

OCTOBER, 2017



PEACEMAKING OFFERING

October 1, 2017



There are four Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (USA); the Peacemaking Offering is one of those four. It supports the peacemaking efforts of the Church at every level, and provides an opportunity to witness to God's Peacegiving in the world. We are called to be agents of reconciliation for individuals, for families and for communities, as well as in the international arena. We are called to do what we individually and collectively can do to build a culture of peace in the world.

Each congregation is encouraged to keep 25% of this offering for its own peacemaking efforts ... 25% will be used to support Presbytery and Synod peacemaking, and 50% will be forwarded to the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program of the General Assembly (the national level of PC(USA)). You may visit www.pcusa.org to learn more.

We, who enjoy so much peace in our lives compared to most of the rest of the world, have an opportunity with this offering to share some of our good fortune with so many others in need. We hope you will wish to participate! You may use Peacemaking envelopes from the display or your Bulletin on Sunday, October 1, 2017 .

Thank you so much. The Mission Team



**PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH
OCTOBER, 2017**

The month of October is Pastor Appreciation Month. On October 15th, there will be a basket in the lobby where you will be able to write a special note to our Pastors.

**Clerks Corner for September 2017
Ken Blount**

Session continued their study of the Being Reformed class for Ruling Elders. Study continued to focus on the Confessions & Doctrine of PCUSA. Discussion topics were elder led with Aaron Nydam discussing the Confession of 1967.

Session shared stories of remembrance for Meta Sternberg celebrating her faithfulness to the Lord, her love of life and her love of gardening. Since Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday in 2017, Session voted to change church services from 8:00 AM and 10:15 AM to the standard Christmas Eve schedule. Session also voted to call a Congregational Meeting to elect Ruling Elders, Deacons and 2018 Nominating Team on Sunday, November 5th at 11:30am.

Little Lambs is off to another great start! Kids are beginning to settle into routines and learn about teachers and class friends. Friendship and getting along with each other has been our focus as we establish this new school year. We look forward to all that Fall will bring: cooler weather, changing leaves, pumpkin activities and field trips. We're getting used to our new friends and teachers alike and looking forward to a great year!

Amanda Lack, Little Lambs Director

Every Member a Minister



Dear PCJH Family,

As summer is now a distant memory and autumn is upon us, I thought I would share with you some books that I read over the summer that some of you may be interested in reading yourself. Below is Pastor Ben's summer book review:

Reformation Thought: An Introduction
by Alister E. McGrath

As I have mentioned before, this October is the 500th anniversary of when the great reformer, Martin Luther, posted his Ninety-five Theses on the door of All Saints' Church in Wittenberg, Germany. While the reformation was a movement that spanned several decades, October 31, 1517 was a day that has historical significance because it marks the beginning of the Reformation of the church by people like Luther, and then Zwingli, Calvin, Wesley, and so many others who followed.

Reformation Thought: An Introduction is a great synopsis of the European reformation for those who are interested in church history and reformed theology. This would make a great companion this Fall as we go through our current sermon series: The Roots of Reformed Theology.

Seeking Refuge: On the Shores of the Global Refugee Crisis
by Stephen Bauman, Matthew Soerens, and Dr. Issam Smeir

I was given this book by a friend while I was at a pastor's conference at Whitworth University this summer. It is written by the president of World Relief, an amazing evangelical Christian organization that works all over the world to bring relief to people who are in need. They focus much of their efforts on refugees. This book is a must read for anyone who has felt compelled to do something in the midst of this global refugee crisis we are in. It gives a clear biblical

perspective of our responsibility as Christians. The authors offer a practical, well-rounded, well-researched guide to the issue. They answer questions such as:

- Who are refugees and other displaced peoples?
- What are the real risks and benefits of receiving them?
- How do we balance compassion and security?

Drawing from history, public policy, psychology, many personal stories, and their own unique Christian worldview, the authors offer a nuanced and compelling portrayal of the plight of refugees and the extraordinary opportunity we have to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Raising an Emotionally Intelligent Child
by John Gottman, Ph.D.

This is a book I am reading for the second time. I read it about seven years ago and now I'm reading it again. It is one of those parenting books that can literally transform you and your child. The book is a guide to teaching children to understand and regulate their emotional world. John Gottman is an acclaimed psychologist and researcher on marriage and family therapy. Through this book he will teach you how emotionally intelligent children will enjoy increased self-confidence, greater physical health, better performance in school, and healthier social relationships. This book will equip parents to be an "emotion coach" through a five-step process:

1. Be aware of a child's emotions
2. Recognize emotional expression as an opportunity for intimacy and teaching
3. Listen empathetically and validate a child's feelings
4. Label emotions in words a child can understand
5. Help a child come up with an appropriate way to solve a problem or deal with an upsetting issue or situation.

Gottman's hope is that this book will enrich the bonds between parent and child and contribute immeasurably to the development of a generation of emotionally healthy adults.

Happy reading my friends!

On the journey with you, Ben

Children's Ministry Corner

by Dylan Wade



Volunteerism Part 3: Own, Don't Rent!

Going back to part 1 of my series of Pinnacle articles on volunteering, it, especially in Children's Ministry, is not easy, has very little tangible rewards, and difficult to commit to in our busy lives. Therefore normal people will most often not be willing to commit to it. Somehow there are people who do volunteer. Those people own their responsibility for which they signed up and are therefore not normal. We are always looking for not normal people and you might just qualify. Let's look at what makes a not normal person.

Think about the last time you volunteered at this church. If you haven't yet, why not? When you signed up for a volunteer position at church why did you do it? What were your motivations? Did you sign up, because there was a sign up sheet? Or maybe you signed up so you would stop getting emails and calls from the church office asking for help? Perhaps you signed up because everyone else was signing up and didn't want to be the one who didn't. If you answered yes to any of these you are most likely a renter versus an owner of your volunteerism. If you did not answer yes to any one of these three reasons maybe you signed up because you felt some sort of a tug from the Holy Spirit and decided to go for it? Or you felt that the need to do your part in helping shape our congregational and community children? Perhaps you felt the need to connect with our church and/or Jesus in some way and thought that committing to this position would bring that about. If you answered yes to the second three reasons than you are most likely an owner versus a renter of your volunteerism. Is only one acceptable? No. No matter the reason for volunteering, it is better than not and we have plenty of need for both in our church. However, I would like to make the case for owner over renters, especially when it concerns our children going forward.

First lets look at what characterizes a renter. To be a renter, volunteering is temporary and problem free. They have invested very little and therefore do not feel the need to help fix anything or think outside the box. Renters do not want to invest more because it will be less costly to their lives and thus only look for a short-term commitment. In other words, if you only show up three times a year you will not have much of an impact on a child's life.

Owners are different. They are in it for the long haul and look to help or fully solve a problem. They are willing to be big spenders. Big spenders of their time, relationships, and even their money all towards the ministry for which they are volunteering. Owners believe deeply in what they are doing and have bought into the vision of the ministry they are serving. They push the limits to work on solutions, to resolve conflict, and to innovate and make better. Finally, owners invest more because they know they will get a bigger return.



So what does owning look like here at PCJH? To be an owner at PCJH in the Children's Ministry, one needs to be committed to our purpose as well as to contributing at least one time per month during the course of the year in one or more ministry programs. To learn more about how you can contribute and sign up as a volunteer in the Children's Ministry, please see the [link to a questionnaire on the PCJH website](#). We live in a community that is very fluid, where residents and congregants transition between homes throughout the country and world, are called regularly to the mountains and the fun within them, and otherwise

bombarded with the business that is life in Jackson Hole. On the flip side, our community and congregation is very giving as we support hundreds of nonprofit organizations financially as well as with our time. With so many options it is hard to be an owner in Jackson Hole -- but it is possible.

**The return on investment is great -- not just for you, but even more so for our children.
If we continue to be renters in Children's Ministry we will continue to fall short.
So let's be not normal and OWN THIS!**

A WORD FROM PASTOR TAMMY MITCHELL



Growing up, the meal where we all sat down together as a family was the breakfast table. I know it sounds unfathomable nowadays with everyone dashing off to work, school or some athletic practice. But back in the dark ages, we would make it a point to be ready for breakfast together every morning.

Each day my father would pull out the Bible, usually the Phillips translation of the New Testament. It looked like the Betty Crocker's cookbook. Dad would read a passage of Scripture and then we would begin to memorize it as a family. We didn't just learn a verse or two. My father wouldn't have stood for that. We learned entire chapters. That's how we started every day, hearing and learning the Bible.

Do not think we as kids, necessarily enjoyed this breakfast ritual. It wasn't that Dad was dictatorial about it. It was just a clear value in our family to know the Scriptures. It wasn't until much later that I realized just how precious this became in my life.

Now the Bible is available 24 hours a day. We can get apps on our phones and have it accessible at all times. We can access any version, including versions specifically for children, teens, women, or men. How far we have come from the people in the first century! The only Scripture they had was the Hebrew Scriptures, and the stories of Jesus that the apostles told and wrote down. For hundreds of years, nobody had their own Bible in his or her own native language¹. Thank the Lord for people like Martin Luther who believed so strongly to put God's word into people's hands that he translated the Latin Bible into the common German language of the people.

Yet many have wondered if having the Bible so available and so accessible is making any difference. Are we reading it? Are we exploring it? Are we learning it? Do we see it as something worth our time? Does it make an impact in our lives? If not, why not? In 1993, the late Professor Dallas Willard wrote:

We have counted on preaching and teaching to form faith in the hearer, and on faith to form the inner life and ordered behavior of the Christian. But for whatever reason, this strategy has not turned out well. The result is that we have multitudes of professing Christians that well may be ready to die, but obviously are not ready to live, and can hardly get along with themselves, much less others.²

The point he and others are making is that even with the Bible at our fingertips, we count on others to form our faith for us. Yet the Word of God in the Scriptures creates faith in us. It is the way we learn who we are and who God is. 2 Timothy 3:16,17 states, *"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."* If reading and studying the Bible lies at the heart of being a people of faith, then why would we not take every opportunity to examine and discover what God has gifted us?

Every week, at PCJH, we have several opportunities to join with our friends to learn God's Word together. We hold adult Sunday morning classes, mid-week men's groups, women's groups, and Wednesday night classes. Why not make it a priority to participate? These are wonderful times to ask questions, listen to others, and to be formed and transformed by God's word. The purpose of the Bible is to be useful so that we might really know how to live!

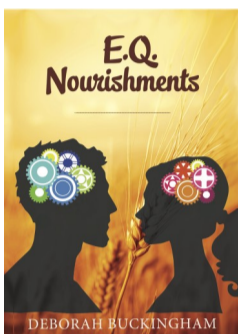
If there is one thing our Lord wants from us, it is for us to know God and for God to know us. I encourage each of us to come to a class, or at least take 5 minutes a day to read the Bible and to pray. But beware...you may find out just how much God really does love you. Why? Because the Bible tells you so.

¹ Bolsinger, Tod, *It Takes a Church to Raise a Christian*, Brazos Pres; 2004

² Dallas Willard, "Spiritual Formation in Christ: A perspective on What It Is and How It Might Be Done," given at Fuller Theological Seminary October 22, 1993.



Adult Christian Education



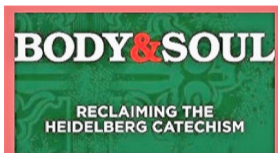
Fall Women's Bible Study

Wed. Sept. 13th - Nov. 1st, 9:30-11:30am
Join Deborah Buckingham and Nancy Erwin at PCJH as we unpack how to grow emotionally and spiritually! Come worship with the best talent in Jackson, be nourished in the Word, and enjoy a time of fellowship within a safe and loving small group setting. All are welcome. RSVP to: jhwomensbiblestudy@gmail.com if you plan to join us and if you need childcare for children 5 and under.



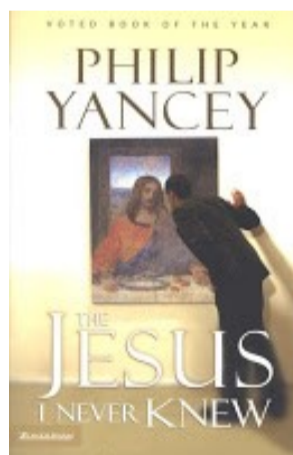
Agros Mission Trip

The next Agros mission trip to our village of Tierra Nueva in Nicaragua is scheduled for November 4th -12th, 2017. There are still several openings on the team and we hope you will consider being part of this great PCJH mission initiative. If you are interested please contact Bob Kopp at bkopp@waldenasset.com or Addie Pascal at addiepascal@gmail.com.



Body and Soul: Reclaiming the Heidelberg Catechism

- a 6 week DVD series with Rev. Dr. M. Craig Barnes, President of Princeton Seminary. The Heidelberg Catechism was written to address life's big questions. Its answers are as compelling today as they were then. Come join us for this new ground breaking study. Led by Rev. Tamara Mitchell.



The Jesus I Never Knew

Wednesdays at 5:15pm in Genesis
How does the Jesus of the New Testament compare to the "new, rediscovered" Jesus—or even the Jesus we think we know so well? Join Pastor Tammy in this study as Philip Yancey offers a new and different perspective on the life of Christ and his work—his teachings, his miracles, his death and resurrection—and ultimately, who he was and why he came. Led by Rev. Tamara Mitchell.



2017 Global Leadership Summit



Many thanks to our engaged attendees, dedicated staff and volunteers, and three partner churches who played an integral part in the huge success of PCJH's 3rd annual Global Leadership Summit. in August!



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**October Birthdays
2017**

- October 1**
Louisa Sandvig
- October 2**
Cindy Weber
- October 3**
Marian Meyers
Erin Rosenberg
- October 5**
Kent Nichols
- October 7**
Dylan Wade
David Meyers
- October 8**
Susan Ordway
Katie Mendenhall
- October 10**
Darla Jackson
Kae Brockermeier
- October 11**
Catherine Wade
- October 12**
Silver Jacobson
Corrine Berg
- October 13**
Sierra Fulton
- October 14**
Mike Halpin
- October 16**
Nancy Brumsted
Martha VanGenderen
Harry Tebay
- October 17**
Barb Andrews
Teresa Nye
Fred Walker
- October 18**
Sue Consolo-Murphy
John Drew
Ashleigh Walker
- October 21**
Cindy Leinonen
- October 22**
Jordan Shive
- October 23**
Janice Skinner
- October 28**
Doug & Donna Niemi
- Beth Ricciardi
- October 31**
Pete Forster

**OCTOBER, 2017
ANNIVERSARIES**

- October 1**
William & Sharon Schoen
51 years
- October 3**
Ralph & Jeanne Hudelson
25 years

Frank & Judy Scarborough
53 years
- October 4**
Steve & Sharon Fralin
14 years
- October 6**
Kenny & Mandy Hadden
6 years
- Mitch & Angela Lewis
22 years
- October 8**
Brad & Barbara Andrews
23 years
- Jim & Barbara Kneppshield
25 years
- October 13**
Shawn & Katie Robertson
5 years
- October 14**
Harry & Jodeen Tebay
17 years
- October 15**
Brett & Gaylyn Frantz
23 years
- October 17**
Bill & Celia Dillion
36 years
- October 18**
Bill & Mary Neal
30 years
- October 30**
Chris & Louisa Sandvig
7 years



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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 2017	2018	2019
Patty McDonald* Personnel	Pat Wright Stewardship	Alan Lund* Finance
Katie-Chloe Stock Missions	Barb Andrews Youth Ministry	Barbara Carlsberg Worship
Ken Blount Clerk of Session	Peter Keenan Buildings & Grounds	Meg Womack Congregational Life
Kerry Murphy Nominating/Member Assimilation	Warren VanGenderen Adult Ministries	Aaron Nydam Children's Ministry

Deacons

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


Class of 2017	2018	2019
Nancy Brumsted Jackie Montgomery Carol Poole Sandra Zender Karen Brennan* (Moderator) Joanie Shipman* Julie Whitlock* Randy & Robyn Reedy*	Jen Baki Barb Huhn* Paula Jorgenson Erin Rosenberg Deb Keenan Yvonne Henze* Tena Webb*	Liz Jorgenson Annie Mueller Marge McCallister Tom Deltz Dorothy Neckels Alicia Neathery Susan Hawkins Kenlyn Long*

*serving second term

Facilities

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion Sunday 8am Chapel Worship 9:00am ADULT CLASSES 9:00 am Middle School Sunday School in The Yard 10:15am Worship Service w/ Sunday School	2 6:45pm Middle School Youth Group @ PCJH	3 12 noon Women's Bible Study in Matthew Upward Practice	 4 9:30am Women's Community Bible Study @ PCJH 3pm After School Begins 5:15 pm Adult Study 6:15pm Community Dinner 7pm ASCENT 7pm Adult Choir Practice	5 12noon Men's Group @ JH Grocery Community Room Upward Practice	6 Upward Basketball Games 5-8pm	7 8am Saturday Morning Men's Group Upward Games 1-4 pm
8 8am Chapel Worship 9:00am ADULT CLASSES 9:00 am Middle School Sunday School in The Yard 10:15am Worship Service w/ Sunday School	9 No MS Youth Group	10 9-10am Little Lambs Doughnuts with Dads 12 noon Women's Bible Study in Matthew Upward Practice	11 9-10am Little Lambs Doughnuts with Dads 9:30am Women's Community Bible Study @ PCJH 3pm After School Begins 5:15 pm Adult Study 6:15pm Community Dinner 7pm ASCENT 7pm Adult Choir Practice	12 12noon Men's Group @ JH Grocery Community Room Upward Practice	13 LITTLE LAMBS CLOSED Upward Basketball Games 5-8pm	14 8am Saturday Morning Men's Group Upward Games 1-4 pm
15 8am Chapel Worship 9:00am ADULT CLASSES 9:00 am Middle School Sunday School in The Yard 10:15am Worship Service w/ Sunday School 11:45 Children's Choir 11:45 Church Information Class	16 No MS Youth Group 6:45pm WylidLife @ JH Classical Academy	17 12 noon Women's Bible Study in Matthew 5:30pm Session Meeting Upward Practice	18 9:30am Women's Community Bible Study @ PCJH 3pm After School Adventures 5pm Adult Study 6:15pm Community Dinner 7pm ASCENT 7pm Adult Choir Practice	19 12noon Men's Group @ JH Grocery Community Room Upward Practice	20 Upward Basketball Games 5-8pm 5:30-8pm PARENTS' NIGHT OUT IN HAYDEN HALL	21 8am Saturday Morning Men's Group Upward Basketball Games 1-4pm
22 8am Chapel Worship 9:00am ADULT CLASSES 9:00 am Middle School Sunday School in The Yard 10:15am Worship Service w/ Sunday School 11:45 Children's Choir	23 Little Lambs to Pumpkin Patch in Idaho Falls 6:45pm Middle School Youth Group @ PCJH	24 12 noon Women's Bible Study in Matthew Upward Practice	25 9:30am Women's Community Bible Study @ PCJH 3pm After School Adventures 5pm Adult Study 6:15pm Community Dinner 7pm ASCENT 7pm Adult Choir Practice	26 12noon Men's Group @ JH Grocery Community Room Upward Practice	27 LITTLE LAMBS CLOSED Upward Basketball Games 5-8pm	28 8am Saturday Morning Men's Group Upward Basketball Games 1-4pm
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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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