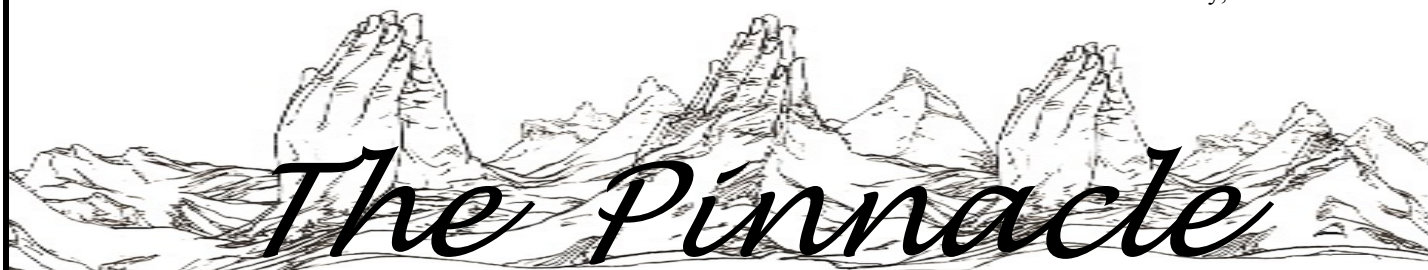


February, 2015



The Presbyterian Church of Jackson Hole. Where every member is a minister!



All-Church Lent Series

Who Does Jesus Claim to Be?

Sunday Message Series and Small Group Studies



- Ash Wednesday Dinner & Worship – Feb. 18 at 6 p.m.
- 6-Week Small Group Studies – Sign Up in PCJH Lobby
 - Messages Each Sunday Leading to Easter

Every Member a Minister

Dear PCJH Family,

I recently met with someone who commented that at PCJH we seem to talk a lot about Jesus. While I don't want PCJH to have a reputation as crazy "Jesus Freaks," I was happy to hear that we were talking about Jesus to the point that people notice. We must never forget that Jesus is at the center of our faith. The word "Christian" includes the word "Christ." We are Christ-ones. Therefore, we will be focusing on Jesus during Lent as we journey to Easter.

Ash Wednesday is on February 18th and is the beginning of Lent. As we approach Ash Wednesday, we remember how Jesus was tempted in the desert by Satan. It was a time of preparation for Jesus before he began his ministry. Lent is the six week period leading up to Easter, which is on April 5th. Lent is a time when we reflect on Jesus' ministry and a time to prepare our hearts for Holy Week.

During Lent we will be doing an all-church study entitled "I Am Jesus". It will begin on Ash Wednesday and end on Easter Sunday.

In the Old Testament book of Exodus, Yahweh speaks to Moses and declares, "I am who I am." In the Gospel of John, Jesus makes seven "I am" statements. They are profound statements about Christ's identity. The seven "I am" statements of Jesus are...

1. I am the light of the world
2. I am the bread of life
3. I am the gate
4. I am the vine
5. I am the good shepherd
6. I am the way, the truth, and the life
7. I am the resurrection and the life

We will focus our sermons on these "I am" statements from February 18th to April 5th. We invite everyone in the congregation to participate in this all church study. Pastor Steve is creating a small group study guide to go along with the sermon series. If you are already in a small group, we invite you to take a break from whatever you are studying and do the all-church study with your existing small group. If you are not already in a small group, we will provide opportunities for new small groups to form for the duration of our all church study. Look for more information on signing up for a small group in the coming weeks.

I hope you take this time to join with others at PCJH to dig deep into God's word and focus on who Jesus claimed to be. It will be a great journey together as we prepare for Holy Week and ultimately, Easter Sunday!

Worship at the Summit of the Gondola

My 2015 winter sermon series at the summit of the gondola is entitled, "Transformational Mountain Top Experiences." We will explore several transformational passages from Scripture that took place on the top of a mountain. I hope to see some of you up there on the following dates...

February 15th at 9:30am
March 15th at 9:30am
April 5th - Easter Sunrise Service

Annual Congregational Meeting

We will have our annual congregational meeting on Sunday, February 8th at 11:30am in the Sanctuary. If you are a member of PCJH I would like to ask for you to be there and participate in our annual meeting. Here is the agenda...

- Financial Review of 2014 and 2015
- Approve Pastoral Compensation for 2015
- Ratify Proposed PCJH By-Law for Electronic and Telephonic Participation in PCJH Committee Meetings
- Approve Nominations for Ruling Elders and Deacons
- Approve Nominating Committee Members

Agros Nicaragua Trip: April 11th – 19th

The next Agros service trip to Nicaragua is scheduled for April 11th – 19th. Addie and I will be leading the trip and also bringing our daughter, Nina, along for the experience. We are nearing capacity, but there are a few spaces still available on the team. The cost per person is approximately \$1500 and there are some scholarship funds available if needed in order to make this trip possible for you. The deadline to sign up is February 15th. To submit an application or for additional information, please contact Addie at addiepascal@gmail.com.

Spiritual Care Volunteers at the Hospital

I currently serve as the clergy representative for the volunteer spiritual care program at St. John's Medical Center. We are currently looking for new spiritual care volunteers who have a desire to practice the ministry of compassion and presence as they serve the patients at the hospital. There will be a training program on March 7th from 9:00am to 1:00pm that I will be leading alongside other spiritual care volunteers. If you are interested in getting involved with spiritual care at the hospital, please contact me at bpascal@pcjh.org.

Every Member A Minister,

~Pastor Ben

Meet the PCJH Staff

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Ben Pascal – Senior Pastor
Rev. Steve Weber – Associate Pastor

Worship Staff

Kenny Hadden – Worship Coordinator
Keith Phillips – Pianist

Administrative Staff

Jo Holton – Church Administrator
Lindsey Parr – Communications & Congregational Life Coordinator
Pam Flores – Congregational Host
Barb Huhn – Pinnacle Newsletter Publisher
Kim Bogen – Bookkeeper
Sanchez Family – Custodial Crew
Bill Fox – Maintenance Specialist

Kitchen Staff

Steve Murphy – Wednesday Fellowship
Dinner Chef

Children, Youth and Family Ministry

Ricky Emlyn – Director of Children, Youth and Family
Jordan Shive – 2nd Year Intern
Abby Powell – 1st Year Intern
Darla Jackson – Nursery
Renee Knutson – Wednesday After School Program
Teacher

Little Lambs Preschool

Effie Edwards – Director & Teacher
Diane McGee – Assistant Director & Teacher
Martha Davilla – Teacher
Mrs. Cho – Teacher
Katie Moteberg – Teacher
Pat Wright – Teacher

J.O.Y. Summer Camp

Diane McGee – J.O.Y. Summer Camp Director
Stephanie Murphy – Assistant Director

Upward Basketball

Linda Hanlon – Upward Basketball Director

Small Groups Forming for ‘I Am Jesus’ Series

Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me.” As the season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (February 18) we will begin an all-church look at who Jesus is in a Sunday morning message series entitled, “I Am Jesus” and with small discussion groups. The series will begin with dinner and worship on Ash Wednesday and conclude on Easter Sunday, April 5. Each week we will consider one of the claims of Jesus about himself from the Gospel of John. Many of our existing small groups will be shifting gears during this 6-week series to reflect and study the “I Am” statement from the previous Sunday’s sermon. We will also form several new groups based around the weekly schedule. Please stop by the Adult Education counter in the lobby to see if there is a group for you. If you do not see a time that fits your schedule, let’s start a group that will. Please sign up by Sunday, February 15.

Groups will meet in many locations from homes, to Restaurants, to PCJH classrooms. If you are interested in helping facilitate a small group for this series, please make a note of this as you sign up. Questions? Please talk with Pastor Steve or Elder Ken Blount.



Teton Pass Shuttle Outreach

Many thanks to Ed Scott and Tom Deltz for getting our ski shuttle outreach chugging up the pass with bus loads of powder hounds. The vision for this Saturday morning ministry is simple: to engage our community where they are (the mountains) and to help meet the need for alleviating a crowded parking lot at the top of the pass. Our hope is to have a presence in that environment, build some friendships and goodwill, all based out of our little white PCJH bus. The best part is seeing the faces of skiers when they realize there is a free shuttle back to the top of the pass.

If you are interested in joining us we meet at 9 a.m. on Saturdays in the church parking lot or 9:15 a.m. in the Stagecoach parking area in Wilson. Bring your backcountry gear and grab a run or two! Pray for snow!

BLANKET SUNDAY
 February 8, 2015
 “Tools of Hope—BLANKETS
 A Rainbow of Caring to Children and Families the World Over”

One Blanket for \$5.00 Two for \$10 .00 Five for \$25.00
 \$15 can provide a hoe, shovel and rake for a rural family!



Your TOOLS OF HOPE AND BLANKET GIFTS make a world of difference for millions of people at home and around the globe who find themselves without basic necessities due to a natural or man-made disaster. CHURCH WORLD SERVICE, of which Presbyterian Church (USA) is a member, uses Tools of Hope and the Blanket Program funds to purchase and quickly ship blankets and other relief aid to areas of need. When possible, the tools and blankets are purchased closer to the scene of a disaster to speed delivery AND to spur local economics. Blankets not only keep people warm, they also provide shelter, privacy and are a means of carrying children, or transporting meager household goods. Tools of Hope can help a family help itself, and include family shelter kits, emergency medical supplies, food, water, cooking utensils, gardening tools, health and school kits, and other essentials.



We invite you again this year on FEBRUARY 8th, to participate in this one of four special offerings of PCJH. You may designate this gift of love “IN APPRECIATION OF” or “IN MEMORY OF” a loved one. We enclose a special envelope for your offering in the Sunday Bulletin. You may fill out the form attached to the envelope if you wish to dedicate your gift in honor or remembrance of a loved one. (Donations may be made payable to PCJH). Later the names of donors and those honored will be printed in our bulletin; the list will appear again in our PINNACLE.

To read more about this mission to those in dire need, see churchworldservice.org.

Thank You! The Mission Team

Given by....

In Appreciation OR Memory of (circle one)

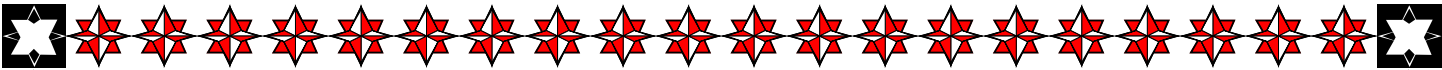
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Thank You
 The Mission Committee

- One Blanket for \$5.00
- Two for \$10.00
- Five for \$25.00



Sarah Andrews was awarded the 2014-2015 Violet Richardson Award from the Soroptimist of Jackson Hole chapter. The Violet Richardson award commends a young woman between the ages of 14-17 for their dedication to community service in Jackson. Each recipient is allocated a personal award as well as \$500 to donate back to a non-profit of choice. Sara will be donating her award to PCJH, focusing on the youth programs, as well as Teton County Victim Services. Sarah is a member of PCJH and active in the youth ministry. Thank you Sarah!! We are very proud of you.



PCJH Cross Country Ski

For those of you who enjoy cross country skiing, here is the February schedule.

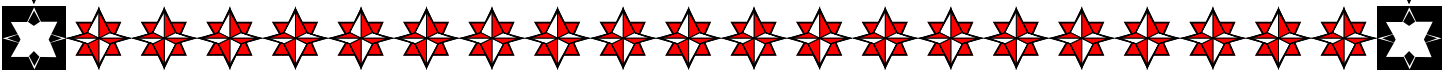
We carpool at a central location at 1:00pm sharp, head to our trail and ski for a maximum of 2 hours. We then gather for potluck appetizers, drinks, and casual meals at various skier's homes. Friends are welcome and we try to do areas appropriate for most ski levels.

Anyone who might be able to offer their home for an after ski fellowship, please let us know ASAP.

- February 1 Golf and Tennis - Meet at the Forest Service building at 1:30pm..
After ski party at June Nystroms.
- February 8 Game Creek - Meet at the church parking lot at 1:30pm.
- February 15 Two Ocean Lake at Pacific Creek - Meet at Forest Service at 1:00pm (NOT 1:30).
- February 21 SPECIAL OVERNIGHT SKI ADVENTURE at Turpin Meadow Ranch, Buffalo Valley
February 22 Road. Join us to at beautiful Turpin Meadow Ranch to stay overnight in modern, cozy
cabins on groomed trails, and eat gourmet meals. \$185.00 per person (plus tax). Call
307-543-2000 to reserve your spot. This includes two meals. Last year we had a wonderful
time on the best snow.

Those who want to join just for Saturday or Sunday, plans are to meet about 10:30am and ski for a few hours. Have lunch at the lodge and ski in the afternoon. On Sunday we will be skiing in the morning, having lunch, and then the after ski party at Jan and Tom Segerstrom's near the Ranch.

For more information on these events, call or email
Debbie Schlinger at debbieschlinger@gmail.com 733-9300 or
June Nystrom at junenystrom@gmail.com 733-0117





Children, Youth & Family Newsletter

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February, 2015

Save the Dates

Wednesday, February 4

After School Programs

6:45-7:45 MS & HS Youth
Groups

Wednesday, February 11

After School Programs

6:45-7:45 MS & HS Youth
Groups

Saturday, February 14

5:00-6:00pm

Middle School Girls/Guys
Dinner

Wednesday, February 18

After School Programs

6:45-7:45 MS & HS Youth
Groups

Wednesday, February 25

After School Programs

6:45-7:45 MS & HS Youth
Groups

FEBRUARY

13th

PARENTS

NITE OUT

5:30-7:30

The High School International Mission Trip for 2015 will be right outside of San Jose, Costa Rica! We are beginning the process of mission training meetings intertwined with our youth groups. It is so wonderful to see everyone bond over the excitement of the trip! Please take note, parents of eighth graders to high school seniors, that these meetings will now be on Wednesdays from 6:45 pm – 8:00pm. We will be going for seven days in the month of June, once school is out, and we will be staying at a base owned by Youth with a Mission, an amazing international organization with bases all over the world with one goal: to know God and make Him known. While there, we will be working with the Homes of Hope ministry, which provides homes for those who do not have the resources to build one on their own. We are very excited to be doing very practical work, building a home, while also showing mercy and compassion to the family we are helping. At the same time, we will be evangelists to the people of the town through bible school programs for kids and simply investing in their lives, emotionally, physically, and spiritually. We urge you to be a part of our upcoming fundraisers in anyway you can, with the next one being Super Bowl Subs, and to also commit to praying for the leaders and the team members!



Mark Morzov talking to the High School Youth Group

November 14, 2014 was a day like any other for the Morzov family, but the one after changed everything they knew. The next day, Mark Morzov had a snowmobiling accident that pronounced him paralyzed from the shoulders down. Therefore, when Mark came *walking* into High School Youth Group in January, it was obvious that the high schoolers and leaders were going to hear an amazing story. And that they did. Mark's story was one of the most inspiring I have ever heard. His optimistic outlook on why this misfortune happened is truly mind blowing. The high schoolers and myself were speechless when he was done. The peace and joy of the presence of Jesus completely surrounded him, and it is exciting to know that this was all a part of the

Lord's plan and Mark knows it and is ready to conform to it. He, his beautiful wife Brie, and their two kids will be able to use Mark's story to change lives, just as eight lucky lives were changed by hearing his story in High School Youth Group. May we all continue to surround, encourage, and pray for the Morzovs.

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January was a fun month! We focused on Awesome Animals. Took a field trip to the Jackson Hole Children's Museum to learn about ways animals camouflage themselves. Also, we had a visit from Ranger Mrs. Diane.

In February, we look forward to celebrating Valentine's Day, sharing God's love and learning all about ways to use our imagination.

Our February Bible memory verse is: "How wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ." Ephesians 3:18

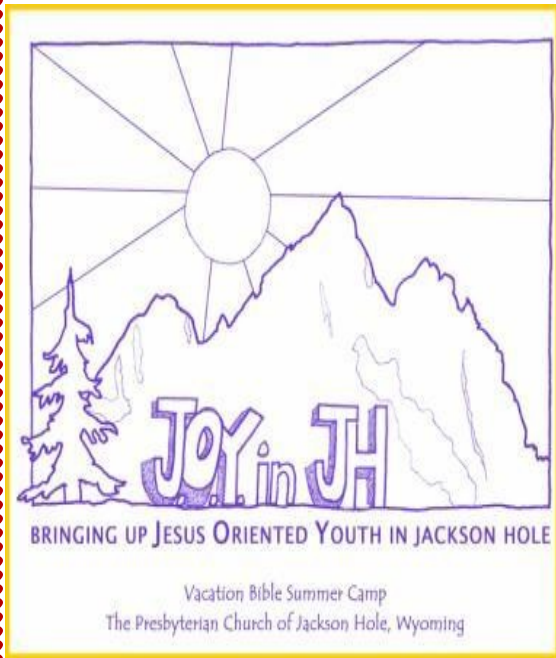
What a wonderful reminder for our Little Lambs and adults of Christ's love for us. We invite you all to join us in learning and then practicing this verse with the many people we come in contact with each day.

May you know Christ's love in this month and throughout the year.
Love, Miss Effie & The Little Lambs Team



No Little Lambs: February 13th, February 16th, and February 27th





Are you thinking about summer?
**Jesus Oriented Youth in Jackson Hole
Summer Day Camp returns!**
June 15th to August 26th, 2015

Enrollment begins March 1st
for PCJH members and regular attendees
and March 9th for our friends in the
community.

What's New this Summer?

Early Season Booking Discount
for PCJH Members Only!
Book prior to April 15th for \$40 per day
8:00am-5:30pm. Regular Price is \$55.

Middle School Offering
3 Weeks *Only!* July 6th-24th *Limited Spaces*
Choose 1 week or all 3 and Explore JH,
Serve Others, develop Leadership skills, & more!



**Contact Diane
McGee for
more
Information.
739-9591 or
JOY@pcjh.org**



February Birthdays 2015

PCJH has had a wonderful 20 year tradition of listing all of our church family members' birthdays in the Pinnacle. We have decided that in order to respect and honor the requests of many, we must discontinue this practice. We will all miss this tradition but feel that it is in the best interest of all.

Happy birthday to all who are celebrating a birthday in February!



February Anniversaries 2015



- Larry & Paula Jorgenson
February 4
Married 48 Years
- Robert & Katie Carr
February 6
Married 10 Years
- Paul & Shirley Piper
February 14
Married 22 Years
- Richard & Tracy Mulligan
February 16
Married 7 Years
- Ned & Amanda Pinkerton
February 23
Married 41 Years

Email Address Privacy

PCJH is committed to protecting everyone's email address privacy. Please do not use PCJH as a way to acquire email addresses for soliciting purposes. If you should receive emails about church business where email addresses have been inadvertently listed rather than BCC'd, we kindly request that you do not use those addresses for purposes other than church business Communications.

Should you receive an unwanted solicitation email from a PCJH member or affiliate, please notify the church office at office@pcjh.org.

Thank you!

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

Thanks, PCJH !!!

The Mission Committee is pleased to share with you that, - once again - you have been a most generous congregation in reaching out to those in need.

We received a total of \$2,229.00 for our Christmas Joy Offering!

This Special Offering has been forwarded to the Presbyterian Church (USA) - our "national office" - for the traditional distribution ...

half going to the Board of Pensions to assist retired pastors in times of special need, and half to the seven ethnic/racial schools and colleges founded, and long supported by the Presbyterian Church (USA). Again, the Mission Committee is grateful for your generosity.

THANK YOU !!
The Mission Team



Opportunity Knocks!

PCJH serves dinner every second Thursday of the month at Jackson's Good Samaritan Mission. Many of our small groups, Bible studies, youth and others take turns helping with this rewarding service opportunity. However, on February 12, we have a gap in the lineup and would like to find a group of 4-8 people to serve up the meal. Talk with Pastor Steve if you are interested.

February 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8am Worship Service 9:00am Adult Classes 10:15am Intergenerational Worship Service	2 8:45am Women's Covenant Group	3 6:45am Men's Breakfast at the Virginian 12 Noon Women's Bible Study	4 After School Program 5:15-6:00pm Worship 6:00pm Fellowship Dinner 6:45-7:45 Programs (Choir, Classes, Koinonia, MS & HS Youth Groups, Childcare)	5 12:00 Noon Men's Grocer at JH Whole Room	6	7 8:00am Men's Discussion Group PCJH Youth Lounge
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A WORD FROM ASSOCIATE PASTOR STEVE WEBER

Working on a Family Resemblance

Pastor Steve Weber

Years ago, during my college years, one of the strangest things happened while I was on a semester-long study tour in France. For six weeks of that semester, our group lived in a small, farming village in southern France learning the language, eating pastries, playing pickup basketball games against much shorter Frenchmen, eating baguettes and wearing dapper little chapeaus. No photos, fortunately, have survived the long march of time.

Now, the strange thing. First, you need to know that two years before, one of my brothers, Dave, also participated in a college study tour to France and spent time in the very same French village. Well, one evening some of us were invited by some local college age people we had met to a bonfire gathering on the edge of town in a farmer's barnyard. That night we told stories around the fire and worked on Franco-American relations. Late in the evening one of the Frenchmen came over and sat next to me. Using French and English I understood him to ask me, "Do you have a brother?" I thought he was simply asking ice-breaker type questions that I would understand in my limited French so I replied, "Trois! I have three frères." "Non, non, non," he said, "do you have a brother who was here?" I was shocked. How did the question even come to his mind? Either he assumed that all Americans are related to each other or there was something in my features that reminded him of a person he had seen two years earlier. I suppose we do look like brothers. Another time I was on the street in front of his house in San Diego and met his neighbor who immediately said, "You must be Dave's brother!" And Cindy often remarks, "O, you sound just like Dave!"

There comes with such moments a mix of thought: I come from somewhere ... Does he hear the same comments ... I'm part of a family ... Do I really look like him ... Sure hope he doesn't mind resembling his kid brother. Who do you resemble? Families often carry certain physical or personality traits between their members. It makes me wonder about the traits shared among us, in what the Bible refers to as the "family of believers." Peter's words to the young church were words of urgency and courage to strive intently to "love the family of believers" in a time of persecution and hardship. "You are God's own people ... once you were not a people, but now you are God's people" (1 Peter 2). Part of God's redeeming action in Jesus was to give us new birth into this new family. People who were strangers are now brothers and sisters in a way that can be just as meaningful as the ones we grew up with.

As a pastor, one of the best aspects of being around this "new" family, is observing family traits. Here at PCJH, Cindy and I have both commented in our first few months about how much hugging goes on around here. I'm working on my technique to be able to resemble the rest of you who have already perfected the warm, friendly greeting. Be patient with me. I come from a long-line of hand shakers. Seriously, we have noticed an engaging, joyful, sincere affinity for one another here. What a great resemblance you have going on! Someday I hope someone says to me, "Hey, are you from that church in Jackson Hole?"

This month we hope to build on our family ties as we come together around the "I Am" claims of Jesus from the Gospel of John and our core value as followers of Christ to "love the family of believers." During the 6-week Season of Lent, we encourage each small group and Bible study to focus its discussion on the "I Am" statements from the Sunday messages. New groups will be forming as well. I'm excited to see how God will continue to shape us, deepening our family traits and connections with one another. I hope you will take this season to fully enjoy being part of the PCJH family.

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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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