

PCPH Calendar

Sunday, September 25

- 9:15a Middle & High School Sunday School "The Gathering"
- 9:30a Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:15a Family Worship (Sanc) – **Growing Tree Sunday**
- 10:30a Children's Sunday School (4's & 5's Rm 114; 1st to 5th Lib)
- 11:45a Coffee, Cookies and Conversation (FH)
- 11:45a Kona Ice and Bounce House – Family Fun
- 3:30p "The Friendlies" (Ruddle Home)
- 7:00p High School Youth Group "Alive"

Monday, September 26

- 12:30p Growing Tree Staff Meeting (104)
- 7:00p Session Meeting (LIB)

Tuesday, September 27

- 9:30a Quilting for Comfort (FH)
- 10:00a Create and Share (104)
- 5:45p Brownie Troop (FH)

Wednesday, September 28

- 6:30p "Thrive" Middle School Youth Group

Thursday, September 29

- 9:00a Property Ministry (Ongoing Projects)
- 10:00a Covenant Women (LIB)
- 7:00p Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Saturday, October 1

- 9:00a Pumpkin Patch Set-Up

Sunday, October 2

- 9:15a Middle & High School Sunday School "The Gathering"
- 9:15a New Member Class (LIB)
- 9:30a Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
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Worship Attendance	Aug. 28	Sept. 4	Sept. 11	Sept. 18
	123	117	119	130

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 Linda Burton to the Glory of God and in honor of her husband, Larry's Birthday.

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, Carol O., Bob, The Meier Family, Krista, Art, Don U., Ginny S., Diane H., Marlene S., Betty R., Tim, Phil O., Gail K., Diane L., Kathy B., Ginny B., Keith, Debbie, Carol, Tim, Lee, Katie A., Paula V., Robert P., Amy, Alexander

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

Today is Growing Tree Sunday! We want to say a special thank you to the Growing Tree Alumni that participated in today's service. Thank you to: *Aidan Ashe, Jamison Ashe, Mia Battaglia, Lillybelle Chae, Kaitlyn Doukas, Emily Wingard, Kayleigh Wingard, Megan Wingard, and Giovanni Xaxni*

New Member Class: We will be having a new member class on October 2nd and October 16th from 9:15am – 10:00am. The class will be held in the Library. The new members will be presented in worship on October 23rd. Please contact Pastor Penny if you wish to attend.

Quilting for Comfort: Join us Tuesday, September 27th from 9:30am – 11:30am in Fellowship Hall for quilting. This is a multi-generational group that is making quilts for our high school graduates. We want to enjoy fellowship while showing our support for the youth of our church. No experience needed, just a love for this church and our youth. If you ever wanted to learn to quilt, please consider joining us. Bring your cutting board and other cutting tools if you have them.

F.E.A.S.T.: The food for September is cereal, any kind, regular size of 11 – 16 oz. The food for October is canned fruit, 16 oz.

Women's Mission Project for F.E.A.S.T.: The items for September are paper towels and/or bath soap. Thank you!

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. We also need your help on Saturday October 8th to unload pumpkins!

Pumpkin Patch: Please bring your calendars to church so you can join the fun in the Pumpkin Patch! We are looking for people to serve our church by selling pumpkins in the Patch during the month of October. If you have questions, please contact Yvette Doukas or the church office.



Theology on Tap: Join us at the [Pint and Brew](#) in Palm Harbor (3261 Tampa Road), for food, fellowship, and faith! We will meet on the first Thursday of every month, starting October 6th, and childcare will be provided free of charge at PCPH from 7 - 9pm. Contact Malissa Garcia with any questions, and or concerns! We cannot wait to see what God has in store for this fellowship group, come as you are and bring a friend!

Wonder Wednesday is Back! Wednesday, October 12th, will kick off our **Wonder Wednesday Dinners and Fun and Game Night**. Judy Gammonley will be giving a short presentation on the New CPR program. Afterwards will be games for those who wish to participate, or just stay and visit! The menu will be: Beef Stroganoff over Noodles, Belgian Carrots, Tossed Salad, Rolls and Dessert. There is no charge for the dinner, but there will be a free will offering. We need to have you sign up for the dinner so we know how much food is needed. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex. We hope to have a great turn out to start our Fall season!

Next month will be our Thanksgiving Dinner Potluck . The turkey will be provided by Fellowship with everyone bringing their favorite dish to share.

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. 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.

Nursery (Birth - Age 3) "Frolic": A curriculum created for babies and toddlers that was developed by early childhood experts, Frolic resources introduce little ones to faith concepts in age-appropriate ways. Our hope at PCPH is to equip all families with children of any age with the right materials to start their faith journey at a young age.

Little Ones (Age 4 – 6) SparkHouse Lectionary Curriculum: Each week, kids and their leaders gather together to explore their Bibles, enjoy fun activities, pray, and grow in faith. The curriculum follows the church lectionary in a fun and exciting way to create a faith that is grounded in truth.

Older Ones (Age 7-11) "Connect": Connect takes children on a journey through the Old Testament and into the New Testament exploring the connections between several stories each week. The curriculum includes a video, lesson, and hands on projects for our children.

Youth

The Gathering (6th – 12th): takes place every Sunday from 9:15 - 10:10am in the Youth Room and is for our 6th-12th 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.

Middle School Ministry (Thrive 6th – 8th): Will meet regularly throughout the school year on Wednesday nights from 6:30pm - 8:00pm. Come meet new friends, join a small group, and play wacky games that you really couldn't play anywhere else. We are dedicated to getting to know and love God as we form a Christian foundation that can last a lifetime. This Fall our middle school youth group will journey together through "Echo The Story Experience". Our hope is that this study will help you as a student discover your self-worth, and your identity through Biblical truth via DVD, and Sketch Journal!

High School Ministry (Alive 9th – 12th): Will meet regularly throughout the school year on Sunday nights from 7:00pm - 8:30pm. During this time, we will learn, eat, fellowship, play games, and support one another in a Christian atmosphere. This Fall our group will be taking a look at the hard questions of life with the book, "Can I Ask That?" We will look at both Biblical principles as well as a world view. Our hope is that as a student you will form an anchor in Christ as you transition to your young adult life.

Upcoming Events:

September 25th- TODAY - "Fall, Family, Fun Day" - Worship – 10:15am at PCPH
"Growing Tree Sunday" - Growing Tree Alumni asked to be in worship!

October 1st – Pumpkin Patch Set-Up

October 8th - Pumpkins Arrive

Dear Parents,
You've done a really good thing. Being here, that is. I appreciate your effort. Yes, I saw you running around the house trying to get the kids fed, dressed, and ready for church. I saw you trying to redirect their energy in the car coming here. Not only did I see all that but I can't help but remember my own kids and how willful and stubborn they were.



I am the original parent after all. If it helps, know that I am smiling because you are doing a holy thing in your desire that your children learn about me.

Now you are in my house. You want this to go better than it did when you were at your in-law's house. You want your children to sit still and be quiet. You've even told them they are in "God's house." You brought out the big gun. Guess what? It won't happen as you wish. They are children. They will bounce and sway, kick the pew in front of them, find that the color crayon they wanted is missing from the packet you picked up when you arrived, and they will talk in a schoolyard voice. I hear the exasperation in your voice as you beg and bribe them to just sit still because you feel everyone is watching you. Not everyone is but that's how it feels. "Ten more minutes," you whisper to them.

I know you're wondering if this is worth it. I know you often leave church more exhausted than fulfilled. But what you are doing is so important. I want you to know that I know how hard it is for you to be here with your children.

My dear parent I am so happy that you are here with your children. Thank you for being a vital part of my family here at the Presbyterian Church of Palm Harbor. Thank you for coming! Now I'll whisper in your ear, "Ten more minutes."

With All My Love,

God

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Malissagarcia12@gmail.com

Save the Date

**Thursday October 6th at
7pm**

**Thursday November 3rd at
7pm**

**Thursday December 1st at
7pm**

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GATHER JOYFULLY

Welcome, Announcements, Quiet Time

Melanie Haslam

*Call to Worship *(Please rise for the Call to Worship)*

Liturgist: Heather Murphy

Leader: Come! Come! Everybody worship!

People: We gather in hope

Leader: We come from busy lives into this place.

People: We gather in love

Leader: We come from near and far to follow Christ's call.

People: We gather in joy

All: Come! Together, we will worship God!

*Song (insert/wall)

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

Hymn 464

*Prayer of Confession (together)

Dear God, you are a great and awesome God. We're sorry for the things we have done wrong in your eyes, and for things we should have done but didn't do. Please forgive us. Help us to love others as you love us. Amen.

*Words of Assurance

Hear the good news for all of us: our fear is gone by God's presence. God's love for us is forever. Our sins are forgiven, in the love of Jesus Christ.

*Praise Response (all sing)

"Jesus Loves the Little Children"

Jesus loves the little children. All the children of the world. Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in His sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world.

GROW SPIRITUALLY

Growing Tree Alumni

Growing Tree, The Next Generation

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

"Slow Down"

[Nichole Nordeman](#)

Soloist: Bianca McChesney

Prayer of Dedication

Scripture

Matthew 19:14

Psalms 139:1, 5, 14

Message

"Just in Case You Ever Wonder"

Rev. Penny Pitts and Malissa Garcia

*Song (insert/wall)

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"
(Verse 1)

GO FAITHFULLY

*Blessing

*Response (all sing)

"Sanctuary"

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true,
thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

With

**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.