

## PCPH Calendar

Sunday, October 2

- 9:15a Middle & High School Sunday School "The Gathering"
- 9:15a New Member Class (LIB)
- 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; 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Lib)
- 11:45a Coffee, Cookies and Conversation (FH)
- 7:00p High School Youth Group "Alive"

Monday, October 3

- 12:30p Growing Tree Staff Meeting (104)
- 6:45p Agape Group (LIB)
- 7:30p PNC (FH)

Tuesday, October 4

- 10:00a Library Committee (LIB)
- 1:00p Bridge Club (FH)

Wednesday, October 5

- 9:00a Growing Tree Parent Club (FH)
- 2:00p PWCT (LIB)
- 6:30p "Thrive" Middle School Youth Group

Thursday, October 6

- 9:00a Property Ministry (Ongoing Projects)
- 10:00a Covenant Women (LIB)
- 7:00p Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- 7:00p Theology on Tap (Pint and Brew)

Saturday, October 8

- 9:00a Unload Pumpkins!

Sunday, October 9

- 9:15a Middle & High School Sunday School "The Gathering"
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<b>Worship Attendance</b>	Sept. 4	Sept. 11	Sept. 18	Sept. 25
	117	119	130	260

### 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 Jon and Gail Schier to the Glory of God and in memory of our mother Lillian B. Wilson.

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, Keith, Debbie, Carol, Lee, Krista, Art, Don U., Ginny S., Diane H., Marlene S., Betty R., Tim, Phil O., Gail K., Diane L., Kathy B., Ginny B., Debbie, Tim, Katie A., Paula V., Robert P., Amy, Alexander, The Zimmerman Family, Kip S., Jack M., Dwayne & Family, Kimberly & Mother, Lucy H., Jerry B., Rob K.

**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

**New Member Class:** A New Member Class started today, and will continue next Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, from 9:15am – 10:00am. The class is being held in the Library. The new members will be presented in worship on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please contact Pastor Penny if you wish to attend.

**F.E.A.S.T.:** The food for October is canned fruit, 16 oz.

**Women's Mission Project for F.E.A.S.T.:** The items for October are bleach and/or toilet bowl cleaner. Thank you!

**Pumpkin Patch:** Pumpkins are coming Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>! We need help unloading at 9am, so bring your family, friends and neighbors! 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 this Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 12<sup>th</sup>, 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.*

**Agape Small Group:** The Monday night small group will be starting on October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:45pm – 8:15pm in the Library. They are studying Lee Stroebel's Faith Under Fire, Faith and Jesus. This is a DVD and discussion series. The Agape group is open to anyone interested in furthering their faith.

**Growing Tree Fall Festival:** The Growing Tree's Fall Festival is coming up on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4:00pm - 7:00pm. Bring the whole family out to enjoy an evening of fun, games and picking the perfect pumpkin! Ticket prices will be \$1 each, with all booths being 1- 3 tickets.

## 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 (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>):** 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.

**Middle School Ministry (Thrive 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>):** 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 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>):** 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:

October 8<sup>th</sup> - Pumpkins Arrive  
October 22<sup>nd</sup> – Fall Festival

## Session Summary (meeting of September 26):

- The Ministry Information Form prepared by the Pastor Nominating Committee was approved for submission to Presbytery of Tampa Bay Commission on Ministries. (The Ministry Information is the input from PCPH to the system that matches interested pastors and churches seeking pastors.)
- A report of the continuing, urgent efforts to improve performance of the sound system in the sanctuary was received and endorsed.
- A revised trash removal contract was approved that substantially lowers the monthly base cost.
- A proposal to sell the church bus was approved.
- A commission was appointed to review and receive new members in the upcoming New Member Class.

# WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



**We celebrate the Sacrament** of the Lord's Supper today. Please celebrate with us as we profess Jesus as Lord and Savior. In the bread basket there is a paper cup with pieces of gluten-free bread.

The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. Paul tells us that we are to "discern the body" when we partake of Holy Communion, mindful that we note our relationship to all our brothers and sisters in Christ in the celebration.

Celebration of World Wide Communion Sunday was adopted as a denominational practice in the Presbyterian Church (US) in 1936. Churches in other denominations were invited to celebrate with us from the beginning, but it wasn't until 1940 when the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches (a predecessor body of the National Council of Churches) promoted extending the celebration to a number of churches around the world that the practice became widespread. Today, World Communion Sunday is celebrated around the world, demonstrating that the church founded on Jesus Christ peacefully shares God-given goods in a world increasingly destabilized by globalization and global market economies based on greed.

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## GATHER JOYFULLY

### Welcome, Announcements, Quiet Time

Melanie Haslam

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

Liturgist: Joan Ruddle

Leader: Even when we feel most alone and everything seems hopeless,

**People: we remember the faithfulness of God and our hope is restored.**

Leader: When our circumstances make it difficult to sing the Lord's song,

**People: we remember God's acts of saving grace and our hope is restored.**

**Together: Let us worship the God of hope!**

### \*Song (insert/wall)

"He Came Down"

(Cameroon)

### \*Prayer of Confession (together)

**Loving God, we confess that we have not turned away from sin. We worry that our hope is lost and forget the promise of your love. We take the gift of faith for granted and fail to keep your commandments. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us, by your Holy Spirit, to hold fast to the teaching of your Word and guard the treasure entrusted to us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

### \*Words of Assurance

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. In Jesus Christ, we are freed, and we are forgiven.

### \*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

Bianca McChesney

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

### \*Song (insert/wall)

"In Christ There is No East or West"

Hymn 439

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

### 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

Luke 17:5-10

### Message

"Keep On Keeping On"

Rev. Penny Pitts

### \*Song (insert/wall)

"Song of Hope"

(Argentina)

Hymn 432

### Affirmation of Faith

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

# CALL TO THE TABLE

## Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

### Invitation to the Table

#### Response

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

#### Lord's Prayer

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.

#### Words of Institution and Distribution of the Elements

*(Please hold the bread but partake of the cup as it is passed.)*

## GO FAITHFULLY

#### \*Blessing

#### \*Response (all sing)

"Hold My Hand"

K. Medema

Hold my hand and don't let go – while the winds of changes blow. In the rain and in the snow, hold my hand and don't let go.

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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.