

## PCPH Calendar

Sunday, March 20

- 9:15a No Middle & High School Sunday School "The Gathering"  
Youth Cedarkirk Mission Trip to Beth-El Farmworker Missions
- 9:45a Choir Rehearsal (CR)
- 10:15a Palm Sunday - Family Worship (Sanc) –**Pastor Penny Pitts**
- 10:30a Children's Sunday School (4's & 5's Rm 114; 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Lib)
- 11:30a Coffee, Cookies and Conversation (FH)
- 3:30p The Friendlies (Ruddle Home)

Monday, March 21

- Growing Tree Spring Break Week
- Youth Cedarkirk Mission Trip to Beth-El Farmworker Missions

Tuesday, March 22

- 10:00a Create and Share (104)
- Youth return from Mission Trip

Wednesday, March 23

- 6:30p No "Thrive" Middle School Youth Group

Thursday, March 24

- 9:00a Property Ministry (Ongoing Projects)
- 10:00a Covenant Women (LIB)
- 7:00p Stations of the Cross - Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, March 26

- 9:00a Sanctuary Open for Good Friday until noon

Sunday, March 27

- 9:15a No Middle & High School Sunday School "The Gathering"
- 9:45a Choir Rehearsal (CR)
- 10:15a Easter Sunday - Family Worship (Sanc) –**Pastor Penny Pitts**
- 10:30a Children's Sunday School (4's & 5's Rm 114; 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Lib)
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| <b>Worship<br/>Attendance</b> | Feb. 21 | Feb. 28 | Mar. 6 | Mar. 13 |
|                               | 168     | 172     | 180    | 172     |

### 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 Betsy and Tom Mapes to the Glory of God and in memory of their spouses, Marjorie Mapes and Edward Grattan.

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

**Member and Friends:** Dick and Iris Thomas, Ray and Marilyn Inman, Mike Craig, Teddy B., Phil O., Diane L., Gail K., Jean S., Lois, Sylvia H., Carole H., Barb, Ty B., Audrey C., Carol H., The Bower Family, The Burke Family, Sue H., Dottie Hackett, Anthony C., Edgar & Mary Ann, Luke, Starla, Vickie, Rick M., John S., Pam C., Gloria D., Pam B., Craig, Ann Marie, Cliff F., Bob B., Susan D., Tom G., Diane R., Mollie D., Doris K., Elizabeth N., Don, Beverly, Debbie Z. and family, The Slimmer Family, Barbara

**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 March is canned fruit, 16 oz.

**Bulletin Reminder:** Please submit all of your announcements for the Sunday bulletin by **2pm on Tuesday**.

**Growing Tree:** Registration for the 2016 - 2017 school year has begun! Full or half day programs for children who are 2, 3 or 4 years of age by September 1<sup>st</sup> are available. Call the Growing Tree office for details (727-786-6158) or visit our website at [www.gtpreschool.org](http://www.gtpreschool.org). We are **APPLE** accredited and are recognized as a **GOLD SEAL** Quality Program through the State of Florida Department of Children and Families.

**Wonder Wednesday:** Join us on April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. for a wonderful dinner prepared by **YOU!!** Our April Wonder Wednesday dinner will be a covered dish. So bring your favorite dish to share with others. After dinner you can stay for fun and games, cards or just visit with fellow members. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex, so we can have an idea of how many tables to set up. Hope to see you there!

**Maundy Thursday:** On March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm will be our Stations of the Cross Maundy Thursday service. Join us for this special service that Pastor Penny and our Youth Director Malissa will be leading with the help of our outstanding youth.

**Easter Sunday:** Easter Sunday is March 27<sup>th</sup> and we will have the Hallelujah Chorus and Florida Fanfare Brass performing! Join us at 10:15am for the service.

**Rays Fans:** It's that time of year again. Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, the Tampa Bay Rays will be hosting the Toronto Blue Jays. Come and join other Presbyterians from the Tampa Bay area for the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Presbytery Group day with the Rays! This year we will have seats in the lower level and the price of \$30 includes a Rays' hat; which can be picked up by showing your ticket at the redemption center across from Gate 3 concourse until the 5<sup>th</sup> inning. We will be renting a van this year, to make sure we complete the round trip. Cost of the van will be split between the riders. There is a signup sheet in the narthex. Indicate how many seats you will need for the van. Deadline to order is April 18<sup>th</sup>. Tickets can also be purchased to donate to the Beth El Farmworkers Ministry for the workers. If you have questions, please call Bob Walker at 727-942-9453.

**Medical Mission Honduras:** We are assisting St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Dunedin with much needed medical supplies. They will be conducting health clinics in rural areas to help people obtain basic medical care. Our own Debi Fiegle will be leading the group on her 8<sup>th</sup> trip. Can you provide one or more health items? A list of needed supplies can be found by the donation box in the Narthex. Most items can be purchased at local dollar stores or grocery stores. I will be happy to purchase items for you. Thank you – Judy Gammonley, PCPH Parish Nurse.

**Volunteers:** We are compiling a list of volunteers willing to assist with food contributions for memorial services. If you would like to add your name, please contact Pat Whissel at 727-781-7774 or [patwhissel@gmail.com](mailto:patwhissel@gmail.com).

**Per Capita:** The per capita per member for 2016 is \$20.00. All of this money will stay in our local Presbytery, as your Session voted several years ago to support neither the Synod nor the General Assembly. Because Per Capita is a Mission Expense, your help will allow more to be spent on other mission projects. If you do not use envelopes, which include the Blue per capita envelope, there are extra envelopes in the Narthex. If no envelope is used, please note on the memo line of your check, per capita. Thank you.

**2016 Pledge:** It is still not too late to submit a 2016 Pledge Card. The cards are available in the Narthex. Thank you for your support of PCPH.

## Children

**Sunday School:** Each week our elementary age children have the privilege of participating in Sunday School which takes place during the same time as worship. We offer two classes for our elementary age children: Ages 4 - 6 which takes place in room 112 in our Fellowship Hall building, and ages 7 - 11 which takes place in the Library. Children will leave after the children's message for Sunday School. Our hope is that children will learn God's Word and have a set Christian foundation for their future as they grow up in His Word.

**Kid's Ministry Spring Bash at Cedarkirk:** We welcome all 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at PCPH to come and experience God in a fun, exciting, and beautiful setting at Cedarkirk's Spring Bash. Our Sunday School classes will take a weekend and be able to experience activities like zip-lining, rock climbing, group games, crafts, and worship! This 24-hour retreat also includes an adventurous night in a Rustic Cabin and an opportunity to meet new friends in Christ. This is a great introduction to Cedarkirk for younger campers! This weekend will take place April 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, the cost is \$35.00.

## Youth

**"The Gathering"** takes place every Sunday from 9:15 -10:10am in the youth room and is for our 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade students. This isn't just Sunday School. It's a time for growth and to grow closer with Christ and your relationship with Him, hosted by Malissa. The Gathering will not meet this Sunday due to our youth mission trip!

**High School Youth Group (Alive)** is committed to making disciples and world changers in the name of Jesus. We will not meet this week due to our mission trip being hosted this weekend at Cedarkirk and the Beth-El Farmworker Missions!

**Middle School Youth Group (Thrive)** is dedicated to getting to know and love God. This is the foundation for all that we do. Our weekly Wednesday night takes place in the youth room from 6:30pm - 8:00pm. Our hope is that each week you will get a chance to hear a relevant Christian teaching from experienced leaders, meet new friends in small groups, and play wacky games that you really couldn't play anywhere else. Middle school youth group is welcome to EVERYBODY, grades 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>, so invite your friends!

### Upcoming Events

Middle and High School Spring Break Mission Trip – March 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Stations of the Cross- Maundy Thursday Service- Thursday March 24<sup>th</sup> 7pm  
No Middle School Youth – March 23<sup>rd</sup> – Happy Easter!  
No High School Youth – March 27<sup>th</sup> – Happy Easter!



Greetings to the PCPH congregation! I arrived on Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, and several members were there to welcome me warmly, along with the moving van. I'm glad to be here, and I look forward to meeting all of you!

Aside from brief times in California and Ann Arbor, Michigan, I am a lifelong native of Grosse Pointe, an eastern suburb of Detroit, Michigan. I graduated from the University of Michigan (go blue!) with a Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene. I practiced dental hygiene part-time for many years, until 2011.

My journey to ordained ministry began in 1998, when I started seminary at Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Detroit. I spent my final year studying at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, and graduated in 2005. Each week I flew to Chicago, took classes, and flew back the next day. My dental office was very accommodating, moving whole days of scheduled patients according to my schedule. After graduation, I served as pulpit supply for the Presbytery of Detroit, worked in mission opportunities, taught Sunday School, and continued to be active in my home church. For almost five years, I have served a small church in Frostburg, Maryland. It was a good place to learn and grow. At my ordination, a seasoned ordained colleague gave me some advice, as I began ordained pastoral ministry – “just love them.” I have found those to be valuable words of wisdom.

My two daughters and one son live in the metro Detroit area, along with my four grandsons and one granddaughter. I miss them, but I expect to have lots of company here, especially in cold weather!

As we begin Holy Week, may we hold our Lord closely in our hearts, walking with Him faithfully on his journey to the cross and beyond, to Easter joy.

Looking forward with excitement,

Pastor Penny

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## GATHER JOYFULLY

**Welcome, Announcements, Moment for Mission, Quiet Time**  
Rays Game • Bob Walker

Melanie Haslam

**\*Song** (insert/wall)

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

Hymn 89

**\*Prayer of Confession** (together)

Liturgist: Kate DeVault

Triumphant God, we join the crowds of the ages in shouting your praises. While our lips give you glory, our lives seldom reflect your will. We sing easily of your greatness, but living faithfully is often beyond us. We hear of your salvation, yet sin is still close and real, daily leading us away from you. Have mercy on us. Ride into our hearts with healing grace. Forgive what we have done and who we have been. Lord, save us. Hosanna! Amen.

**\*Words of Assurance**

Liturgist: Kate DeVault

**Leader:** It is the Lord who helps us; who will declare us guilty?

Because of the grace we received in baptism, we have nothing to fear.

**All:** In Jesus Christ, we are freed, and we are forgiven.

**\*Praise Response** (all sing)

“Gloria Patri”

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

## GROW SPIRITUALLY

**Children's Message**

Huiran Xaxni

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

**\*Song** (insert/wall)

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Hymn 88

### **Prayer of God's People, the 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, Offering Prayer**

**Scripture** Luke 19: 28-40

**Anthem**

**Message** "On the Cusp of Heaven" Pastor Penny Pitts

## **GO FAITHFULLY**

**\*Song** (insert/wall) "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!" Hymn 91

**\*Blessing**

**\*Response** (all sing) "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"  
Hymn 81 (Verse 4)

Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering over past,  
An Easter of unending joy we may attain at last!

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

Large print bulletins are provided for those with compromised sight. Please speak with an usher for assistance.

Listening devices are available for those with hearing issues. Devices are located in the center entryway to the sanctuary. A small step-by-step instruction page is there to help you to use the device effectively.