

PCPH Calendar

Sunday, March 26

- 9:15a Confirmation Class (Youth Room)
- 9:30a Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:15a Family Worship (Sanctuary) – **Rev. Penny Pitts**
- 10:30a Children's Sunday School (4's & 5's Rm 114; 1st to 5th Lib)
- 11:15a Coffee, Cookies, and Conversation
- 11:30a Liturgist Training (Sanctuary)
- 3:30p "The Friendlies" (Ruddle Home)

Monday, March 27

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

Tuesday, March 28

- 10:00a Create and Share (LIB)
- 5:45p Brownie Troop (FH)

Wednesday, March 29

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

Thursday, March 30

- 9:00a Property Ministry (Ongoing Projects)
- 10:00a Covenant Women (LIB)
- 7:15p Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Saturday, April 1

- 8:30a Bunny Breakfast
- 10:00a Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 2

- 9:15a Confirmation Class (Youth Room)
- 9:30a Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:15a Family Worship (Sanctuary) – **Rev. Penny Pitts**
- 10:30a Children's Sunday School (4's & 5's Rm 114; 1st to 5th Lib)
- 11:15a Coffee, Cookies, and Conversation
- 7:00p High School Youth Group "Alive" – Movie Night "The Shack"

Worship Attendance	Feb. 26	Mar. 5	Mar. 12	Mar. 19
	146	225	128	192

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 the Xaxni Family to the Glory of God and in honor of Lillybelle's 8th 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, Pat W., Marcy P., Rocco, Phil O., Gail K., Diane L., Kathy B., Robert P., Jean S., Davis K., Julie, Sheri, Carol, Ray and Deloris H., Mary G., Don, Lois D., Sandy J., The Roy

Family, Laurie B., Fred & Helen K., Kevin N., The Murdock Family, The Batchler Family, Shiela B., Ruth, Lois, Patti, Gail, Richard H., Shirley H., Judi, Brad & Laurie, Lindsay, Teddy B.

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 16 oz. canned fruit.

Women's Mission Project for F.E.A.S.T.: The items for March are paper products and bath soap or body wash.

Women's Lenten Communion Breakfast will be on Saturday, April 8th with registration at 9:30am and breakfast starting at 10:00am with program to follow. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex or the bulletin board outside the office. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, April 2nd. We on the Coordinating Team hope you will join us for this special tradition for the women of PCPH.

The sheaf of wheat has been placed on the altar in remembrance of **Frederick Holler**. Frederick passed away on Saturday, March 11th.

Welcome Clearwater Chorus Ensemble: The Clearwater Chorus Ensemble is an auditioned group of singers from the Clearwater Chorus under the direction of Conductor Yohance Wicks. The Clearwater Chorus performs twice a year on the Main Stage at Ruth Eckerd Hall, throughout the community and is comprised of volunteer singers over the age of 19, with those over 55 predominating.

Ditty Bags: Ditty Bags should be returned TODAY, Sunday, March 26th.

Create and Share: Create and Share will meet on Tuesday, March 28th in Room 104 from 10:00am – 2:00pm.

Rays Fans: It's that time of year again. Friday, May 5th, the Tampa Bay Rays will be hosting the Toronto Blue Jays. Come and join other Presbyterians from the Tampa Bay area for the 6th 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 5th 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 sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Indicate how many seats you will need for the van. Deadline to order is April 21st. 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 727-754-8773.

Growing Tree: Registration for the 2017-2018 school year started Feb. 13th! Full or half day programs for children who are 2, 3 or 4 years of age by September 1st are available. Call the Growing Tree office for details (727-786-6158) or visit our website at 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.

Palm Sunday: Children needed to wave palm fronds at the beginning of the service on April 9th, Palm Sunday. Please make sure your child comes for the beginning of service for this wonderful opportunity to participate in the service.

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: Kids and leaders gather 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. Older ones may be picked up after worship in Fellowship Hall.

Easter Egg Hunt: PCPH will once again host our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 1st from 9:00am - 12:00pm. The Egg Hunt begins promptly at 10:00am. The event will be filled with fun, fellowship, games, and much more. The egg hunt is for children of all ages, and their families. PCPH will have a Kona Ice truck on site, a bounce house, crafts, games, activities, and much more. Be sure to bring your own Easter egg basket, and to arrive not later than 10:00am as our Egg Hunt will begin promptly at 10:00am.

As in years past, we also need some adults to arrive early to hide eggs. Please contact Malissa Garcia if you wish to help or if you have concerns or questions.

"Spring Bash" at Cedarkirk this April 21st - 22nd. This is a 24-hour retreat that gives your children a chance to swim, zip line, climb the rock wall, play large group games, participate in arts and crafts, share meals, s'mores, and worship with new friends. The cost is \$45.00 per person with a \$25.00 deposit - and this would provide transportation, meals, all fun activities, and lodging in cabins. If your child (2nd – 5th grade) is interested in participating in this trip please let Malissa know by April 1st. Please contact Malissa with any questions!

Youth

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 couldn't play anywhere else. Our middle school group is dedicated to getting to know and love God as we form a Christian foundation that can last a lifetime.

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. Our hope is that as a student and growing young adult that you will form an anchor in Christ as you transition to your adult life.

Upcoming Events:

April 1st – Easter Egg Hunt

April 2nd – High School Movie Night "The Shack"

Spring Confirmation (March 19th, March 26th, April 2nd, and April 9th)

- 9:15am - 9:45am - in PCPH Library

April 9th – Palm Sunday (Confirmation Sunday)

April 14th – Middle School – The Escape Room

April 16th – Easter

Welcome worship guests! On this fourth Sunday of the Lenten season, join us on our journey to the cross, as we walk humbly beside Jesus in the wilderness.

GATHER JOYFULLY

Welcome, Announcements, Moment for Mission, Quiet Time

Melanie Haslam

Ditty Bags • Joan Ruddle
Rays Game • Bob Walker

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

Liturgist: Joan Ruddle

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

People: slow to anger and abounding in love.

Leader: Live as children of the light.

People: Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

All: Let us worship God.

*Song (insert/wall)

“We Walk by Faith”

*Prayer of Confession (together)

Merciful God, how fickle we are; we sin against you without even knowing it. Save us, we pray, from willfully ignoring your way. Let your commandments rule and guide us. Forgive us for worshiping anyone or anything except you; keep us faithful. Forgive us for failing to honor all our relationships – with those closest to us and those who are distant neighbors. Help us to speak words of blessing and kindness, rather than words that belittle or destroy. Turn us away from violence, falsehood, and selfishness. Help us to depend on you alone and to rest in your peace. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

*Words of Assurance

Leader: Brothers and sisters, in Jesus Christ, crucified, risen, and coming again, we are forgiven and set free to live in faithfulness with God and with one another!

People: Thanks be to God!

*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

Lori Smith

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

*Song (insert/wall)

“You Are Mine”

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

“Crucifixus”

Antonio Lotti

Clearwater Chorus Ensemble

*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

“O Taste and See”

Richard DeLong

Clearwater Chorus Ensemble and PCPH Choir

Scripture

John 2: 13 - 22

NIV

Message

“Perspective”

Rev. Penny Pitts

*Song (insert/wall)

“Be Thou My Vision”

Hymn 339

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.

**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.