

Palm City Presbyterian Church

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If Change Is Inevitable, Let's Change for the Better

by David C. Mauldin

Exciting things are happening at our church. As we begin a busy fall season, I want to update you on a few items of interest. We want everyone to be well-informed because we are in this together.

We are growing. Most of the problems we have are growing pains. We are trying to structure our church for continued growth.

VISIONING PROCESS

What you may already know: PCPC exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ. This happens when people come to faith in Christ and when Christians grow in their faith. Specifically, we want to develop spiritually mature, resilient, fruitful disciples. Also, our context affects our strategy. Our community is predominantly retirees and young families. We have three elementary schools within a three-mile radius and a middle school across the street. That doesn't mean we ignore everyone else. We have a weekly young adult group. However, as we plan our programs and events, we focus on our context. We will not ignore either group. We seek a balanced approach.

What you may not know: Earlier this year, the session began a visioning process. The goal is to develop a plan with 3, 5, and 10-year goals, along with strategies to make these goals a reality. We have contracted with an ECO-trained facilitator who will lead us through the rest of the process. On his advice, we have formed a visioning team. Our visioning team is David Mauldin, Jason Pridmore, Sherrey Pridmore, Richie Kim, Andrea Wood, Russ Rykse, Susan Hastings, Tom Lytle, La Barbara Chenault, Kristine

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Gunn, Beth Castle, and Amy Kitchell. We are a mix of staff, elders, and hard-working volunteers. We represent all three services. We will meet with the consultant for two days this fall, then twice more in the spring. Expect to hear updates as this unfolds.

STAFF CHANGES

What you may already know: We ordained Jason Pridmore in June, and he is growing in his role as assistant pastor. Richie Kim now leads our youth ministry (see last month's newsletter). We have a part-time administrative assistant, Charity Maehl (again, see last month's newsletter).

What you may not know: Our pastor nominating team remains active. Ideally, we will have a senior pastor and two assistant pastors. I call this our triangle strategy. (See the June newsletter.) The pastors will work closely as a team. We have not had any promising candidates for months. This surprised me because I have seen so many good pastors come into our presbytery in recent years. But those were solo or senior pastors. Assistant pastors are rarer. I believe the results so far have been providential. We need time to get Jason settled into his new role before we add the additional pastor. The pastor nominating team remains convinced that God will send the right person at the right time.



RENOVATIONS

What you may have noticed: We have remodeled lower Langill, adding an impressive audio-visual array. This allows outside groups to use the screen without changing the computer settings, and it gives us the ability to livestream classes—plus a lot more. We are remodeling the offices with new flooring, fresh paint, etc. If you haven't seen the changes, you need to check them out. Warning: not all work is finished yet!

What you may not know: The cost to the church has been relatively low. The audio-visual system in lower Langill was given by an anonymous donor. The renovations in Lower Langill were also paid for by a different anonymous donor. We have purchased the materials for the office renovations, but most of the work has been done by our staff and volunteers. Our hard-working operations manager, Tom Mooney, has put in a lot of hours, especially on weekends. Dave Castle, a church member and professional contractor, has given generously of his time. It turns out Doug, our custodian, has a master's touch hanging drywall. Our facilities guys, Larry and Herb, also do outstanding work. This list is not exhaustive. Hailey Westall and Jade Pridmore painted and applied wallpaper. Naturally, Jason and Sherrey were involved. Honestly, I can't list everyone who has helped. Apologies to anyone not named. We want our facilities to be inviting, comfortable, and tasteful.

CONCERT SERIES PLANNED

Our director of traditional music, Reva Rogers, is planning a concert series—seven concerts between now and May. In addition to our usual concerts at Christmas and Easter, we hope to host a number of recitals featuring our singers and other musicians. We see this as a gift to our community, as well as a way to make connections with our neighbors. We want to provide these concerts free of charge to those who attend. Therefore, we are seeking donors to underwrite the costs. If you are interested in learning more or sponsoring a concert, please email Reva at reva@palmcitypres.org.

THANK YOU, PARISH NURSES

For the past ten years, our parish nurses have visited

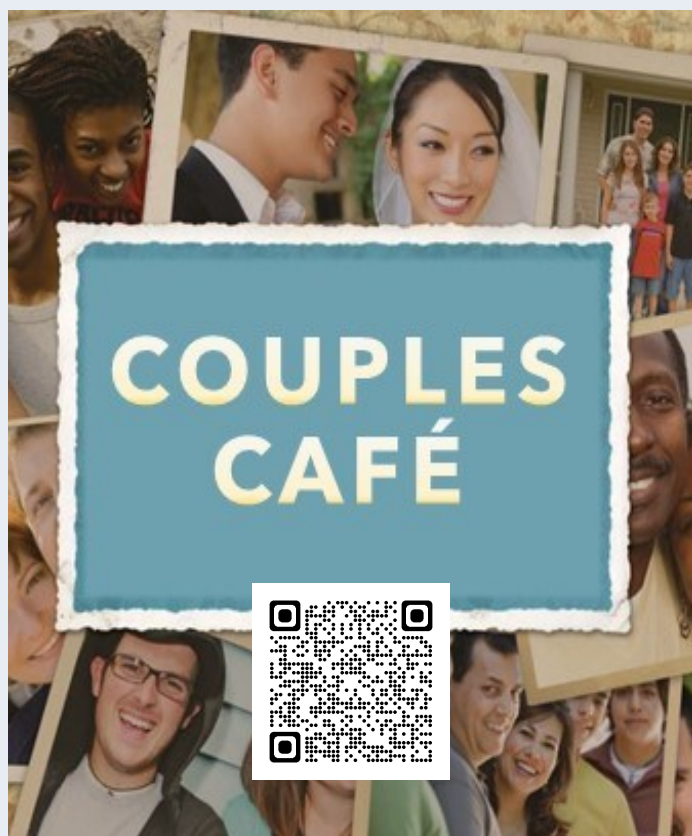
members in the hospital and followed up during recovery. Pastor Dick Anderson started the parish nursing program with Pat Stuart, who has been head parish nurse ever since. On more than one occasion, a member has been in the hospital getting every test imaginable, and doctors have been stumped. A parish nurse has suggested, "Have they looked for this condition?" The patient asked the doctor and that was the problem. The nurses have helped in countless other ways.

Our parish nursing program is coming to an end, however. Our nurses have been working hard for a long time. We have not been successful in recruiting enough new, trained nurses to keep the effort going successfully. And, importantly, the program is not needed the way it was. When the parish nurses began, our deacons functioned like a local missions committee. They gave grants to local mission partners. Now, our deacons provide pastoral care and leadership to the congregation. Deacons visit members in the hospital. Deacons follow up with meals, etc. With an active group of deacons meeting this need, the parish nurses felt they could relinquish this ministry to the deacons.

Our parish nurses deserve recognition and thanks. We currently have five parish nurses: Pat Stuart, Elsie Martineau, Judy McDonald, Lynn Church, and Gerri Strong. Thank you, nurses!

A Question

Is our church changing? I'd say we are growing, expanding, and improving. I hope, however, that we are not losing any essential part of our identity. People do not fear change. They fear loss. Change is inevitable. Perhaps some loss is as well. But we cling stubbornly to the core values that make us who we are. We are Christ-centered with a high view of the authority of scripture. We are Reformed in our theology and polity. This means we emphasize God's grace, and we are led by elders in a collaborative system of governance. We value solid preaching and teaching, good music, and relationships. We love missions. We love planting churches. We are proud to be ECO (A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians). We love and care for one another, even if we drive one another a little crazy from time to time. And, we are not our own. We have been bought with a price (1 Corinthians 6:20). Therefore, everything we do is for the glory of God.



PCPC MISSIONS

MAKING CHRIST KNOWN AND CHANGING LIVES

A NEW MISSION WORKER AMONG US (by Jason Pridmore)

We went to Puerto Rico this past summer for our youth summer mission trip. Brian Yager was one of those participants. While there, he was asked to return two weeks later and serve as head chef for a summer youth camp. We supported him in his venture back down to Puerto Rico. I love that we have people in our church willing to put themselves out there as missionaries that we have raised up, equipped, and sent out from within our own congregation to serve in the mission field. These are Brian's reflections on that time.

The Kitchen Became My Mission Field (by Brian Yager)

While on my first trip to Puerto Rico with the PCPC Youth Mission Group, our contacts from the VBS (Ramon and Lavinia Ibanez) asked if I would lead the kitchen for the Word of Life Ministries Summer Camp group coming in behind us. I agreed to come back and help them.



The camp had not been used since before COVID, so you can imagine how dirty it was. It took all day to clean and sanitize the kitchen before we could bring in food, and all day for a team of many to clean and sanitize the bathrooms and showers. The kitchen was limited in equipment (there was no working oven); there were only large cauldrons and large roasting

pans. On top of that, there was no hot water in the kitchen or anywhere on campus, so we had to boil water to wash and sanitize pots and pans (we also used lots of bleach), and we all took cold showers.



There were about 95 campers between the ages of 14 and 18. Each day was filled with laughter, fun and games, worship and prayer, free time, and, of course, three meals a day with lots of snacks in between. I was head of the kitchen and was responsible for feeding the 120 campers and staff. The people in charge of the group saved money by acquiring much of the food from a local San Jose food bank, so thankfully, there was a lot of chicken and pork loins. I had two volunteers (both deaf) to assist me in the kitchen for each meal, plus they also had some of the campers help, depending on their schedule of activities. The kitchen helpers made beans and rice for every meal, which the local campers loved. The volunteer youth group from the Tampa, Florida area even liked the beans and rice by the time we left.



Each day started with a two-hour worship service, which included a message. From there, the group went into activities or Bible study. Each day ended with entertainment, fun, and laughter – lights out at 11 p.m. On the final day, there was a "best of" ceremony where they recognized the best basketball player, soccer player, singer, entertainer, etc.; and, no, I did not win anything.



All during the week, campers placed ribbons on a cross; these ribbons meant they either came to know Jesus, accepted Jesus, or laid significant parts of their life at His feet as an act of repentance, prayer, and/or surrender. There were about 40 by Sunday's closing. This was a powerful image for us all.

These mission trips changed me. I grew closer to God and increased my understanding, acceptance, and worship of Jesus and the Holy Spirit. I grew internally, not necessarily from what the teaching and preaching were about (it did help tremendously), but more from my relationship with others and openness to God's voice. With everything I've gone through in the last year and a half, I am still reinventing myself. I was feeling a call to the mission field, but I wasn't

sure if I wanted to follow that path. I accepted the second trip to help me decide. Now, I truly believe mission work is in my future!

A special thank you to Bob Shubert and Jason Pridmore for getting me to and from the airport. I also sincerely appreciate the Mission Committee's financial support on this trip. "I WILL BE BACK!"

LOCAL MISSIONS



The Salvation Army (by Wendy Voliva)

Who we are: The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

Our history: Soon after beginning his ministerial career in England in 1852, William Booth abandoned the concept of the traditional church pulpit in favor of taking the gospel of Jesus Christ directly to the people. Walking the streets of London, he preached to the poor, the homeless, the hungry, and the destitute. Fellow clergymen disagreed with Booth's unconventional approach, but he and his wife Catherine persevered. Within ten years, their organization, operating under the name The Christian Mission, had over 1,000 volunteers and evangelists. When Booth read a printer's proof of the 1878 Christian Mission annual report, he noticed the statement, "The Christian Mission is a volunteer army." Crossing out the words "volunteer army," he penned in "Salvation Army." From those words came the basis of the foundation deed of The Salvation Army.

Today: The Salvation Army is active in virtually every corner of the world and serves in 133 countries, offering the message of God's healing and hope to all those in need. The Salvation Army in Martin County helps our community in many ways, such as the Christmas assistance program (kids under 12), Adult Rehabilitation Centers (provide spiritual, social, and emotional assistance for men who have lost the ability to cope with their problems and provide for themselves),

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Continued from page 5 raising awareness of the injustices of human trafficking by partnering with local coalitions, and disaster relief efforts. As Tropical Storm Idalia began to form into a hurricane, The Salvation Army's Florida Emergency Disaster Services personnel and equipment were being readied to serve disaster survivors immediately following Idalia's landfall and impacts. Over 20,000 snacks and 30,000 meals were served, and emotional and spiritual care was provided to more than 2,000 persons. The most pressing need is for non-perishable food items and cash gifts. Food can be donated at the food distribution center at 821 SE Martin Luther King Blvd. in Stuart or dropped at the church office, and our volunteers will deliver it. Donations can be made on the Martin County website: salvationarmyflorida.org.

YOUNG LIFE (by Lydia Chappel)



We kicked off the Young Life Club season two weeks ago with Ice Cream Olympics. It was exactly what it sounds like, meaning it was messy and sticky, but incredibly fun! Ice Cream Olympics is every teenager's dream. Every game involves ice cream. At the end, there is a massive food fight with whatever is left over! We had 30 middle school friends join us first for Wyldlife, and we ended the night with 170 high school kids for Young Life. My favorite part was when we surprised them at the end with the ultimate rinse-off from the local fire station (thank you, Martin County Fire Rescue). Somehow, this event shows Jesus to kids, and they are all still talking about it!



Senior Supper! We started a new tradition this year and are so excited about it. This is a huge senior class, and personally, the first class I have seen through all four years of high school since moving to Stuart. Once a month, we have decided to host a "Senior Supper," where we come together at a host home to share a meal and an activity with our high school seniors. It's a chance to celebrate them and focus on them as they go through this emotional and exciting time. We had our first one this past week, and it was incredible. We had 28 seniors join us from three different high schools. They are already putting in requests for the next one.



Save The Date! You're invited to the Young Life Martin County Fundraising Banquet! On November 5, we will host a free night of celebration, entertainment, and dinner. Join us as we share about what God is doing in the lives of kids. Maybe you are wondering, "What really is Young Life?" We will share stories and the impact Young Life has made. This is one of our main fundraisers for the year.



Special note from Rebecca Stephens at PCPC: I will be hosting a table for the Young Life banquet. Anyone from PCPC who wants to attend can sit together. Each table seats eight people, and we can reserve more than one table.

HOUSE OF HOPE

(by Amy Belisle, Development Manager)



We are excited to share that our third Center for Enrichment opened on September 11 at The KinDoo Family Center in Indiantown. The KinDoo Center was founded by Sister Mary Dooley and Sister Kate Kinnally in 2015 as a community center to teach local women and families useful skills that enable them to achieve a better life. House of Hope is honored to have inherited this Center from the Sisters in July and is committed to upholding the shared mission of serving Indiantown families.

The KinDoo Family Center for Enrichment will continue programs started by the Sisters. It will also offer programs proven to be successful for the community at House of Hope's Golden Gate or Jensen Beach Centers for Enrichment. Programs at Kindoo will include sewing, ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages), nutrition classes, a Let's Start Learning Kindergarten Readiness program, as well as access to a computer lab. There is also a new outdoor learning environment for youth participants.

The KinDoo Center will be on the lookout for volunteers to assist the staff in a variety of projects. Please

contact Natasha@hohmartin.org if you would like to learn more about helping at KinDoo, House of Hope's established Indiantown Service Center, or any other location throughout our organization. "Everyone at House of Hope stands in awe of the amazing careers of Sister Mary and Sister Kate, their dedication to the Indiantown community, and the impact the KinDoo Center has had," House of Hope CEO Rob Ranieri said. "We are honored and humbled at the opportunity to steward their legacy."



GLOBAL MISSIONS

PAKISTAN MISSION (by Pastor Nasir Minas)

Greetings in Jesus,

As you know, in the Pakistani city of Jaranwala, on August 16, 2023, a horrendous attack on Christian churches and colonies by Islamic extremists occurred. They burned many churches and Christian houses along with everything inside. We helped those affected, carried many things for them, reached out to them, and distributed much-needed supplies. Please keep praying for us all.



Children's Ministry & Family Outreach

by Sherrey Pridmore, Director of Children's Ministry & Family Outreach

RECAP OF SEPTEMBER

Kidz Klub is back! We launched our first Kidz Klub gathering this month, and it was a ZOO! Our theme was "Hear me Roar!" We took a trip to the Babylonian Zoo and familiarized ourselves with people like Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. We learned how they never gave up, even when things were hard. They were obedient to God. What great examples for us to follow! We were excited to see familiar faces and elated to meet some new ones. We have over 60 kids signed up, which means we are growing! We have changed the time to accommodate the local schools. **Kidz Klub will now run from 2:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.**



Thank you to the women's

Bible study group who stayed after their Thursday meeting to help prep for this year's fall festival. I want to give a huge shout out to **Luke Romig**, who stuffed bags from home. With all this amazing help, we were able to stuff over 1,200 event bags. This was a big task to complete. I could not have done it without them.

Sunday is the best day! **We have had so much fun learning in Sunday school!** We continue to explore different areas of the Bible. We play, imagine, wonder, and marvel at God's big story. The Bible truly comes to life. We started fresh again in Genesis. We heard about God's creation, the fall of man, and the promise to Noah. Everyone in Sunday school is going to be learning the same lesson, but in different classrooms and at age-appropriate understanding.



Being involved with MOPS has brought fellowship and sisterhood to many of us at PCPC. I was able to travel to Chicago for the annual Momcon Conference. I was completely moved by the experience. I learned so much, and was able to forge new relationships with some incredible women. The theme of the weekend was "Connection Over Content." We need to be connected more as a church family. The content that brings us together (the Bible) doesn't and won't change. We need to focus on the connection we make and the community we build, as it is crucial in building His Kingdom.



THIS MONTH IN OCTOBER

In Sunday school, we will continue our journey through Genesis. We will learn about the tower of Babel, Abraham, and Sarah, and we will briefly touch a bit on Isaac. We are learning God's story chronologically and love learning God's story from the very beginning.

Kidz Klub will continue their journey in the book of Daniel. They will learn what it means to never give up and to be obedient to God. There are so many out-

standing lessons in the book of Daniel, and we, as leaders, find ourselves growing just as much as the kiddos.

The Fall Festival is here! We are so excited about this wonderful event! There is going to be so much for all our guests to do! The Martin County Fire Department will be back with one of their trucks. In addition, we will have a petting zoo, pony rides, a trackless train, a good number of games, and free food. Trunk-or-Treat continues to be a major outreach to our community. You won't want to miss it! We still need candy donations and volunteers for the day of the festival.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 6: FALL FESTIVAL

Invite friends and join us at the Huizenga Family Life Center for trunk-or-treat, games, crafts, face-painting, and more! This free community-wide event will be fun for the whole family. Please see our website for volunteer opportunities at this event!

October 10: COUPLES CAFÉ

Join Jason and Sherrey Pridmore for a new class on Tuesday evenings. They will lead a 6-week series called *Marriage: Built to Last*. Childcare and dinner are provided. There is no cost to attend. Please scan the code provided here for details and to sign up!



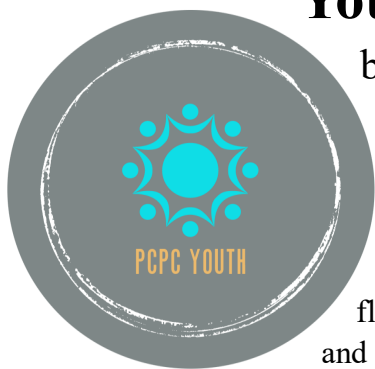
November 3: BINGO NIGHT & CHILI COOKOFF

Don't miss this fun event in the HFLC. The cost is a \$10 suggested donation at the door. This includes 4 bingo cards, drinks, snacks, and a bowl of chili. Please see our website to learn more, RSVP, and/or sign up to make chili.

December 2: Ladies Candlelight Christmas Dinner
Save the date and invite friends for this annual event!

Youth News

by Richie Kim,
Youth Leader



YOUTH GROUP

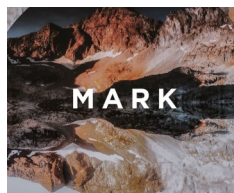
In Psalm 92:12-13, the Bible says, "The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon. They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God." The Lord has been moving in our program. Our high school group has grown to 25 kids, and our middle school group to 45! Without our church family's prayers, we wouldn't be where we are today. If you want more information about the youth program at PCPC or how you can be a part of it, please contact me (Richie) at 772-812-2650 or richie@palmcitypres.org.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Here at Palm City Presbyterian, our church has a heart for the mission field. We held another fantastic rummage sale with proceeds earmarked for our youth mission programs! Thank you to all who donated items, volunteered, and shopped to support the ministry's goals.



WHAT OUR YOUTH ARE STUDYING



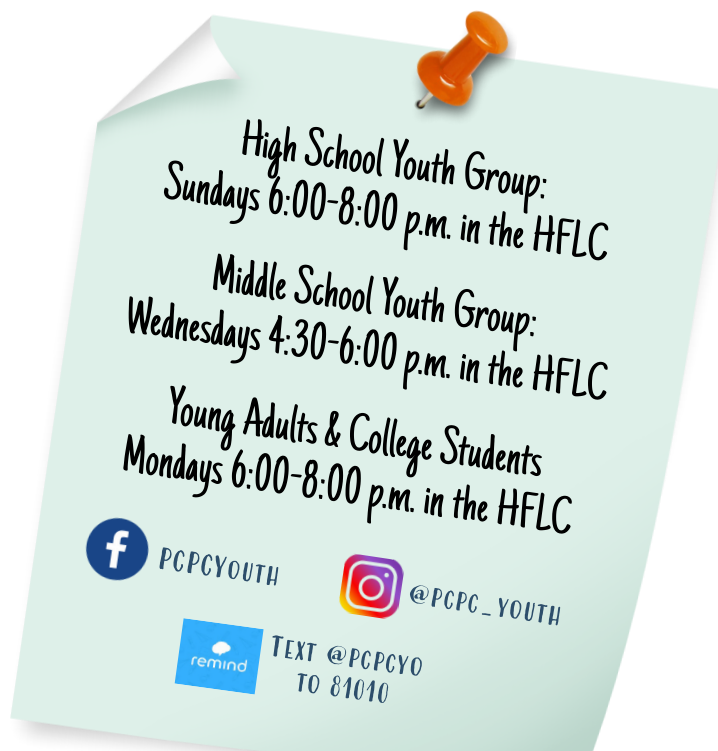
Over the past few months, we have been going through the book of Mark where we learned how captivated Mark was about the journey of Jesus and his ministry. We will be finishing this study and doing a short message called "Deep." The big idea for this message is that being honest about your disappointment with God can move you into a deeper relationship with him. "Deep" will help set up our new series, *Darkroom Faith*. It encourages students to ask questions and think critically about their beliefs. The *Darkroom* series provides a safe and engaging context for teens to explore key issues of faith.

UPCOMING



Rock the Universe: Florida's Biggest Christian Music Festival This is an unforgettable weekend of faith and fun. On January 26 and 27, 2024, experience powerful beats from

Christian Music's brightest stars, and thrilling rides at Universal Studios. This weekend trip is for both high school and middle school students. Visit our website to sign up and reserve your spot today!





Your Gifts Change Lives: Stewardship at PCPC

by Tom Lytle

Our church is a vital part of the community and is dedicated to the idea that ministry results in changed lives. God has provided for our church in so many ways, and we are grateful for the continued generosity of our congregation. As we enter the final quarter of the year, consider including Palm City Presbyterian in your year-end giving plans.

Our financial resources are organized into four general categories. You can choose to designate a gift for one of these categories.

Operations & Administration

These funds are included in the annual budget and used to support the daily and ongoing operations of the church.

Buildings & Grounds

These are funds to support the maintenance of our buildings and grounds. A reserve has also been established to address major repairs.

Ministries

This money supports our many teaching, music, and outreach initiatives in our church and community. Many activities are supported through the annual budget and others through special giving or our designated investment accounts.

Missions

This category supports our mission activities at home and abroad. Many local charities and activities are supported through grants from these funds.

There are many ways to give. Consider these options:

Cash Gifts: A cash gift is the easiest way to give. Simply write a check to Palm City Presbyterian Church. You may also give us a credit card number or donate online.

IRA Giving: You may be able to give annually directly to the church from your IRA. IRA giving may also help you satisfy the minimum distribution requirements.

Stock Gifts: A gift of stock may give you two-fold savings on taxes. You may reduce or avoid paying capital gains tax. You may also receive a charitable deduction for the full market value of the stock at the time of the gift.

For more information, please see our website's Giving page or scan the code provided here. You will find a link to our secure and convenient online giving portal.



Because tax laws and regulations are always subject to change, please be sure to consult with your accountant or tax advisor when deciding which giving options are best for you. PCPC cannot and does not offer tax, financial, or wealth management advice.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

1st and 3rd Tuesdays
at 10:00 a.m. in the library

Bible Study Groups

**THURSDAYS
IN LANGILL HALL**

Men's Bible Study @ 7:00 a.m.
Women's Bible Study @ 9:30 a.m.

We're looking for
**USHERS
GREETERS
COMMUNION SERVERS**

Please call the church office for
more information.

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

**SIGN UP
TODAY!**

HOUR OF PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

1st & 3rd Mondays @ 7:30 p.m. on Zoom.
meeting ID# 785 1156 5994

Widows Club

A group for widows...
just to have fun!

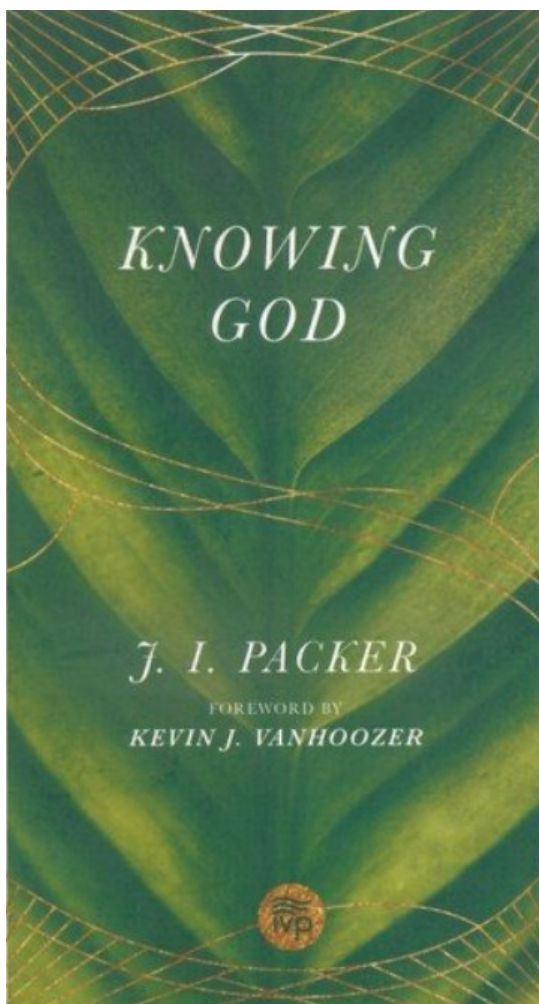
For information on upcoming events
call Lindy at 310-339-5772.

rightnow MEDIA

**Our church's Bible study library
is now digital and gigantic.**

Over 20,000 discipleship videos for kids, youth, and adults.





Wednesday Evening Class

A study of *Knowing God*, by J. I. Packer

Join Pastor David on Wednesday evenings through November 15. The class meets in Langill Hall from 6:00-7:00 p.m. with an optional small group Bible study that follows some of the classes. It is also **livestreamed** and can be accessed on the Resources tab on our [website](#). Books are available for purchase online and in the church office for a suggested donation of \$12.00. See the reading plan below.

Oct. 4 Chapters 9-10
Small group Bible study #2
meets after class

Nov. 1 Chapters 17-18
Small group Bible study #4
meets after class

Oct. 11 Chapters 11-12

Nov. 8 Chapters 19-20

Oct. 18 Chapters 13-14
Small group Bible study #3
meets after class

Nov. 15 Chapters 21-22
Small group Bible study #5
meets after class

Oct. 25 Chapters 15-16

To participate in the small group Bible studies via **Zoom**, please use meeting ID #89849329820 at www.zoom.us.

Sermons in October

by Rev. Dr. David Mauldin

Throughout October, Pastor David will continue our series on the Exodus called Learning the Hard Way. As he said in the first sermon in the series, "The Exodus generation learned the hard way, so that, hopefully, we don't have to." Israel had to first learn who God is and then how to live as God's free people. We do as well. Plus, the series shows how the Exodus points toward Jesus.

October 1, Exodus 7:14-25
Smash-Mouth, Tooth-Collect Theology

October 22, Exodus 16:1-8
The Lord Provides

October 8, Exodus 12:1-13
Passover

October 29, Exodus 20:1-17
The Lord Instructs

October 15, Exodus 14:1-14
The Lord Delivers

Have something for our next newsletter?

Email it to our editors Amy Kitchell and Andrea Wood at newsletter@palmcitypres.org by the deadline listed on the calendar. Please write "Newsletter Article" in your subject line and attach any photos you would like to include.

Chancel Choir Spotlight

by Director Reva Rogers

We would like to thank **Jackie Smith**! She is the driving force behind the choir robes and the organization of the music folders. We are so blessed for her service to the chancel choir. She has been worshiping with the chancel choir for 30 years! She isn't going anywhere, so when you see her, give her a big thank you! The work she does allows for the spirit of musical worship to be our main focus! Thank you, Jackie!

In other news, the choir will begin rehearsing our winter cantata in October. You do not need to be a weekly member to join us for this concert. Please contact me at reva@palmcitypres.org to become a part of our choir for the holiday season.



Photo by Dr. Rosalyn Soo Mauldin

November 5
3:00 p.m.

**Palm City's
Got Talent**

You're invited to a
fantastic variety
show featuring
music, skits, and
more in the PCPC
sanctuary!

A MUSICAL KALEIDOSCOPE OF ADVENTURES

Saturday, November 4 @ 2:00 p.m.
at Peter and Julie Cummings Library

Join pianist Dr. Rosalyn Soo Mauldin and cellist Daniel Mauldin on an exhilarating musical journey – from classical, pop, and ragtime to Celtic, Broadway, and movie favorites! Musical delights for everyone to enjoy! Admission is free. Please arrive early due to limited seating.

Liturgists

by David Bates

Liturgists are integral to our traditional services as they assist the pastor in leading worship.



Photo by Dr. Rosalyn Soo Mauldin

What does the liturgist do?

Liturgists guide the congregation's participation through the day's service order, starting with a warm welcome and an introduction to the first hymn. They lead congregational participation in the Call to Worship and the Affirmation of Faith. They call the ushers up, opening the offering time with an invitation, and close it with a prayer of thanksgiving. The

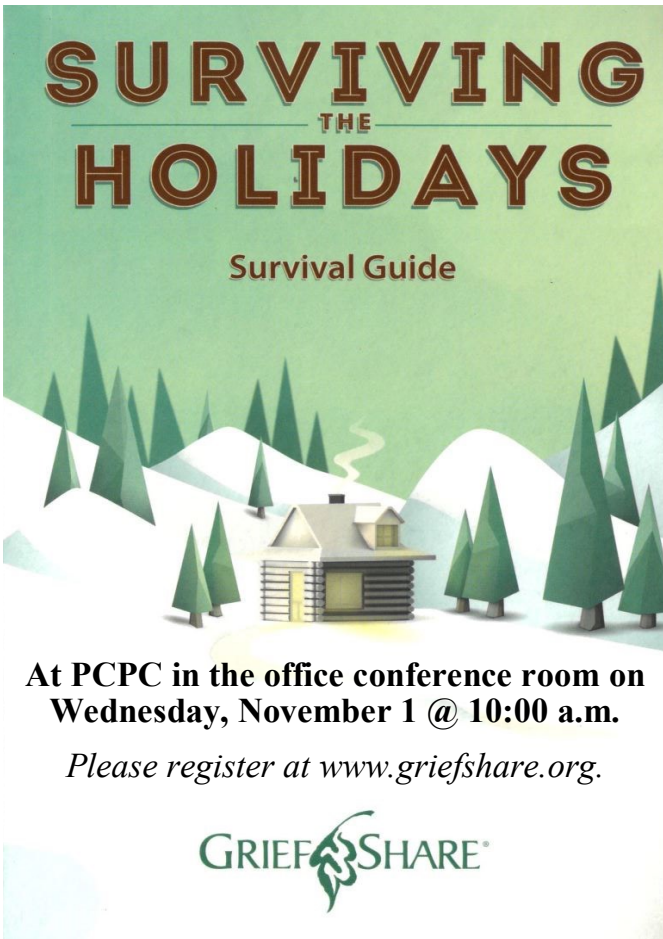
liturgist then reads the day's scripture leading into the pastor's sermon. At the 8:30 service, they also close the service with a benediction.

Who qualifies to be a liturgist?

The liturgist position is generally filled by someone comfortable reading and leading our congregation. It does not have to be an elder or deacon. It can be someone young or old. They should have a good, clear speaking voice. They should also be able to read at a measured pace so the congregation can understand and follow along easily.

How do I volunteer as a liturgist?

If you are interested in volunteering, see the Volunteer tab on our website or call the church office at (772) 286-9958. Training is available. We have several well-versed liturgists who would gladly mentor you through the process.



**SURVIVING
THE
HOLIDAYS**

Survival Guide

At PCPC in the office conference room on
Wednesday, November 1 @ 10:00 a.m.

Please register at www.griefshare.org.

GRIEF SHARE®



**Grandmothers
& Others**

2023 - 2024 SCHEDULE

October 26	March 21
November 16	April 18
December 14	May 16
January 18	
February 15	

This sewing ministry meets
at PCPC from 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. on the Thurs-
days listed above. For more details, please contact
Larry Jones at ljones1992@gmail.com.

GriefShare Program

GriefShare, facilitated by Florine Blackshear, offers biblical, Christ-centered teaching that focuses on topics associated with the death of a loved one. The DVD seminar features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by discussion. Many grieving people find they are only beginning the work of healing when friends or family have returned to their daily life routines. Too often, people tend to stuff their grief instead of allowing it to do the God-given work for which it is intended. Don't allow fear of what others may think to keep you from what could help you. Confidentiality is a key part of this program.

Whether your bereavement experience is recent or not, you will find encouragement, comfort, and help in grieving the death of a loved one. This is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling. You will learn how to recognize the symptoms of being stuck in grief and that you do not need to live in bondage to certain emotions. You will learn valuable information about facing your new normal in life and renewing your hope for the future. Please visit the GriefShare website (griefshare.org) or call the church office at 772-286-9958 to join in at any time.

Loss of Spouse Seminar
Wednesday, October 4 @ 10:00 a.m.

Surviving the Holidays Seminar
Wednesday, November 1 @ 10:00 a.m.

13-week GriefShare Program
Wednesdays beginning January 10 at 10:00 a.m.

Grief SHARE®

PCPC Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, October 28 | 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

in the Huizenga Family Life Center

Join us for a church-wide breakfast, hosted by our deacons, as we embrace the importance of prayer and fellowship. We'll hear from guest speaker and author Ava Pennington on the significance of calling on God by His names and attributes. **Please RSVP on our website by October 14.** There is no cost to attend the breakfast. Men and women of all ages are welcome.

Ava Pennington is the author of *Reflections on the Names of God*, a devotional endorsed by Kay Arthur, founder of Precepts Ministries. She also co-authored two children's picture books and published stories in 29 books of the inspirational *Chicken Soup for the Soul* series. Her articles have appeared in Christian magazines, such as *Today's Christian Woman*, the Salvation Army's *War Cry*, and Focus on the Family's *Clubhouse*. Ava teaches a Bible Study Fellowship class: a weekly, interdenominational class of 200 women. Prior to writing and teaching, she was a senior executive in human resources in New York City for more than 20 years. Her educational background includes an MBA from St. John's University and an Adult Bible Studies certificate from Moody Bible Institute. Ava is an alumna of the Martin County Chamber of Commerce LEADERShip program, and was honored as a Martin County March of Dimes Citizen of Distinction. She is also a former member of the Martin County Library Board of Trustees, as well as a former board member of Care Net Pregnancy Services of the Treasure Coast. Ava and Russ were married 40 years before his graduation to heaven. These days her 9-year-old boxer, Daisy, keeps her entertained with lots of mischief!

The Blessings of Calling God by Name

When we pray, we pray "in Jesus' name." But what does that mean? How does calling on God by the specific names and attributes He revealed for Himself help our prayer life? Learn more about this from Ava at the upcoming prayer breakfast on October 28.

Anyone wishing to purchase Ava's book, *Reflections on the Names of God*, can do so on the prayer breakfast registration form or at the church office for a discounted price of \$10 each. All books should be picked up in the church office prior to the prayer breakfast.



PALM CITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
12th ANNUAL
TURKEY TROT 5K



THANKSGIVING DAY 2023
BENEFITING LAHIA

This year's Turkey Trot will be PCPC's 12th annual 5K Run/Walk & Kids Fun Run! All race proceeds will support Love and Hope in Action (LAHIA), a local organization that provides food and resources to those who are homeless in our community. They offer a comprehensive array of programs and services to meet basic needs and assist with plans for people to reach self-sufficiency. To learn more, please visit www.lahia.org.

Now is a great time to register for the event! Sign up early to guarantee your t-shirt size. The shirts do not run large this year! For more information about the race, please visit RunSignUp.com or scan the code provided here.



Thank you to the following organizations who have agreed to sponsor this year's race!



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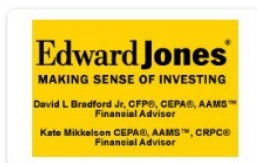
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Turke Advanced Dental Arts Center

We are also seeking volunteers to help during the week of November 20, as well as on Thanksgiving morning at PCPC from 6:30-11:00 a.m. (or part of that time). If you can help out, please visit our website's Upcoming Events page for a link to the online volunteer signup form. There are big jobs and small jobs, a way for everyone to join in this impactful event. **Thank you to those who have already signed up!**

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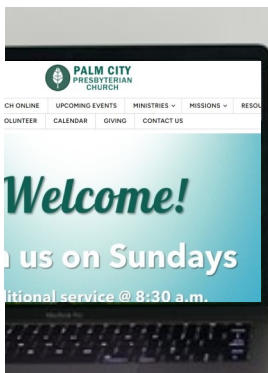
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8 9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School 6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group	9 9:30 a.m. MOPS 5:15 p.m. Walk Aerobics 6:00 p.m. Growth Circle 6:00 p.m. Young Adults 7:30 p.m. Hour of Prayer	10 2:30 p.m. Kidz Klub 5:30 p.m. MOPS 6:00 p.m. Couples Cafe	11 10:30 a.m. Al-Anon 4:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group 4:30 p.m. Bell Choir 5:15 p.m. Walk Aerobics 6:00 p.m. Knowing God	12 7:00 a.m. MBS 9:30 a.m. WBS 6:30 p.m. CBS 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	13	14 11:00 a.m. Nancy Klein Memorial Service
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Birthdays & Anniversaries

10/2 Sandy Brown, Cindy Johns,
Sherry Rodecki, Krista Rosendahl, Judy Scott
10/3 Colleen Katterheinrich
10/4 Bobby Pridmore
10/5 Amy Chappel, Kathryn Thorsen
10/6 Ruthann Hewson, Patty Terech
10/8 Wanda Rosello
10/9 Oliver Copley, Joanne Raulin
10/10 Kevin Floyd, Cody Henn
10/11 Sharon Pierce, Claire Waters
10/12 Gail Pezzicola
10/13 Larry Jones, Judy McDonald
10/14 Val Mudge, Mary Olesen
10/15 Victoria Lippmann
10/16 Sydney Steckler
10/17 Duncan Morrell
10/18 Casey Henn
10/19 Karl Saal
10/20 Sue Henrich
10/22 Ken Johns, Matthew Mesorana
10/23 Anthony Puzzo, Carlin Rykse
10/24 Sara Wilcox
10/25 Sam Johnson, Kirk McLean
10/26 Jeffrey Schoner, Sarah Swindall
10/27 John Rosello
10/28 Margaret Howell, Charlie Rosseau
10/29 Jack March
10/30 Reid Karraker
10/31 Theresa Bozzo, Barbara Grimmer



10/1 Mark & Nancy Bowden
10/3 Daniel & Annika Baggett
10/9 John & Patty Terech
10/11 Dave & Margaret Ann Brockwell
10/12 Tim & Laura Thorsen
10/13 Robert & Christine Kane
10/15 Richard & Jean Austin
10/16 Jordan & Barbara Wagner
10/17 Ben Smith & Emily Adkins
10/23 John & Carol Carsello
10/25 Jason & Sherrey Pridmore



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Traditional Services

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary

Contemporary Service

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



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*Don't miss our 12th
annual run/walk and
kids fun run on
Thanksgiving morning,
November 23 @ 7:30 a.m.*

*Learn more and
register here!*