

Palm City Presbyterian Church

NEWSLETTER



THIS MONTH

10/16

Ladies Bunco Night

Invite friends and join us for a fun evening filled with friendly competition in the HFLC!

10/17

Shepherds Breakfast

Current and potential PCPC shepherds are invited for breakfast, fellowship, and ministry encouragement.

10/22

Men's Event at the Oceanographic

Hear from an inspiring speaker and explore the incredible exhibits. Admission is free!

Getting Children's and Youth Ministry Right

by David C. Mauldin

We are entering another transition in our children's and youth ministries. Jessica Waltersdorff, our director of Next Generation Ministries, has resigned. This was prompted by a family situation to which she wanted to devote herself full time. Our prayers go with her. This comes as we are already seeking a youth director. We now have two vacancies in these critical areas. I want to assure everyone that we are deeply committed to children's and youth ministry, and I want to share our plans for moving forward.

Children's and youth ministry are an essential part of our DNA. God has placed us in this community, and this community predominantly has two kinds of people: retirees and families with children. I have always said we must effectively serve both groups. We have a middle school across the street and three elementary schools within just a few miles of our campus. We will continue to dedicate energy and resources to children and youth.

We want to bring on staff a full-time children's director and a full-time youth director. If you know someone who might be suitable, please refer them to the job openings page on our website.

Finding good directors may prove challenging. Few people look for this kind of calling. My contacts in the area tell me other churches are looking, as well. Many ECO churches across the country are looking. Please be in prayer.

Our Personnel and Administration Committee, with our pastors, is exploring every avenue we can find. We have consulted with other pastors and Christian

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colleges. We are working on the possibility of an internship program. We are revising our job descriptions so that they are less a job description and more a vision of what we dream our ministry can be.

Nationwide, the average tenure of a youth director or children's director is about two years. We have found that to be true, with some rare exceptions, in our experience. Our youth ministry flourishes when we have a dynamic director. When we don't, it languishes. We certainly want to find a dynamic director. However, I would also like to move toward a pattern of ministry that can be effective without such a person. Imagine if we could win championships with a star, but without one we could still make the playoffs rather than rebuild.

This will require commitment to children and youth from all of us. It is as easy as loving young people. **I have called a meeting of our NextGen Leadership Team for Sunday, October 4, at 6:00 p.m. in Langill Hall. All parents, volunteers, and interested members are invited to attend.** We will form a Children's Leadership Team and a Youth Leadership Team. These teams will do ministry, and when we hire directors, they will partner with the directors.

So what happens in the meantime?

We will continue Sunday school and children's church. The nursery will still be staffed. Jen Osborne, our part-time children's ministry specialist, will make sure these ministries continue to happen and are effective. Other things we want to do with children, such as a Lego Lunch or Christmas party, will come from our Children's Ministry Leadership Team.

Middle School Youth Group will continue to meet Wednesdays from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Huizenga Family Life Center. We have some volunteers, but we will need others. On the first Wednesday after Jessica resigned, our volunteers were Bob Shubert, James McLeod (our facilities manager), and me. We had 19 youth. We ate pizza, played games, and had fun. The lesson, given by me, missed the mark, I think. It has been a while since I worked with middle schoolers. But it was a learning experience for me. Lessons in the future will use the highly successful Angola Method of Bible study. We will divide the group into teams. Each team will act out a Bible story. All teams will be given the same story. Awards will be given for the team that

renders the story most accurately. We will start with Adam and Eve eating the fruit, going through the Old Testament so that we get to the birth of Jesus at Christmas. In the spring, we will go through the life of Jesus, so that we reach the cross and resurrection at Easter. The book of Acts will follow. I can explain the theory of this approach at the meeting on October 4 if people are interested. I want to train a couple of people in the method because I have many responsibilities and cannot permanently add middle school youth group to them.

High School Youth Group will also continue. We've got volunteers there already. During the October 4 meeting, we will discuss the best time for them to meet. The Youth Ministry Leadership Team will plan other events for youth according to need, opportunity, and interest.



Also, I am currently teaching the confirmation class, with help from Pastor Bryan and many weekly guests. We have five bright young people in the class. It runs until Pentecost next spring. I tremendously enjoy teaching confirmation. I see this investment of my time as a gift our church can give our young people as they answer God's call on their lives.

To recap: We love children and youth. We are going through a transition, but we can come through stronger. We have an opportunity to build a ministry model that is more resilient to change. Pray that God will send the right people to fill our vacancies. And step up to help!

**NextGen Leadership Team
Sunday, October 4, @ 6:00 p.m. in Langill Hall
All parents, volunteers, and interested members are
invited to attend!**

“Turn, Turn, Turn”

by PCPC's Stewardship Team

Pete Seeger's 1959 song, drawn almost entirely from Ecclesiastes 3:1–8, reminds us that God weaves purpose into every season of life. When the Byrds released “Turn! Turn! Turn!” in 1965, its message reached millions—but its power has always come from scripture itself: “To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven.”

As we enter this new season at PCPC, these verses speak directly to how we live out generosity, community, and mission together.

A Time to Plant—We invest in new ministries, support church planting, and nurture the faith of our children and youth. Planting today prepares tomorrow's harvest.

A Time to Build Up—We strengthen one another through encouragement, service, and prayer. We also care for the

campus God has entrusted to us, ensuring it remains a place of worship, learning, and welcome.

A Time to Embrace—PCPC is a church that opens its arms. Through outreach, hospitality, and care, we invite others to experience Christ's love.

A Time to Gather—As you consider year-end giving, let this be a season of shared generosity. When we gather our gifts, we also gather our hearts, joining in God's work as Christ transforms us by His Truth.

May this season move us to gratitude, generosity, and renewed purpose as we follow the One who guides every time and every season.”

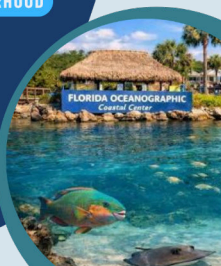


PCPC MEN'S EVENT

BONDING & BROTHERHOOD

Florida
Oceanographic
Coastal Center

Thursday
October 22



Men's Ministry Fall Event

by PCPC's Men's Series Events Planning Team

We are pleased to invite the men of PCPC and their guests to a special event at the **Florida Oceanographic Coastal Center** (located at 890 NE Ocean Blvd., Stuart/Hutchinson Island).

Thursday, October 22

5:30 p.m.

No admission charge!

We are honored to feature Mark Perry, Founder and Executive Director of the Florida Oceanographic Coastal Center, as our keynote speaker. This event will be held in The EcoCenter, an impressive three-story building on the center's property. Access is available from the parking lot through the south gate. Please sign in at the welcome desk and then begin your self-guided tour. Each exhibit highlights Florida's coastal ecosystems, featuring 2,000 gallons of aquariums showcasing local fish and invertebrates, numerous interactive installations, and engaging educational digital displays.

After viewing the exhibits, we'll gather on the third-floor Ocean Deck Terrace, accessible by elevator or stairs. This spacious, covered open-air setting offers sweeping views of the Atlantic Ocean and Indian River. We'll enjoy fellowship and drinks, followed by heavy hors d'oeuvres and a carving station. After our speaker and meal, there will be time to relax, reconnect with old friends, and make new acquaintances.

Invite a friend or neighbor! Grandfathers and fathers are encouraged to bring their grandsons and sons. Let's continue building a legacy of faith across generations. God has opened the door for this very special event, and we hope you'll be part of it. **Please RSVP on our website's [Events page](#) or by scanning the code provided here.**





Great Is His Faithfulness!

by Rev. Bryan Wenger

Reading Psalm 78, I have been impacted by God's Word, reminding me of His faithfulness. I encourage you to take some devotional/quiet time to read the Psalmist's words of testimony and see that, even in our most rebellious times in life, God's grace and forgiveness abound. Psalm 78 tells of God's chosen people being led by the Lord day and night out of bondage and provided for physically and spiritually. Yet at times, the people complained, grumbled, worshiped other gods, and had their eyes and hearts focused on themselves and the pleasures of this world. God's righteous anger and judgment arose—but it did not last forever.

The Lord still shepherded His people through the trials of the "BIG SEA" and the vast wilderness and into the Promised Land. God is faithful, just, and compassionate. His love never fails. We are encouraged in this psalm to make known "the testimony" of the God of Jacob and Israel so "that the generation to come might know [this testimony], the children who would be born, that they may arise and declare [this testimony] to their children, that they may set their hope in God" (see vv. 5–7, NKJV).

Jesus promises to be the Good Shepherd to God's children today, tomorrow, and always, despite our unfaithfulness. I encourage you, right now, to place your hand into the hand of the Good Shepherd and allow Him to lead through each day's joys, challenges, and sorrows. He promises to never leave you nor forsake you. We have a story to tell—great is His faithfulness!!!



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

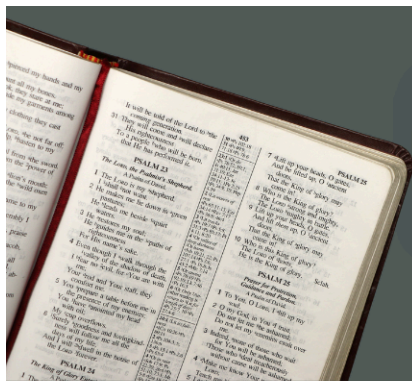
SHEPHERDS

Breakfast

9:30 a.m. in Langill Hall

If you have a caring heart and want to serve others, please consider becoming involved in the Shepherd Program at PCPC. The goal of this ministry (which began in 1984, the same year the church was started) is to make sure that each member is assigned a shepherd. There are currently about 60 active shepherds in the program. They watch over the people in their flock by praying for them, welcoming them at church services, and sending greeting cards. This is a ministry that you can conveniently participate in from home. No experience necessary! No meetings!

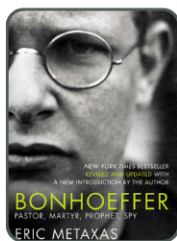
If interested, you are invited to join us for our annual complimentary Shepherds Breakfast on Saturday, October 17, at 9:30 a.m. in Langill Hall. Please RSVP on our website's Events page or by calling the church (772-286-9958). Questions? Please contact our coordinator, Carol Elswick, at carolg427@gmail.com.



BIBLE STUDY

Groups & Classes

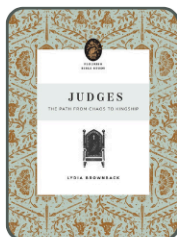
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Adult Sunday School

This exciting four-part study explores the life, faith, and theological legacy of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, German pastor and martyr. We'll learn about the major themes of Bonhoeffer's life and how his commitment to truth and justice remains relevant today. Join us in the library every Sunday. Feel free to contact facilitator Mike Jones with any questions: mjonesas@comcast.net.

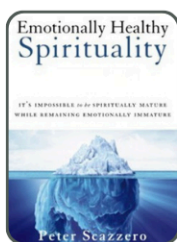
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Women's Bible Study

This in-depth study by Lydia Brownback examines the biblical account of the 12 judges—an exciting read but not an easy one! The pages feature lying, assassination, murder, massacres, and worse. Flawed individuals living in a flawed society—what's it doing in the Bible? Come and find out! This 10-week class will meet in the library beginning September 9. Study guides will be available in the church office. For more information, please contact Cathy at cococat17@aol.com.

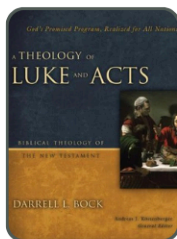
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6:00 PM



Emotionally Healthy Spirituality Class

Join Pastor Bryan for a class that explores the depth of our relationship with Christ. Topics include knowing your authentic self in Christ, discovering how your family of origin affects you, finding your way through "walls" to grow into maturity, handling grief and loss, integrating silence and sabbath, and more. The class is part of our Faith & Fellowship Nights on Wednesdays from 5:30–7:00 p.m. through the end of October.

THURS
7:00 AM



Men's Bible Study

Join us for an hour of fellowship, study, and discussion. A light breakfast and coffee is served. Our current study is focused on the books of Luke and Acts. We're looking at who Jesus was, what he did, why he came, and our role in his plan. The video series, featuring New Testament scholar Darrell Bock, PhD, helps bring the meaning of Luke's gospel into our current daily lives. New members are always welcome!

THURS
9:30 AM



Women's Bible Study

In this 7-session study, you'll gain fresh insight and encouragement from Psalm 23. Explore the depths of God's compassionate care while debunking the self-reliance myth. Learn how your vulnerability is not a liability because you can trust the Shepherd's goodness throughout each season of life. New members are always welcome! Books are available for purchase in the church office. Please contact the office or email admin@palmcitypres.org with any questions.



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Feeding the Hungry, Sharing God's Love

by Cindy Lohan, Liaison

I had the opportunity recently to spend a morning with **Our Community Table Ministries**, and I came away encouraged by both the simplicity and the impact of their ministry. Their mission is straightforward: to feed the hungry and spread God's love.

The morning began with prayer, followed by an impressive operation. Food had been cooking throughout the morning in their large smokers, and at 10:00 a.m. volunteers began what they call "plating." By 11:07, they had prepared more than 2,200 meals.

What struck me was how intentionally they make room for everyone to participate. Even those who cannot stand for long periods can sit and work along the assembly line. Once the meals are prepared, twelve delivery teams take them into the community along with bread, Publix donations, and pre-assembled bags of rice and beans to help families through the week.

I had the opportunity to go to Indiantown with Kevin Johnson and help distribute meals, bread, and rice and beans to families in a local trailer home community. Seeing the ministry firsthand made the work feel much more personal. This isn't simply "food delivery." We carry meals into the community, pray with and for the people we meet, and share the love of Christ through a simple meal and a personal connection.

Our Community Table currently serves Martin County and Okeechobee County and is beginning to expand into Fort Pierce. Their ministry also extends internationally to Colombia, including Bogotá and surrounding areas.

They are also preparing for an important new chapter in disaster relief. A large semi-truck has been donated, and Our Community Table has already demonstrated that they can reach disaster areas quickly, sometimes arriving in communities where other assistance has not yet arrived. The truck now needs to be "upfitted" with bunks, water, electricity, and other equipment so it's ready to serve when disaster strikes.



There are several ways we, as the PCPC Family, can come alongside this ministry:

PRAY. Pray for the families being served, for the volunteers and delivery teams, and for wisdom as Our Community Table continues to expand. Pray especially for their hope of one day having a facility of their own. They currently operate from Grace Place, while the Okeechobee ministry operates out of North Okeechobee Church of God.

SERVE. There is a real need for more volunteers, particularly delivery drivers and teams. More drivers would

allow Our Community Table to take meals into additional communities and serve more families. Perhaps your family could commit to serving together on a regular basis, even just once a month. Whether you help with plating or deliver meals into the community, there is a place for you to serve.

GIVE. Consider making an individual gift to support the ministry, or helping our Mission Committee provide funding for Our Community Table's ministry in Colombia. Another significant opportunity is helping fund the upfitting of the new disaster-relief truck.

During my morning with Our Community Table, I was reminded that ministry doesn't always have to be complicated. Sometimes it looks like preparing a meal, loading a truck, driving into a neighborhood, and sitting with a family for a few minutes. A meal meets a physical need, but the love of Jesus behind it points people to something greater.

I'm grateful for the opportunity to learn more about this ministry and hope we can find meaningful ways to join them in feeding the hungry and sharing God's love.

Kordick Fund Recipient

by Anna Tullidge, UGA Wesley Intern

Anna Tullidge, a Kordick Fund grant recipient, recently shared an update from her work as an intern in the UGA Wesley Foundation's campus ministry and outreach program:

August in Athens was packed with so many new things, and now that we're nearing the middle of September, I've already gotten to see so much of the fruit that the work we are doing is producing.

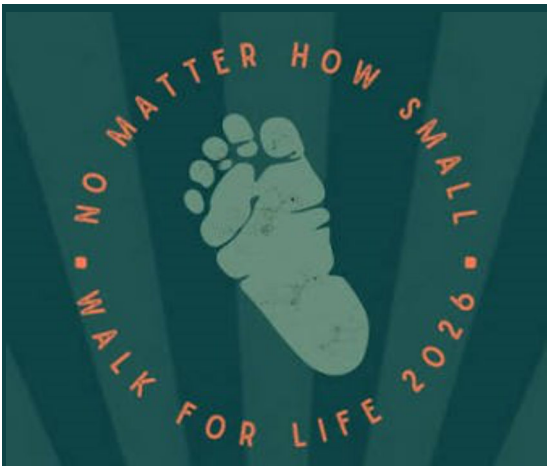
After staff training, students were back in town, and we held our first services of the semester on Wednesday nights, along with the other programs we host at Wesley throughout the week. In my role specifically, I help host a group called *Encounter* on Tuesday nights that leads students into a deeper understanding of what hearing the Lord's voice looks like in our daily life and in the church. Please be in prayer over these services throughout the week, specifically that students visiting for the first time may hear the gospel and/or come to understand it in a new way!



I've also started meeting with the girls that I will disciple throughout this year. These groups consist of two to three girls that meet weekly to debrief our week, encourage one another, and grow in spiritual disciplines such as

studying the Word, prayer, and fasting. (We love to take our meetings on field trips that often involve ice cream!)

So many of my favorite testimonies this month have happened while I've been praying over students at the altar after services. It's truly life-changing to meet a student for the first time and pray alongside them, often for things that require a lot of vulnerability. I constantly leave services feeling humbled and honored that I get to witness what the Lord does here. And I am grateful to be able to share it with you all! Thank you for your support!



Walk for Life

10.10.26

This year's Walk for Life will be held at the MIDFLORIDA Event Center in Port St. Lucie at 9:00 a.m. Join the PCPC team! Scan the code for details or contact Marlene Boobar through the church office.

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Our 15th Annual Thanksgiving Day Race

Don't miss the annual Palm City Turkey Trot 5K Run/Walk & Kids Fun Run on Thursday, November 26! Each year, the race sells out to over 600 participants! The event is a family-friendly fundraiser for one of our local mission partners. This year's proceeds will benefit **The Refuge Ranch**, a nonprofit, Christ-centered organization that provides residential drug and alcohol addiction treatment for women.



The 5K course is a flat, fast loop beginning and ending at PCPC. This chip-timed race is limited to 600 participants. Finishers receive a commemorative medal, coffee, and breakfast. Awards are given for Male & Female Overall, Male & Female Masters, and 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place in each division.



Register at RunSignUp.com!

Scan the code or visit www.runsignup.com for information and to register! Sign up early to guarantee your t-shirt size. To become a **sponsor or volunteer** for the race, please see our website's [Events page](#).



Palm City Presbyterian Church
Friday, October 16
6:30 PM

\$10 per person. Ages 14 and up are welcome!
Registration must be in advance.

Whether you're a seasoned Bunco player or have never rolled the dice before, you're invited to join us for a fun evening of laughter, fellowship, and friendly competition! No experience is needed—just come ready to have fun and make new friends! Spots are limited. **Please register before October 9. There will not be signups at the door!** All registrations must be completed by October 9! Scan the code, visit our website, or call the church for details and to sign up!



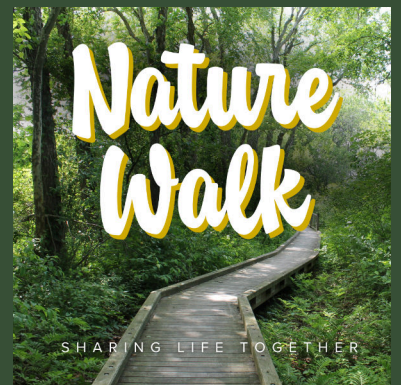
Join other PCPC members for fellowship and a leisurely nature walk!

Saturday, October 10, 2026
9:30 a.m.

We'll meet in the parking lot at Molly's Hammock Park (3854 Kubin Ave, Port Salerno). Feel free to invite friends and to bring your friendly dog.

There is no need to RSVP—just show up! Questions? Please contact

Mike Jones at mjonesas@comcast.net.



Sermons in October

by Pastor David Mauldin

In October, we continue our sermon series called *Are You Saved?* We recognize that term “saved.” It is a good biblical word. Jesus used it. The New Testament writers used it. Romans 10:9, for example, says, “If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” But what does it mean to be saved? Most people outside the church have no idea, and many within the church have only a partial understanding. Being saved means much more than you don’t go to hell. Or, you go to heaven when you die. It means that, but much more. It is about God’s glorious kingdom and living in it now. It is about a relationship with God. About a new kind of life. It is about ... Well, come hear the sermons. The series is about what salvation is, how we get it, and how we experience it.

- October 4: James 3:3–10, “Honoring Jesus with My Fruitful Speech”
- October 11: John 1:12–13 & Romans 8:12–17, “Adopted”
- October 18: 1 Corinthians 6:9–20, “Sanctified”
- October 25: 1 John 3:2 & 1 Corinthians 15:42–49, “Glorified”



The Salvation Army's Compassion House

by Kim Johnson, Liaison

PCPC has long supported The Salvation Army in its mission to help community members in need and, specifically, its Compassion House transitional home for women and their children. More than simply a place to stay, Compassion House provides the resources and support needed to find and maintain stable employment and suitable housing for families. The program aims to empower women with the skills and knowledge they need to be self-sufficient and unlikely to fall into homelessness again, and it has accomplished exactly that—successfully transitioning hundreds of women and children from living in their cars or in the woods into safe, stable homes.

The Salvation Army raises funding and awareness for this worthwhile program through its annual Wings of Hope Luncheon, taking place this year on Saturday, November 14, at Hutchinson Shores Resort in Jensen Beach. Retired U.S. Army Major General Robert Ivany will be the guest speaker, and a wide variety of items will be available for bid in a silent auction. Palm City Presbyterian has reserved a table. If you are interested in joining us, please contact me through the church office.



In support of
Compassion House
Transitional Home

THE 25TH ANNUAL
WINGS OF HOPE
LUNCHEON & SILENT AUCTION



FEATURING GUEST SPEAKER
MAJOR GENERAL ROBERT IVANY
US ARMY, RETIRED

November 14, 2026, 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM
Hutchinson Shores Resort, Jensen Beach

\$150 per person
Tables & Sponsorships available



give.salvationarmyflorida.org/WOH2026
For information, please call 772-288-1471, ext. 215
or contact donna.a.johnson@uss.salvationarmy.org

MomCo Update

by Kelly Raiford



MomCo had its first meeting of the new season on September 15. Our theme this year is *Good Company*, and our first meeting was not a disappointment! Our “good company” included new faces, returning faces, and lots of sweet little faces.

We gathered over dinner while the kids had fun and ate upstairs under the direction of Jennifer Osborne. From the smiles I saw, several moms were glad to sit in fellowship and eat without disruption. The littlest ones stayed in our meeting, but for those of us who don’t get little snuggles often, it was pure bliss to hold those new babes!

Our devotion was “Jesus Loves Guacamole” by Monica Steely, based on Galatians 6:2. This encouraged us to be the kind of friend who can share, listen, empathize, and console each other as we show up for one another. The very best days are accepting each other for who we are, meeting each other right where we sit, and sharing, loving, and breathing life into places desperate for sunshine, and learning that Jesus is already right beside you, ready to hear it all. This year, *Good Company* focuses on being a soul sister who can give space to process and believe for you even when you’re not sure you can. And this can happen over guacamole and chips!

We meet on the third Tuesday of every month at PCPC in Langill Hall from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Dinner and childcare are provided; we only ask that you sign up ahead of time so we know how many are coming. Moms of all ages and children of all ages are welcome. We would love to have you join us at our next meeting on **Tuesday, October 20**. Bring a friend or just come and find a friend! For information about MomCo, visit our [website](#) or call the church office, and a coordinator will contact you.

Women’s Ministry Update

by Kelly Raiford

It is always a joy and privilege to spend the morning with the sisters of PCPC! On Saturday, September 19, we gathered for breakfast, fellowship, and planning—looking ahead to our 2027 events while finalizing details for the remainder of 2026. Thank you to everyone who brought treats, set up tables and decorations, welcomed guests, and helped with cleanup. Special thanks to Wanda Rosello for coming early to make the coffee, Linda Hughes for keeping the food organized and ready to serve, and Cathy Coco for the beautiful decorations. What an amazing group of women who truly know how to pitch in and make things happen!

Lee England shared a devotion from Isaiah 60:1 that fit our theme of *Rise, Shine, and Share*. Our lights shone during table discussions about what we were grateful for and thoughts about fall. We discussed volunteer needs for our **Advent Gathering, Out of Darkness, which will be held on Saturday, December 5**. We still need volunteers for the welcome team, general cleanup, and to be available on Friday, December 4, to assist table hostesses as they set up. If you are willing to help, please contact JoAnn Ranta or Lee England.



As we move into 2027, **mark your calendar for our next breakfast on Saturday, January 23**, as we prepare for the retreat we’ll host at PCPC in April. We’re also praying about a service project and will finalize details for our upcoming events at the January meeting. It’s shaping up to be an exciting year for the women of PCPC!

There will be several opportunities to help prepare for the retreat, including praying for the retreat and the women who will attend. If you’d like to help, please contact me or Lee England through the church office.

Women's Advent Gathering 2026: Saturday, December 5

by Kelly Raiford

PCPC's Women's Fellowship will host our annual Advent Gathering on Saturday, December 5, in the Huizenga Family Life Center from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. to enjoy the beautifully decorated, Christian-themed Christmas tables, inspired by this year's theme, *Out of Darkness*. The Reverend Sophia Robins will lead a devotional, followed by choral music directed by Kerry Rocks. Admission is \$12 per person. Table hostesses may reserve and decorate a table for \$85, which includes a seat for the hostess. We will have 16 tables, each seating eight guests. Space is limited, and this event is open to the community.

Table hostess registration will be open October 1–31. General registration will open November 1 and continue through November 16. During this time, guests may select a table with available seats hosted by one of our table hostesses.

REGISTRATION FOR TABLE HOSTESSES

- Registration is open throughout October.
- **Option 1: Reserve a table for \$85.** Register and pay online through our [website](#) or at the church office. Please provide Shannon with the names of your guests by October 31. If you choose to have your guests pay for their seats, you will be responsible for collecting their payments to reimburse your \$85 table reservation.
- **Option 2: Host a table without reserving the entire table.** If you would like to be a table hostess but do not want to purchase a full table, simply register and pay \$12 for your own seat. Guests will be assigned to your table during the general registration period.
- Hostess guidelines will be provided when you register, outlining expectations and responsibilities.

GENERAL ADMISSION REGISTRATION

- Registration will be open from November 1 to November 16.
- Please register and pay online through our website or at the church office.
- Admission is \$12 per person.
- When you sign up, you will be able to choose from tables with available seats and select your preferred table hostess.

Our Women's Fellowship Team is excited to sponsor this beautiful event—a wonderful way to begin the Advent season in fellowship and celebration. Save the date, invite friends, and join us! If you have any questions, please contact JoAnn Ranta, Lee England, or Kelly Raiford through the church office at 772-286-9958.

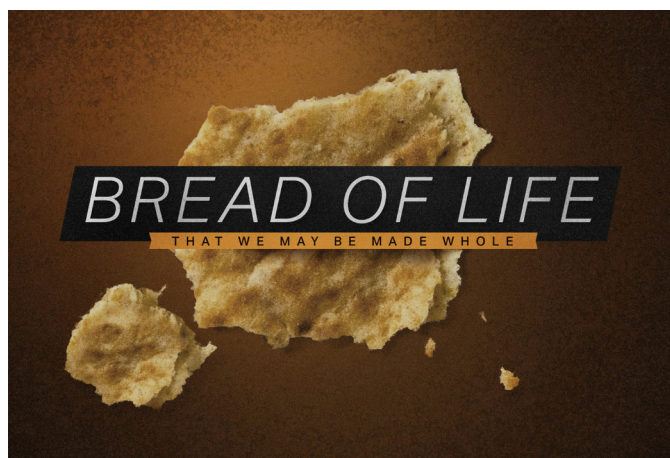




The Joy of Communion: A Gentle Reminder

by Deacon Katie Bradshaw

I was speaking with another PCPC congregant recently regarding Communion, and she mentioned to me that the Lord had impressed upon her that Communion was meant to be a time of celebration and worship, not just repentance. The more I thought about it, the more I realized that the betrayal, denial, and suffering that was about to occur after Jesus shared Communion with his disciples had often clouded my view of Communion. I hadn't really focused on it being filled with joy.



After praying and searching through the Bible, I was also persuaded that Communion should mean more and be more to me than the manner in which I had been considering it. When reflecting on the body and blood represented by the bread and cup of Communion, it is easy to find ourselves

dwelling on the thoughts and actions for which we seek forgiveness. Yet, if this becomes the main focus of our prayers and meditation, we miss the joy that Jesus' sacrifice has made available to us as believers.

“We also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.”

(Romans 5:11, ESV)

When we take Communion, while we obviously should reflect on and give thanks for the forgiveness we have received and continue to receive, we should also rejoice and be grateful for the many benefits of the cross. First and foremost, through the blood of Jesus, the curse of original sin is broken. Where Adam's disobedience brought death, Christ's obedience brings righteousness and life. (Romans 5:17–19)

Additionally, those in Christ are no longer condemned; our debts are forgiven; we are freed from sin; our guilt is removed; and our past no longer holds us back. We can remain forever grateful that God promises believers good things and offers hope for both this life and the next.

“Whoever believes has eternal life.” (John 6:47)

That's a wonderful list of things to be thankful for, and it isn't even complete. So, remain thankful for forgiveness, but also be forever joyous and filled with hope for your life here on Earth and your eternal life in Heaven.

A New Season of Music

by Reva Rogers,

Director of Traditional Music

As we welcome October, the Chancel Choir is excited to begin a new season of music and ministry together. This year brings an especially wonderful change: our newly renovated choir room! As the choir continues to grow, it is a joy to have a space where we can rehearse, fellowship, and prepare for worship more comfortably.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our facilities manager, James McLeod, and his team for making this beautiful space a reality. We are also deeply grateful to everyone who generously supported the project financially. Your generosity has provided the choir with a welcoming place to gather, grow, and make music together. We know this gift will bless the choir for many years to come.

Help Us Bring More Music to Our Community

We have already begun preparing our Christmas Cantata, and rehearsals are well underway. In addition to the cantata, we are planning a concert series throughout the season featuring several special solo and duet concerts. **We are currently accepting donations to help fund this special concert series.** Your generosity will help make it possible for us to present the Christmas Cantata, along with additional solo and duet concerts throughout the season. These musical offerings provide an opportunity to share the gifts God has given our musicians, invite our congregation and community into moments of beauty and reflection, and celebrate the important role music plays in our life together.



If you are interested in making a donation, please contact the church office or me directly. We are grateful for your support as we look forward to a wonderful season of music.

There Is Always Room in the Choir

There is always room in the Chancel Choir, and we would love to welcome additional voices. There is no audition and no expectation of previous musical training or experience. If you love to sing and would enjoy sharing that gift in worship, we invite you to join us. Rehearsals are held on Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Please contact me at reva@palmcitypres.org with any questions.

As we begin this new season, we give thanks for the gift of music, for a growing choir, for a welcoming congregation, and, most of all, for the opportunity to serve God through song.

Save the date! Our annual Christmas Cantata will be held on December 12 and 13, 2026!

Prayer BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21 @ 9:00 AM

Join us as we gather in Langill Hall for a morning of prayer, fellowship, and encouragement. Enjoy a delicious breakfast, hear from our special guest speaker, and spend time connecting with others in our church family.

See our website for details and to RSVP!



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SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

Traditional Services

8:20 and 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary

Contemporary Service

9:30 a.m. in the Huizenga Family Life Center

Our worship services are livestreamed on Sundays at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on YouTube and our website.

WE'RE HIRING

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See our website for details!