

## PCPH Calendar

Sunday, January 8

- 9:30a Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:15a Family Worship (Sanctuary) – **Pastor Penny**
- 10:30a Children's Sunday School (4's & 5's Rm 114; 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Lib)
- 11:15a Coffee, Cookies and Conversation (FH)
- 7:00p High School Youth Group "Alive"

Monday, January 9

- 12:30p Growing Tree Staff Meeting (104)

Tuesday, January 10

- 12:30p Martha/Esther Circle (FH)
- 5:45p Brownie Troop (FH)

Wednesday, January 11

- 6:00p Chili Cook-Off Wonder Wednesday (FH)
- 6:30p Middle School Youth Group "Thrive"

Thursday, January 12

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

Sunday, January 15

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| <b>Worship Attendance</b> | Dec. 11 | Dec. 18 | Dec. 24<br>4pm | Dec. 24<br>6pm | Dec. 25 | Jan. 1 |
|                           | 145     | 148     | 285            | 159            | 72      | 90     |

### 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 Alan & Linda McGlone to the Glory of God.

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, Ciera O., Emily, The Masten Family, Laura, Lynn M., Bob W., Joann K., Chris P., Delores G., Harris & Clara S., Tyler H., Arden B., Bruce, Margie, Pam, Joy O., Janet F., Al T., Roland, Ann, Bruce K., Phil O., Gail K., Diane L., Kathy B., Robert P., Davis K., Jean S., Stephany W., Pat H., Damiane L., Demetrius, George M., Pat W., Marcy P., Dahlia M.

**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 January is peanut butter, any kind, 16 – 18 oz.

**Women's Mission Project for F.E.A.S.T.:** The items for January are deodorant and shampoo. Items needed for both men and women.

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

**Attention:** What goes up must come down!!! We need help undecorating the Sanctuary Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. We hope to see you there. We do need a few good strong men to help carry the tree up to the attic. Thank you in advance for your help.

**Free Spirits:** Join us on Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm for our first Free Spirits of 2017. "LET'S TALK TRASH" A Pinellas County Solid Waste Department Representative will give an update on home waste recycling. This informative presentation will cover disposal topics of food, medications, electronics and hazardous items. Learn about this environmental processing system in Pinellas County. Get answers to your questions and concerns.

**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>, at 6:00pm. 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!

**Per Capita:** The per capita per member for 2017 is \$21.75. 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.

**2017 Pledges:** If you have not turned in your pledge card for 2017, please do so. Pledge cards are available in the Narthex or the church office. The cards may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office. Even if you do not pledge and would like envelopes, please call the office.

If you have requested envelopes, they are available in the Narthex.

## 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. *Immediately following the Children's Message, children between the ages of 4 and 11 leave the Sanctuary with our Sunday School Teachers to continue with their age-appropriate curriculum.* 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. *Little ones may be picked up after worship in the Old Narthex.*

**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. *Older ones may be picked up after worship in Fellowship Hall.*

## Youth

**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 year 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 year 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:

January 11<sup>th</sup> - Chili Cook Off

February 5<sup>th</sup> – Super Bowl Party – Middle and High School

February 23<sup>rd</sup> – Watoto Choir – 7:00pm

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## GATHER JOYFULLY

**Welcome, Announcements, Moment for Mission, Quiet Time**  
Free Spirits • Judy Gammonley

Melanie Haslam

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

Liturgist: Sue Ashcraft

Leader: The light shines in the darkness,

**People: and the darkness did not overcome it.**

Leader: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

**People: Shine in our lives, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

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

"As with Gladness Men of Old"  
(Verses 1, 2 & 3)

Hymn 63

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

**Holy God, you have given us everything; we have failed to respond with gratitude. In Jesus Christ, you have given us your Word; we answer with empty promises and lies. In Jesus Christ, you have given us your light; we try to hide ourselves from your glory. In Jesus Christ, you have given us your life; even this precious gift we have not received. Have mercy on us, O God; forgive us.**

**\*Words of Assurance**

Friends, God is for us and not against us. For that very reason God sent the Son into the world – not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. We declare the good news of the Gospel:

**In Jesus Christ, 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**

Malissa Garcia

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

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

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"  
(Verses 1, 2 & 5)

Hymn 66

**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**

Matthew 2:1-12

The Message

**Message**

"Three Amigos"

Rev. Penny Pitts

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

"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

Hymn 411

## GO FAITHFULLY

**\*Blessing**

**\*Response** (all sing)

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"  
(Verse 1 - See Insert for Music)

Hymn 31

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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.