Hall for fellowship and a pizza party event. This is an 'open call' for all children and adults to start rehearsing your 5 minute showcase of talent. Music, drama, magic tricks, readings, comedy, gymnastics - YOU decide which of your many talents you would like to perform and we'll provide your audience and pizza!

Signups will be located in our church lobby and with Pam Flores at the church office. If you have any questions, please email Cindy Dahlin at cdahlin@hotmail.com Thank you all for your encouragement and support of our church family!

November 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>3</p> <p>8:00 am Worship Service 9:00am Adult Bible Class 9:10:15am Worship Service 10:30am Children's Sunday School 4:00-5:30pm MS Youth 6:30-7:30pm HS Youth</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>12 Noon Women's Bible Study 1:30pm Staff</p>	<p>6</p> <p>After school-6:15pm Mid-week Rendezvous 5:15 Adult Classes 6:15pm Dinner 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm Koinonia</p>	<p>7</p> <p>12:00 Noon Men's Group at E. leaven</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8:00am Men's Discussion Group PCJH Youth Lounge Agros Mission Team Leaves</p>
<p>10</p> <p>8:00 am Worship Service 9:00am Adult Bible Class 9:10:15am Worship Service 10:30am Children's Sunday School Agros Team Returns HS YOUTH RETURNS</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Veteran's Day</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:30 Stewardship 12 Noon Women's Bible Study 1:30pm Staff</p>	<p>13</p> <p>After school-6:15pm Mid-week Rendezvous 5:15 Adult Classes 6:15pm Dinner 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm Koinonia</p>	<p>14</p> <p>12:00 Noon Men's Group at E. leaven</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8:00am Men's Discussion Group PCJH Youth Lounge</p>
<p>17</p> <p>8:00 am Worship Service 9:00am Adult Bible Class 9:10:15am Worship Service 10:30am Children's Sunday School 4:30pm—All Church Talent Show</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:00pm—Upward Celebration</p>	<p>19</p> <p>12 Noon Women's Bible Study 1:30pm Staff 4:00pm Finance 5:30pm Session</p>	<p>20</p> <p>After school-6:15pm Mid-week Rendezvous 5:15 Adult Classes 6:15pm Dinner 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm Koinonia</p>	<p>21</p> <p>12:00 Noon Men's Group at E. leaven</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>8:00am Men's Discussion Group PCJH Youth Lounge</p>
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<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <p>Thanksgiving Break— No Little Lambs</p> </div>						
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <p>HS Retreat to Casper</p> </div>						

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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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