

## Thank You Volunteers!

### December Deacons:

Julie Matzke  
Deb Kopp

### Welcome Table:

Ingrid Watsabaugh

### Gift Counters:

Julie Birrer & Kraig Kobert

### Pinnacle Newsletter

Volunteer: Barb Huhn

### A Special Thank You!

To the Choir, Musicians and AV Techs who performed and produced the Cantata last Sunday.

### Volunteer Opportunities:

Wednesday Bus Drivers for JOY After-School  
Sunday School Teachers  
Nursery Care

## GIVING

*"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." - 2 Corinthians 9:7*

Giving generously is essential to our spiritual life and reflects our gratitude to God. There are many ways to give in addition to the baskets passed in worship...



\*Mail - a check to the Church office (please don't send cash)



\*Online - by clicking on the yellow Donate button on the bottom right of the screen, pcjh.org



\*Text - by texting a dollar amount to 307-200-2175. (You will be asked to provide billing information the first time.)



\*Credit or debit card payments, please contact Kim Bogen at kbogen@pcjh.org.

Thank you for your generosity!

## PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Christmas Cantata Last Sunday



**Worship Service 10:15am December 25, 2016**

### Thoughts for Reflection

*"In this life we have three great lasting qualities - faith, hope and love. But the greatest of them is love."  
- I Corinthians 13:13*

*"Do your little bit of good where you are. It's those little bits of God put together that overwhelm the world."  
- Desmond Tutu*

*"Love ain't a thing, love is a verb"  
- John Mayer*

### THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF JACKSON HOLE

is a church where every member is a minister, called to pass on the faith, as we...

**Gather** to love God and others;

**Grow** to know and follow Jesus; and

**Go** to make a difference in the world.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



December 25<sup>th</sup>

- 10:15am service ONLY

December 26<sup>th</sup>

- Office CLOSED

January 1<sup>st</sup>

- 8:00am service

- 9:00 Holy Land Class

- 10:15 service

### **Standing at the Crossroads**

Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 9:00am

In Genesis Room. Just as the time and place of our birth and life shapes our journey, so the land and culture of the Hebrew people shaped their story. Join Pastor Ben to discuss Ray Vander Laan's video of the Holy Land and discover how God guided his people to a specific place - the Promised Land - to impact the world both in ancient times and today.

### **Employment Opportunities**

-Children's Ministry

Coordinator (FT)

-Youth Coordinator (PT)

-After School Staff (PT)

Please contact Tammy Letts for more information, tletts@pcjh.org

### **Holy Land Pilgrimage**

April 22-May 3, 2018

Join others from PCJH and the Jackson Hole community on a pilgrimage to the land of the Bible to walk in the footsteps of Jesus. Please contact Pastor Ben if you are interested in more information, bpascal@pcjh.org.

### **Stewardship Update**

Thank you to everyone in our church family for your tithes & offerings in 2016. We are blessed to have met our giving targets for the year. We deeply appreciate the generosity of so many. Praise be to God! Now that we have finished 2016 in a strong financial position, we aim to start 2017 with abundant resources for ministry. Please consider making a generous year-end gift toward our coming year's campaign. Gifts must be postmarked or received by December 31 to qualify for 2016 tax deduction.

### **Couples Retreat**

February 10th & 11th

PCJH is hosting a retreat for couples, facilitated by Mike & Shari Gaffney from Seattle, WA. The Gaffney's have a long history in healthy relationship building. Please join us for this special event! Contact Pastor Ben, bpascal@pcjh.org for more details or to register.



## WORSHIP

### **Sunday Worship Services:**

8:00am – Traditional Worship Service

10:15am – Contemporary Worship Service

## FELLOWSHIP

**Wednesday Community Dinners** – As a church we are intentional about gathering as a community during the week. Our Wednesday dinners are 6:15-7:00pm, September through May. Following dinner there are great programs and classes for all ages, 7:00-8:00pm. Let Christine Goodman know if you would like to help with setup, cleanup or in the kitchen, 307-690-1199.

**Holy Yoga** – Mondays, 9:15am. Come enjoy a time of worship, movement, and inspiration. \$10 suggested donation.

**Dinner Groups** – If you would like to join a monthly fellowship dinner group, please contact Deb Schlinger, debbieschlinger@gmail.com.

## MISSION & OUTREACH

**Good Samaritan Mission** – PCJH prepares a meal at the local mission monthly, the second Thursday of every month, 5:00-6:15pm. Anyone is welcome to provide a dish for this meal and groups are encouraged! Please contact Katie-Chloe Stock with questions, katiechloe1@gmail.com.

**Stephen Ministry** – PCJH provides trained Stephen Ministers who are available to meet with you one-on-one to provide regular support and care for you during a difficult time or season in life. Please contact Pastor Ben if you would like to meet with a Stephen Minister.

## ADULT CLASSES – No Classes This Week!



### **Women's Bible Study**

Tuesdays, 12:00pm at PCJH, in the Matthew Room w/ Pastor Ben



### **Men's Bible Study**

Thursdays, 12:00pm at the Whole Grocer, in the Community Room w/ Pastor Ben



### **Ascent: Young Adults (20's & 30's)**

7:00pm Wednesdays in the Matthew Room. Join us for fellowship and study.



### **Book of Acts**

(will resume January 8<sup>th</sup>)  
Sundays at 9:00am w/ Pastor Tammy in the Genesis room.



### **Discussing Mere Christianity**

Wednesday at 7:00pm  
with Pastor Tammy



### **Visits to the Holy Land**

Wednesdays at 5:15pm w/ Pastor Ben, DVD study by Ray Vander Laan



### **Fresh Air Study**

Sundays at 9:00am with Sandra Zender. study the book by Chris Hodges



## GET TO KNOW US

### Pastoral Staff

Rev. Ben Pascal  
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*Interim JOY After School Coordinator*

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### Ruling Elders

Ruling Elders are the spiritual leaders of the church.

Session meetings are the third Tuesday of every month at 5:30pm.

#### Class of 2016

Larry Huhn  
*Building & Grounds\**

Alan Lund  
*Finance*

Debbie Schlinger  
*Congregational Life*

Alli Lane  
*Small Groups*

#### 2017

Katie-Chloe Stock  
*Missions*

Nancy Dunlap  
*Worship*

Larry Jorgenson  
*Clerk of Session*

Patty McDonald\*  
*Personnel*

#### 2018

Barb Andrews  
*Children/Youth*

Peter Keenan  
*Nominating*

Pat Wright  
*Stewardship*

Warren  
VanGenderen  
*Adult Ministries*

### Deacons

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

#### Class of 2016

Kenlyn Long  
Deb Kopp\*  
Julie Matzke  
Kerry Murphy  
Irene Lund  
Jennifer Wolf  
Randy & Robyn  
Reedy

#### 2017

Michael Adams\*  
Joanie Shipman\*  
Carol Poole  
Julie Whitlock\*  
Jackie Montgomery  
Nancy Brumsted  
Sandra Zender  
Donna Barrett\*  
Karen Brennan\*

#### 2018

Jen Baki  
Tena Webb\*  
Deb Keenan  
Barb Huhn\*  
Yvonne Henze\*  
Erin Rosenberg  
Paula Jorgenson  
Dylan Wade

\*serving second term

### FACILITIES

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

## CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY

### Nursery

Available Sundays, 8:00-11:30am, 0-3 years old

### Sunday School

We gather together weekly during the 10:15 worship service and have classes based on age groups: 4yrs to K, 1st and 2nd grade, 3-5th grade and 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade. We strive to help each child develop a relationship with Jesus Christ and develop a loving personal relationship with each child.



### Little Lambs Preschool

The mission of Little Lambs is to provide a loving environment that promotes the social, physical, intellectual and spiritual development for your child. Little lambs runs from September – June. Classes available 9:00am - 3:00pm, M-F, plus before and after care. Please sign up online, www.pcjh.org. Contact Effie Edwards, eedwards@pcjh.org

### JOY After School

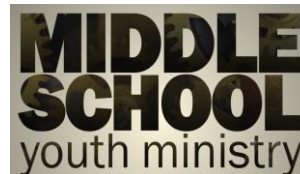
Our After-School program is offered for any children in Kindergarten through Fifth grade in any of the local elementary schools. The program runs September - June and is from the school's dismissal until 6:15pm, Wednesday. We have a healthy snack, homework time, Bible devotional, music, and organized/free playtime. Please contact Renee Knutson, rknutson@pcjh.org.



### Middle School

1/8 – NEXT meeting, 4:30pm

Contact Pastor Tammy for more information, tletts@pcjh.org



### Music Department

Adult & Children's choirs, and music lessons (piano, guitar, strings & voice). Contact Kenny Hadden music@pcjh.org. Listen to our worship music on the 'pcjhmusic' playlist on Spotify.



## WE GATHER IN GRATEFUL WORSHIP

### Songs of Gathering

*Angels From the Realms of Glory*

Welcome and Opening Prayer Rev. Tamara Letts

### Songs of Praise

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

*It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*

### Prayer or Confession\*

**Gracious God, we would like to be among those who saw the coming of the Christ Child, those who dropped all that they were doing and traveled to worship the coming of God's love into this world.**

**And yet, merciful God, we must recognize all the times we are more like Herod: Whenever we, in our actions or in our inactions, find our own needs more compelling than the needs of others.**

**Whenever we cling to the security of our privilege, rather than standing up for the rights of the oppressed. Whenever we are complicit in the injustices of this world. Whenever our selfishness trumps our generosity.**

**Loving God, we pray that you will fill us with your light, that we may live our lives as true disciples in your name, without counting the cost. In the name of Jesus Christ, the one who redeems our lives and shows us the way, we pray. Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon

One: God's light is present in this world. Present in the Christ child, born to lead us out of darkness. Present in the star, in all that guides us to love.

**All: God's light is in the world, and the darkness did not overcome it. God's grace is in the world, and our mis-steps will not overcome it.**

**We are loved, and we are forgiven in Jesus Christ. Alleluia! Amen.**

### Song of Response

*Refrain: O Come Let Us Adore Him*

### Passing the Peace of Christ

## A TIME FOR FAMILY CELEBRATION

### News of the Family

### Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

*(Forgive us our sins)*

### Presenting our Tithes and Offerings

*(Please sign the welcome pads)*

Offertory *The Trumpet Child* Megan Letts, Vocalist  
Zach Johnson, Bass

## WE GROW BY LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

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Time for Reflection and Study Rev. Tamara Letts

*Barrington Bunny*

\*adapted from Eliza Buchakjian-Tweedy

## WE GO TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN GOD'S WORLD

### Closing Hymn

*Go Tell It On the Mountain*

### Benediction

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### WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are new to PCJH we want to welcome you and let you know we are glad you are here! We hope you feel at home here and experience God's presence and grace today. We would love to get to know you, so please leave your information on a **welcome pad** located in each row. **Nametags** are also available at the welcome table and help us all greet one another.

### Childcare

10:15am – Nursery available for 0-3 year olds

### Want to know more about PCJH?

Please stop by our Welcome Table in the lobby.

Our next **Church Information Class** with Pastor Ben will be on Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> from 11:30am to 2:00pm. Lunch and childcare provided.

Please RSVP with Cindy at [cdahlin@pcjh.org](mailto:cdahlin@pcjh.org)



### Nametags on Sundays

Please remember to wear your nametags to help us get to know one another better.

## HOW TO STAY CONNECTED



Website

[www.pcjh.org](http://www.pcjh.org)



Facebook



Weekly Email

Let us know if you would like your email added, [office@pcjh.org](mailto:office@pcjh.org)



Monthly Newsletter

Available for pick-up in the Lobby, view online, or by mail upon request



Sermons Online

[pcjh.org/online-sermons/](http://pcjh.org/online-sermons/)



Prayer Requests

[pcjh.org/prayer-requests/](http://pcjh.org/prayer-requests/)

## PRAYER

If there is anything you would like our prayer team to be praying about or you would like to be added to the prayer email list, please let us know, [office@pcjh.org](mailto:office@pcjh.org).

*"Be joyful always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." - 1Thessalonians 5:16-18*

## NOTES...