

November 2012



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ANNUAL PLEDGE SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 18TH

As you probably know, Annual Pledge Sunday, November 18, is fast approaching. The Annual Fund is what PCJH relies upon to cover our operating and programmatic costs. The Pledge Forms will be inserted in the Sunday bulletins on Nov 11th and the 18th. The list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) regarding this year's Stewardship campaign will be available in the Church lobby.

This year's Stewardship Campaign entitled, "With a Grateful Heart" focuses on participation. The Sunday before Annual Pledge Sunday - November 11th - has been designated "With a Grateful Heart Sunday." We will ask you to write down what you are grateful for and then post them around the Sanctuary or Chapel walls. We plan to summarize the results and announce them on November 18th.

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."

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) projects, such as three weekly worship services, community dinners on Wednesday evening, ongoing adult Bible studies, 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.

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

First, prayerfully consider what God is calling you to contribute to His work through the Presbyterian Church of Jackson Hole.

Second, complete the Annual Fund Pledge Form for 2013 and encourage others in the congregation to do the same.

Third, present the Pledge Form on Annual Pledge Sunday, November 18th 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.

Submitted by your Stewardship Team.

Howdy Everyone.

I don't know if you are aware that over the past 8 weeks, Ben and I have shared a spot on KJAX radio, Monday through Friday, at around 8:30 am. It has been a fun time to share with our community, the wonderful things going on at PCJH, as well as to talk about issues that may have surfaced during the course of the week within my soul or that of the interviewer. We have talked about:

- † Upward Basketball
- † Little Lambs Pre-school
- † Worship
- † Why the Church asks for money
- † Who is welcome at PCJH
- † Why are so many wars because of religion
- † Parents Night Out
- † What makes for a strong marriage
- † The importance of Passing on the Faith
- † Our Tierra Nueva Mission
- † Wednesday Night Dinners
- † What classes are being taught
- † What is the sermon theme for Sunday

In many ways this list parallels a list of PCJH's accomplishments for 2012 compiled by your staff and elders. It is always good to take a step back and evaluate how we are doing in our mission of Passing on the Faith. The above list contains many of the things that we've shared. For these ministries and missions we can say "Hallelujah!!" They are effective tools through which we are fulfilling God's call on our congregation's life.

On Sunday, November 11, you will have an opportunity to add your "Hallelujahs" to this list during worship. How has God used PCJH's ministry to touch you, challenge you, shape you, encourage you, and support you? There is so much for which we can be thankful. The specifics will help us shape our time of worship on November 18 as we **"Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart."**

In the midst of sharing our joys that take place in and through our ministry and mission, there is a question that continues to sit in the back of my mind:

Does PCJH make disciples?

By design, PCJH is a "Program Church." This is a technical term used in church circles over the past 30+ years and is reflective of us. A program church is a church that attempts to reach and grow disciples of Jesus Christ by providing many opportunities where people can worship, study, and serve. I hear how busy we are from many people:

- † My 93 year old mother who faithfully reads the Pinnacle;
- † Del Ray on the radio;
- † Visitors who compare us to their home church experience;
- † Church Leaders.

But are we making disciples of Jesus Christ? As I read the Great Commission in the Bible, Matthew 28:19, Jesus said:

As you are going into all the world, make disciples of all people, baptizing them...

Jesus didn't say, 'make programs.' From my pastoral perspective, programs are ultimately successful when they are tools by which people of all ages grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. Growing disciples (even though it is extremely difficult to measure) is my measure of success. It is why I became a pastor. It is what my heart desires.

Advent is the time within the church year when we begin following Jesus. We remember that God so loved the world he became part of our world as a little baby, just like we do and then he grew to become and do everything that God had designed. That is what being a disciple is all about: *following Jesus and becoming everything God designed us to be.*

Discipleship will be the focus of PCJH during the 1st half of next year. Begin thinking about what it means to you. As we thank God for what has been accomplished, let's also prayerfully prepare for everything God wants us to become.

Being a disciple with you,

Pastor Paul



Dear PCJH Family,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. I would like to highlight a few things that are happening in the life of PCJH.

As you all know, the ministry of Children, Youth and Families (CYF) is very strong because we have great staff, parents, and volunteers who give of themselves in tremendous ways. Two of those people are Cindy Zabriskie and Preston Gordon.

Cindy has been on staff with PCJH for over three years as our Children's Ministry Coordinator. She has done an amazing job of developing our Sunday School and Wednesday After School programs, in addition to coordinating many special events like the Christmas Story, the Great Lasagna Mission, Easter and Mother's Day celebrations, and the list goes on. However, after much prayer, Cindy feels God calling her to pass the torch to someone else at the end of this academic year (July 2013). This person will take all that she has done and continue to develop it further in order to touch the lives of children and their families in the name of Jesus. Cindy and her husband, Scott, have taught Sunday School for over six years and they plan to continue teaching at PCJH for many years to come.

Preston Gordon moved to Jackson a little over a year ago as our first intern of the new internship program. He did such a wonderful job as an intern that we promoted him to be our Youth and Young Adult Ministry Coordinator. When we hired him he was only able to commit to us through July 2013. Preston is at a time in his life where he is discerning God's call and wants to remain open to wherever the Lord leads. He is doing a magnificent job at PCJH. All the youth, parents and volunteers love him.

Of course we would love for Cindy and Preston to remain on staff in their respective positions, but it has become increasingly clear that the Lord is calling them to the next chapter in both of their lives. They are committed to PCJH and CYF through July 2013.

Even though July seems far away, it will be here sooner than we know it. Therefore, in an effort to be proactive and to have a smooth transition, we need to begin the search process to replace both Cindy and Preston.

The ruling elders of PCJH approved the CYF department to begin forming a search committee for the hiring of a CYF Director in order to continue the leadership of our wonderful ministry to children, youth and families. This person will oversee Sunday School, Wednesday After School program, Youth Group and other special events. The new CYF Director will continue to have the support of Pastor Ben and our other CYF staff; Diane McGee (CYF Administrator), Erin Abel (Little Lambs Preschool Director), Linda Hanlon (Upward Director) and Sarah Gensch (JOY Summer Camp Coordinator). The new CYF Director will also have the support of two post-college interns, hourly staff, parents and volunteers.

The search committee is made up of the following people: Jeff Hanson (chairman), Karen Fox (CYF ruling elder), Amy Boillot, Joe Amdor and Ben Pascal. We feel this group of people represent the various aspects of the CYF ministry. Please keep the search committee in your prayers as they begin listening to the Lord for direction, guidance and wisdom. The first step is to formulate an overall vision for this position and create a job description. The committee hopes to have the job posting out in December and to begin receiving applications and conducting interviews in January through March. The hope is to offer the job to the top candidate by May and have them begin their work at PCJH by June or July at the latest.

The CYF leadership and staff are confident that the Lord is behind this plan and there is great excitement among all of us for what God is doing among us as we minister to the children, youth and families of Jackson Hole.

We welcome your input, questions, and concerns. Please direct them to the search committee chairman, Jeff Hanson, at jbhanson@hampshireco.com or to me at bpascal@pcjh.org. The committee plans to have an informational meeting in the next few weeks in order to answer questions and receive feedback from parents, students, volunteers and members of PCJH.

Thank you for your prayers and your participation in what God is doing in and through PCJH.

Faithfully, ~Pastor Ben



Children, Youth & Family Newsletter

Save the Dates

Nov. 4th
MS/HS Youth Group
4:30pm to 6:30pm

Nov. 7th
After School Wednesday
Rendezvous & MS
Hangout

Nov. 10-11th
High School Retreat!

Nov. 11th
Great Lasagna Mission
at PCJH 4:30pm to
6:30pm

Nov. 12th
Upward Basketball and
Cheerleading Awards
Ceremony at PCJH.
Begins at 5:30pm

Nov. 14th
After School Wednesday
Rendezvous & MS
Hangout

Nov. 18th
MS/HS Youth Group
4:30pm to 6:30pm

Nov 21st
No After School
Wednesday Rendezvous
& MS Hangout
due to Thanksgiving
Break.



Nov. 22nd
Happy Thanksgiving!!

Nov. 25th
No MS/HS Youth Group
due to Thanksgiving
break.

Nov. 28th
After School Wed.
Rendezvous & MS
Hangout

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*"Give thanks to the
LORD, for he is
good; his love
endures forever."
Psalm 107:1*

All Church Service Opportunities

Thanksgiving Placemats

Soon we will be decorating and delivering placemats for the Thanksgiving Day Feast! This is the fifth year we have had kids around the community decorate and deliver placemats to: Meals on Wheels recipients, Pioneer Homestead Residents, The Living Center, River Rock, The Good Samaritan Mission, The Food Cupboard as well as The Teton Steakhouse. This is a great outreach of service to our community and this event brought great joy to those who received and gave placemats last year. We encourage parents to participate together with their children. We will be delivering the placemats beginning November 14th. Contact Cindy to set a time for your delivery destination!

**GET READY, SET,
COLOR!!!**

The Great Lasagna Mission



Nov. 11th - 4:30pm to 6:30pm

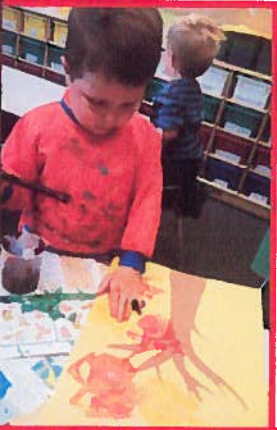
Bring your family and invite a friend. This is a popular community service opportunity to make and deliver lasagnas for someone in need. You will get to dine on a fine lasagna dinner together in fellowship with family and friends. This is a great chance to serve and go into the world to make a difference with your children! Please call Andrew Perkins if you will be attending. We would like to collect names and addresses of people who would benefit from one of our specially prepared lasagnas!
Contact Andrew 739-9591 or
aperkins@pcjh.org

Little Lambs



October was Multi-Cultural month at Little Lambs.

Wow, October has come and gone and there is a chilly presence in the air! In October, our Little Lambs dressed in costume for our annual Pumpkin Party and we enjoyed yummy foods and fun activities from Korea, Mexico and Chile! Thank you



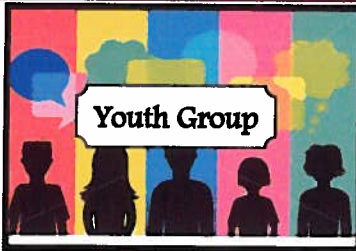
parent volunteers for providing time, energy and goodies for our parties and during multicultural week. As we head further into the holiday season, we will have our **Little Lambs Thanksgiving Feast** with our families and celebrate **National Aviation Month** by dedicating a week's theme to all things that fly, (we like to include our feathered friends during that week too)!

Our November bible memory verse is *"Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do."* Ecclesiastes 4:9.

I can't wait to hear the kids say Ecclesiastes! ~ Mrs. Erin

Youth

- ☺ MS/HS Youth Group Nov. 4th 4:30 to 6:30pm
- ☺ High School Retreat! Nov. 10th and 11th
- ☺ Special Youth Group with the Great Lasagna Mission November 11th 4:30pm to 7:30pm
- ☺ MS/HS Youth Group Nov. 18th 4:30 to 6:30pm
- ☺ Nov. 25th ~ No Youth Group ~ Happy Thanksgiving!



Sunday School



Saludos de Jackson, Wyoming

Children in Sunday School, Little Lambs and Wednesday Rendezvous have been working on a banner for the Agros Mission Team to take to Nicaragua. This will serve as a warm welcome from the whole congregation of PCJH. We have prepared a banner for the residents of Tierra Nueva to decorate and return to PCJH! God Bless!

UPWARD BASKETBALL & CHEERLEADING

Check out these stats...

There are **20** teams this year :: There are **45** Coaches :: There are **129** Players :: There are **18** Cheerleaders :: There are **29** Referees



The awards Ceremony will be November 12th!!

Advent begins Dec 2nd.

Congregational Life will have available a daily Advent Reading Booklet along with an Advent Countdown Candle for you and/or family to prepare as a church the coming of Christ. Please look for them in the lobby of the sanctuary the end of November. A \$7.00 donation is suggested but not required.



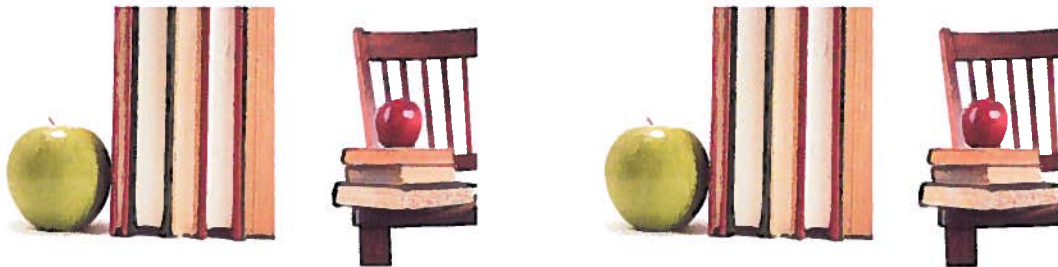
The First Sunday of every month is not only communion at PCJH but will also be Name Tag Sundays. Please help our fellowship grow by wearing your prepared nametag; asking the church office to make you one; OR writing your name on a temporary nametag. This is really an important and simple way of getting familiar with our church family. Thank you all for your help!



Thanksgiving became a public holiday in 1863, when president Lincoln declared it so.



Dr. Mary Neal talks about her best-selling book, *To Heaven and Back*, during Sunday's adult education hour at PCJH on September, 30th, 2012. Over 125 people crammed into the Genesis room to hear her inspiring and life-changing message about God's love and presence in our lives.



PCJH LIBRARY NEWS!

Our library continues to attract folks of all ages who are looking to expand their horizons and grow in their relationship with God. The following reviews will give you a taste of what the PCJH library offers:

Heaven by Randy Alcorn: "We all have questions about what Heaven will be like...after 25 years of extensive research, Dr Randy Alcorn has the answers. In the most comprehensive and definitive book on Heaven to date, Randy invites you to picture heaven the way scripture describes it..." This book is often referenced in Ben Pascal's class on the Afterlife.

Why Grace Changes Everything: The Key that Unlocks God's Blessings by Chuck Smith: "Grace is a word we all love to hear. But do we really know what it means? Without it, our lives are dry and dusty. But when grace comes, it transforms our lives into something rich and beautiful."

Life Lessons by Max Lucado: Max Lucado has written a great, user friendly series of studies on many of the key books from both the Old and New Testaments. These can be used for individual or small group study. Each chapter of his studies is broken into sections for reflection, discovery, inspiration, response, prayer and journaling.

Please come by the PCJH library! All are welcome to browse our shelves, and check out a Christian novel, a CS Lewis classic, or perhaps a book on parenting.

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New Members since 1/1/12

Cindy Crawford, Diane Guslander, Carlton Henson, Bryan Korpe, Tina Korpe, Carol Marshall, Mike Marshall, Randall Woodford, Meredith Woodford, Andrea Denton, Clayton Troegle, Faith Troegle, Michael Halpin, Mells Halpin, Mark Morzov, Brie Morzov, Jennifer Wolf, Ray Wallace, Brian Bergsma, Karen Bergsma, Guy Evans, Robin Evans, Alan Lund, Irene Lund, Scott Barrett, Erin Rosenberg, Catherine Tebay, Jodeen Tebay, Charles Atwater, Vickie Atwater, Dino Constantinides, Chris Arrasmith, Amy Larimer Milczewski, Jason Snider, Melissa Snider, Mack Mendenhall, Katie Mendenhall, Tracy Mulligan, Wesley Mulligan, Megan Schwertfeger

Annual Christmas Bazaar at PCJH

There are only a few booths remaining for the Annual Christmas Bazaar at PCJH which will be held on December 1, from 9am to 3pm. The Bazaar once again promises to be exciting and well represented with a variety of crafters and vendors. Some of the items that will be available are hand crafted chocolates, hair decorations, jewelry, Christmas ornaments, knitted and crocheted items, long underwear, native crafts, soaps, beauty products, wind chimes, pine wreaths, wooden bird houses, pottery and many other items.

Santa Claus will once again make an appearance handing out goodies to all of the children who visit with him and there will be live music, as well. Breakfast and lunch items will be available for purchase, so come for the shopping and stay for lunch!

If you would like more information about becoming a vendor, please contact Jo Holton at disneyjo1@gmail.com or 690-7219 asap. Don't be left out!

Digging Deeper into Sunday's Sermon

Did you know that Pastor Paul and Pastor Ben are providing sermon study guides for personal devotion or small group study? It is a great opportunity for you to dig deeper into the previous Sunday's sermon. For example, if Pastor Ben preaches about "Finding Meaning in Our Work" on Sunday, he will then provide study guide material on the church website for anyone or any small group that wants to use it that Monday through Saturday following the sermon. We know there are many groups that are currently meeting as well as groups yet to be formed. Please know that PCJH has sermon study guide material available to you so that you can go deeper into the sermon topic of the week. Blessings in your studies and fellowship!

Pastor Paul & Pastor Ben

November Birthdays 2012

Debbie Kopp	November 1
Harper Maher	November 1
Beckett Maher	November 1
Bridget Murphy	November 1
Ashley Nelson	November 1
Sharon Schoen	November 1
Susanne Young	November 1
Rodger Nye	November 3
Barbara Carlsberg	November 4
Corianne DeGoey	November 4
Laura Garrard	November 6
Jessie Watsabaugh	November 7
Amanda Fay	November 8
Elfriede Jourdan	November 8
Sue Sullivan	November 8
David Conine	November 9
George Scarlett	November 9
Carla Watsabaugh	November 9
Kerry Murphy	November 11
Mike Taylor	November 11
Becky Jordan	November 13
Jakob Metherell	November 13
Eric Sheue	November 13
Brad Andrews	November 14
Conner Field	November 17
Ed Lavino	November 17
Caroline Korpi	November 18
Angela Lewis	November 18
Michael Jansen	November 19
Eric Johnson	November 19
Sara Skinner	November 19
Laine Wilson	November 19
Addie Pascal	November 20
Eric Winthers	November 20
Sandra Zender	November 20
Eunice Conine	November 21
Maura Harrington	November 21
Kelly Herman	November 23
Shauna North	November 23
Ned Pinkerton	November 23
Ridge Stradley	November 23
Warren VanGanderen	November 25
Laura DeAssis	November 26
Dave Sparks	November 27
Ruth Brewer	November 29
Neal Henderson	November 30
Claudia Schrotz	November 30
Tom Windle	November 30
Samuel Zender	November 30



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November Anniversaries 2012

Scott & Dana Smith	November 2, 2002	Married 10 years
Barry & Janice Skinner	November 6, 1982	Married 30 years
Alan & Sue Bybee	November 7, 1970	Married 42 years
Ben & Karen Brennan	November 11, 2006	Married 6 years
Michael & Claudia Schrotz	November 13, 1987	Married 25 years
Gary & Ingrid Shaw	November 20, 1999	Married 13 years
John & Barbara Simms	November 23, 1979	Married 33 years
Scott & Cindy Zabriskie	November 25, 1989	Married 23 years
Scott & Marsha Nickell	November 29, 1986	Married 26 years

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>4 8:00am Worship Service 9:00am Adult Bible Class 9:00am Fellowship Group for Mom's 10:15am Worship Service 10:30am Sunday School 4:30-6:30pm MSJ/S Youth</p>	5	<p>6 7:30am Stewardship Meeting 12 Noon Women's Bible Study 1:30pm Staff</p>	7 After School Wednesday Rendezvous 5:15pm Adult Bible Study 6:15pm Fellowship Dinner 7:00pm Koinonia (20's & 30's) 7:00 Choir practice	8 12:00 Noon Men's Group at the Teton Steakhouse	9 No Little Lamb's Upward Basketball at Middle School	<p>3 8:00am Men's Discussion Group PCJH Youth Lounge Upward Basketball at PCJH Agros Team departs Turn clocks back to-night!</p> <p>10 HS Weekend Retreat 8:00am Men's Discussion Group PCJH Youth Lounge Upward Basketball at PCJH</p>
<p>11 HS Weekend Retreat 8:00am Worship Service 9:00am Adult Bible Class 9:00am Fellowship Group for Mom's 10:15am Worship Service 10:30am Sunday School 5-6:30pm Great Lasaagra Mission Agros Team returns</p>	12 6:00pm—Upward Celebration!	<p>13 12 Noon Women's Bible Study 1:30pm Staff 4:00 Finance Meeting 5:30 Session Meeting</p>	14 After School Wednesday Rendezvous 5:15pm Adult Bible Study 6:15pm Thanksgiving Celebration 7:00pm Koinonia (20's & 30's) 7:00 Choir practice	15 12:00 Noon Men's Group at the Teton Steakhouse	16	<p>17 8:00am Men's Discussion Group PCJH Youth Lounge</p>
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<p>25 8:00am Worship Service 9:00am Adult Bible Class 9:00am Fellowship Group for Mom's 10:15am Worship Service 10:30am Sunday School</p>	26	<p>27 12 Noon Women's Bible Study 1:30pm Staff</p>	<p>28 After School Wednesday Rendezvous 5:15pm Adult Bible Study 6:15pm Fellowship Dinner 7:00pm Koinonia (20's & 30's)</p>	29 12:00 Noon Men's Group at the Teton Steakhouse	30 5:30pm Annual Christmas Bazaar set-up	<p>1 9am-3pm Annual Christmas Bazaar</p>

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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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