October 2012



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PEACEMAKING OFFERING World Communion Sunday October 7, 2012

There are four Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (USA); the Peacemaking Offering in one of those four. Received during World Communion Sunday on the first Sunday in October, it supports the peacemaking efforts of the Church at every level, and provides an opportunity to witness to God's Peacegiving in the world (Matthew 5:9; Isaiah 9:6). We are called to be agents of reconciliation for individuals, for families and

for communities, as well as in the international arena (2 Corinthians 5:17-21). We are called to do what we individually and collectively can do to build a culture of peace in the world.

Each congregation is encouraged to keep 25% of this offering for its own peacemaking efforts ... 25% will be used to support Presbytery and Synod peacemaking, and 50% will be forwarded to the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program of the General Assembly (the national level of PC(USA). You may visit www.pcusa.org to learn more.

We, who enjoy so much peace in our lives compared to most of the rest of the world, have an opportunity with this offering to share some of our good fortune with so many others in need. We hope you will wish to participate! You may use Peacemaking envelopes from the display or your Bulletin on Sunday, October 2.

Thank you so much.

The Mission Team

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Paul's Page (A Word from Our Pastor)

Howdy Everyone.

Today I decided to bake some cookies. Normally Terri does the cookie baking, but for an out-of-the-normal surprise, I decided to try my luck. After all, the instructions are on the oatmeal box...what could go wrong?

I have just taken three dozen flat, oatmeal raisin, and chocolate chip cookies out of the oven. I don't know the exact reason they taste the way they do. I didn't measure the vanilla exactly like the recipe said. The amount of sugar was pretty close. Did the recipe mean a flat teaspoon or a heaping tea spoon of baking soda...or was it baking powder? I hope they will forgive me if they aren't "the best" after all the scriptures do teach that "love covers a multitude of sins" (1 Peter 4:8) and these cookies were sure made with love.

The doctor told her that she needed orthotics to help reduce the pain in her back. After measuring her foot, the correct orthotic was prescribed and she left the office with great hope for some relief. When she got to the orthotic store they were having a sale. Her particular prescription was not on sale and the one that was on sale was only $\frac{1}{4}$ thicker. She knew her doctor cared for her health and did his best to help relieve her pain but the \$5.95 she could save would buy her son a Happy Meal after school. After all, what's $\frac{1}{4}$ inch?

He was a "hog" for a masonry company. After spending a few weeks hauling cinder blocks and rocks he was allowed to move up the skill ladder. He began learning to cut some of the stone. He was allowed to place a few rocks on the wall. He was taught how to mix the sand and concrete to make mortar, "mud," so the rocks placed on the wall would adhere and make an attractive fireplace. One day the concrete ran out....still plenty of sand. Would it make any difference? What could it hurt if the batch of mud was just "different" this time?

He worked at a summer camp and was in charge of scouting trails for the young campers to hike. He like finding "doable" trails for them and then tried to find a faster way to the end and be waiting there for them when they arrived. One time he took a

shortcut...that wasn't. The scratches on his arms and legs as well as the fatigue in his body and the hunger in his tummy were reminders of the foolish decision he had made.

We all make <u>decisions</u> that impact our lives. My father would tell me, "There's a right way and a wrong way to get a job done." I had a boss who would tell me, "There's my way and the wrong way to get the job done." The Bible tells us, "There is a way that seems right to a man, but..." Proverbs 14:12. The decisions we make impact our lives. This is true for

what we eat, our health, the homes we build, the paths we walk.

It is also true for the faith we live.

- † Where and how often do we get our nourishment?
- † Do we pursue "sale price" religion or do we follow the instruction as the physician of our soul directed?
- † When we are building our home of faith, upon what foundation are we building and what are we putting into that foundation?
- † Do we take short cuts as we move toward our eternal destination?

What decisions are you making that shape your faith? Are you consciously processing those decisions or are they being made by default? Do you have a goal as to where you want to be and where you want your children to be? Who supports you in those decisions? With whom do you share your journey toward God's eternal presence?

Take some time and think about a Christian's goal: Living with Jesus in the eternal presence of God. Prayerfully consider what you need to be doing now to move you toward your ultimate destination.

On the journey with you,

Pastor Paul

Dear PCJH Family,

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ! Does that sound familiar? The apostle Paul begins many of his letters in the New Testament with those exact words. Similar to how the apostle Paul was writing to believers both near and far, I am reminded that those who read the PCJH newsletter are scattered all over the U.S. I hope that this letter finds you well and feeling blessed and at peace with God. Whether you live in Jackson or far away, we hope to see you soon. I have a few happenings I would like to share with you for the month of October.

Does My Work Matter to God?

"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

~Ephesians 2:10

Have you ever wondered if your work matters to God? Did you know the Bible says it does? Maybe you are a school teacher, a business person, a real estate agent, a medical professional, a social worker, a stay-at-home mom or dad, a legal professional, a construction worker, an artist, or a worker in the service industry. Some of you are self-employed or maybe you are looking for meaningful work. Many of you are retired and now work as volunteers. Whatever it is you do for work, God has something to say about it. I will be preaching a sermon series on this topic on Sunday mornings from October 21st to November 11th. Whether you work outside the home, inside the home, or volunteer, this sermon series is for you!

<u>Sunday, Oct. 21st – The Purpose of Work</u>
We will be exploring God's purpose in our work and how the Lord created work for a reason.

<u>Sunday, Oct. 28th – Relationships at Work</u>
We will reflect on the importance of our work relationships between our supervisors, employees and coworkers.

Sunday, Nov. 4th – Rest from Work

During the third week we will be challenged by God's fourth commandment to observe the Sabbath and how that impacts our work and our health.

Sunday, Nov 11th – God's Retirement Plan
The final week we will take a look at God's retirement plan for us and how that matches up with *our* retirement plan.

I look forward to exploring this topic with you and being challenged by God's word as we work together hand in hand as servants of the Lord.

Fellowship for Families with Young Children

At a recent PCJH Session meeting, one of our ruling elders made a comment that struck me as significant. She said, "There is a tsunami of families with young children flooding into PCJH. What are we going to do to connect them to the church and to one another?" I thought it was a great observation and an important question. Praise God for drawing all these families to us!

Since then, we have put our efforts together and we are inviting all families with young children to consider being a part of a **Monthly Fellowship Group** that meets in homes once a month with three other families. Here are the details...

- Each family rotates host duties at their home or other location.
- Potluck style dinner, picnic or brunch.
- Individual groups can decide on the date, time, and place of meeting.
- The goal is to build relationships and get to know other families of young children who attend PCJH.
- Fun and relaxation are mandatory for participation.
- A commitment to meet monthly with the same families from Oct. through May.

Sometimes you might want kids to be there and sometimes it might be nice to get a babysitter and have some adult time.

If you are interested in either being in a group or being a group leader, please contact Teresa Nye at tnye@pcjh.org. If you know some families with young children who are not yet connected to the life of PCJH, please encourage them to participate in this great fellowship opportunity!

Parent's Night Out

Friday, October 19th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm is our quarterly Parent's Night Out for members, regular attendees, and Little Lambs families. We usually get about 40 kids who come to the church to play and learn about God while their parents take the night off. Please keep in mind we are always looking for volunteers to help watch the kiddos. Please contact Erin Abel at eabel@pcjh.org for more information.

Faithfully, ~Pastor Ben



Save the Dates

Oct. 3rd

After School Wednesday Rendezvous & MS Hangout

Oct. 3rd thru 5th

Western National Leadership Training at PCJH. Contact Jo at the church office for more information 734-0388

Oct 5th

Friday Night Upward Basketball Games begin at JHMS!

Oct. 6th

Saturday Upward Basketball games begin at PCJH!

Oct. 7th

MS/HS Youth Group 4:30 to 6:30pm

Oct. 10th

After School Wednesday Rendezvous & MS Hangout

Oct. 14th

- Safe Church Class 11:30am to 1:00pm Contact Diane McGee for details 739-9591 or dmcgee@pcjh.org
- MS/HS Youth Group 4:30 to 6:30pm

Oct. 17th

After School Wednesday Rendezvous & MS Hangout

Oct. 19th

- Parents Night Out! 5:30pm to 7:30pm Contact Erin Abel for details or to sign up. 739-9591 or eabel@pcjh.org
- 5th Quarter for all MS and HS students.

MS/HS Youth Group 4:30 to 6:30pm

Oct. 24th

After School Wednesday Rendezvous & MS Hangout

Oct. 28th

MS/HS Youth Group 4:30 to 6:30pm

Oct. 31st

After School Wednesday Rendezvous Pumpkin Party! **Happy Harvest!**



Children, Youth & Family Newsletter

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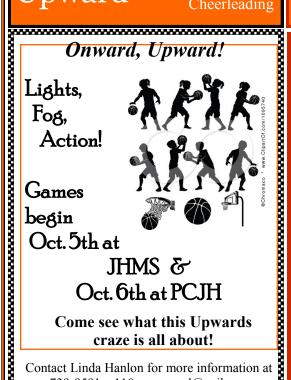
Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity. Timothy 4:12



The artwork is from the October 252 Basics, Orange Curriculum by the ReThink Group

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Basketball & Cheerleading



Contact Linda Hanlon for more information at 739-9591 x 110 or upward@pcjh.org

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Safe Church



Safe Church **Training**

Sunday, October 14th 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



Heading into October, we are seeing the leaves change and bring about a colorful landscape all across Jackson. We are going to be highlighting those leaves in some fun art projects in October and learning to "mind our manners" with Miss Mind Your Manners Molly, as well as, learn about different cultures in culture week. We will participate in our annual PUMPKIN PARTY and will get to dress up in costumes for this fun event! Lastly, our bible verse this month is "We have the Lord our God to help us and to fight our battles for us." 2Chronicles 328 ~Mrs. Erin

Youth

Mid Week Rendezvous



Happenings for October

- ♦ 5th Quarter, Oct. 19th MS and HS students, after the football game until 11:00pm
- Youth group *every* Sunday from 4:30pm to 6:30pm
- Wednesday afternoon hangout time until 6:10 pm. Community Fellowship dinner to follow at 6:15pm
- ⇒ Save The Date: HS retreat near Hoback Canyon. Sat., Nov. 10th to Sun. Nov. 11th

Contact Preston Gordon for more information at 739-9591 x 121 or pgordon@pcjh.org





What a great time we had at the Mid Week Rendezvous!
Elementary and Middle School students alike enjoyed traveling to the top of Rendezvous bowl on the JHMR Tram. We had a fantastic view of

the Little Horsethief fire from there. We are looking forward to many more adventures and our Pumpkin Party on Wednesday, October 31st!

Friendly costumes welcome!

Blessings and Cheers, ~Mrs. Cindy

WHAT WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR?

In April, your Stewardship Team announced that our 2012 Stewardship Theme is "With a Grateful Heart." We chose this theme because we believe that all we have, our time, our talents, our treasures, our relationships, our faith, creation, and everything else is a gift from God.

God has given us the responsibility to be stewards of those divine gifts. It is wonderful that within the responsibility of taking care of those things, God has also given us the pleasure of using those things for our enjoyment and to advance God's Kingdom. Stewardship is a joyful responsibility!

This year, your Stewardship Team (a group of folks dedicated to assisting PCJH in our understanding the stewards we are) has witnessed a significant number of things we are grateful for. Among them are the following:

- ¥ Over 5,000 meals served over the past year during Wednesday Night dinners most to deserving members of our community (40 weeks @ 125+ average number of attendees)
- Y Well over 6,000 hours of volunteer service during the past year (over 160 volunteers contributing 40+ hours of service)
- ¥ Five consecutive years of significant total offerings to the Church (\$1,000,000+ each year)
- ¥ Continuing reduction in the Church's debt (down \$175,000 this year)

Stewardship Sunday (when we present our Pledge Cards) is scheduled for November 18th. The Sunday before - 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 all have so much to be grateful for.

May God Bless You and The Presbyterian Church of Jackson Hole.

A.C.A. - Adult Children of Alcoholics

Adult Children of Alcoholics has been meeting at PCJH every Monday night at 6:45pm since May 2012. What exactly is ACA? "Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACA) is a Twelve Step, Twelve Tradition program of men and women who grew up in alcoholic or otherwise dysfunctional homes. The ACA program was founded on the belief that family dysfunction is a disease that effected us as children and effects us as adults. Our membership also includes adults from homes where alcohol or drugs were not present; however, abuse, neglect or unhealthy behavior was." Since the local group's inception, the group has grown from an average of 3 people in attendance each week up to 8 people. Almost every week, someone new attends. We have not advertised and have grown our attendance through attraction rather than promotion. The group is very thankful to PCJH for allowing us to use your space. All donations collected at the meetings will be given directly to PCJH. ACA meets at PCJH every Monday night at 6:45pm in the Genesis Room. If you have any questions or you are interested in being a co-leader of this group, please contact Suzanne at 307-690-3439 or email her at bootsncstate@gmail.com.

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Safe Church training on Sunday, Oct. 14 at 11:30am in the Genesis Room

PJCH 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. Child sexual abuse is a real problem in communities and in ministries today. The good news is that the risk of this occurring can be reduced with the implementation of such a policy and the heightened awareness of our staff, leadership, volunteers, and congregation. It is the prayer of our leadership that this policy informs us, but that it does not keep us from connecting with the youth in our programs. Our goal continues to be that all of *God's* children 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 Staff, Elders, Deacons, and CYF Volunteers are required to complete an annual training course. For those who have not yet completed a training or self-study in 2012, please mark your calendars for our next *Safe Church* training on **Sunday**, **Oct**. **14 at 11:30am** in the **Genesis Room**. PCJH members and attendees are also welcome to attend.





A TYPICAL GAME DAY

The spectators are seated. The fog machine warms up as the teams take their place in the room off the basketball court. The lights go out and the music begins to boom. As the door is opened, the light streams through the fog and each team runs through thick mist past a large celebratory banner. The crowd roars! Players and coaches are introduced over the loud speaker. Guests are welcomed and thanked for participating in this amazing outreach program offered by PCJH and Upward Basketball & Cheerleading. Before the tipoff, players, coaches and referees kneel in center court to pray together along with the crowd of supporters to give thanks to our gracious God.

GAME ON!!

Come watch a game and see what this

Upward craze is all about!

Games Begin
October 5th at JHMS
October 6th at PCJH





Please consider sharing your Time & Talent, OR get involved in the many opportunities here to grow in your faith. By filling out the "Live it" flyer in the bulletin, Teresa Nye will help you get connected with all that is going on within the PCJH family.

"LIVE IT" ...

* CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: Sunday School

Upward Basketball, (Coaches & Refs needed)

Parents night out

* YOUTH MINISTRY: Weekly Youth Group Leaders

Snacks Mentors

Mission Trip Fundraising

* SUNDAY WORSHIP: Greeters

Lay Readers

Ushers

Fellowship Snacks

Adult Choir

Communion Servers Administration Help

A.V. Techs.

* FELLOWSHIP: Host Dinners

Seasonal Gatherings

Participants in monthly fellowship groups

Monthly Fellowship Dinner Group

Families with Young Children, Monthly Fellowship Group

*MISSION: Wed. Fellowship Dinners: Food Prep, Table Set-up & Clean-up

"LEARN IT"...

*ADULT EDUCATION: Sunday's 9:00 am

Koinonia (20's & 30's) Ministry Couple's Fellowship Dinners Women's Tuesday Bible Study,

Thursday's Men's lunch.

*CHILDREN & YOUTH: Sunday School 10:30 am

Wed. Rendezvous after school to 6:10 pm

Middle School "Impact" Group

HS Youth Group

Upward Basketball & Cheerleading

Sign up today or call Teresa Nye: 734-0388 Thanks, Teresa

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Michele Nelson and part of the Clean Kitchen Crew who helped deep clean the kitchen on August 27 in preparation for the Wednesday Night Community Dinners. From left to right - Robyn Reedy, Randy Reedy, Michele Nelson, Yvonne Henze and Nance Parriot.



Digging Deeper into Sunday's Sermon



Did you know that Pastor Paul and Pastor Ben will now be providing small group bible study and discussion guides to accompany any small group that would like to dig deeper into the previous Sunday's sermon? For example, if Pastor Paul preaches about the "Condition of the Human Heart" on Sunday, he will then provide small group discussion material for any small groups

meeting 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 small group 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

October Birthdays 2012

2012						
Lucy Jorgenson	October 1					
Louisa Sandvig	October 1					
Dana Smith	October 1					
Melissa Grosvenor	October 3					
Nancy Henderson	October 3					
Marian Meyers	October 3					
Zoe Curran	October 4					
Kae Brockermeyer	October 7					
Missy Falcey	October 7					
David Meyers	October 7					
Stevie Price	October 7					
Susan Ordway	October 8					
Griffin Dunn	October 9					
Darla Jackson	October 10					
Anne Stalker	October 10					
Silver Jacobson	October 12					
Brad Lund	October 12					
Anna Revill	October 12					
Maria Huhn	October 13					
Michael Halpin	October 14					
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Barry Nelson	October 15					
Craig Sonderman						
Harry Tebay	October 16					
Martha VanGenderen						
Barb Andrews	October 17					
McKenna Brinton	October 17					
Lennie Michelson	October 17					
Teresa Nye	October 17					
Fred Walker	October 17					
Sue Consolo-Murphy						
John Drew	October 18					
Erik Raaum	October 19					
Maya Smith	October 19					
Sean Murphy	October 20					
Molly Pickerill	October 20					
Cindy Leinonen	October 21					
Emily Bitner	October 22					
Courtney Hanson	October 23					
Janice Skinner	October 23					
Karlie Greenwood	October 25					
Lyle Henninger	October 25					
Sarah Gensch	October 26					
Charlotte Lee	October 26					
Olin Rohrstaff	October 26					
Michael Kinley	October 28					
Artemus Huhn	October 28					
Cash Halpin	October 29					
Sam Dornan	October 30					
Ethan Holmes	October 30					
Lisa Corrigan	October 31					
Pete Forster	October 31					
Style Thurston	October 31					
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October Anniversaries 2012

William & Sharon Schoen	October 1, 1966	Married 46 years
Ralph & Jeanne Hudelson	October 3, 1992	Married 20 years
Frank & Judy Scarborough	October 3, 1964	Married 48 years
Stephen & Sharon Fralin	October 4, 2003	Married 9 years
Mitch & Angela Lewis	October 7, 1995	Married 17 years
Bill & Lafon Ward	October 7, 1950	Married 62 years
Brad & Barb Andrews	October 8, 1994	Married 18 years
Derek & Maria Brecker	October 8, 2005	Married 7 years
Michael & BJ Kinley	October 9, 1999	Married 13 years
Kurt & Jill Willard	October 9, 2008	Married 4 years
Jodeen & Harry Tebay	October 14, 2000	Married 12 years
Brett and Gaylyn Frantz	October 15, 1994	Married 18 years
Alan & Lesli Luther	October 16, 1999	Married 13 years
Bill & Mary Neal	October 18, 1987	Married 25years
Louisa and Chris Sandvig	October 30, 2010	Married 2 years

Close to 2 billion Birthday Cards are sent each year in the U.S. alone, accounting for nearly 58 percent of all cards sent.

October 2012

Sat	6 8:00am Men's Discussion Group PCJH Youth Lounge Upward Basketball at PCJH	13 8:00am Men's Discussion Group PCJH Youth Lounge Upward Basketball at PCJH	20 8:00am Men's Discussion Group PCJH Youth Lounge Upward Basketball at PCJH	27 8:00am Men's Discussion Group PCJH Youth Lounge Upward Basketball at PCJH	29 8:00am Men's Discussion Group PCJH Youth Lounge Upward Basketball at PCJH
Fri	5 Upward Basketball at Middle School	12 Upward Basketball at Middle School	19 Upward Basketball at Middle School 5:30pm-7:30pm— Parents' Night Out Fifth Quarter for Youth	26 Upward Basketball at Middle School	28 Upward Basketball at Middle School
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Mon	~	8 No Little Lamb's	15	22	29 No Little Lamb's
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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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