

October, 2013



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PJCH  
Women's  
Retreat



Date: Oct. 26 & Oct. 27

Time: 10:00am - ???

Place: Budge Slide Lake Cabins

(Check it out on the web)

Who: 24-30 Women

Cost: \$75.00

Contact Robyn Jones/Kathy Robertson

For more information

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## A WORD FROM PASTOR PAUL HAYDEN

Howdy Everyone.

Welcome to the Fall and to beautiful, crisp, clear mornings, colorful trees, kids back in school, and active programs at the church. For you sports nuts, Fall is also the beginning of football season and at PCJH it is the beginning of Upward Basketball.

In the sports world, there is such a thing as a game changer. Sometimes the game changer is a play that takes place. In that one play, one team spirit seems to evaporate. In that same moment, that same play, the other team begins to feel hope and is invigorated. A game changer.

At other times, a game changer can be a particular player or coach who becomes part of a team. In the college ranks, it begins with the signing of a letter of intent by a prime athlete. In the professional ranks, it can be the trading for, or signing a particular athlete such as Peyton Manning coming to Denver. I had a game changer on my Upward Basketball team last year. When he was at the game, we won. When he was not able to play, the game was usually a tossup.

Game changers shift the entire momentum of a team and the direction of a season. Game changers significantly shift the hoped for results of the team and its fans. Game changers change the game.

PCJH has just received a game changer in a gift from one of our church families. This past May, Pike Sullivan died and left us a portion of his estate. We will receive this gift in two portions, one this fall and the other next fall. Your church leaders, recognizing this 'game changing' gift, have spent hours in discussion and prayer to discern how we believe this gift from God through the Sullivan's, will change PCJH. I will not go into the full decision but leave you to read my letter that has been sent to many of you and is posted on [www.pcjh.org](http://www.pcjh.org). The one thing we all unanimously say is HALLELUJAH. In the midst of this game

changer there are several things that you need to know:

This gift will be used to close out our building debt. Hallelujah.

This gift will be used to prayerfully seek and plan where God is leading us into future ministry. Keep this in mind when the Long Range Planning Team presents their report in February. Hallelujah.

This gift will not be used to meet our annual operating budget. This is the stewardship responsibility for all of us who are committed to God's work in and through PCJH. **Christian Stewardship** is not about getting off the hook because someone gave a BIG gift. Stewardship **IS** about returning a portion of all God has given me to advance the ongoing work of the Lord. Hallelujah.

Please continue to pray for your elected Ruling Elders who make these decisions on all our behalf.

One final thought. Game Changers easily become the focus of the press and broadcasters. However, Game Changers never replace the team. In fact, more than one team has been destroyed because the supposed athletic messiah has come.

As Christians, we believe there is only one Messiah, only one Game Changer, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. As it says in Hebrews 12:2,

*Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith,...*

When we take our eyes off of Jesus, no other substitute will do, no gift will suffice, no slogan will inspire, no good work will save. He is our GAME CHANGER in this life and in eternity to come. HALLELUJAH.

Celebrating with you, Pastor Paul



# Children, Youth & Family Newsletter

## Save the Date

### October 2nd

After School Wednesday  
Rendezvous & MS  
Hangout

### October 4th

Friday Night Upward  
Basketball Games  
begin at JHMS

### October 5th

Saturday Upward  
Basketball games begin at  
PCJH!

### October 6th

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

### October 9th

After School Wednesday  
Rendezvous & MS  
Hangout

### October 11th

5th Qtr for all MS and MS  
Students

### October 13th

Safe Church Class  
11:30am-1pm. To RSVP  
contact Diane McGee at  
739-9591 or  
dmcgee@pcjh.org

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

### October 16th

After School Wednesday  
Rendezvous & MS  
Hangout

### October 18th

Parents Night Out  
5:30-7:30pm  
Contact Erin Abel for  
details or to sign up.  
739-9591 or  
eabel@pcjh.org

### October 20th

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

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## GAMES BEGIN

October 4th 6pm JHMS  
October 5th 9am at PCJH



Come see what this Upwards craze  
is all about.

Contact Linda Hanlon for more  
information at 739-9591 x 124 or  
upward@pcjh.org

## SAFE CHURCH TRAINING

Sunday, October 13th  
at 11:30am  
in the  
Genesis Room

\*All new staff, Elders, Deacons  
and CYF Volunteers are required  
to complete this training course.

\*Lunch and childcare will be  
provided.

\*RSVP to Diane McGee at  
739-9591 x 104  
or dmcgee@pcjh.org

\*PCJH implemented our formal  
Safe Church Policy in January,  
2012, to continue to ensure that  
the children and youth who par-  
ticipate in programs and activi-  
ties within our church commu-  
nity have a safe and secure envi-  
ronment.

\*PCJH members and attendees  
are also welcome to attend.

### October 23rd

After School Wednesday  
Rendezvous & MS  
Hangout .

### October 27th

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

### October 30th

After School Wednesday  
Rendezvous Pumpkin  
Party! Fall Festival

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**Y**outh

**F**amily





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Dear Parents of Young Children in Church  
By Jamie Bruesehoff in *The Huffington Post* on Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> 2013

You are doing something really, *really* important. I know it's not easy. I see you with your arms overflowing, and I know you came to church already tired. Parenting is tiring. Really tiring. I watch you bounce and sway trying to keep the baby quiet, juggling the infant car seat and the diaper bag as you find a seat. I see you wince as your child cries. I see you anxiously pull things out of your bag of tricks to try to quiet them. And I see you with

your toddler and your preschooler. I watch you cringe when your little girl asks an innocent question in a voice that might not be an inside voice let alone a church whisper. I hear the exasperation in your voice as you *beg* your child to just sit, to be quiet as you feel everyone's eyes on you. Not everyone is looking, but I know it feels that way. I know you're wondering, is this worth it? Why do I bother? I know you often leave church more exhausted than fulfilled. But what you are doing is *so* important. When you are here, the church is filled with a joyful noise. When you are here, the Body of Christ is more fully present. When you are here, we are reminded that this worship thing we do isn't about bible study or personal, quiet contemplation but coming together to worship as a community where all are welcome, where we share in the Word and Sacrament together. When you are here, I have hope that these pews won't be empty in 10 years when your kids are old enough to *sit quietly and behave in worship*. I know that they are learning how and why we worship now, before it's too late. They are learning that worship is important. I see them learning. In the midst of the cries, whines, and giggles, in the midst of the crinkling of pretzel bags and the growing pile of crumbs, I see a little girl who insists on going two pews up to share peace with someone she's never met. I hear a little boy slurping (quite loudly) every last drop of his communion wine out of the cup, determined not to miss a drop of Jesus. I watch a child excitedly color a cross and point to the one in the front of the sanctuary. I hear the echos of "Amens" just a few seconds after the rest of the community says it together. I watch a boy just learning to read try to sound out the words in the worship book or count his way to Hymn 672. Even on weeks when I can't see my own children learning because, well, it's one of *those* mornings, I can see your children learning. I know how hard it is to do what you're doing, but I want you to know *it matters*. It matters to me. It matters to my children to not be alone in the pew. It matters to the congregation to know that families care about faith, to see young people... and even on those weeks when you can't see the little moments, it matters to your children. It matters that they learn that worship is what we do as a community of faith, that *everyone* is welcome, that *their* worship matters. When we teach children that their worship matters, we teach them that they are *enough* right here and right now as members of the church community. They don't need to wait until they can believe, pray or worship a certain way to be welcome here, and I know adults who are still looking to be shown that. It matters that children learn that they are an integral part of this church, that their prayers, their songs, and even their badly (or perfectly-timed, depending on who you ask) cries and whines *are* a joyful noise because it means they are present. I know it's hard, but thank you for what you do when you bring your children to church. Please know that your family -- with all of its noise, struggle, commotion, and joy -- are not simply tolerated, you are a vital part of the community gathered in worship.

# Children Youth & Family Ministry

Associate Pastor Ben Pascal

Dear PCJH Family,

I hope this Pinnacle finds you enjoying the presence of the Lord!! There are two important things I want to share with you.

## First Sundays at 10:15am

There is a movement in many churches around our nation emphasizing the need to have our children stay in worship with their parents on a monthly basis. More importantly, churches are realizing they need to allow children and youth to actively participate in worship as readers, singers, musicians, ushers, greeters, etc. Churches are realizing that they are losing a valuable part of the church family by not being more inclusive of our young people in worship.

As you know, here at PCJH, we dismiss our children to Sunday school after our time with the children. This has worked wonderfully and we will continue to do so. However, the PCJH Church Council and the CYF staff agree we can do more. Therefore, on the first Sunday of every month, starting in October, we will ask the children to stay and worship with us as a church family for the entire service. We will provide an activity for them to work on during the sermon. We will also engage the children and youth in actively participating in worship as readers, ushers, greeters, singers, musicians, etc. They will then get to celebrate the Lord's Supper with their parents.

The Fuller Seminary Youth Institute has done some research through their Sticky Faith Initiative and has found that many kids who enter high school have rarely, if ever, attended an entire worship service at their church. They are then expected to attend church on Sundays as a young adult but the worship service is completely foreign to them... so they end up not going to church at all. This is reflective of our congregation at PCJH. Our high school students don't attend worship. There are many reasons for this, but one reason is that they are not used to participating in worship. They are used to going to youth group, summer camp, upward basketball and Sunday school, but not worship.

Our faith is often caught, not taught. I believe our children need to experience a full worship service and to listen to a sermon (you'll be surprised how much a child can get out of a sermon). They need to watch their parents worship and listen to God's word as a family. They need to be given the chance to participate.

Now I know there might be some parents and other adults who will be skeptical of this plan. I am a parent and I know it may be distracting to have Nina in worship with Addie and I. But I want her to experience worship in its entirety. I also want to give her Sunday school teachers a break so they can be nourished in worship. I want her to be able to use her gifts in worship as she grows into a disciple of Jesus Christ.

So... starting Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:15am we will be blessed to have our children and youth actively participating in worship with us as an entire church family.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please direct them to me at [bpascal@pcjh.org](mailto:bpascal@pcjh.org) or 307-734-0388.

## Marriage: From Surviving to Thriving

My wife, Addie, and I will be leading a four-week class called *Marriage: From Surviving to Thriving*. The class will be offered on Sundays at 9:00am and Wednesdays at 5:15pm. Come whichever day works best for you. The class will start on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. Addie and I have developed our own curriculum based on Scripture and the popular book *The Seven Principles of Making Marriage Work* by Dr. John Gottman. Gottman is one of the leading marriage experts in the country and has done extensive research by observing couples interact behind closed doors. This class is for all married couples, regardless of how long you have been married. I would also recommend this to engaged couples or those seriously dating. Here's a basic outline of the course we will be teaching.

## Marriage: From Surviving to Thriving

1. Friendship - Oct 13 & 16
2. Transformation - Oct 20 & 23
3. Forgiveness - Oct 27 & 30
4. Purpose - Nov 3 & 6

May the blessing of the Lord be upon you,

Faithfully, ~Pastor Ben



Photo at Paul's House Party - July 2013



Greetings from the Church of Scotland - Dunbar Parish

It has been so difficult to write, because we are missing you and Jackson so much. Finally I feel compelled to by God, to share encouragement and brotherly affection in Christ Jesus.

We look at the photos of new friends, and those mountains in Jackson and we have a warm sense of deep gratitude for the time we shared together. Thanks to all who went the extra mile to ensure we were blessed.

Last Monday our Kirk Session discussed the exchange. We looked at Paul and Terri's impact in Dunbar and I shared the impact of our visit to Jackson. Our folk were thrilled with the ministry they enjoyed in my absence, but equally they are very excited about the enthusiasm and vision with which their minister has returned to push onwards with the next stage in our development here.

We cannot convey our full gratitude in words, but we will try to in our prayers and each time our paths cross in future.

May our awesome God so richly bless you in the days ahead?

Love from Gordon, Gail, Eilidh, Anna, Joshua and Jared

## PEACEMAKING OFFERING October 13, 2013

There are four Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (USA); the Peacemaking Offering is 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 Peace giving in the world. We are called to be agents of reconciliation for individuals, for families and for communities, as well as in the international arena. 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](http://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 13.

Thank you so much. The Mission Team





## **REVIEWS FROM THE LIBRARY**

**Break open an old fashioned book with real pages this Fall!!**

Stop by the PCJH before or after church and check out our great selection of books.  
Here is a taste of what awaits you:

1) **The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism** by Timothy Keller – this New York Times bestseller, by an author Pastor Ben has quoted, addresses the frequent doubts that skeptics, and even ardent believers have about religion.....and to skeptics, atheists, and agnostics, he provides a challenging argument for pursuing the reason for God.

2) **Keep the Change: Breaking Through to Permanent Transformation** by Becky Tirabassi – the author says this about her book: “because I have tested this approach, I am offering it to you as a radical but practical way to bring breakthrough into your life. Whether or not you struggle with my particular challenges, such as alcoholism or anger or an unfulfilled dream, allow the stories to help you look honestly at the areas in your own life in which you wrestle for freedom.”

3) **Captivating: Unveiling the Mystery of a Woman’s Soul** by John and Staci Eldredge – “What Wild at Heart did for men, Captivating will do for you.” The message of this book for women is this: Your heart matters more than anything else in all creation.....find out how God offers to come and rescue your heart and release you to live as a fully alive and feminine woman.

Because we will be studying the book of Romans this Fall and Winter, please feel free to come and peruse our Commentaries for the New Testament in the Reference section of the library.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Sunday November 17th**  
**at 4pm.**  
**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 !

**Sign Up time of year for PCJH  
Fellowship Dinner Groups**

Do you desire a stronger relationship with other members and friends of our congregation? Does a monthly evening night out sound like fun? Are new friends an important part of your life? If you can answer YES to any of those questions, then you should consider signing up for our church Dinner Fellowship Groups. We strive for groups of eight (singles; couples; men and women all included) who would rotate host duties within the groups for simple fellowship and getting to know each other in a casual and meaningful setting. This is a wonderful opportunity and open to all ! Please sign up in the church office with Pam Flores or by emailing Cindy Dahlin at cdahlin@hotmail.com. If you would be interested in being the Group Leader for one of these groups, Pastor Ben will be offering some leadership skills and guiding your group.

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September has come and gone already! We had so much fun learning that God has big plans for us, enjoyed our bike week and celebrating the season of fall. We'll continue celebrating fall as we do a week themed on apples, as well as pumpkins and go to the Fire Station for Safety Week. Our annual Pumpkin Party will be Wednesday, October 30th and Thurs. October 31st.

We have space available for M/W/F preschool class, ages 3-4, 9a.m.-3p.m. and M-F toddlers, ages 2-3 9a.m.-12 p.m. Please contact Erin Abel at 307-739-9591 ext. 111

## SEPTEMBER FUN

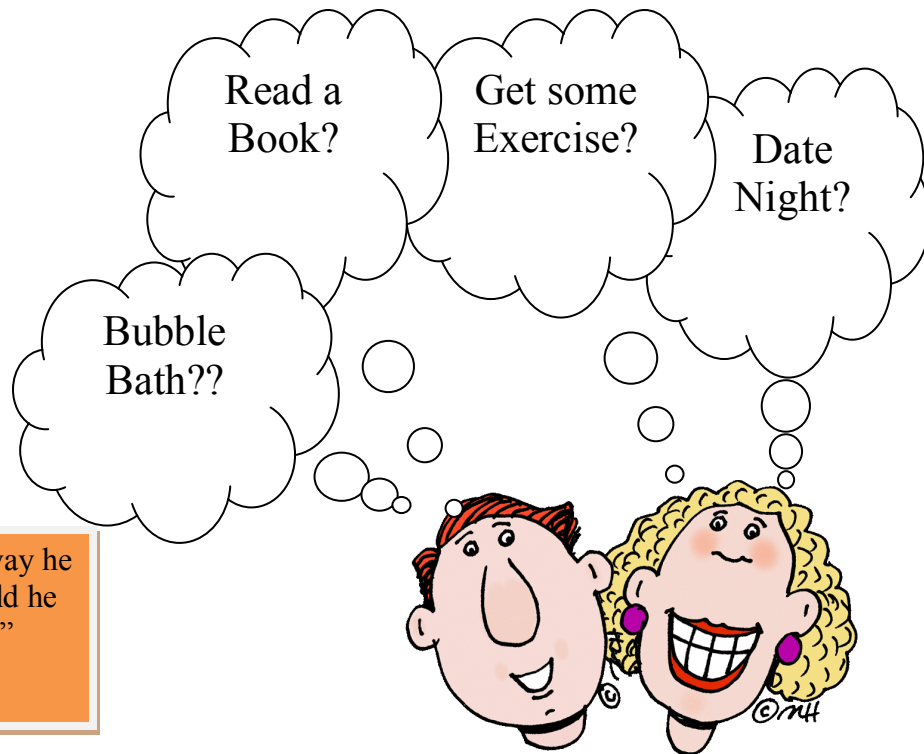




**Attention all PCJH & Little Lambs Parents!**

*Do you need a little time for yourself? For your spouse? For your sanity?*

**Our Children, Youth & Family Ministry Staff and Volunteers are excited to offer  
PCJH Attendees & Little Lambs Families  
this life-giving opportunity to care for yourselves!!**



“Train up a child in the way he should go: when he is old he will not depart from.”  
Proverbs 22:6

**Who:** Children ages *Cradle through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade*  
**What:** Child Care – Art, games, stories, snack  
**When:** Friday, October 18th~ 5:30-7:30pm  
**Where:** PCJH Fellowship Hall  
**More:** Cost is \$5 per family.

*Children should come with a tummy full of dinner and any necessary supplies to ensure their personal comfort, please.*

**??? HOW ???**

- ❖ **Reservations are required** by October 17th, to ensure that we have appropriate staffing.
- ❖ **Reserve your child's spot by signing up on the table across from the nursery, in the gym** or email Erin at [eabel@pcjh.org](mailto:eabel@pcjh.org).

## October Birthdays 2013

Lucy Jorgenson	Oct 1
Louisa Sandvig	Oct 1
Dana Smith	Oct 1
Bente Somers	Oct 2
Davis Fay	Oct 3
Melissa Grosvenor	Oct 3
Marian Meyers	Oct 3
Zoe Curran	Oct 4
Daniel Kim	Oct 4
Ian Lewis	Oct 4
Kae Brockermeier	Oct 7
Missy Falcey	Oct 7
David Meyers	Oct 7
Stevie Price	Oct 7
Leah Carr	Oct 8
Katie Mendenhall	Oct 8
Susan Ordway	Oct 8
Griffin Dunn	Oct 9
Darla Jackson	Oct 10
Anne Stalker	Oct 10
Chris Adams	Oct 12
Silver Jacobson	Oct 12
Brad Lund	Oct 12
Anna Revill	Oct 13
Maria Tallaferro	Oct 13
Michael Halpin	Oct 14
Barry Nelson	Oct 14
Craig Sonderman	Oct 15
Harry Tebay	Oct 16
Martha VanGenderen	Oct 16
Barb Andrews	Oct 17
McKenna Brinton	Oct 17
Finn Hadden	Oct 17
Lennie Michelson	Oct 17
Teresa Nye	Oct 17
Fred Walker	Oct 17
Sue Consolo-Murphy	Oct 18
John Drew	Oct 18
Erik Raaum	Oct 19
Sean Murphy	Oct 20
Cindy Leinonen	Oct 21
Emily Bitner	Oct 22
Jordan Shive	Oct 22
Courtney Hanson	Oct 23
Janice Skinner	Oct 23
Sarah Gensch	Oct 26



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BY  
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Thatcher Friess	Oct 28
Artemus Huhn	Oct 28
Michael Kinley	Oct 28
Cash Halpin	Oct 29
Pete Forster	Oct 31

## October Anniversaries 2013

William & Sharon Schoen	October 1	Married 47 Years
Ralph & Jeanne Hudelson	October 3	Married 21 Years
Frank & Judy Scarborough	October 3	Married 49 Years
Stephen & Sharon Fralin	October 4	Married 10 Years
Mitch & Angela Lewis	October 7	Married 18 Years
Bill & Lafon Ward	October 7	Married 63 Years
Brad & Barb Andrews	October 8	Married 19 Years
Derek & Maria Brecker	October 8	Married 8 Years
Kenny & Mandy Hadden	October 8	Married 2 Years
Michael & BJ Kinley	October 9	Married 14 Years
Kurt & Jill Willard	October 9	Married 5 Years
Shawn & Katie Robertson	October 13	Married 1 Year
Jodeen & Harry Tebay	October 14	Married 13 Years
Brett & Gaylyn Frantz	October 15	Married 19 Years
Alan & Lesli Luther	October 16	Married 14 Years
Bill and Celia Dillon	October 17	Married 32 Years
Bill & Mary Neal	October 18	Married 26 Years
Ricky and Jodi Emlyn	October 27	Married 6 Years
Louisa and Chris Sandvig	October 30	Married 3 Years

# October 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 12 Noon Women's Bible Study 1:30pm Staff	2 After school-6:15pm Mid-week Rendezvous 5:15 Adult Classes 6:15pm Dinner 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm Koinonia	3 12:00 Noon Men's Group at E. leaven	4	5 8:00am Men's Discussion Group PCJH Youth Lounge
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13 8:00 am Worship Service 9:00am Adult Bible Class 9:10:15am Worship Service 10:30am Children's Sunday School 11:30am—Safe Church Training 4:30-6:30pm MS /HS Youth Group	14 Columbus Day No Little Lambs	15 12 Noon Women's Bible Study 1:30pm Staff 4:00pm Finance Meeting 5:30pm Session Meeting	16 After school-6:15pm Mid-week Rendezvous 5:15 Adult Classes 6:15pm Dinner 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm Koinonia	17 12:00 Noon Men's Group at E. leaven	18 5:30pm—Parent's Night Out	19 8:00am Men's Discussion Group PCJH Youth Lounge
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**Western National Leadership Training**

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*The Mission of The Presbyterian Church of Jackson Hole is*

*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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