

The Pinnacle

The Presbyterian Church of Jackson Hole

November, 2015

Where every member is a minister!

UPWARD BASKETBALL & CHEERLEADING CELEBRATION At PCJH

Tuesday,
November 10th

6:00pm

Basketball Hoop Giveaway
to one lucky player or
cheerleader!



CHECK OUT
THESE STATS!

15 teams
30 coaches
114 players
11 cheerleaders

Every Member a Minister

Dear PCJH Family,

Gratitude and Generosity

As we enter into the month of November and approach the holiday season, it is a time when many of us thank the Lord for all the blessings in our life. Gratitude is at the heart of our faith as we give thanks for God's amazing grace that has transformed our lives. My prayer is that we have hearts overflowing with gratitude, and lives marked with generosity. May we be a church and a people known for our gratitude and generosity in the Lord! May our gratitude and generosity be used to transform hearts and lives in Jackson Hole and beyond in the name of Jesus Christ.

In 2 Corinthians 9:7, the Apostle Paul encourages the church in Corinth to be people of gratitude and generosity who give joyfully. He writes...

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

I have found that giving is fun! It brings a smile to my face and to the face of others. There is joy in giving. I pray that you consider how God is calling you to give thanks this holiday season and may that gratitude overflow to generosity toward others and toward God's kingdom work.

Please prayerfully consider how you will use your time, talent and treasure to advance God's kingdom in our world. How will you get involved in God's work in our community and church? May it be a joyful work!

November is a time in the life of PCJH that we ask all of our friends and members to prayerfully consider how you will give financially to the mission and ministry of PCJH. If you believe in what we are doing for the Lord in Jackson Hole and beyond, I would ask that you help us finish off 2015 strong by giving what you have prayerfully and joyfully decided in your heart to give. It is also a time to prayerfully consider what you will pledge to give in 2016 so that we can plan accordingly as we develop next year's budget.

Tithes and offerings given to PCJH fund our mission, ministry, programs and operations. Our operating budget helps to make the following things possible...

- *Sunday morning worship services
- *Sunday school for all ages
- *Wednesday after school program
- *Wednesday night community dinners
- *Wednesday night programs and classes
- *Little Lambs preschool
- *J.O.Y. summer camp
- *Upward Basketball
- *Youth ministry
- *Ascent young adult ministry for 20s & 30s
- *Adult ministry, classes and small groups
- *Home fellowship dinner groups
- *Music ministry (choir, praise band, music lessons, children's choir, and special cantatas for Christmas and Easter)
- *Retreats for men and women
- *Deacon and Stephen Ministry
- *Hosting the 2-day Global Leadership Summit (we had 150 people from our local community and church in attendance in 2015)
- *An internship program that develops emerging Christian leaders
- *Mission trips for our high school youth
- *Our work in Nicaragua with Agros International and the village of Tierra Nueva to help end the cycle of rural poverty in that nation in Jesus' name
- *Local, national, and international outreach through various financial gifts we give towards mission efforts to serve those in need
- *Providing for funerals and weddings
- *Supporting a new Presbyterian Church in Casper, WY called *The Table: Doubters and Disciples Together*
- *Supporting a young local Jackson Hole missionary serving in China with the Navigators
- *Teton Pass ski shuttle
- *Outreach to Jackson Hole Mountain Resort
- *A vehicle fleet to safely transport children
- *The operations and upkeep of our beautiful facility for use by the church and community
- *It provides for our amazing staff who are missionaries here in Jackson Hole who are instrumental in bringing the gospel to our community and working alongside all of you in making our church one of the most vibrant churches in Jackson Hole and beyond.

Gratitude and Generosity

God is good!! Let's rejoice and be thankful with all that God is doing in and through us!

You will be receiving a letter from our stewardship team in November reminding you of our year end goal and a pledge card for you to fill out for 2016. On November 15th we will have a special Sunday when I will preach on the topic of gratitude and generosity and give you a summary of all the things we have accomplished in 2015 and what we hope to do in 2016.

I pray that you don't see this as just another "ask" for money. I pray that your heart is filled with gratitude for what God has done for you and is doing in and through PCJH, and that it brings joy to your heart as you consider how you might participate with gratitude in this work by giving generously to the mission and ministry of PCJH.

Let's be people of gratitude and generosity that make an impact in the lives of others, our community and the world!

Associate Pastor Search Committee

As many of you know, Pastor Steve has decided to step away from the call we extended to him as our installed associate pastor in order to spend more time enjoying his family, the Tetons, and also doing some writing, which he is so gifted at. We love Steve and Cindy and they love PCJH so we are confident that we will continue in relationship with them over the years and that they will be a vital part of our PCJH family.

In the meantime, Steve will be working part-time on Wednesdays and Sundays starting November 15th. He will continue in this capacity as we begin and complete a search for a new associate pastor which will help me through this transition and call process.

Therefore, the next step is to form an associate pastor nominating committee (a search committee) to begin the search for a new associate pastor. This committee will be made up of 5 to 7 members of PCJH that are nominated by our nominating team and elected by our congregation at our next congregational meeting on November 8th, 2015 at 11:30am. If you or anyone you know are interested in serving on the associate pastor nominating committee, please contact George Scarlett at 690-8332 or me at bpascal@pcjh.org

Congregational Meeting

The PCJH Council has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, November 8th, 2015 at 11:30am. The agenda for this meeting is rather simple. We will be considering the nominees presented to us by our nominating team for new Ruling Elders and Deacons, as well as nominees for the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC). While it is a pretty simple and straight-forward meeting, it is important that you attend if you are in town.

I continue to be grateful for what God is doing in our midst. I pray that you also feel a sense of gratitude for what God is doing in your life. I am thankful to be your pastor and to be a part of this wonderful congregation and community.

With Gratitude,

~Pastor Ben



- If you are committed to prayer and would like to be part of our PCJH Email Prayer Chain, please contact Lindsey Parr at office@pcjh.org. You will receive notifications via email.
- IF you would like to be removed from our Prayer Chain, let us know that as well.
- We are also looking for a volunteer to check prayer requests on weekends so we can begin our prayer process.
- Thank you for being a faithful servant in this ministry.

Mission Team Update:

Did you know Mission accounts for 10% of PCJH's overall budget? With open hearts and a vision to reach those in need in our community and beyond, PCJH has been able to make such meaningful contributions. Many thanks to each and every one of you for supporting all of these outreach areas!

- **Syria Crisis-** through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, PCJH recently gave \$3,500 to International Refugee Emergencies to assist our church response in Hungary for Syrians and other displaced persons.
- **Gift of the Heart Kits-** over 150 school and hygiene kits sent to those most in need of these Resources.
- **Kill the Chill-** over 75 winter apparel items already donated through the Community Resource Center.
- **Good Samaritan Mission-** meals provided the second Thursday of each month by volunteer groups within PCJH.
- **Agros-** next mission trip is November 7-15. PCJH makes yearly contributions as part of our seven-year commitment with Tierra Nueva.
- **Missionary support** with Brendan Bryant in China.
- **The Table Church** is a missional community of doubters + disciples journeying together in inclusive Christianity. PCJH supports this mission as a way to broaden the reach to those in Casper, WY, in non-traditional ways in an informal, inviting setting where everyone is welcome.
- **Turning Point-** we sponsored a table for their fundraising gala in July.
- **Peace Offering-** supporting peacemaking efforts of the Church at every level. 25% of this offering will go to a peacemaking effort that PCJH chooses.
- **Upward Basketball-** continued ministry with approximately 150 current participants.

Upcoming Opportunities:

- **Jackson Hole Food Cupboard-** collection before Thanksgiving to provide food baskets.
- **Scholarship fund** for those pursuing education for ministry- new opportunity to support those connected to PCJH with various financial needs as they go through Seminary.

Thank you for all that you do. It's amazing to see God's hand at work through our church and through the fruits of our work in Mission. I am constantly in awe of the passion behind PCJH's purposeful giving.

Excited to serve with you, Katie-Chloe

“Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Matthew 20:28)

LITTLE LAMBS

October was a blast! We had a wonderful time learning all about our families and celebrating Fall. We have loved our warm fall days and relished in some extra outside time.

The kids really enjoyed going to Twigs Nursery and exploring all the different types of pumpkins. We hosted our 2nd Annual

Donuts with Dads. It is one of my favorite events of the year and such a blessing to see these children and their dads. We ended the month with our annual Pumpkin Party. This

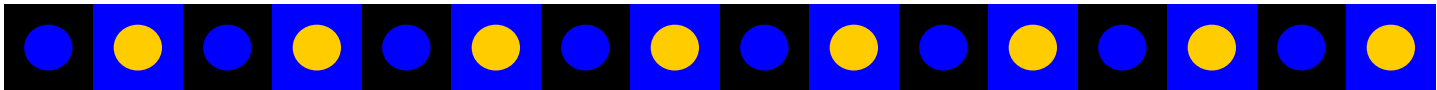
month we loved our bible verse about "being strong and courageous and not being afraid..." (Deuteronomy 31:6) & the kids really look forward to Chapel time with Mr. Ricky.

Next month we looking forward to learning all about Our Community and visiting some fun places. Also, we look forward to celebrating Thanksgiving and remember all our wonderful blessings.

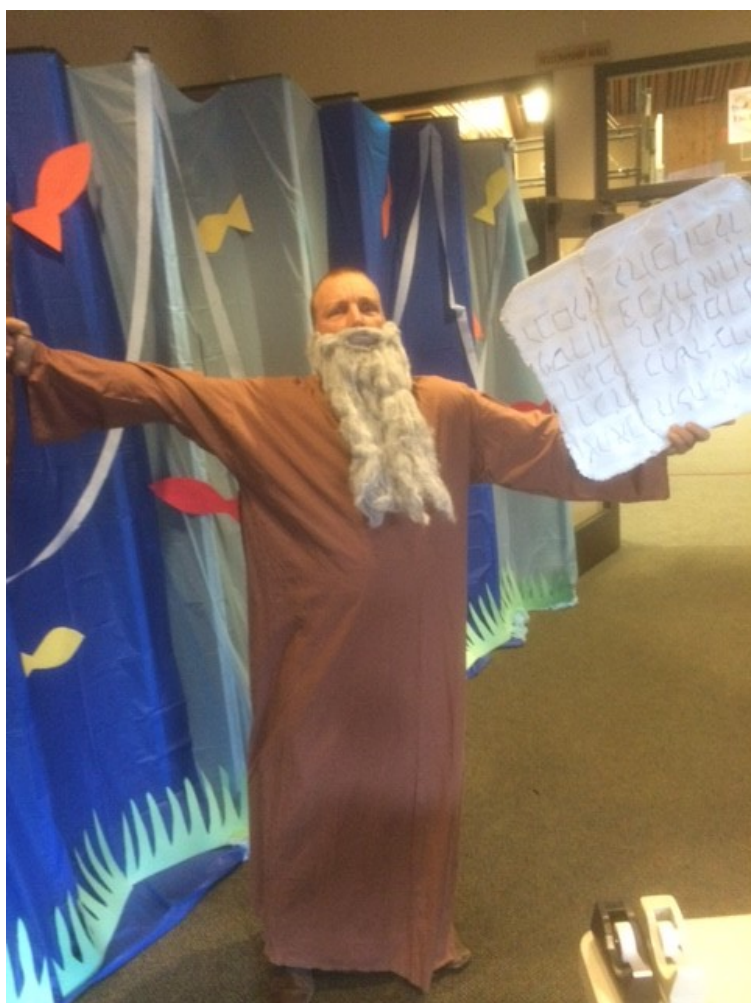
Happy Fall Y'all!!!

Best - Miss Effie & The Little Lambs Team





MIDDLE SCHOOL LOCK IN: This weekend the church hosted its second middle school lock in of the school year. The middle schooler's participated in a slew of exciting activities put together by the Children Youth and Family team. Some of these activities included a life size game of hungry hungry hippos, a nacho challenge, and glow in the dark tag at the Rodeo grounds. Grant, a first year intern at the church, taught a lesson about using the unique talents God has giving you, featuring the story of David and Goliath.



PARENTS NIGHT OUT: Parents night out was a roaring success this weekend. Because PCJH has been going through The Story in Exodus, the theme of the evening was “The Life and Times of Moses”. As families arrived the children were invited to walk through the parted Red Sea by Ricky Emlyn, who was dressed up as Moses for the event. Over 50 children from the community were able to participate in Parents Night Out. While they were at the church they played games, created a burning bush lantern, and heard a message on Moses presented by Jordan Shive. During the few hours many parents were able to spend a date night together while there kids experienced the evening planned by PCJH’s Children Youth and Family team.

Stewardship Update



By the first of November this year, as in years past, we'll have spent over 80% of our budget for the year (because we'll be that far through the year), but will only have received about 55% of our tithes and offerings for the year (because sometimes people wait until the end of the year to give their tithes and offerings).

We would ask that you give prayerful consideration to making further contributions to the our Church at this time in the year toward closing this gap.

There are many ways to give in addition to the moment of contemplation when baskets are passed in worship:

- *You may mail a check to the Church office (please don't send cash through the mail);
- *You may contribute by clicking on the yellow Donate button on the bottom right of the screen on our Church's website PCJH.org;
- *You may arrange for periodic contributions to be made from your checking account by contacting your bank and asking about "recurring bill pay" or ACH; or
- *You may arrange for one-time or periodic contributions to be made from your credit or debit card accounts by contacting Kim Bogen through the Church office at KBogen@PCJH.org.

We're exploring other giving options.

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 October, tithes and offerings to PCJH totalled \$484,999, which was \$43,947 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, although these next few months are critical to us each year.

Thank you to everyone for their generosity.

We have \$423,035 remaining to be raised this year to meet our target towards this year's budget.

Yours in Christ, Stewardship Team PCJH

Finance Update

PCJH has a budget of \$1,006,500, with expenses expected to be greater than revenues by \$27,175. As of the end of September, PCJH is nine months into the 2015 Budget. Expenses continue to be below expected levels for this time of year by \$75,129.

PCJH OPPORTUNITIES

Teton Pass Ski Shuttle Outreach

Have you ever stopped your car to pick up a skier or snowboarder at the base of Teton Pass? They are typically so grateful for the ride and for the conversation. Last winter PCJH embarked on a new outreach to our friends looking for a ride back up the pass. Using our church buses we were able to shuttle many skiers and boarders back to the top and spread some good cheer in our community. The highlight for me (Steve Weber) was the day Teton Gravity Research called on the phone to ask if we would be running our bus that Saturday. It turns out we found a creative niche in the community where we can serve. If you are interested in resuming this outreach this coming winter please come to a brief gathering on Sunday, November 22, following the second service. Let's make a plan for how we can serve this winter!

Advent Devotional Booklet

Advent is coming and with it PCJH will be writing its very own Advent Devotional booklet. Each day during the Advent season leading up to the celebration of our Lord's birth someone from the PCJH family will share a thought or reflection on the scripture for the day, or maybe tell a story of what the coming of Jesus into the world has meant to them. This is a great encouragement in our Advent journey. Please stop by the table in the lobby and select one of the envelopes if you would like to contribute a devotion. Each envelope contains guidelines for writing your devotion and the scripture for your day. All submissions need to be turned in by Sunday, November 15.

Wednesday Evening Classes in November

Join us after dinner on Wednesday evening for several adult class options:

The Story - It is never too late to come to any one of The Story study groups. On Wednesday a group meets in the Genesis room to discuss the week's reading, looking back on the previous Sunday's message in worship. Each study session includes a brief video presentation and guided discussion. Study guides are available.

How To Think Like Jesus - This is a discussion of Brennan Manning's insightful book on the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus' teaching may appear to sound foolish to much of the world but Manning holds that there is an importance to being foolish like Jesus. Let's reflect on this together. Books are available at the class sessions.

Financial Peace University - A group interested in financial stability and responsibility meets every Wednesday to participate in this national course by Dave Ramsey. Our own Colter and Alli Lane lead the course.

Sunday Morning Classes

The Story - This Story group gathers to discuss the chapter of The Story which is being preached about on that particular Sunday. The group is always open to new people attending, even if they have not been a part of a group since the start of The Story. It is never too late to come.

The Gospel of Matthew - Our Sunday Bible class is also open to all and each week stands alone meaning one not need be part of the study from the very beginning of Matthew. Pastor Steve leads this class.



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November Anniversaries 2015



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Scott & Dana Smith 13 years	Nov 2, 2002
Alan & Sue Bybee 45 years	Nov 7, 1970
Ben & Karen Bybee 9 years	Nov 11, 2006
Michael & Claudia Schrotz 28 years	Nov 13, 1987
Gary & Ingrid Shaw 16 years	Nov 20, 1999
John & Barbara Simms 36 years	Nov 23, 1979
Scott & Marsha Nickell 29 years	Nov 29, 1986

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.

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
Amy Dahmen – Teacher
Martha Davila – Teacher
Mrs. Cho – Teacher
Barb Huhn – Teacher
Pat Wright – Teacher

J.O.Y. Summer Camp

Diane McGee – J.O.Y. Summer Camp 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
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

NOVEMBER, 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 The Story Chapter 8 8am Worship Service 10:15am Intergenerational Worship Service Children's Choir to sing (no practice this week) DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS !	2 8:45am Women's Covenant Group	3 6:45am Mens' Breakfast at the Virginian 12 Noon Women's Bible Study 1:15pm Staff Meeting	4 After School Program 5:15 Praise Band Rehearsal 6:00pm Fellowship Dinner 6:45-7:45 Programs for all ages 6:45 Adult Choir	5 12 Noon Men's Group @ Jackson Whole Grocer Community Room 7:00pm Young Adult Fellowship	6 Office Closes at 1pm 5:30-8:30pm Upward Games LAST GAMES OF SEASON	7 8:00am Men's Discussion Group PCJH Youth Lounge 8:30am-5pm AGROS TEAM TO NICARAGUA
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A WORD FROM ASSOCIATE PASTOR STEVE WEBER

Lincoln's Disappointment

On November 19, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln delivered those infamous words, "Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth, on this continent, a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal." The Gettysburg Address was delivered to about 15,000 people seated at a new national cemetery in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

It was a foggy, cold morning. Lincoln arrived about 10 a.m. and around noon the sun came out as the crowds gathered on a hill overlooking the battlefield. A military band played, a local preacher offered a long prayer, and the headlining speaker, Edward Everett, spoke for more than two hours. At that time, a two-hour speech was normal. Everett described the Battle of Gettysburg in great detail, and he brought the audience to tears several times.

When Everett finished, Lincoln got up and pulled his speech from his coat pocket. It consisted of 10 sentences, a total of 272 words. Lincoln did not mention any of the specifics of the war or any of the details of the battle of Gettysburg. He did not mention the North or the South. He did not mention slavery. Instead, he explained, in ordinary language, that our nation was founded on the idea that all people are created equal, and we must continue to fight for the principle, in honor of those who have died fighting for it.

Unfortunately for Lincoln, the audience was distracted by a photographer setting up his camera, and by the time Lincoln had finished his speech and sat down, the audience didn't even realize he had spoken. Lincoln was disappointed in his performance, but the next day Edward Everett told the president, "I wish that I could flatter myself that I had come as near to the central idea of the occasion in two hours as you did in two minutes." The speech was reprinted in newspapers around the country, and it went on to become one of the most important speeches in American history. (Information from *The Writer's Almanac*).

This bit of history is surprising to me. How could something that appeared like failure make such a lasting impact on the heart and soul of the nation? Everyday there are contributions we make to the workings of our community, our families, our world and to the lives of people we encounter. It is tempting to believe that what we do hardly makes an impact. Yet, history is on our side when we say, "Everything matters." It is amazing to me that a speech hardly anyone heard helped shape a nation. Just think how much our contact with children, youth, colleagues, family members and others affects their confidence and stability and direction. One little word can lift a life. One small vision can shape a nation.

We may not be delivering the Gettysburg Address as part of our duties but what we do has every possibility of lending hope and strength to someone. Let us never believe that our service and our work is not important or is not making a difference. If one of the most important speeches in history was barely heard and yet still shaped our nation just think how far-reaching our efforts in helping others can be. You never know ...

"All a person's ways seem pure to them, but motives are weighed by the Lord. Commit to the Lord whatever you do and he will establish your plans." Proverbs 16:2-3

Steve Weber

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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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