FEBRUARY, 2018



We are so pleased to welcome new members . . Please introduce yourselves and welcome them to the life our church.

- 1. Greg Buckingham
- 2. Deborah Buckingham
- 3. Mike Smerklo
- 4. Abby Smerklo
- 5. John Feagan
- 6. Christy Robertson
- 7. Patty Paulson
- 8. Judy Weikle
- 9. Kim Billimoria



Metal Illness Awareness

Have you, a family member, or loved one been shaken by the affects of mental illness? I understand this is a very broad subject and often kept hidden. I am trying to see the need in the faith community for honest conversation and practical solutions that can bring hope and openness into a subject that often allows suffering in silence. If you are interested in being a part of this conversation, please contact: Kathy Robertson, krobertson@bresnan.net, or 307-733-6058.



Worship at the Summit of the Bridger Gondola

Join others for worship at the Summit of the Bridger Gondola during the 2017-2018 ski season. Complimentary sight-seeing tickets are available for those

who are not skiing. We meet at the summit of the Bridger Gondola, upstairs in Rendezvous Lodge in front of the big windows looking out at Rendezvous Peak and Corbet's Coulour. Coffee and snacks are provided. It is a lot of fun!

- · Sunday, February 18th at 9:30am (Pastor Ben)
- · Sunday, March 18th at 9:30am (First Baptist Church)
- · Sunday, April 1st Easter Sunrise Service (Pastor Ben & Tammy)



Patricia and Ed Scott are once again leading our Winter 2018 Cross

Country Ski Group outings on Sunday afternoons.

Be on the <u>lookout in our Sunday</u> <u>bulletins and Peek At The Week for</u> <u>official start date.</u>

Please email Patricia
(pasbuffy1@gmail.com) or Ed
(EdScott1575@gmail.com) if you are
interested in participating in this great
fellowship or host an apres gathering at
your home.

A WORD FROM PASTOR BEN PASCAL



Dear PCJH Family,

The season of Lent is upon us! Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent as we journey to the cross and ultimately to Resurrection Day on Easter Sunday. We will have a special Ash Wednesday service in the Chapel on Wednesday, February 14th at 7:00pm. Bring your valentine with you and make it an evening to remember, that we are dust and to dust we shall return. :)



Lent is a time to walk with Jesus and draw closer to him. It is a time for prayer, fasting and giving. Similar to the season of Advent, it is a time of preparation as we prepare for the ultimate act of love from our Lord, when Jesus died on the cross and rose again in power, conquering sin and death!

As part of our Lenten journey, I will be preaching a sermon series entitled, "Walking with Jesus in the Holy Land." As many of you know, we have 31 people going on our Holy Land Pilgrimage to Israel from April 21 to May 4. It is going to be a transformational experience for everyone involved. I thought it would be fun to take all of you with us by preaching a sermon series on the life and ministry of Jesus in places that we will be going to see with our very own eyes while on pilgrimage in the Holy Land.

Here's an overview:

WALKING WITH JESUS IN THE HOLY LAND

Ash Wednesday, February 14

Jesus' Time of Preparation in the Judaea

Wilderness

Matthew 4:1-11

The Hebrew word "midbar" means "wilderness or uninhabited land". The Judaea wilderness is more like a desert than a forest. This is where Jesus prepared his heart for ministry. Our first stop on pilgrimage to the Holy Land is to the northern Negev Desert. God prepared Abraham, Moses, David, John the Baptist, Jesus and Paul, along with many others, for their ministries by sending them to the desert for a season. How is God preparing your heart for the ministry that is before you?

Sunday, February 18

Jesus Calls his First Disciples on the Shore of
Galilee

Luke 5:1-11

We will journey to Tabgha, a site on the shore of the Sea of Galilee where fishermen gather to set off for a day of fishing. It is the place where Jesus called his first disciples. It is also the site where Jesus appeared to the disciples after his resurrection. Jesus invites all of us to be one of his disciples. What would happen if you truly followed him?

Sunday, February 25

Jesus Calms the Storm on the Sea of Galilee

Mark 4:35-41

While on pilgrimage we will have a chance to get on a boat and spend some time on the Sea of Galilee. We will remember how the disciples were caught in a terrible storm and also how Jesus appeared to them walking on water. Both of these experiences were times when the disciples encountered the force of fear. What fears are you facing in your life? How will you overcome these fears with courage?

Sunday, March 4

Jesus Heals the Paralyzed Man in Capernaum

Mark 2:1-12

We will go to Capernaum, Jesus' home away from home, where he performed many healing miracles. Jesus spent a lot of time here on the shores of Galilee teaching and healing people. How has Jesus and his teaching brought healing to your life? How has Christ called you to be an agent of his healing love in our world today?

A WORD FROM PASTOR BEN PASCAL - (continued)

Sunday, March 11

Jesus Restores the Demon Possessed Man on the Eastern Shore of Galilee

Mark 5:1-20

We will journey to the eastern shores of Galilee. This area of Galilee was known as the pagan side where Jews did not venture to go. Jesus made a point to do ministry is this area just as he calls us to go to places today to minister to people who are considered outcasts or unclean. Where is Jesus calling you to minister to those who would never step foot inside a church?

Sunday, March 18 Jesus Goes to a Quiet Place Taize Service

Several times in the Gospels we hear about Jesus going to a quiet place away from the crowds in order to pray. At this point on our pilgrimage we will have seen a lot and been surrounded by people from all over the world. We will want and need a break to pray, to be still and quiet before the Lord. On this Sunday at PCJH we will enjoy a Taize worship service which emphasizes prayer and contemplation as we quiet ourselves to hear from God. How might God speak to you if you were to listen in stillness and quiet?

Sunday, March 25 Palm Sunday: Jesus Enters Jerusalem Mark 11:1-11

Palm Sunday is the day Jesus rode a donkey from the Mount of Olives into Jerusalem. While on pilgrimage we will have a chance to look at Jerusalem from a distance from atop the Mount of Olives. We will contemplate the possibility of peace in this complicated part of the world, just as the Prince of Peace rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, the animal known as a symbol for peace. How is God calling you to work for peace in our world?

Thursday, March 29 Maundy Thursday: The Upper Room John 13:1-17, 31b-35

While exploring Jerusalem we will have the opportunity to go to the Upper Room where Jesus celebrated the Passover with his disciples, also known as the Last Supper. We will have a chance to break bread together throughout our two weeks in Israel as a community of faith. Jesus reminds us to love one another and to serve one another. How is God calling you to love and serve others in the midst of community?

Friday, March 30 Good Friday: Via Dolorosa John 18:1 – 19:42

Our tour guide, Andre Moubarak, is an Israeli Palestinian Christian who grew up on the Via Dolorosa in the Old City of Jerusalem. His family dates their heritage in Palestine all the way back to Pentecost in Acts 2:11 where it talks about Arabs being present on that day in Jerusalem in the first century. The Via Dolorosa is the path Jesus took as he walked to Calvary. We will reflect on the 14 stations of the cross and the suffering and love of Jesus. We will end our journey at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, where many historians believe is the site of Jesus' tomb. What cross do you carry in your life? Or in other words, how have you experienced suffering in your life? How is God transforming you through it as you reflect on the cross of Christ?

Sunday, April 1 Easter Sunday: The Garden Tomb John 20:1-18

Our final day in the Holy Land will begin by going to the Garden tomb just outside the Old City of Jerusalem. Some believe this could also be the site of Jesus' tomb. We will get to see Golgotha, the hill of the skull. We will walk in the garden as we remember the day Jesus rose from the grave, conquering sin and death, and giving us hope for new life in him. On this Sunday at PCJH we will enjoy an Easter Sunrise Service at the Summit of the Bridget Gondola. We will also have special music and services at our regular 8:00am and 10:15am services at PCJH.

As you can see, we have an exciting sermon series as we prepare our hearts for Easter during Lent by walking with Jesus in the Holy Land. Will you join us on the journey?

With hopeful anticipation, Ben



CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

Thanks, PCJH!!!



The Mission Committee is pleased to share with you that,

- once again - you have been a most generous congregation

in reaching out to those in need.

We received a total of \$4,192.00 for our

Christmas Joy Offering!

This Special Offering has been forwarded to

the Presbyterian Church (USA) – our "national office" - for the traditional distribution ...

half going to the Board of Pensions to assist retired pastors in times of special need,

and half to the seven ethnic/racial schools and colleges founded, and long supported by the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Again, the Mission Committee is grateful for your generosity.

THANK YOU!!

The Mission Team



One Hope

Friday, February 9th from 7:30-9pm

PCJH is hosting an evening of worship featuring worship leaders and pastors from throughout the valley. All are welcome as we share songs and scripture to celebrate our One Hope in the Lord of All.

Children's Ministry Corner February Dylan Wade

Upcoming Events in Children's Ministry

Sunday School: For the preschool group the theme for February will be "Jesus Loves Everyone!" and the



memory verse coming from John 15:12 which says "Love each other as I have loved you." We want our preschoolers to grow up knowing that Jesus loves us all, no matter what, and He will never stop loving us. The elementary and preteen groups will focus on Kindness with a theme called "Rewind: Kindness Deserves a Replay." Please come by the Children's Welcome Center to sign you children up for Sunday School and learn more about what is happening! If you are interested in joining our Sunday School team please email Dylan Wade at dwade@pcjh.org or call.

After-School Adventures: A safe and adventurous Wednesday after-school program where students learn, play and grow in a nurturing Christian environment for K-8th grade. For the month of February we will also be focusing on Kindness. If your child is interested please see the page on the PCJH website for information. Online registration for the spring semester is ongoing.

JOY Summer Camps: Summer day camps filled with fun, adventure, and imaginative play in a nurturing Christian environment for children 3-14 years old.

Early Bird Registration for Summer 2018 begins this month. Make sure you take advantage of the Early Bird discounts as they only last for this month. Full priced registration begins March 1st. Don't miss out! For more information and access to the online application please visit the webpage pcjh.org/joysummercamp.

Children's Ministry Volunteers of the Month for January:

Karin Unruh and Heather Martin. Karin and Heather were a huge help this past month in several ways. They both jumped in to help for Parent's Night Out and were great with the kids. Then both, at separate occasions, jumped in at the last minute to fill in for our preschool Sunday School leaders who were stuck home due to illness. Thank you Karin and Heather for putting in the extra effort this past month!



Congregational Meeting

Sunday, February 11th at 11:30am

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, February 11th, at 11:30am in the Sanctuary. Pastor Ben will give a "State of the Church" address, and the congregation will vote on recommended changes of the pastors' terms of call.

Instant Church Directory

Thank you to everyone who has submitted information & photos to add to our new, accessible directory format! We are working to input the information as quickly as we are able. Please be directed to PCJH's website, under the "Get Connected" tab, to send us your information if you have not yet. Hard copies of forms also available in the Front Office. If you are already in the system, log-in

@ instantchurchdirectory.com. Do not hesitate to call with questions! Thank you.

A WORD FROM PASTOR TAMMY MITCHELL

Preparing For Easter

Novelist George MacDonald said, "The best preparation for the future is the present well seen to, and the last duty done"

We all know the importance of being prepared as a key to success. There are countless articles, Ted Talks, and historical anecdotes illustrating when being prepared led to favorable outcomes. The opposite is also true, when being unprepared led to disasters.

Last fall, when I was watching the news about the Hurricane Irma, I was nervous for my former church and friends in Naples, FL. I contacted them to see if they were making adequate preparations. Of course, they were boarding up their windows and storing up food. A huge amount of time and effort went into preparing their homes for the immanent storm. Fortunately none of my acquaintances were harmed.

Being prepared is critical for all walks of life: athletes prepare for games or competitions, musicians and actors prepare for performances, astronauts prepare for space travel, teachers prepare lesson plans, brides prepare for weddings, and pastors (hopefully) prepare sermons.

I find it curious that at Christmas time, we spend months preparing for the coming of the Christ child. We host parties and pageants. We set out decorations, wrap packages, and put up Christmas trees. We light our Advent candles, say special prayers, open Advent calendars, and send Christmas cards. All that said, for Christians, Easter is considered the most holy of days. It is the day when we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. It is a glorious day, filled with hallelujahs and praise. Yet, Easter rarely gets the attention of Christmas (not that there's competition between them). We may see a little bump in attendance on Easter Sunday. And because it often falls during spring break, many people just "miss" it.

It begs the question, what importance do we put on preparing for Easter? That's where the season of Lent enters. Many "high" churches put a significant emphasis on Lent, the 40-day period of preparation for Easter. I'm grateful that PCJH is one of them. Granted, Lent isn't a jazzy season. It's not like we have special foods or traditions that "get us in the Lenten spirit". Yet Lent can be a powerful and significant time of preparation if we take it seriously.

Being prepared is a spiritual exercise in developing our soul. And like anything else, it takes intention, ingenuity, and discipline. The season of Lent is designed to be a time for study, prayer, fasting, repentance, and self-examination. During Lent, many people give up something like sweets or TV to practice discipline. If you are so inclined, I would definitely recommend that. Yet if after Easter, we just go back to our ways", have we really grown? Are our lives more prepared for the future, whatever it brings? Have we drawn closer to Christ? Have we matured in our faith?

Our Lord God is a God of preparation. In Genesis, he prepared the earth to receive life. He prepared Noah for the flood, Moses for the Exodus, David for Goliath, Isaiah for the Exile. He sent John the Baptist to prepare for Jesus. And Jesus Himself is preparing our own final homecoming in heaven. Yet the powerful news of the gospel is that God's preparations are not about to end. And calamity may come, yet when we are prepared because of the Spirit's work in us, we have the faith and confidence to face it with God's presence.

In Ephesians we read, "It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone. It's in Christ that you, once you heard the truth and believed it (this Message of your salvation), found yourselves home free—signed, sealed, and delivered by the Holy Spirit. This signet from God is the first installment on what's coming, a reminder that we'll get everything God has planned for us, a praising and glorious life. (The Message)



I invite us to take the 40 days of Lent seriously. Let's see what God has in store for our lives and our church when we set our hearts toward Christ. Ash Wednesday services will be February 14 at 7:00PM in the chapel. Please join us. BTW, Easter is April 1:)

PCJH Adult Education February, 2018

Sunday Morning Class Schedule (9:00AM, Genesis Room):



Discovering Our True Identity"; a Study on the Book of Ephesians. From beginning to end, the book invites us to discover our new identity in Christ on this journey of faith. Together we will explore practical ways to fulfill our calling and purpose as followers of Jesus. Class taught be Rev. Tammy Mitchell

Wednesday Evening Class Schedule: 5:15PM, Genesis Room

"Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus"

Building on the powerful story and arguments, the (now late) Nabeel Qureshi, a former Muslim who became a Christian, explores Muslim culture and how it interfaces with Christianity. Topics include "understanding Muslims", "Testing the New Testament", Jesus: Mortal Messiah or Divine Son of God, and so on. This 8 week video based study will benefit everyone. Discussion led by Rev. Tammy Mitchell

Wednesdays at 7:00PM, Matthew Room

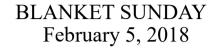
Ascent: A Gathering for the 20's and 30's

Love Your Neighbor Study. *Becoming a Good Samaritan*. Becoming a Good Samaritan. Learn how to live out Christ's love in world-changing ways. This six week study is hosted by John Ortberg with key Christian leaders such as Eugene Peterson, Philip Yancey, Joni Eareckson Tada, and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Wednesday evenings, at 7:00PM. Please contact Liz Collins for more information at lcollins@pcjh.org.



Ash Wednesday Wednesday, February 14th

Community Dinner at 6pm, with an Ash Wednesday Service to follow, at 7pm in the Chapel. Please join us to start the Lenten Season off with worship.



"Tools of Hope—BLANKETS
A Rainbow of Caring to Children and Families the World
Over"

Your TOOLS OF HOPE AND BLANKET GIFTS make a world of difference for millions of people at home and around the globe

who find themselves without basic necessities due to a natural or man-made disaster. CHURCH WORLD SERVICE, of which Presbyterian Church (USA) is a member, uses Tools of Hope and the Blanket Program funds to purchase and quickly ship blankets and other relief aid to areas of need. When possible, the tools and blankets are purchased closer to the scene of a disaster to speed delivery AND to spur local economics. Blankets not only keep people warm, they also provide shelter, privacy and are a means of carrying children, or transporting meager household goods. Tools of Hope can help a family help itself, and include family shelter kits, emergency medical supplies, food, water, cooking utensils, gardening tools, health and school kits, and other essentials.

We invite you again this year on FEBRUARY 5th, to participate in this one of four special offerings PCJH. You may designate this gift of love "IN APPRECIATION OF" or "IN MEMORY OF" a loved one. We enclosed a special envelope for your offering in the Sunday Bulletin. You may fill out the form attached to the envelope if you wish to dedicate your gift in honor or remembrance of a loved one. (Donations may be made payable to PCJH). Later the names of donors and those honored will be printed in our bulletin; the list will appear again in our PINNACLE.

To read more about this mission to those in dire need, see churchworldservice.org

Thank You, The Mission Team

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Our Whitworth Fellow is Coming and Wants Stay With You!



As you have previously heard, PCJH is excited to be a new ministry partner with Whitworth University, a Presbyterian affiliated university in Spokane, WA, in their Summer Fellowship Program. This program is designed to prepare students practically, theologically, and vocationally for a summer of ministry. The university selects, trains and places students according to their interests and calling. They are currently in their final selection process and we will be introduced to our "fellow" in the very near future.

A critical aspect of this our partnership is through the student's engagement with a host family. The host-family (term used generically) would provide a safe, home environment for the fellow. The goal with each homestay is for the student to see how Christian faith is embedded not only in the direct ministry setting, but in all of life. They discourage the student stay with other staff members in order to provide a more holistic experience, and for them to get a "break" from the work environment.

Our commitment to this partnership is to provide housing for the fellow for 10-12 weeks (during the summer months). It would be preferable to have them stay in one location however, we are open to other options. Would you or someone you know be willing to open up a room in your home for this student? The logistics for meals and transportation are negotiable and flexible. The student does receive a stipend for their expenses.

This is a very exciting opportunity for us as a congregation! For further information and other questions, please contact Rev. Tammy Mitchell at tmitchell@pcjh.org.



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February Birthdays 2018

February 2 Lisle Hooper Yvette Werner

February 4 Kate Kool

February 5 Kathy Robertson

February 6 Don Harger

February 7 Cindy Dahlin

February 8 Diane McGee

February 10 Bill Ward

February 11 Mike Jackson

February 16 Charles Atwater

February 19 Cathy Blount Gemma Ford

February 21 Chris Sandvig

February 22 Jack Larimer

February 23 Betsy Forster

February 25
Debbie Schlinger

<u>February, 2018</u> <u>ANNIVERSARIES</u>

Feb 4 Larry & Paula Jorgenson 51 years

Feb 14 Paul & Shirley Piper 25 years

Feb 19 Bob & Vickie Jones 52 years

Feb 23 Ned & Amanda Pinkerton 44 years

Another year to create precious memories together. Another year to discover new things to enjoy about each other. Another year to strengthen marriage that defines forever.

Happy **Anniversary!**

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

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

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Facilities

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

Susan Conner

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