

# PCPH Calendar

Sunday, December 4

- 9:30a Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:15a Family Worship (Sanc) – **Pastor Penny**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**
- 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, December 5

- 7:30p PNC (FH)

Tuesday, December 6

- 9:30a Quilting for Comfort (FH)
- 10:00a Library Committee (LIB)
- 1:00p Bridge Club (FH)

Wednesday, December 7

- 2:00p PWCT (LIB)
- 6:30p Venture Crew (104)
- 6:30p "Thrive" Middle School Youth Group

Thursday, December 8

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

Friday, December 9

- 11:00a Growing Tree Practice (Sanc)

Sunday, December 11

- 9:30a Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:15a Family Worship (Sanc) – **Pastor Penny**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**
- 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)
- 12:00p Children's Ministry – Caroling
- 4:00p Christmas Cantata (Sanc)
- 7:00p High School Youth Group "Alive"

## 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 Michael Craig and Dick & Iris Thomas to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Diane L. Craig, wife & daughter.

**The chancel flowers** are from Larry and Beverly McKinley to the Glory of God and thanks to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The sheaf of wheat has been placed on the altar in remembrance of **Doris Stoops**. Doris passed away on Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please be in prayer for her family during this time.

**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 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, Lynn, Jay & Janet F., Pat M., Peggy D., Ellie D., The Ritter Family, The Kelley Family, The Hansen Family, Randy W., June, Paul L., Phil O., Gail K., Diane L., Michael S., Kathy B.,

Robert P., Mike B., Judith M., Davis K., Denise, Patti W., Ariana, Mike S., Ray & Deloris H., Doug H., Lee L., Lynn M., Lynn L., Greg & Gail Ashe & Family, Jim & Joan, Norman, Deena W., Randy W., Steve, Lorraine P., Nancy D., Dubois 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 December is Jell-O, regular or sugar free.

**Women's Mission Project for F.E.A.S.T.:** December items are dish soap and toilet paper. Thank you!

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

Worship Attendance	Nov. 6	Nov. 13	Nov. 20	Nov. 27
	169	146	143	160

**Angel Tree** names are on the tree in the Narthex. Please choose an angel from the tree, sign up on the clipboard, and return the gift wrapped before December 18<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure you attach the angel to the package. This will ensure that the child gets the correct gift. There will be a sign in the front of the Sanctuary to place your gifts. We have 50 families this year, so join in on the PCPH Tradition and give a gift!

**Christmas Cantata:** Join us on December 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm here in the sanctuary for our choir's musical presentation of the celebration of the Messiah's birth. The music will take us through the story leading up to the birth of Jesus Christ, our King. The public is welcome. Invite your friends, families and neighbors for this special musical event.

**Guest Organist:** George Algozzina originally hails from New Jersey where he began his musical training as a child and teenager. After moving to Florida, he became involved with the "YOA" organization..."Young Organists of America" with which he continued his musical training and launched his early musical career. George spent several years traveling the country as a concert artist presenting organ concerts and demonstration performances for audiences throughout the United States. George has also had a business career, but is blessed to be utilizing his musical talents again.

**Increase Your Tax Savings:** Giving to a charity that benefits a cause that's close to your heart is rewarding. Getting a tax break for your generosity can make it even more gratifying – even more so than you may realize. What if you could add more than 20% to your charitable contribution and maximize your tax savings by taking advantage of an often overlooked tax provision?

Here's how: The federal tax code allows you to contribute appreciated securities, such as stocks, bonds, mutual fund shares, directly to a charity without paying capital gains tax, as you would if you sold it first and then contributed cash to the charity. And that's not all. When you add up your itemized deductions for the year, you can generally deduct the fair market value of the long-term security at the time of the donation, not the lower amount you paid for it originally.

This is one of the most advantageous tax strategies available to people who make charitable giving part of their financial plan. It allows you to get a "bigger bang for your buck".

**Giving: Giving the gift of stock** to PCPH this holiday season or for end of year tax deduction? We no longer use Merrill Lynch, but Synovus Securities. Please contact the office for more information. Thank you!

**Create and Share:** Our December meeting will be the Tuesday after Christmas, Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at 11:00am for a luncheon. Please bring a dish to share.

**Chili Cook Off:** Fellowship would like to start the New Year with a fun Wonder Wednesday Event - a Chili Cook Off and game night. So, get your recipes perfected for a night of food and fun. It will be on Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. We will need a few people to sign up to be our tasters and judges as well. If you have a chili recipe that you think is a winner, or if you want to be one to taste all the winning recipes, please let us know! You can call the church office or contact Jan Harding. It will be a fun night!

## Children

**Christmas Caroling:** We invite all children ages 3 -11 to join our children's ministry for a fun afternoon of Christmas Caroling, Christmas Crafts, Cookie Decorating, a Christmas Movie, and fun! Our group will gather together immediately following worship on Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup>, and participate in Christmas fun. We will also partake in spreading of Christmas cheer by heading to Coral Oaks to give joy through music. The cost is \$5.00 and this will include lunch, transportation, activities, and caroling! Please email either Malissa Garcia or Huiran Xaxni by December 6<sup>th</sup> if your child wishes to participate in such a special event at PCPH!

**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 strong 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>):** Will take a break from now until the New Year, due to busy schedules and the advent season upon us!

**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:

December 14<sup>th</sup> - Middle School Ministry Christmas Party

December 18<sup>th</sup> - High School Ministry Christmas Party

December 21<sup>st</sup> - Metropolitan Ministry Holiday Tent Service Project (High School and Middle School)



## RESPONSE

### Go, Tell It on the Mountain

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GO TELL IT 7.6.7.6 with refrain

African-American spiritual  
Arr. John W. Work III, 1940

Stanzas, John W. Work II (1872–1925)

Harm. and adapt. Melva Wilson Costen, 1987

*Refrain*

Go, tell it on the moun - tain O-ver the hills and ev - ery - where;

*Fine*

Go, tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son of the Father.”

John 1:4

## GATHER JOYFULLY

### Welcome, Announcements, Moment for Mission, Quiet Time

Christmas Cantata • Yohance Wicks  
Angel Tree • Bob Walker

Melanie Haslam

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

Liturgist: Julie Hardaker

Leader: Christ, the One who was, and is, and is to come, welcomes you to this place. As one body, with one voice, we honor and glorify the giver of wisdom, counsel, knowledge, and joy.

**All: Let us worship God!**

### \*Song (insert/wall)

“Prepare the Way”

Hymn 13

### \*Prayer of Confession (together)

**Faithful God, we confess that we have not led lives of holiness. We suffer from impatience, apathy, and greed; we have not been at peace. We repent of these offenses and turn to you in love. Forgive our iniquity and pardon our sins that we may walk in righteousness to the glory of your name. Amen.**

### \*Words of Assurance

Leader: As Christ reaches out to touch us, we are made new and whole.

**People: Our God is a God of mercy and forgiveness, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Leader: In Christ, God promises us new life and abiding hope.

**People: In this promise is our assurance of the good news of the grace of God: 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.

### PCPH Christmas Traditions

(Chrismon Tree and Lighting of the Star.  
Families come forward to hang Chrismons on the tree.)

Melanie Haslam

## GROW SPIRITUALLY

### Lighting of the First Candle in the Advent Wreath

James Family

(Children are invited forward to watch the lighting of the first candle in the Advent Wreath)

### Children's Message

Bianca McChesney

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

### \*Song (insert/wall)

“The First Nowell”  
(verses 1, 2, & 4)

Hymn 56

### 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 1:46 - 55

The Message

### Message

“First Christmas: Mary's Story”

Rev. Penny Pitts

### \*Song (insert/wall)

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

Hymn 22

### 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)

"Go Tell It on The Mountain"  
(Refrain Only - See Insert for Music)

Hymn 29

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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.