

PCPH Calendar

Sunday, August 28

- 9:30a Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:15a Family Worship (Sanc) – **Rev. Dr. Dennis Kitterman**
- 10:30a Children's Sunday School (4's & 5's Rm 114; 1st to 5th Lib)
- 11:30a Coffee, Cookies and Conversation (FH)

Thursday, September 1

- 9:00a Property Ministry (Ongoing Projects)
- 7:00p Property Ministry Meeting (104)
- 7:00p Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Sunday, September 4

- 9:30a Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:15a Family Worship (Sanc) – **Rev. Penny Pitts**
- 10:30a Children's Sunday School (4's & 5's Rm 114; 1st to 5th Lib)
- 11:30a Coffee, Cookies and Conversation (FH)
- 4:30p "The Friendlies" (Ruddle Home)

Worship

Welcome worship guests! You are special because God brought you into our presence. Together, we rejoice and celebrate God's blessings in our lives.

The chancel flowers are from Doris Harting to the Glory of God and in honor of family.

The congregation is invited to the **Coffee, Cookies and Conversation** time held in the Fellowship Hall after worship. Be a friend, and make a friend as you enjoy the treats provided by the Fellowship Ministry.

Pray

Members and Friends: Dick and Iris Thomas, Ray and Marilyn Inman, Mike Craig, Marie S., Marilyn, The Murdock Family, The Brawley Family, The Martin Family, Lee B., Hilda, JoEllen, Sally, Dean M., Elizabeth N., Don D., Patrick and Ginny, Dot D., Mrs.

Parvitt, Jim and June, Amy, Lou, Arletta H., The Mader Family, Kay, Chase, Keith, Debbie, Ryan, Lee, Doug, Josh B., The Coffman Family

Military men and women: Brian Jacobson, Bryson Boyd, David Wallingford, Georgette Encinia, Patrick Bannon, Chris Hargis, Rosie Mundhenk, Adam Armstrong, Ashley Miller, Alex Durstein, John Albright, Gary Leonard, Jr., Tom Whissel, Nick Lozar, Hillary and Richard Durstein, Samuel Leyford, Tyler Meade

Church Life

F.E.A.S.T.: The food for August is peanut butter (any kind), 16 – 18 oz. The food for September is cereal, any kind, regular size of 11 – 16 oz.

Bulletin Reminder: Please submit all of your announcements for the Sunday bulletin by **1pm on Tuesday**.

Did you know? Our church calendar is on our website. Visit www.pcp.org and click the menu item labeled calendar. If you see that something isn't on the calendar, but it should be, give the office a call and let them know!

David Mader: Please pray for Carmen Mader and her family. Her husband, David Mader joined the Church Triumphant on Thursday, August 18th.

The Friendlies: On Sunday afternoon, September 4th, this small group ministry will meet at the home of Art and Joan Ruddle at 4:30 pm for a potluck and discussion of their continuing study and future meetings. If you're looking for a small group of older adults and would like to join them, please contact Art or Joan.

| Worship Attendance | July 31 | Aug. 7 | Aug. 14 | Aug. 21 |
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| | 140 | 106 | 131 | 99 |

Today we will be welcoming the Reverend Doctor Dennis K Kitterman. Rev. Dr. Kitterman hails from Indianapolis, Indiana where he attended Northminster Presbyterian Church in his youth. He graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1982 and was ordained in 1983. After three years as the Associate Pastor in Erie PA, he was called to active duty by the USAF. His assignments included, Lackland AFB San Antonio TX, Howard AFB Republic of Panama, Bergstrom AFB Austin TX, Tyndall AFB Panama City FL, Barksdale AFB Shreveport LA, Rhein Main AB, Frankfurt Germany, Hansom AFB Boston MA and deployments to include Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. While in the Air Force Dennis received a Dr. of Min from Austin Theological Seminary in Austin Texas. In 2009 he retired from active duty and moved to Tarpon Springs, Florida. He is married to Cecilia Kitterman and they have three sons: Chris, a pediatrician in St Petersburg, Dan, a branch manager for Enterprise in Pompano Beach, and Andrew who is studying to be a Physician's Assistant in Savannah.

Pumpkins Are Coming! Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 1st, at 9:00am, for pumpkin patch set-up. This is a week before the pumpkins arrive. We need to get the patch ready for our pumpkins.

HELP NEEDED: Looking for a few folks to help out one Sunday a month in the IT Booth. Some PC experience would be helpful. Training will be provided. Please contact Jon Schier at 727-786-2057.

Children

One Room Summer Sunday School (Ages 4 - 5th Grade): Our children's ministry Sunday school program will continue to meet each week for games, worship, a Biblical lesson, and fun during our 10:15 worship service! Our entire Sunday school class will meet as one in the library from June - August where we will either participate in a Sunday School lesson or Christian Movie with popcorn! Our hope is that this Summer will be a fun time of fellowship, games, and crafts for our children at PCPH.

Malissa's Maternity Leave: Our Children and Youth Director, Malissa Garcia, will be on maternity leave from July 10th - September 7th. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Malissa via the PCPH office. The office will be able to get a message to her during maternity leave.

Youth

Summer Youth Ministry (Grades 6th -12th): Our middle and high school youth groups are still in our Summer ministry programs and are taking a break until the Fall from our weekly meetings. Although each group will not be meeting as a whole each week, our ministry will have events, camps, and fellowship opportunities that we hope you as a student can become involved in.

Upcoming Events:

September 14th - Middle School Ministry Begins (Wednesday Nights 6:30-8:00)
September 18th - High School Ministry Begins- (Sunday Nights 7:00-8:30)
September 25th - "Fall, Family, Fun Day" - Worship -10:15am at PCPH
"Growing Tree Sunday" -Growing Tree Alumni asked to be in worship!
October 8th - Pumpkins Arrive



Middle and High School Annual Fall Kick Off

September 9th - 11th - Rock the Universe
Cost: \$85.00 - Payment Due September 1st

All students who are in grades 6th-12th, we welcome you to join us for our annual fall kick off to Rock the Universe! We will rock, ride and rejoice at Rock the Universe® only at Universal Studios®. Experience two nights of soul-stirring songs from Christian music's hottest stars, alongside awesome rides and attractions. It's an unforgettable weekend of faith, fun, and fellowship.

The following is the Executive Summary of the Mission Study for PCPH that has been submitted to the Presbytery Commission on Ministry as the basis for requesting approval to form a Pastor Nominating Committee.

**PCPH Mission Study
Executive Summary**

The Presbyterian Church of Palm Harbor (PCPH) began its journey to redefine its future when its long-term pastor retired in February, 2015. With congregational membership of a little more than 300 people, PCPH views itself as a close-knit family that warmly welcomes all. Our journey began with a period of reflecting on the past to remember our history and the attributes of PCPH that brought us together. We then identified a wide range of ideas to look beyond where we are today. By exploring and challenging these ideas, we collaborated on a mission that gives us direction toward an exciting future.

We summarize our mission in the following mission statement.

Our mission is to create a close church family that grows in our relationship with God and demonstrates his love. We bridge people's diverse worship needs for energy and peace, study God's Word to guide our daily lives, care for one another, and serve needs in our community.

In the statement is the concept that we are striving for a close, extended family atmosphere and that our mission is to actively demonstrate God's love both to one another and to those outside of our walls. We realize this means we have to find ways to worship that is meaningful for all of us. It also means we have to focus on how to actively practice our beliefs every day. We believe the foundation of our mission is caring for and serving others, both internal and external to our congregation.

We have room to grow in many of the areas that are necessary to realize our mission. We need to improve and increase our offering to young and middle-aged adults. We must build on the successful development of a vibrant program for children and youth. We have room to improve our internal care system and desire to become more active in local mission work. We hope to evolve our worship service so that we may worship together in ways that are meaningful for all. The wonderful possibilities presented by this direction are endless and we embrace them whole-heartedly.

Session Summary (meeting of August 22):

- The PCPH Mission Study Report was approved for submission to Presbytery of Tampa Bay Commission on Ministry.
- The 2016 Nominating Committee reported that they expect to have a slate of nominees for the Pastor Nominating Committee by early September.
- Calling a Congregational Meeting for September 11th to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee was approved. The meeting is contingent upon approval from the Presbytery of Tampa Bay Commission on Ministry for PCPH to form a Pastor Nominating Committee.
- Spending of not more than \$8000 on pest control and building repairs for the Fellowship Hall/Growing Tree building was authorized.
- Lori Smith was selected to chair the 2016 Nominating Committee for developing a nominee slate for elders and new Nominating Committee members for 2017.

Congregational Meeting: There will be a Called Meeting of the Congregation on September 11th to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee (contingent upon approval to proceed from the Commission on Ministry of the Presbytery).

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GATHER JOYFULLY

Welcome, Announcements, Moment for Mission, Quiet Time Melanie Haslam
Choir • Yohance Wicks

***Call to Worship** (*Please rise for the Call to Worship*) Liturgist: Cathy Driscoll

Leader: The tribulations of life can weigh heavy upon us.

People: Yet we have faith and hope.

Leader: The challenges we face can push us to the brink.

People: Yet we have faith and hope.

Leader: The uncertainty of tomorrow can paralyze us with fear.

People: Yet we have faith and hope.

All: The people of God rejoice and give all praise to God!

***Song** (insert/wall) "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" Hymn 379

***Prayer of Confession** (together)

Almighty God, so often we fail to be the people you have called us to be. We turn our backs on those in need and seek to fulfill the desires of our own hearts. Forgive us oh Lord, and help us to become the people who give witness to you not only by what we say, but by what we do. In Christ Jesus, make us new and whole that we may serve you as you have served us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

***Words of Assurance**

Hear the good news of the Gospel, In Christ Jesus you are forgiven. Go therefore and sin no more.

***Praise Response** (all sing) "We Are Forgiven"

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

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GROW SPIRITUALLY

Children's Message Kayleigh Wingard
(Children will go to Sunday school after the Children's Message.)

***Song** (insert/wall) "Just as I Am, Without One Plea" Hymn 370

Prayer of God's People, Lord's Prayer, Choral Response

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Call for Offering

***Doxology** (together)

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Anthem

Scripture Psalter reading: Psalm 27:4-5
Gospel reading: Luke 18:35-43

Message "A Journey of Hope" Rev. Dr. Dennis Kitterman

***Song** (insert/wall) "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit" Hymn 398

GO FAITHFULLY

***Blessing**

***Response** (all sing) "Amen" See music insert

**Congregation stands. If standing is difficult, please remain seated.*

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