

The Pinnacle

The Presbyterian Church of Jackson Hole

July, 2015

Where every member is a minister!



SALE WRAP UP—2015

Thanks to all the donors, volunteers, shoppers, and everyone else who worked so hard to make this year's sale a success. The intent of the Rummage Sale is to get reasonably priced items into the hands of those who need them most. Six families selected by the Community Resource Center shopped early Friday evening. They were so happy with the items they received. Something new this year was the thank you inserts prepared by Pastor Ben inviting shoppers to PCJH and listing all our current activities. Saturday started with a gathering of all the volunteers for a prayer with Pastor Ben. There were so many shoppers early morning, that volunteers were needed to help direct the shoppers trying to park in the

overloaded rodeo parking lot. 54 volunteers ranged from new to charter members of PCJH, teenage family members, members' friends, and others in the community. Let's look for new faces around PCJH very soon as a result of our outreach. As a nice sideline \$7944 was raised for PCJH to be used for community related activities, like the Fellowship Dinners. Recycling of leftovers and distribution to other agencies was done as much as possible. Cloth recycling and stained linens were given to the Animal Shelter. Our sale was supplemented with leftovers of kids' items from Community Bible Church and some of our stuff was passed on to the Senior Center for their upcoming sale. **SPECIAL THANKS TO:** Kmart, Dean Lewis of Delcon, Garth & Christy Gillespie, Teton Trash, Blue Spruce, Spring Creek Ranch, the Town of Jackson & Pam Stockton.

THANKS TO ALL VOLUNTEERS: Michael Adams, Sally & Jim Byrne, Jan Benz, Bill & Eileen Blackwell, Doris Budge, Ed Brenegar, Shirley Cheramy, Dave & Eunice Conine, Jack Cornish, Amy Dahmen, Martha Davila, Corianne DeGoey, Tiffani DeGoey, Lynn Finkel, Joan Harris, Carla Herman, Dennis Holton, Ralph Hudelson, Margaret & Terry Jones, Carol Kelleghan, Georgia Ligori, Alan & Irene Lund, Julie Matzke, Marge McCallister, Jackie Montgomery, Diane & Kent Nichols, Jeannie Robbins, Randy Reedy, Chardonnay Rosa, George Scarlett, Nancy Schneider, Dorie Schwartz, Joan & John Shipman, Janice Skinner, Laura Soltau, Mary Ann Tapp, Barbara & Larry Van Genderen, Martha Van Genderen, Linda Walker, Laura West, Mary Willis, Suzanne Young, Lance Windey & Sandra Zender.

Thanks to the volunteers who provided lunches: Jan Benz, Diane Nichols, Debbie Schlinger & Mary Wade

It was a pleasure working side by side with so many wonderful people and getting to know you better. We hope more of you will join in on the fun next year.

Sincerely,

Irene Lund & Diane Nichols, co-chairs

PS It's not too early to start setting aside donations for the next sale.

Every Member a Minister

Dear PCJH Family,

When I was in my late twenties, I worked as a project manager at a real estate development firm in Seattle. It was my first job in the business world after I graduated with a business degree from the University of Washington. I enjoyed my work and I learned a lot about ministry in a secular setting. I was grateful for the owner of the company who invested in me as a young person and taught me about leadership and how to be a Christian in the "real world".

While at the company, I started a weekly gathering at a coffee shop across the street on Wednesday mornings. I called them "Inspirational Wednesdays" and I invited my co-workers to come share a cup of coffee together before work and to talk about something meaningful. Sometimes we had spiritual conversations, sometimes we opened the bible, sometimes we just talked about whatever was on our minds or whatever was going on in our personal lives.

In addition to "Inspirational Wednesdays," I also coordinated our "give back" initiatives at our company. We would help serve the homeless in downtown Seattle by making sandwiches and then partnering with a local mission to distribute them on a Friday night late into the night for those who didn't make it to the shelter. We partnered with Habitat for Humanity and Agros International, too.

I also learned what it meant to practice Christian ethics within the business world as we put together deals and constructed homes and communities. I learned how to care for employees, the environment, and the community while still making a profit. It was a wonderful experience for me to learn what it means to be a Christian no matter where I am... whether at work, in the community, in my neighborhood, or at church.

As Christ-followers, we are called to be people of influence. Jesus told us that we are to be the light of the world and the salt of the earth (Matthew 5:13-16). Light and salt are two things that make the world a better place. We are called to be people of influence (leaders) in our families; in our neighborhoods; in our communities; in our places of employment; and in our churches.

Maybe you are saying to yourself, "Well, I'm not a leader." Well, I'd like to challenge you to think again. John Quincy Adams said, "If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader." Leadership is about influence. I think we all have areas of influence in our lives. Where has God placed you today to be a person of influence? Where are you called to be salt and light in our world?

I would like to challenge you to *lead where you are*.

I believe leadership matters. Our world needs people to step up and lead in godly ways in all spheres of life. Bill Hybels, founder and senior pastor of Willow Creek Community Church said, "If there was ever a time in human history that was crying out for courageous leadership, the time is now." There is a lot going on in our world. There is war and terrorism, there is fear and intimidation, bone-crushing poverty, domestic abuse, sexual assault, human trafficking, ecological concerns, corrosion of our moral code within society, crisis in marriages and families, racism, hate, mass shootings, political

corruption, and maybe the worst of all... indifference. How will future generations look back on our time on earth and evaluate the ways in which the church (the people of God) influenced our world?

We are all called to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ in our world today. Every member is a minister. The Apostle Paul wrote to the church in Corinth in the first century and reminded them in the midst of their broken world, "Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." My hope is that PCJH is a place that sends out leaders into our community and the world at large.

How do we do that? There are many ways to do it.

One way we are hoping to provide this kind of empowering and equipping of leaders is by being a host site for the 2015 Global Leadership Summit.

The Global Leadership Summit is a two-day world class event on Thursday and Friday, August 6th and 7th from 9:30am to 5:30pm in the PCJH Sanctuary. We will be providing a live satellite telecast from Willow Creek Community Church in Chicago on a large high definition center screen. The speakers for 2015 are incredible! They range from Jim Collins who wrote *Good to Great* to Ed Catmull who is the co-founder of Pixar and president of Walt Disney Animation Studios. We will also hear from Brian Houston the founder and global senior pastor of Hillsong Church from Australia (one of the leaders in modern day worship music) as well as Dr. Brene Brown, an Episcopalian author who writes about courage and failure in leadership. And many more!

As I write this we just surpassed 100 people who have registered for the event. It is not too late to register. In fact, you can register on the day of the event if you want to. However, if you want the cheapest rate of \$89 (as opposed to \$209) then please register before Tuesday, July 7th and use the special PCJH host site code **GLS15HOST**. Visit www.willowcreek.com/summit for more information and to register for the event.

Another exciting aspect of the Summit is that we have partnered with Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church, River Crossing Church, and First Baptist Church in Jackson Hole. We have folks from PCJH, other churches, and people representing many other secular organizations in our community attending this event. It will be a great collaboration of people in our local context learning together about leadership.

John F. Kennedy said, "Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other." If we want to be great leaders and people of influence in our world, we must continue to sharpen the saw and learn from one another. Proverbs 27:17 says, "As iron sharpens iron, so does one person sharpen another." Come and be a part of something exciting God is doing at PCJH and around the globe. Attend the Global Leadership Summit. I hope to see you there in the PCJH sanctuary on August 6th and 7th!

Learning to be a leader with you,

~Pastor Ben

Stewardship Update

Last year, as a congregation we were blessed to have exceeded our target for tithes and offerings by over \$10,268 thanks to your extraordinary generosity.

Our target for 2015 is \$908,034, an increase of 3.8% over last year's target and a modest increase of 2.6% from what we actually received last year.

As of the end of May, tithes and offerings to PCJH totalled \$255,878, which was \$23,774 ahead of where we were at the same time last year. Our target for 2015 is an increase of \$22,766 over what we achieved in 2014, so we're exactly on track to achieve our 2015 target.

Thank you to everyone for their generosity — only a month ago we were approximately \$11,000 behind last year.

We have \$652,156 remaining to be raised this year to meet our target towards this year's budget.

Yours in Christ, The Stewardship Team PCJH

Finances Update

As you may recall, PCJH has a budget for 2015 of approximately \$1,000,000, with expenses expected to be greater than revenues by \$27,175.

As of the end of May, PCJH is five months into the 2015 Budget. Expenses are below expected levels for the this time of year by \$35,962.

Blessings, The Finance Team



First Aid and Defibrillator

In case of any emergency, please be aware that there is a First Aid kit and a defibrillator located on the north side of the lobby above the coat rack. Full, step by step instructions are included on the defibrillator.



Tithes and offerings may be made on-line at PCJH.org by clicking the yellow "Donate" button at the bottom right of your screen.

CHURCH INFORMATION CLASS

Wednesday, July 8
5:30pm-8pm

If you are interested in becoming a member or just have questions about PCJH, please join us. There will be a light dinner and child care is provided. Please RSVP to Jo Holton, Church Administrator, at jholton@pcjh.org.

Meet the PCJH Staff & Ruling Elders

Pastoral Staff

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

Worship Staff

Kenny Hadden – Worship Coordinator
Keith Phillips – Pianist

Administrative Staff

Jo Holton - Church Administrator & Facilities Director
Lindsey Parr – Communications 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 – Intern
Darla Jackson – Nursery
Renee Knutson – Wednesday After School Teacher

Little Lambs Preschool

Effie Edwards – Director & Teacher
Diane McGee – Assistant Director & Teacher
Martha Davila – 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

PCJH Church Council (Ruling Elders)

Ken Blount & Kathy Robertson - Adult Ministries
Alli Lane - Small Groups
Cindy Dahlin - Congregational Life
Nancy Dunlap - Worship
Karen Fox - Children, Youth & Family
Larry Huhn - Buildings & Grounds
Larry Jorgenson - Clerk
Alan Lund - Finance
Patty McDonald - Personnel
George Scarlett - Nominating
Katie-Chloe Stock - Mission

Tuesday Women's Bible Study

12 noon in the Matthew Room.

Pastor Ben is teaching a 6 week course on the book entitled, "Heaven" by Randy Alcorn. Come and participate in what some people have reported as being a life changing class!



Sunday Morning Adult Classes



**We are offering two classes
this month at 9 a.m.**

- **Heaven** - Pastor Ben Pascal will lead this video-based class of Randy Alcorn's book on heaven. This study will open our eyes to the wonder and beauty of eternity, introducing us to heaven as scripture describes it.
- **The Gospel of Matthew** - Pastor Steve Weber leads this study of scripture each Sunday.

Both classes are open to all. Come and grow your faith! Look for both classes in our adult education wing.

A Slice of Theology: Comparative Religions

This Great Course meets at 6 p.m. on Wednesday evening for a 60-minute lecture from Professor Charles Kimball of the University of Oklahoma. A Harvard scholar, his specialty is in Jewish-Christian-Muslim relations, and he is the author of *When Religion Becomes Evil*.

All are welcome to join us for a slice of pizza and a helpful look at the world around us. The course meets in the Genesis Room with childcare available.



Good Samaritan Mission Dinner

Each second Thursday of the month PCJH prepares and serves the dinner meal at our local mission on Pearl Street. We feed between 30-40 people in this important outreach from 4:30-6 p.m. Would you like to serve in this way?

Please contact Katie-Chloe Stock, our elder for Mission, at katiechloe1@gmail.com. Our next dinner at the mission is July 9.



Overnight Backpacking Trips

- July 9-10 (Thursday-Friday)
Death Canyon - Alaska Basin - Teton Canyon (west side pickup)
- September 5-6 (Saturday-Sunday)
Paintbrush Canyon/Divide - Lake Solitude - Cascade Canyon

If you are interested in an overnight hike in the Tetons please talk with Pastor Steve or send him an email at sweber@pcjh.org. These two trips will take us into the high alpine areas and are both about 20 miles in length. We will carry our own gear and food as we explore and enjoy time in the mountains together.

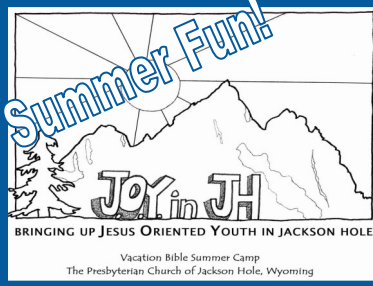
The Monday Ride - Smiles Everyone



If you like to ride the great mountain bike trails of the Jackson area then you are invited to join a dozen or so others on Monday evenings. The group meets at a different location each week at 5:30 p.m. for a 2-hour ride followed by dinner at a local establishment or home. Watch the Sunday bulletin and Peak at the Week for where to meet up this Monday. This is a perfect opportunity to invite a friend to come along. It's been a blast.



No Summer Camp
Friday, July 3rd



J.O.Y. in JH Summer Camp

Registration Continues online @ pcjh.org
Limited Spaces - Check for Availability!

Please join us for a special program by
Dylan Wade & our Teton Explorers Campers
on Sunday, July 19th at both services.

Learn more about how the lives of our
Middle School students are being impacted
by our J.O.Y. outreach!



Limited Spaces remain for
children 3yrs - Middle School!
Daily & Weekly Programs

Find details &
enrollment instructions w/link
on our website pcjh.org

Contact Diane McGee with any
questions dmcgee@pcjh.org or
739-9591

EXPLORE YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS
Through Service, Leadership and Good Old-Fashioned Fun!

DAY CAMP:

Week 1 July 6-10 Week 2 July 13-17 Week 3 July 20-24



REGISTER NOW
LIMITED SPACES!

For more information:
explorers@pcjh.org
or 739-9591

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PCJH OUTSIDE

Summer Sunday Afternoons: All are invited to a weekly outing each Sunday afternoon into the great outdoors. We will hike or bike or float or just find some shady spot to set up a lawn chair. This is obviously a low-key, let's get together and enjoy a summer afternoon sort of adventure. The objective is mostly to share a great afternoon together in this beautiful place rather than to make miles or summits. There is no target age group, in fact it is hoped to be an inter-generational gathering. All outings will meet at 12:30 p.m. at PCJH to carpool in the church van to our starting points.



So here's the lineup of places we are going:

- July 5 – Phelps Lake (Laurence S. Rockefeller Trailhead)
- July 12 – Ski Lake Trail (Phillips Trailhead)
- July 19 – Antelope Flats/Kelly Road Bike Ride (Park at Gros Ventre junction)
- July 26 – Goodwin Lake (National Elk Refuge Road)
- August 2 – Bradley/Taggart Lakes (Taggart Lake Trailhead)
- August 9 – Surprise Lake (Lupine Meadow Trailhead)
- August 16 – String Lake Float Day: Bring Whatever Floats Your Boat
- August 23 – Jenny Lake Bike Path Ride: Round Trip from GTNP Visitor Center
- August 30 – Overnight Backpacking Weekend (see below)
- September 6 – Wind Cave (Darby Creek Trailhead – West Side)
- September 13 – Teton Village Bike Path Ride: Round Trip from PCJH
- September 20 – Leftovers (Hike to be determined as we walk)
- September 27 – More Leftovers

Stay tuned to the weekly Sunday bulletin and Peak at the Week for updates.

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A Christian Ministry in the National Parks

**ALL
 ARE
 WELCOME**

For more than 60 years, ACMNP has provided interdenominational worship for people who live, work, and vacation in our National Parks. This summer over 200 college and seminary students are in 30 National Parks; they work for concessionaires in the Parks and conduct worship services on Sundays in campgrounds and lodges; they also reach out to fellow employees. There are 14 students in GTNP this summer. Several people in our congregation are on the 'local support committee'. If you or visitors should be camping in the Park or driving through in the evening, you may wish to attend a service. Here is the schedule of services.

A Christian Ministry In The National Parks

Offers interdenominational services each Sunday at the following locations, listed north to south and identified on the map in the free Park newspaper, *The Teewinot*. Informal dress is encouraged.



Flagg Ranch

At the Campfire Circle 8:00 a.m.
 10:00 a.m.

Signal Mountain Campground

At the Amphitheater 8:00 a.m.
 10:00 a.m.
 7:30 p.m.

Colter Bay Village

At the Amphitheater 8:00 a.m.
 10:00 a.m.
 5:30 p.m.

Jenny Lake

Check at Ranger Station or Visitor Center for location 8:00 a.m.

Jackson Lake Lodge

Check lobby for location 8:00 a.m.
 10:00 a.m.
 7:30 p.m.

Gros Ventre Campground

At the Amphitheater 9:30 a.m.
 7:00 p.m.

JULY Anniversaries 2015



Aaron & Nicole Ackley
July 1 Married 9 years

Lance & Christine Windey
July 1 Married 20 years

Joe & Ani Amdor
July 2 Married 10 years

Mark & Melissa Tuttle
July 3 Married 5 years

Mark Barron & Ruth Ann Petroff Barron
July 5 Married 12 years

Murphy, Janice & Brian
July 5 Married 22 years

Peter & Christine Jenkins
July 8 Married 9 years

Mike and Carol Marshall
July 8 Married 48 years

John & Sherri McFarland
July 8 Married 32 years

Stan & Becky Zaist
July 9 Married 32 years

Mike & Darlene Blazek
July 11 Married 40 years

John & Joanie Shipman
July 12 Married 29 years

Adam & Kristine Harris
July 16 Married 10 years

Scott & Sammie Smith
July 18 Married 17 years

Randall and Meredith Woodford
July 18 Married 4 years

Cisco Oldani & Tiffany Tate
July 19 Married 12 years

Tom & Becky Jordan
July 20 Married 47 years

**Larry & Diane North
July 20 Married 64 years**

Jeff & Cindy Dahlin
July 21 Married 25 years

John & Susan Drew
July 23 Married 18 years

Ted & Becky Kimmel
July 23 Married 27 years

Amy & Joseph Larimer-Milczewski
July 24

Paul & Terri Hayden
July 27 Married 12 years

**Dick & Donna Slayton
July 28 Married 53 years**

Mel & Brandie Orchard
July 29 Married 20 years

Jack & Jan Larimer
July 30 Married 49 years

**Peter and Susan Ordway
July 31 Married 50 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.

July 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>5 8am—Worship Service 9:00am Adult Classes 10:15am Intergenerational Worship Service 12:30 PCJH Outside</p>	<p>6 8:45am—Women's Covenant Group 5:30-8:00pm Mtn Bike Ride</p>	<p>7 6:45am—Men's Breakfast at the Virginian 12 Noon Women's Bible Study 1:15pm Staff</p>	<p>1 6:00-7:30pm Adult Summer Class</p>	<p>2 12:00 Noon Men's Group at JH Whole Grocer—Community Room</p>	<p>3 Church Office closed in observance of Independence Day</p>	<p>4 Happy Independence Day!!!! 8:00am Men's Discussion Group PCJH Youth Lounge</p>
<p>12 8am Worship Service 9:00am Adult Classes 9:00am -Stewardship Meeting 10:15am Worship Service w/Children's Sunday School 12:30 PCJH Outside</p>	<p>13 8:45am—Women's Covenant Group 5:30-8:00pm Mtn Bike Ride</p>	<p>14 6:45am—Men's Breakfast at the Virginian 12 Noon Women's Bible Study 1:15pm Staff</p>	<p>15 6:00-7:30pm Adult Summer Class</p>	<p>16 12:00 Noon Men's Group at JH Whole Grocer—Community Room</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 8:00am Men's Discussion Group PCJH Youth Lounge 8:00am Youth Waterskiing Trip</p>
<p>19 8am Worship Service 9:00am Adult Classes 10:15am Worship Service w/Children's Sunday School 12:30 PCJH Outside</p>	<p>20 8:45am—Women's Covenant Group 5:30-8:00pm Mtn Bike Ride</p>	<p>21 6:45am—Men's Breakfast at the Virginian 12 Noon Women's Bible Study 1:15pm Staff 4:00pm Finance Team 5:30pm Council Meeting</p>	<p>22 6:00-7:30pm Adult Summer Class</p>	<p>23 12:00 Noon Men's Group at JH Whole Grocer—Community Room</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 8:00am Men's Discussion Group PCJH Youth Lounge</p>
<p>26 8am Worship Service 9:00am Adult Classes 10:15am Worship Service w/Children's Sunday School 11:30am—Stephen Minister Meeting 12:30 PCJH Outside</p>	<p>27 8:45am—Women's Covenant Group 5:30-8:00pm Mtn Bike Ride</p>	<p>28 6:45am—Men's Breakfast at Virginian 12 Noon Women's Bible Study 1:15pm Staff</p>	<p>29 6:00-7:30pm Adult Summer Class</p>	<p>30 12:00 Noon Men's Group at JH Whole Grocer—Community Room</p>	<p>31</p>	

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OVERNIGHT Back Packing Trip
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A WORD FROM ASSOCIATE PASTOR STEVE WEBER

The Divinity That Stirs Within Us

In the middle of June, as schools were letting out, as giddy couples were making vows and as gardens everywhere were taking root, our nation's early summer adrenaline was drained by the shock of a racially-motivated violent act of a single shooter taking the lives of nine people attending a South Carolina church Bible study. The Sunday following this senseless tragedy the church bells of Charleston rang out across the old southern city by the sea, a heartsick clarion calling us all to prayer and unity of the human spirit.

Each time the headlines fill up with another episode of defenseless, innocent lives being lost, I cannot help but wonder what went wrong in the -usually - young lives of these men. The litany is growing - an Aurora movie theater, a Sandy Hook elementary school, a Boston Marathon finish line. Where did they miss the lessons on human value, civility and kindness? Where does such hatred, disregard for life and misguidance come from? Is it caught or taught? Is it nature or nurture? Even with a healthy view of original sin, and a firm conviction we are all in need of Christ's saving grace, these all-too-frequent acts of violence seem almost more than mere sin. It appears to be more than human willfulness. It seems as if a vital piece of human understanding and compassion has gone missing like critical pieces of a jigsaw puzzle.

As summer breaks I received the news and photos of not only my daughter delivering our fourth grandchild (pictures available upon request) but also of my youngest son, about the same age as the young man in Charleston, adopting a border collie named Ricky (no relation to PCJH's infamous Ricky). Jeff has been training Ricky to chase him down mountain bike trails and they have become inseparable. Everywhere Jeff goes, Ricky is sure to follow. I love hearing that. What it tells me is that Jeff is opening his heart and understanding to another, albeit a cute puppy, but it is compassion and kindness toward another living creature and it pleases a father's heart to see it.

Where do such qualities come from? The wisdom of Scripture suggests it has something to do with education in those developing years. "Train up a child in the right way, and when old, they will not stray" (Proverbs 22:6). Parents try so hard to instill the right stuff. The philosopher Francis Bacon wrote, "Our humanity was a poor thing were it not for the divinity that stirs within us." Ahh ... "Christ in you, the hope of glory," the apostle Paul used to say. Here, in the mysterious connection to the divine, is the hope of the world and the hope of each new generation. Is this the missing piece when a young person strays so tragically?

Much is being said about this current generation of young adults – Millennials, those who arrived in adulthood after Y2K, born after 1982. According to a recent Pew Research Center study, they are the least overtly religious American generation in modern times. One-in-four are unaffiliated with any religion, far more than the share of older adults when they were ages 18 to 29. The numbers are somewhat discouraging. The main trend is that the American Christian church is, in fact experiencing (near) universal decline in numbers. Christianity is down from a 78.4% "market share" of American religion (in 2007) to 70.6% in 2014. This is a net loss of 7.7%.

This is not to lay such random acts of violence at the feet of a whole generation. I have no doubt that non-followers of Jesus can and do live kind, civil, compassionate lives. In fact, the Pew study has also found Millennials to be among the gentlest and most racially-accepting generations in our nation's history. However, I do find myself wondering at times if our national heart and compassion for others is often a carry forward from the founding generations who based much of the national conscience and humanity on a "divinity that stirs within us." So, at times such as these, in the wake of such a tragedy, I really wish that young man in Charleston, and all young people would take to heart the message of the Bible study he attended. May the soul of our nation be stirred to listen to the One who calls us to be people of mercy and peace.

Pastor Steve Weber

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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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