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The Presbyterian Church of Jackson Hole

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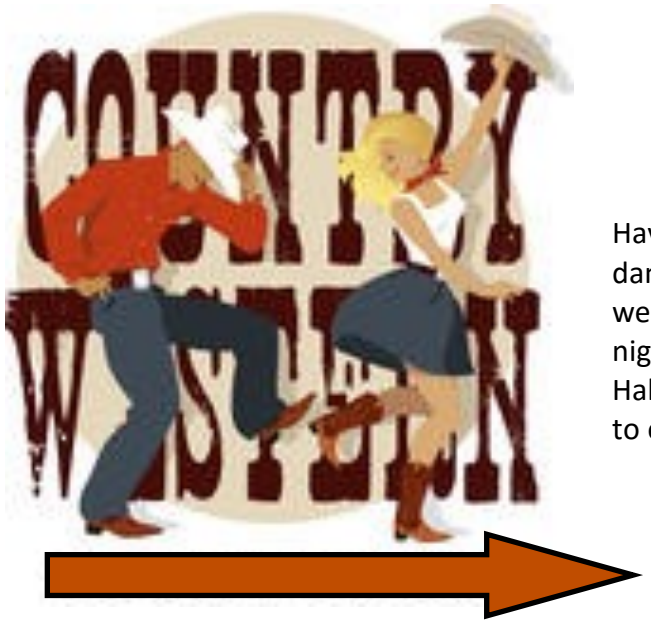
Where every member is a minister!



Western Dance Night
Congregational Life Fellowship Night!

Have you always wanted to learn to country western dance? Well, pardner, here's your chance. Come learn western swing and two-step with Patty and Ted on Friday night, May 13th from 7 to 9:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Free lessons, and then a fun evening of dancing. Open to everyone from age 12 up. See y'all there!

The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee is pleased to share with the congregation that after reviewing more than sixty potential applicants, we conducted Skype interviews with those we felt exhibited the qualities and skills closest to what we're seeking. As a result of the interviews, we have narrowed our selection down to two excellent candidates. We are now entering a time of discernment, and appreciate your prayers for clarity as we seek to determine which candidate is being called to serve as Associate Pastor at PCJH. Please send any questions or comments about the process to pcjhnominating@icloud.com.

The PCJH Office will now be open Fridays until 5pm.

A WORD FROM PASTOR BEN PASCAL

Every Member a Minister

Dear PCJH Family,

We did it!! We finished *The Story!* We spent the last 31 weeks and we have read through the entire narrative of Scripture. Great work!! I hope you enjoyed it and I hope you learned something new and also grew in your faith in the Lord. I thoroughly enjoyed reading God's story with you. It never gets old! I am reminded of the great hymn "*I Love to Tell the Story"* because it is so true.

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems
Than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams.
I love to tell the story, it did so much for me;
And that is just the reason I tell it now to thee.

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it,
more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word.

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

Amen!

I hope you were challenged and encouraged by God's story, which is also your story and my story. It is the greatest story ever told.

There were various groups within the life of the church who journeyed through *The Story* together. The following groups participated along with countless others who participated individually by reading along at home…

1. Sunday morning class at 9:00am
2. Children's Sunday School during 10:15am worship service
3. Tuesday women's bible study at 12:00pm
4. Wednesday after school program for kids
5. Wednesday evening class at 6:45pm
6. Thursday men's group at 12:00pm
7. Thursday 20s & 30s group at 7:00pm

A special thank you to Kathy Robertson and Ken Blount who volunteered to lead our Sunday morning and Wednesday evening classes. Thank you for your faithfulness and dedication to *The Story!* Also special thanks to our Children, Youth and Family staff and volunteers for integrating *The Story* into all of our children, youth and young adult programs.

As you reflect on the past eight months, I am sure you have had some questions pop up as you have wrestled with God's word. We have taken note of some of the questions that have been expressed during class and we will spend the next six weeks on Sunday mornings at 9:00am to address them.

Jesus said in Matthew 7:7, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." I believe Jesus wants us to ask questions in order to explore and discover God's wisdom and truth.

Here are the questions we will discuss…

<u>Sundays at 9:00am with Pastor Ben</u>

- May 1: Why is there so much violence in the Old Testament?
- May 8: Is Jesus God and why does it matter?
- May 15: Does God still speak to us today?
- May 22: Is forgiveness dependent on my forgiving?
- May 29: Does God really lead us into temptation?
- June 5: What are all of us, as believers, called to do?

The early believers engaged in bible study together to search for the truth in Scripture. Here is what it says in Acts 17:11, "Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true."

My hope is that those in attendance will engage in the questions and do some of their own research at home prior to class to try and answer the questions themselves and bring their insights to class.

I am looking forward to reflecting on *The Story* with you by examining the Scriptures and seeking God's wisdom in the midst of our questions.

In Christ, **Pastor Ben**

Welcome New Members

We would like to welcome **Christine Goodman** as a new member of PCJH. Christine is also our Wednesday Night Dinner Chef. Please be sure to welcome her to the church family!

Membership at PCJH is a way for people to publicly proclaim their faith in Jesus Christ and their commitment to the ministry and mission of the local church. Once someone becomes a member of PCJH, they are assigned a deacon who prays and cares for them. Members are also allowed to vote on important matters in the life of the church, serve as deacons, elders, and committee chairs. There are other perks and discounts related to our children, youth, and family fee-based ministries.

In order to become a member, we ask people to attend one of our quarterly church information classes. After attending the class and having any questions answered about their personal faith and the church, the individual attends one of our Church Session meetings where they are asked four questions of faith in front of the Ruling Elders and then accepted into membership. If you are interested in becoming a new member, our next Church Information Class will be held on **Sunday, July 10th from 11:30am to 2:00pm** (lunch and childcare provided). Please RSVP with Cindy Dahlin at cdahlin@pcjh.org if you are interested in attending.

Church in the Tetons – Chartering Celebration

Our sister church, Church in the Tetons, a PC(USA) church in Driggs is officially being chartered on **Sunday, May 15th at 3:00pm** at the Wildwood Room at 7705 Lupine Road in Victor, Idaho. It is no coincidence that May 15th is Pentecost Sunday as we remember the movement of the Holy Spirit in growing the church. PCJH was instrumental in the planting of this new church development over seven years ago and it is now officially being chartered. There will be a worship service at 3pm and then a grand celebration with lots of food and drink. Let's gather to celebrate with our Presbyterian friends in Victor/Driggs!!

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Once again the Mission Team would like to thank you for your gifts of $711.00 for One Great Hour of Sharing. "Out of chaos, Hope" was the thought on people's minds as they struggled to help others retrieve their lives after devastating disasters. Your gifts of money and have been the source of Hope for many places in the world where Hope is all they have left.

Thank You!! Your Mission Team!!

BEING ALIVE TOGETHER WITH CHRIST

HOST CHURCH: SHEPHARD OF THE HILLS, CASPER, WYOMING

COME ONE, COME ALL TO THE
PRESBYTERY OF WYOMING
RALLY DAY

May 6, 2016
4pm Presbytery Meeting
5:30pm Cookout
Bouncy House and Much More!!
7pm Worship and Praise
Commissioning of Triennium Participants
9pm Youth Overnight

May 7, 2016 (Childcare Provided)
9am Praise Band
9:30am Keynote Speaker
Small Group Breakouts
12pm Lunch
WHERE'S YOUR BURNING BUSH?

Great Entertainment Value
A Hotel Room for the Night
Dinner, Breakfast, Lunch

$40.00

GODS NOT DEAD, HE'S SURELY ALIVE
IN WYOMING

Happy Spring!!! We are loving the warmer weather and sun. We enjoyed Spring Break and have been talking all about nature. We have been working in our garden and going on hikes. In May, we will have some fun and learn about dinosaurs, go to a few local parks and enjoy Bike Week.

There are still a few spots for 2016-2017 Little Lambs classes.
Contact Miss Effie if you are interested.
eedwards@pcjh.org or 307.739.9591

SAVE THE DATES

***Mother's Day Muffin Brunch May 5th & 6th at 11:30 a.m.**

***Little Lamb End of Year Program/Graduation– May 26th @ 5:30 p.m.**

Sunday School

Since September Sunday school classes have been following The Story. It has led the children of PCJH through the heart and plan that God has for His people Israel, and the promise that He made to them centuries ago to make a way for them to have a personal relationship with the Lord. Easter Sunday was the apex of the curriculum, where every promise was fulfilled in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. As Sunday school volunteers, teachers have relayed these truths to your children, they also have been the hands and feet of our savior. They have laughed and prayed with your children. They have communicated truth to every child through the Word of God. What a privilege PCJH has to witness such faithful servants of our Lord. Though The Story is coming to a close, God's story in all of our lives is not. PCJH will continue to teach our kids and community in the ways laid out for us through scripture and prayer. We will continue worshiping together, and rejoicing in the joy of our salvation. Thank you to every volunteer who helped teach through 31 weeks of God's Story. May the Lord bless you and keep you and continue teaching you about your identity as a child of The Most High God.

Children, Youth, and Family News

At PCJH Youth Group we try to engage our students with truth provided for all of us in the Bible. This week they key verse was Romans 12:9 " Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good". To unpack this verse PCJH Intern, Aubrey Hoffman, asked the kids a series of questions: such as, what do you think it means to be sincere? And, If you were to live by this verse, what would be on your list of evil things to hate, and good things to cling to? The wonderful thing about asking our youth to reflect on these questions is that it gives them an opportunity to apply truths from the Bible to their everyday lives. Romans 12:10-21 unpacks this verse for us by describing what it means to love with sincere love. I encourage you as a member of this church to open your bible at home and read this passage for yourself. It has suggestions that will completely change how you approach your relationships. The passage closes by saying "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good". By this philosophy Jesus conquered death and proclaimed freedom and forgiveness and eternal life for all men, simply asking us to admit our need for Jesus in our lives.

Stewardship Update

Pastor Ben and Stewardship Co-Chair Greg Wright recently travelled to San Antonio to attend the Kaleidoscope conference put together by various Presbyterian agencies and ministries to discuss Stewardship. Karl Travis, pastor and theologian, spoke to the conference about a way of reinterpreting the Bible, not as the familiar story of sin and redemption, but instead as the story of God's generosity, as contemplation of God's heart, and as a celebration of the continually overflowing of the abundance that we have been given. Pastor Travis spoke not of God's generosity per se, but of the reckless abandon with which God gives. Pastor Travis explained that he views God's generosity as an invitation to participate, as a relationship, as an echo, as an expression of our being <u>with</u> God in generosity. He suggested that God asks us to tithe and bring offerings not out of obedience to God, but out of identity with God. As a way of recognizing His generosity and our blessings.

Giving back to the Lord is a cornerstone of our tradition and essential to our spiritual practice as a faith. Forms of "give" and "gave" are among the most common words in the Bible and the most common themes of the stories — the cadence continuously repeated. God gives us the universe. Then when that is not enough, he gives himself – and forgiveness and eternity.

Our target for PCJH's 2016 budget for tithes and offerings is $930,735, or $22,701 more than our target for 2015, which we met through your generosity and prayers.

We're currently $10,873 below where we were in gifts to the church at this time last year, which, when added to our increase in target from last year, puts us $33,674 behind goal.

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 mails).

*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.

*You may contribute by texting a dollar amount to 307 200 2175. (You will be asked to provide billing information the first time you send a text.)

*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.

Thank you for your generosity and prayers.
Yours in Christ, Stewardship Team PCJH

THE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Thursday-Friday, August 11-12, 2016

BILL HYBELS
Founder and Senior Pastor,
Willow Creek Community Church

"Leaders are at their very best when they are raising up leaders around them."

JOHN C. MAXWELL
Leadership Expert;
Bestselling Author and Coach

"Leaders must be close enough to relate to others, but far enough ahead to motivate them. "

When there is trust, conflict becomes nothing but the pursuit of truth. **PATRICK LENCIONI**

Register now at http://pcjh.org/events/global-leadership-summit/ using the priority code you received in the church bulletin for our special early bird host site rate.

Contact Sue Unruh with questions at sueunruh@gmail.com or 224-623-0109.

PCJH BIG

Saturday, June 11 a.m.

Please bring your donations, large and small, to either the trailer which will be parked in the PCJH parking lot around May 16 or to the Fair Grounds Building the Monday through Thursday the week of the sale.

Remember to sign up for volunteering to organize the week of the sale Any hours and all of the days if possible. We would love to work alongside you, your friends or relatives. We love your ideas! It is fun...it really is!

Call for more information:
Diane Nichols. 303 748 7138
Irene Lund. 310 993 7485

CHOOSE GENEROSITY

"Sometimes when we are generous in small, barely detectable ways, it can change someone else's life forever." M. Cho

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May Anniversaries 2016

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May 1 Robyn & Randy Reedy
34 years

May 6 Debbie & Steve Iobst
39 years

May 7 Carole & Merrill Seggerman
61 years

May 10 Darla & Mike Jackson
29 years

May 15 Debra & Craig Sonderman
24 years

May 17 Liz & Dave Sparks
36 years

May 20 Mark & Brie Morzov
9 years

May 22 Diane & Kent Nichols
40 years

May 23 Betsy & Pete Forster
52 years

May 23 Laura & Ron Miller
34 years

May 27 Jim & Nancy Stockhouse
39 years

** *Please let our church office know your wedding anniversary date so we can be in prayerful celebration with you* !
office@pcjh.org or 734-0388**

GET TO KNOW US

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Ruling Elders

Ruling Elders are the spiritual leaders and overseers of the church. Session meetings are the third Tuesday of every month at 5:30pm.

Larry Jorgenson *Clerk of Session*	Katie-Chloe Stock *Missions*	Nancy Dunlap *Worship*
Barb Andrews *Children,Youth & Family*	Larry Huhn *Building & Grounds*	Patty McDonald *Personnel*
Debbie Schlinger *Congregational Life*	Peter Keenan *Nominating*	Pat Wright *Stewardship*
Warren VanGenderen *Adult Ministries*	Alli Lane *Small Groups*	Alan Lund *Finance*

Deacons

Deacons provide the ministry of compassion and service for those in need.

Co-chairs: Donna Barrett & Karen Brennan

Kenlyn Long	Michael Adams	Joanie Shipman
Barb Huhn	Yvonne Henze	Tena Webb
Jen Baki	Dylan Wade	Deb Keenan
Paula Jorgensen	Erin Rosenberg	Deb Kopp
Irene Lund	Julie Matzke	Kerry Murphy
Jennifer Wolf	Nancy Brumsted	Carol Poole
Jackie Montgomery	Sandra Zender	Julie Whitlock
Bob & Mary Walton	Randy & Robyn Reedy	

Facilities

Our facilities are available to rent for meetings, events, etc. Please contact Cindy Dahlin for details, cdahlin@pcjh.org.

MAY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8am Worship Service 9:00am Adult Classes 9:30am Children's Choir Rehearsal 10:15am Intergenerational Worship Service Honoring Keith Phillips 4:30pm Financial Peace Class	2	3 6:45am Men's Breakfast at the Virginian 12 Noon Women's Bible Study 1:30pm Staff Meeting	4 9:15am Holy Yoga After School Program 5:15 Praise Band Rehearsal 6pm Fellowship Dinner 6:45-7:45 Programs for all ages 6:45 Adult Choir	5 11:30am Little Lambs Mother's Day Muffin Brunch 12 Noon Men's Group @ Jackson Whole Grocer Community Room 7:00pm Young Adult Fellowship	6 11:30am Little Lambs Mother's Day Muffin Brunch	7 8:00am Men's Discussion Group PCJH Youth Lounge
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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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