

The Pinnacle

The Presbyterian Church of Jackson Hole

September, 2015



Where every member is a minister!

THE STORY

READ THE STORY. EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE.

***Coming This
September, 2015
– April 2016***

***Be part of the Story!
Story Bibles are available
for all ages in the PCJH
lobby. We are kicking off
the Story on Sunday,
September 13th.***

Join a story study group!



“The Story” is a concise, chronological and complete journey through the Bible.

Every Member a Minister

Dear PCJH Family,

In August I had the chance to get away for 10 days for some rest and restoration with family in Washington State. We spent a week on San Juan Island in the very northwest corner of our country. It is one of my favorite places on earth. I love the slow pace of the island lifestyle and the beautiful contrast of the ocean waters and mountain peaks along with the orca whales and harbor seals. There was a special chair I sat in most mornings while overlooking Westcott Bay. It was a place of quiet reflection and prayer. Spending time on the island helped me to slow down and reflect on life.

While I was away, I read a book by Gordon MacDonald entitled *Ordering Your Private World*. MacDonald currently serves as editor-at-large for *Leadership Journal* and as chairman of World Relief. I would highly recommend this book for anyone who needs to find practical ways to deepen their spiritual life in God. Many of us can falsely portray an outer appearance of order and spiritual health, but it is the inner world that truly matters. The outer world can crush a person who is weak or disordered in their inner world. Proverbs 4:23 says, "Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it." It was a good reminder to me that I need to pay attention to the inner work of my own heart as a pastor and child of God. We all need to take care of our private world in order to allow God to flow through us in ways that impact our outer world.

MacDonald covers five areas of our private world that often need attention.

1. Motivation
2. Use of Time
3. Wisdom and Knowledge
4. Spiritual Strength
5. Restoration

Motivation

What motivates you to do the things you do? Are you driven to be successful as the world defines it or as God defines it? Are you driven by money, power, position or recognition? Or... are you driven by God's call as a disciple of Christ? Take some time to look deep within yourself and consider what motivates you. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are to be motivated by the Holy Spirit and the work of the kingdom. When we know who we are and what our purpose is, we will ultimately know what motivates us and how we must order our private world to accomplish that which God has called us to.

Use of Time

God has given us the gift of time. We all have the same amount each day. The question is... how do we steward (or use) our time? Have you ever considered budgeting your time like you would budget your

finances? A person with an ordered private world has learned how to use their time in such a way that reflects God's priorities in their life.

Wisdom and Knowledge

Do you continue to grow in knowledge and wisdom by reading and learning? Proverbs 27:17 says, "As iron sharpens iron, so does one person sharpen another." It's important for us to continue learning and growing in wisdom and knowledge in whatever respective field aligns with God's purpose for our life. Have you set aside time in your day and week for reading and learning? Someone with an ordered private world doesn't let their mind get rusty, but instead, they spend time sharpening their mind so that they stay mentally fit and capable of doing what God has called them to do.

Spiritual Strength

What does your personal devotional time look like? Do you spend time in God's word and with God in prayer? In order to be spiritually strong, one must spend time with the Lord. Similar to an athlete training for a marathon, so a disciple of Jesus must train for life. The word "disciple" has the same root word as "discipline". There are many spiritual disciplines that have been used by Christians for centuries. Some of these disciplines include prayer, worship, meditation, fasting, solitude, silence, Sabbath, and simplicity. A person with an ordered private world focuses on gaining spiritual strength through regular spiritual disciplines. This will keep you strong and will prevent you from caving in when the outside pressures of life surround you.

Restoration

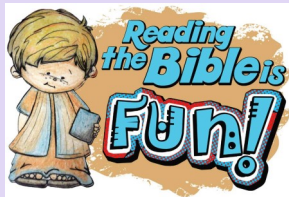
Restoration comes from the root word "rest". Sabbath rest is one of the Ten Commandments and something God did after He created the heavens and the earth. God doesn't suggest we take a Sabbath rest. God *commands* it. Even though we live in an era of immense leisure, many of us rarely experience true rest. Have you ever come back from a vacation or a weekend utterly exhausted? That wasn't rest. It may have been leisure, but it wasn't the kind of rest God knows we need. Sabbath rest is restorative because it is anchored in spending time with God and people we love outside the regular rhythms and responsibilities of life. It is a rest that makes us feel restored and refreshed. How does your life reflect a weekly Sabbath rest? Remember, God commands it because God loves us and knows we need it. I have a hunch you know you need it too.

I pray you consider how God might be calling you to order your private world. As your pastor, I am committed to ordering mine.

Growing in God's grace with you,

~Pastor Ben

Milestone Ministry:



Bibles: On Sunday, September 6, we will have Bibles available for any child who needs one. We make an effort to ensure that every child has their own age appropriate Bible. Ensuring that students have the Word of God is a very important milestone. You can learn more about our Milestones Ministry by picking up a brochure by the nursery.



ADULT CHOIR BBQ

The fall season for the adult choir begins with rehearsal on September 9 and an anthem on Sunday, September 13th. All are welcome! Join us for our kickoff BBQ at Dan and Kelly Peterson's house (west end of Kelly Ave) at 12pm on Sept 13th! Choir is always open to new and/or part-time participants.



CHILDREN'S CHOIR



Starting this fall, Kenny Hadden will be directing a choir for children grades 1-5. Rehearsals will be Sundays from 11:45 - 12:30, starting Sept 20th. The Children's Choir will perform on the first Sunday of every month and in the Christmas Eve pageant. Go to PCJH.org or contact Kenny Hadden to enroll your child in this fun and rewarding ministry!

PRIVATE LESSONS

As a part of our music ministry, PCJH is offering private music lessons to the congregation and the community for an hourly fee. Lessons are available on various instruments at a time that works for you. All ages welcome! Contact Kenny Hadden. music@pcjh.org

“Music can change the world because it can change people.”

Bono

BACK TO SCHOOL!!!!

Little Lambs Meet & Greet and Open House
September 1, 2015 5:30- 6:30 p.m.
Little Lambs First Day of School
September 2, 2015

We hope everyone had a wonderful summer!!! The Little Lambs team is excited for another fun year of learning and growing. Our September Bible verse is Philippians 4:19, "My God will meet all your needs." We still have a few spaces available, so please contact Miss Effie, eedwards@pcjh.org, or visit pcjh.org to sign up online.



Wednesday After-School

This children's ministry program is on
Wednesdays from Sept. 9, 2015 – June 1, 2016.

Our program's time is from **school's dismissal until 6:00pm.**

Our ministry program is available for any family; not just church attenders.

This program is offered for children in **Kindergarten through Fifth grade**
in any of the local elementary schools!

Children will be picked up at school and transported to PCJH.

Program Activities

We will have a time for a healthy snack, homework, Bible devotional, music, and organized/free playtime. In addition, periodically we will go on a field trip.

Registration

PCJH Member – Year Pass is \$170.00.

Non-PCJH Member – Year Pass is \$340.00.

For Prorate and Drop-in information visit our website.

All children participating will need to complete our Registration Form.

Jordan Shive, Coordinator

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Stewardship Update

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

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 July, tithes and offerings to PCJH totaled \$380,402, which was \$39,728 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 on track to achieve our 2015 target.

Thank you to everyone for your generosity.

We have \$527,632 remaining to be raised this year to meet our target towards this year's budget.

Also, we're pleased to announce that Patricia Wright is joining the Stewardship Team, to serve as Co-Chair with her husband Greg. (Patricia is the Little Lambs teacher known as "Mrs. Pat.")

Yours in Christ, Stewardship Team
PCJH

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

On Sunday, September 27th, after the 10:15 service, Julie Winthers will be serving cake and lemonade in the lobby so she can have an opportunity to say goodbye to all her PCJH family before her big move out of the area.



Finance Update

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

As of the end of July, PCJH is seven months into the 2015 Budget. Expenses are below expected levels for this time of year by \$60,013.

However, as we are now on a break between JOY and Little Lambs, some budgeted maintenance (e.g. sealing and restriping the parking lot) will be taking place that will bring us closer to our budgeted expenses.



THE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

August 6-7, 2015 | willowcreek.com/summit

The Global Leadership Summit
"We aren't born knowing leadership, we learn it."
- Sally Krawcheck

The Global Leadership Summit at PCJH in August was an extraordinary experience for all who attended! Over 150 local church and community members engaged in our two-day world-class conference gaining leadership skills to make a difference in their multiple spheres of influence. Inspirational and motivational speakers, creative musical experiences, and "grander visions" from around the world created a holistic view of the importance of taking our God-given leadership roles to the next level as well as using our time, talents and treasures as God intended. Watch as the momentum from the Summit continues to build as attendees implement the concepts learned to impact their families, community, church, and world.

The GLS was a "can't miss" opportunity, as these attendees conveyed in their comments:

"Many thanks for extending the invitation to attend the Leadership Summit and for encouraging me to make time for this important event. It was a wonderful experience in a great setting - to hear some national leaders talk about the importance of leadership was a great experience." - A local community leader

"I'm thrilled with my experience of GLS and wish I was going back tomorrow for a 3rd day. The local coordinating group's handling of details and the quality of the broadcast and presenters enabled me to be immersed in the experience which was energizing, stimulating, broadening, deepening...just what I needed just now, but valuable at any point in life." - A PCJH member

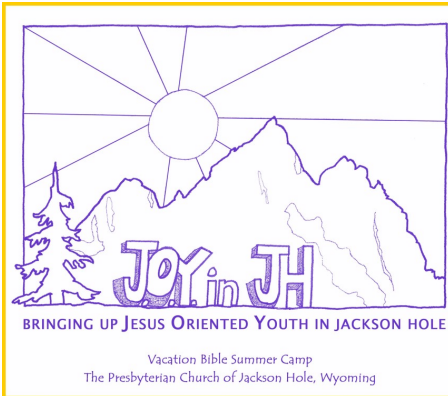
If you missed the Summit, please visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J2uHKj-LKm4> to view the 2015 GLS Highlights.

You will not want to miss out next year. Mark your calendars now for the 2016 GLS on August 11-12. Registration is now open for PCJH attendees at the Premier Host Site rate of \$89 using the password PREMIER16 at <http://www.willowcreek.com/events/leadership/locations.asp>



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Treasures I Seek





*Jesus Oriented Youth in JH Summer Camp
 THANK YOU, PCJH family, for your support of this*

**We had a wonderful summer of fun, fellowship, and following Jesus!
 In His Service, We thank you, Your J.O.Y. Team**

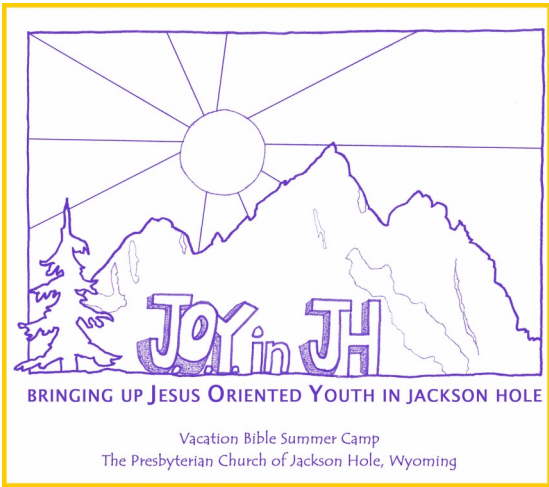
Campers “gathered” to learn how much God loves us by sending us Jesus! Kids “grew” in their faith in Jesus through Bible stories that gave us examples of people like us who chose to “MOVE” because of their love for Jesus: the Shepherds; John the Baptist; the Calling of the Disciples; Zacchaeus; Nicodemus; & Jesus’ Annunciation & Acts. Homeroom with our talented staff & “Chapel Time” with Pastor Steve, Mr. Jordan & Mr. Ricky, reinforced these stories and helped campers apply them to their lives!



Campers went out in to our community serving with projects such as making paper flowers & Christmas in July cards, as well as singing for the senior centers in town. Brownies for Teton Adaptive Sports; Dog Biscuits for the Animal Adoption Center; and Sunday Snacks were made with care! Experiencing God’s Big Backyard in a variety of wonderful ways was a weekly, if not daily occurrence.

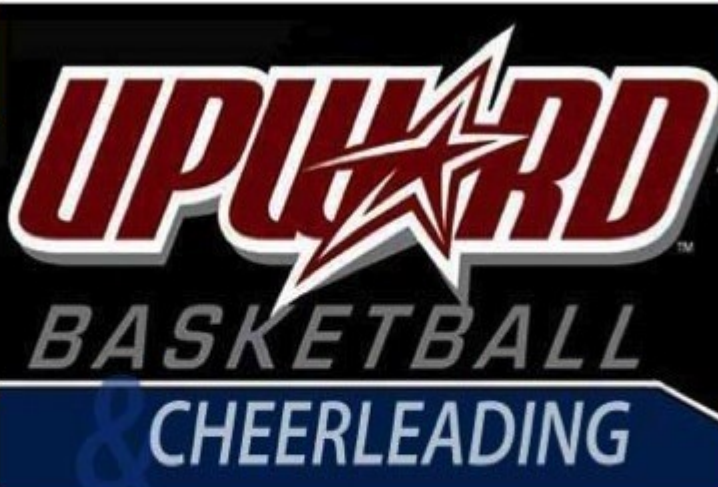




Our new Middle School Teton Explorers program, lead by Dylan Wade, was a wonderful opportunity for students to build leadership skills, explore their relationship with Jesus, and serve in a variety of ways, including leading craft and games stations during J.O.Y.’s Vacation Bible School. Our staff and “counselors in training” were such a blessing - sharing our Lord’s love with and guiding 194 campers, including 55 “Summer Sampler” campers for our 3rd year participating in this community outreach.



■ Because of PCJH's support of this ministry and generous contributions from the Community Resource Center, the "Summer Sampler" program, and the Presbytery of WY, families received approximately \$45,000 in tuition assistance to attend J.O.Y. Camp.



Players! Cheerleaders!				Coaches! Referees!		
BOYS & GIRLS 1ST - 6TH GRADE				REGISTER ONLINE NOW!		
Sect 7	Row 7	Seat 7				
Price: \$99.00						
			Presbyterian Church of Jackson Hole Linda Hanlon, Director upward@pcjh.org 307-734-0388 pcjh.org			

Who can play basketball or cheerlead?

Upward welcomes all boys and girls who are in Grades 1 through 6.

Online Enrollment at pcjh.org. Enrollment closes on September 11th at 5 PM.

Costs: Basketball \$99; Cheerleading \$99; 10% Sibling Discount

About Our Season

- The children participate in 7 one hour practices and 6 one hour games over a total of 7 weeks. Practices are on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday. Games are on Friday evenings at JHMS for Grades 5 & 6 and on Saturdays at PCJH for Grades 1 to 4.
- Coaches and referees are typically volunteers from the community like parents and older siblings.
- Playing skills of the basketball players are evaluated to assist in creating well matched teams.
- Mandatory Player Evaluations are September 8th and 10th.
- The season runs from September 21st to November 7th.
- Throughout the season, your child will explore and discover their love of the sport by playing at least half of every game. Kids will be individually recognized at each game and find positive role models in coaches and other sports volunteers. We offer a short devotion time during practice.
- We finish our season with our uplifting Upward Celebration on Tuesday, November 10th!

**"A Children, Youth & Family Ministries Program
at The Presbyterian Church of Jackson Hole "**

Nicaraguan Mission Team Forming

AGROS SERVICE TRIP NOVEMBER 7 – 15

The eighth PCJH service trip to visit our Nicaraguan brothers and sisters in Tierra Nueva will be departing from Jackson on the morning of November 7th. If you are someone who has thought about going but there never seems to be a “perfect” time, this would be a “great” time to make the commitment. If you have been a member of a previous team, this would also be a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with the friends you have made in Tierra Nueva.

It's hard to believe, but we are now in the latter half of our sponsoring relationship with Tierra Nueva. Starting with nothing when these Nicaraguan pioneers left their homes with faith in God and Agros, driving them to seek a better life for their families. Within about two years they will be reaching the point in their development where they will become an independent village. Their children are going to school. Their homes are built. The crops are growing and they have a new water system.

We hope that you will take the opportunity to be part of this November team to witness first hand what these villagers have done with this opportunity and experience the warmth and love that they have to share. For more details please don't hesitate to contact Bob Kopp at bkopp@waldenasset.com or Addie Pascal at addiepascal@gmail.com.

SEPTEMBER WISH LIST

- *1-2 Prayer Chain Leaders to cover weekends
- *Art for Adult Classroom walls
- *Wed Afternoon Volunteer for office phones
- *2-4 drawer file cabinet for CYF Office

FINE FURNITURE SALE AT PCJH Saturday, September 19 8am-12 noon

- Donations needed and appreciated.
- Contact Tiffany Tate (307)690-6189 or tiffanytate1@gmail.com for drop-off information and to volunteer for setup, event sale, and takedown.
- Thank you all !

5th Grade Celebration Dinner:

- Our 5th Grade Celebration Dinner is **Wednesday, September 9th, 6:00-6:45 in the Genesis Room**. It is a chance for your graduating 5th grader to celebrate graduating from Elementary school, and to see what Our Middle School Youth Group is all about! Dinner will be provided.



PCJH OUTSIDE

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| September 6 | Overnight Backpacking Trip |
| 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.



Confirmation Class of 2015 **Course Syllabus**

Instructors: Rev. Ben Pascal and Ricky Emlyn

Confirmation Overview: Confirmation is a milestone in the faith journey of a teenager. It is a class in which students get the opportunity to ask questions about their faith, God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the Bible, the Church, other religions, prayer, life after death, and much more. Each week we explore a new question of faith. After students are finished with the class, the hope is that they will have a better grasp of the Christian faith and can make an informed decision about whether or not to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Class Schedule: Classes will be on Sunday mornings from 9:00am to 10:00am in the Youth Lounge. Classes will begin on September 13th and go through November 15th, 2015. Confirmation Sunday will be on December 6th.

Below is a description of the class schedule and topics.

Sunday, September 13th at 9:00am – Who Am I?

We will focus on our identity in Christ and how we are created in the image of God. We will begin by getting to know each other, create a class covenant, discuss the meaning of baptism and confirmation, create a list of questions from the students, and go over the course syllabus.

Sunday, September 20th at 9:00am – Is the Bible Really God’s Word?

We will look at how the Bible was historically put together and why we believe it is God’s word to us today. We will also spend some time discussing how to read and study the Bible. Students will be asked to bring their favorite Bible verse to class.

Sunday, September 27th at 9:00am – Where Is God When It Hurts?

Who is God? If God is powerful and loving, then why do bad things happen to good people? We will explore the topic of suffering and evil in the world and the role God plays in it all.

Sunday, October 4th at 9:00am – Why is it Necessary to Go to Church? (Mentor Sunday)

We will discover the purpose of the Church and why it is important to connect with other Christians for worship and fellowship. We will also look at the different denominations and why the Presbyterian Church is unique. We will invite the mentors to come and be a part of this class with the students.

Sunday, October 11th at 9:00am – What About the Other World Religions and Philosophies?

We will discuss the similarities and differences between Christianity and some of the other world religions such as Islam, Buddhism, Judaism and Hinduism. We will also touch on atheism and creation versus evolution.

Sunday, October 18th at 9:00am – Who Is Jesus and What Did He Do For Us?

We will take a close look at the person of Jesus Christ and what He accomplished on the cross and why we worship him as Savior and Lord.

Sunday, October 25th at 9:00am – What is the Holy Spirit?

We will explore the Holy Spirit, Pentecost, and the gifts and fruit of the Spirit. We will also look at the doctrine of the Trinity and the Apostle’s Creed.

Sunday, November 1st at 9:00am – How Do I Pray and Does It Work?

We will study the Lord’s Prayer as the foundation of how Jesus taught us to pray. We will also explore other spiritual disciplines and look at why it is important to live a life of prayer.

Confirmation Class of 2015
Course Syllabus
(continued)



Sunday, November 8th at 9:00am – What Happens After this Life?

We will explore the topic of eschatology (the last things). We will see what the Bible has to say about life after death, resurrection, judgment, heaven, hell and God's new creation.

Sunday, November 15th at 9:00am – What Does a Life of Following Jesus Look Like in 2013?

We will take a close look at what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ and how we are to live. We will review the Ten Commandments and other moral values. We will take a spiritual gift inventory in order to learn more about our special and unique gifts as individuals. We will explore how God is calling each and every student to use their gifts and passions to serve a world in great need.

Sunday, December 6th at 9:00am - Brunch with Students, Families and Mentors

Sunday, December 6th at 10:15am - Confirmation Sunday

Confirmation Sunday is a day of celebration! We will gather at 9:00am for brunch with students, families and mentors. The students will share their statement of faith. We will also present the students to the congregation and lay hands on them as they are confirmed. Students that wish to be baptized can be baptized on this day too.

Parent Meetings:

Pastor Ben would like to invite all the parents to a special parent meeting on **Wednesday, September 9th at 6:45pm** at PCJH. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the class syllabus and expectations for the students and parents. It is vital that the parents are committed to confirmation, just as it is important for students to be committed. We will have another parent meeting half way through the course on **Wednesday, October 21st at 6:45pm** to give an update and discuss how parents can help students with their statements of faith and other preparations for Confirmation Sunday. Of course, parents are invited and expected to be at the brunch on **Sunday, December 6th at 9:00am** and stay for worship and the **Confirmation ceremony at 10:15am.**

Questions?

Please contact Pastor Ben at bpascal@pcjh.org or 734-0388 x101 or Ricky Emlyn at remlyn@pcjh.org or 734-0388 x103.

"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will." -Romans 12:2

THREE INTERNS WILL BE A BLESSING TO THE CHURCH THIS UPCOMING YEAR

We are excited about this upcoming year with our three Children, Youth & Family Interns; Jordan Shive, Aubrey Hoffman & Grant Wright! We ask that you continue to prayer for our interns that they will continue to strengthen their surrendering to God, their willingness to follow Jesus and their sensitivity to the Holy Spirit. Aubrey, Grant & Jordan will start working together on September 1st !

WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR A HOST FAMILY FOR AUBREY HOFFMAN. If you willing and feeling lead to serve PCJH in this way, please contact Ricky Emlyn, Director of Children, Youth & Family at 307-734-0388 ext. 103 .



Aubrey Hoffman: I recently graduated from the University of Washington in Seattle with a degree in Geography and Global Health. I am passionate about communities all over the world and what makes them thrive. Throughout college I was involved with Young Life and have been guiding with Beyond Malibu's Sea Kayak program for the past two summers. I have learned leadership skills, technical skills, and experienced the Lord in ways that I never thought imaginable. I feel closest to God when I'm spending time in and around His creation, so much of my life has been a pursuit of those experiences. Over the next year interning with PCJH I hope to grow in so many areas of my life. I'm so excited to be apart of this community and to see what God has for me in Jackson Hole. I feel like it is a gift. God Bless, Aubrey



Grant Wright: I have lived in New Jersey, London, Vermont, and now Wyoming. Early in high school. I began the process of discerning a call to pastoral ministry, and went on to major in Religion with a focus on Christian and Jewish Sacred Texts at Middlebury College. I have been attending PCJH on school breaks for over a decade. In 2008, I served as a Youth Advisory Delegate to the General Assembly, the national legislative body of our church. During the winters, I work at the Mountain Sports School at Jackson Hole Mountain Resort. This summer, I worked as a teacher at PCJH's JOY camp. My interests include reading, visual art, music, technology, and outdoor recreation. Following my internship, I plan to go to seminary to study to become a pastor.



Jordan Shive: Hi Church family! I am Jordan Shive and I will be with you all for a third year as Children, Youth & Family Intern. I humbly accepted the invitation and with full of excitement and gratitude to be able to be with you all for another year. I know that my time at PCJH is quite done yet. I am, with fully thankful to have had the privileged to call you all my church family. That is really how I see you all; my family. The discipling from Ricky Emlyn has been unbelievably priceless. I would not trade our time together for anything in this world! With this third year, I will be enrolled in Fuller Seminary to be Ordained Pastor by going through their first ever offered Masters of Divinity Online Program. I am really excited to be joining together with my friend Mark Morzov! I want to be an ordained pastor in the PCUSA. This month I will be attending PCJH council to apply to be an Inquiry for the Presbytery of Wyoming. Being an Inquiry is a period of year for an individual to go through a time of discernment of being an ordained pastor. However, I know that God has called me to be a pastor, I have known since my youth and ignored it but now I want to fully walk in God's call on my life. If, and once approved from the PCJH Council I will attend a Presbytery meeting to receive the final approval. I will then begin saving financially for seminary! Thank you all for these past 2 years, my time with you all will be engraved in my heart forever. Please continue to prayer for me that I grow into a man of Christ. Thank you all for everything, sincerely.



Wednesday Night Dinner & Fellowship
A Weekly Meal and Evening
with Friends and Family
Join a Table September 9 at 6 p.m.

Here's What's on the Menu:

- Great Meal: Chef Steve Murphy returns from his restaurant, Three Peaks Dinner Table, in Driggs to lead our talented dinner crew
- Question of the Week: How will you answer these fun, conversational questions?
- Singing: Pastor Ben is breaking out his guitar to lead us!
- Family Style Dining: No more standing in line and increased time for catching up with your tablemates.
- Suggested Pricing: In order to sustain this important fellowship event we will return to paying for our meals. Not much, but if we can all pitch in we can keep eating together: \$5 per person/\$15 per family.
- Help Out: Opportunities to assist in the kitchen or to set up the dining room abound. Many hands make light work.

After Dinner - Our Fall Class Offerings

- Classes for All:
 - o The Hurried Family: Help for the Hurried Home
Life is moving at a blurring speed. If people don't have a specific plan to manage the pace of their lives, then the hurried lifestyle will manage them. Our fast-paced American society promotes a constant drive for success, but often at the expense of our inner peace and contentment: "The increase of information, transportation and contamination have cost us dearly," says Dr. Tim Kimmel. "Our sense of permanence, unity and peace are jeopardized by hurried lifestyles." Based on his best-selling book, Little House on the Freeway, Dr. Kimmel brings help to the hurried home by sharing positive ways to overcome one's hectic lifestyle. In eight sessions with practical applications, The Hurried Family video study explores the symptoms of a hurried family and provides counsel for restoring calmness and giving the gift of rest to others. Pastor Ben Pascal will lead this class.
 - o A Grace Disguised: How the Soul Grows Through Loss
Loss came suddenly for Gerald Sittser. In an instant, a tragic accident claimed three generations of his family: his mother, his wife, and his young daughter. While most of us will not experience loss in such a catastrophic form, all of us will taste it. And we can, if we choose, know as well the grace that transforms it. A Grace Disguised plumbs the depths of our sorrows, whether due to illness, divorce, or the loss of someone we love. The circumstances are not important; what we do with those circumstances is. In coming to the end of ourselves, we can come to the beginning of a new life -- one marked by spiritual depth, joy, compassion, and a deeper appreciation of simple blessings. Join us for this important discussion of Sittser's book. Pastor Steve will lead this class.
 - o The Story Group
Jump in a group discussion of our all -church study of The Story, a concise, chronological and complete story of the Bible. Catch the sermon on Sunday and this group on Wednesday. The best way to help The Story sink in is to engage with others about it.
 - o Financial Peace University
Beginning Wednesday, September 23, this valuable course leading to financial peace will be offered. Colter and Alli Lane will lead this class.

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Nominations for Elders and Deacons

The PCJH nominating committee is currently seeking nominations for new deacons and ruling elders. Each year we elect a new class of elders and deacons to serve in specific roles as ordained leaders in the church for a three year term. This year we are doing things a little differently than past years in that we are starting the nominating process in September so that our new elders and deacons will be elected and trained and ready to go by January 1st when the new term begins.

Ruling Elders attend monthly council meetings the 3rd Tuesday of each month. They participate in the acceptance of new members and assist in worship services when asked. Elders all have a specific ministry area within the church that they serve. Most importantly, elders are ready to act on their faith in response to the needs of the church family.

These are your Stephen Ministers

Michael Adams, Karlene Owens, Barbara Simms, Kelly Bass, Laura Miller, Jim Radda, Linda Walker, not in the picture Paul Scott.

Stephen Ministers provide one-to-one, confidential, Christ-centered care to people experiencing grief, unemployment, hospitalization, loneliness, divorce, financial stress, a terminal illness, and other life difficulties. Here's what people who received care from a Stephen Minister have said, "My Stephen Minister did wonderful job of creating a warm, caring space for me to process my emotions and work through my issues." "I realized that my Stephen Minister was a safe person who wasn't going to share what I told her with anyone else." "What I needed the most was her unconditional love—to know that no matter what I shared with her, no matter what I'd done, she cared for me. Her care showed God's love for me." "Asking for a Stephen Minister is the best thing I could have done for myself." We encourage anyone who is suffering, discouraged, or going through a difficult time to ask for a Stephen Minister through Pastors Ben or Steve or the Stephen Ministry Leader, Jim Radda.



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

Cindy Dahlin – Operations Manager
Lindsey Parr – Communications Coordinator
Pam Flores – Congregational Life Coordinator
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
Aubrey Hoffman – Intern
Grant Wright – 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
Amy Dahmen – Teacher
Barb Huhn – 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 – Adult Ministries
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

September Anniversaries 2015

Mike & Liz Jorgenson Married 13 Years	September 1
Kerry Murphy & Sue Consolo-Murphy Married 25 years	September 1
Kraig Kobert & Julie Birrer Married 20 years	September 2
Tom & Kris Thompson Married 37 years	September 2
Billy & Kathy Robertson Married 39 years	September 4
Warren & Sue Myers Married 17 years	September 5
Robert & Debra Sanford Married 29 years	September 6
Shepard Humphries & Lynn Sherwood Married 12 years	September 7
Michael & Laura Nordell Married 2 years	September 7
Ed & Shirley Cheramy Married 29 years	September 8
Joe & Julie Whitlock Married 54 years	September 8
Norm & Carole Hofley Married 54 years	September 9
Tom Windle & Pat Weber Married 27 years	September 17
Alan & Irene Lund Married 34 years	September 19
Phil & Betsy Stevenson Married 24 years	September 21
Jonathan & Elizabeth Robinson	September 22
Glenn & Karen Ford Married 12 years	September 30

September 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>6 8am—Worship Service 9:00am Adult Classes 10:15am Intergenerational Worship Service 11:30am Mission Team Meeting PCJH Outside</p>	<p>7 LABOR DAY— OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>8 6:45am—Mens' Breakfast at the Virginian 12 Noon Women's Bible Study 1:15pm Staff</p>	<p>2 First Day of Little Lamb's 6pm Comparative Religion Class</p>	<p>3 12 Noon Men's Group @ Jackson Whole Grocer Community Room</p>	<p>4 Office Closes 1pm</p>	<p>5 8:00am Men's Discussion Group PCJH Youth Lounge</p>
<p>13 "The Story" Study and Sermon Series Begins 8am Worship Service 9:00 Confirmation Class 9:00am Adult Classes 10:15am Worship Service w/ Children's Sunday School PCJH Outside</p>	<p>14 8:45am—Women's Covenant Group</p>	<p>15 6:45am—Mens' Breakfast at the Virginian 12 Noon Women's Bible Study 1:15pm Staff 4:00pm Finance Meeting 5:30pm Council Meeting</p>	<p>16 After School Program 6:15pm—Fellowship Dinner 6:45-7:45—Programs for all ages 6:45 Choir</p>	<p>17 12 Noon Men's Group @ Jackson Whole Grocer Community Room 6:30-8pm Praise Band Rehearsal 4-8pm Upward Coach Meeting</p>	<p>18 Office Closes 1pm</p>	<p>19 8:00am Men's Discussion Group PCJH Youth Lounge 8am-12noon FINE FURNITURE SALE</p>
<p>20 8am Worship Service 9:00am Adult Classes 9:00-Confirmation Class 10:15am Worship Service w/ Children's Sunday School 11:30—Deacon's Meeting 11:45-12:30 Childrens choir PCJH Outside</p>	<p>21 8:45am—Women's Covenant Group</p>	<p>22 6:45am—Mens' Breakfast at the Virginian 12 Noon Women's Bible Study 1:15pm Staff</p>	<p>23 After School Program 6:00pm—Fellowship Dinner 6:45-7:45—Programs for all ages 6:45 Choir</p>	<p>24 12 Noon Men's Group @ Jackson Whole Grocer Community Room 6:30-8pm Praise Band Rehearsal</p>	<p>25 Office Closes 1pm</p>	<p>26 8:00am Men's Discussion Group PCJH Youth Lounge</p>
<p>27 8am Worship Service 9:00am Adult Classes 9:00-Confirmation Class 10:15am Worship Service w/Children's Sunday School PCJH Outside</p>	<p>28 8:45am—Women's Covenant Group</p>	<p>29 6:45am—Mens' Breakfast at Virginian 12 Noon Women's Bible Study Staff Retreat</p>	<p>30 Staff Retreat After School Program 6:00pm—Fellowship Dinner 6:45-7:45—Programs for all ages 6:45 Choir</p>			

A WORD FROM ASSOCIATE PASTOR STEVE WEBER

Let's Climb a Mountain Pastor Steve Weber

People are congratulating me. This seems strange. I didn't graduate from an arduous, long degree program, although they did give me a piece of paper with my name on it when it was all over, much like the ones from schools I've attended. We haven't welcomed another grandchild, at least since June. So you can save those congratulatory back slaps for next March when the next one is due. So that's not it either. No, what folks are referring to is that tall, pointy mountain in the middle of the Teton skyline – the Grand Teton. I recently walked and climbed up it. All 13, 775 feet of it.

When PCJHer Dan Matzke received a gift certificate for two to climb the Grand with Exum Guides and asked me to be his partner I knew my time had come. After 30 years of hiking and skiing in the Tetons, hoping for a day to stand atop the peak, the opportunity was too much to turn down. And we did it!



Sitting on
Top of the World

I imagine that for each of us there are those “bucket list” adventures and events we aspire to complete at some point. I know there was a time when one of those items was to have a better grasp of the Biblical sweep. I had grown up in Sunday School and youth programs but still did not have a good working knowledge of Scripture. So I went to seminary. I'm excited to say, “You don't have to do that.” This fall we are launching The Story, a simple approach to reading and comprehending the biblical story. This is for all of us, every age, from our little ones to our most senior ones. It is for anyone who has ever dreamed of standing on the mountain of God's Word and say, “You know, I think I get it. I can see what this movement of God is all about.”

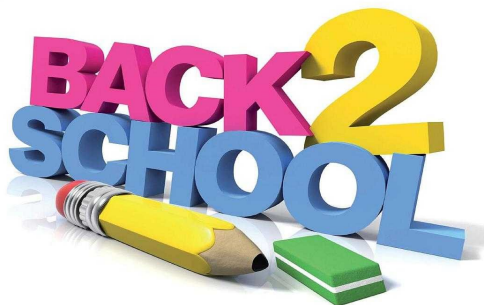
The Story is centered around each one of us reading our own copy of the Bible which has been put in a concise, chronological and complete story form. It really does read like a really good book. Copies of The Story are available in the church lobby. The Story is also centered on our weekly worship experience. Ben and I (mostly Ben) will preach each Sunday about the section of The Story we have all been reading during the week. Finally, we will be gathering in small groups to share and discuss how The Story of God connects with our own stories. Please take a moment this coming Sunday to sign up for a small group.

In 31 weeks I would love to be able to congratulate us all on climbing this mountain together. Like climbing the Grand I suspect it is something we can all do if we put one foot in front of another with full confidence that as we read and study and worship God is going to meet us along the way.

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GO and make a difference.

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