

PCPH Calendar

Sunday, March 5

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

Monday, March 6

- 6:45p Agape Small Group (LIB)

Tuesday, March 7

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

Wednesday, March 8

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

Thursday, March 9

- 9:00a Property Ministry (Ongoing Projects)
- 10:00a Covenant Women (LIB)
- 6:00p Brownie Troop #605 (FH)
- 7:15p Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Sunday, March 12

- 9:30a Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:15a Family Worship (Sanctuary) – **Women's Sunday**
- 10:30a Children's Sunday School (4's & 5's Rm 114; 1st to 5th Lib)
- 11:15a **Picnic on the Patio**
- 7:00p High School Youth Group "Alive"

Worship Attendance	Feb. 5	Feb. 12	Feb. 19	Feb. 26
	152	142	177	146

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 Tom Mapes to the Glory of God and in memory of Marjorie Mapes.

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.

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.

Pray

Members and Friends: Dick and Iris Thomas, Ray and Marilyn Inman, Mike Craig, Pat W., Marcy P., Patti, Lucy & Gerry, The Asbury Family, Rocco, Phil O., Gail K., Diane L., Kathy B., Robert P., Jean S., Davis K., George M., Julia, Angela, Lenny, JoAnn, Marlaine, Joel, Ron M., Susan C., The Morris Family, Claire H., Jeff, Bruce, Joy, Gail, Ryan, Bud B., Judith R., The Pashos Family, David, Dorothy F., Joan M., Jerry B., Rob K., The Andresen Family, The Falk Family, Jim & Joan B., Shiela B., Ken A., Roxanne G., Julie, Sheri, Carol, Ray and Delores H., Mary G., Don

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

F.E.A.S.T.: The food for March is 16 oz. canned fruit.

Church Life

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

Growing Tree Sunday: Today is Growing Tree Sunday! The Growing Tree children will sing for us and we will have a very family friendly service. We hope you join us for a time of fellowship after worship as there will be a bounce house and "Kona Ice Truck" in the courtyard immediately following. Bring your friends, neighbors, and family for a time of worship and fellowship on this special Sunday!

Daylight Savings begins next Sunday. Don't forget to turn your clocks forward by one hour.

Memorial Service: There will be a memorial service to celebrate the life of Bob Wiley at St. Mark Village (2655 Nebraska Ave, Palm Harbor, FL 34684) on Tuesday, March 21st at 1:30pm.

Picnic on the Patio: This year we are trying something different for our Picnic in the Park. It was decided to have it at the church on **March 12th after the service**. If it rains or the weather is cold we will still have the Picnic... we will just move it inside. **The menu will be: BBQ pork sandwich, cole slaw or potato salad, baked beans, and of course a dessert and drink as well.** The meal is free, but we will take up a free will offering. So come join us for a Sunday afternoon picnic, without all the hassle of a park. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex or you can call the office. We need to get a count so we know how much food to fix.... hope to see you there!!!!

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.

Women's Sunday: On Sunday, March 12th we will recognize many women of the church with a program called "Celebrate the Gifts of Women". You will note that just the women will be participating in the service. We thank all who support the church in many ways.

LuLaRoe Fundraiser: Join us for a fundraiser that will benefit the Growing Tree Playground Fund today in Fellowship Hall after 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 10:00am - 12:00pm. 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 February 14th. 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:

March 10th through the 12th – Senior Retreat

April 1st – Easter Egg Hunt

Spring Confirmation:

- 4 - Week Class (March 19th, March 26th, April 2nd, and April 9th)
- 9:15am - 9:45am - in PCPH Library

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, March 19th
11:15am

The reason for the meeting is twofold:
(1) to elect the Nominating Committee for 2017
(2) to hear from the Pastor Nominating Committee

Session Summary (meeting of February 27, 2017):

- Continuing budget challenges for 2017 were reviewed.
- Efforts by the Operations Ministry to reduce the costs for contract services were endorsed.
- The Nominating Committee reported the slate of nominated candidates for new Nominating Committee members is expected to be complete very soon.
- A tentative, called congregational meeting for March 19 was approved.
- The PNC reported what it can on the status of the pastoral search.

Season of Lent



The season of Lent is a time of prayer, penitence, and self-examination in preparation for the celebration of the resurrection of the Lord at Easter. It lasts 40 days, like Jesus' time of testing in the wilderness. (The Sundays in Lent are not counted in this period between Ash Wednesday and Easter, as

every Lord's Day is a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.) In the early church, Lent was a time of preparation for the celebration of baptism on Easter. In many communities of faith it remains a time to equip and nurture candidates for baptism and confirmation. Lent reminds us of Whose we are; it's a time to clear our heads and humbly focus not on the demands of our lives, but on our God who offers us courage, comfort, and meaning in our lives. It's a time to be centered in God's unconditional love for us.



PICNIC ON THE PATIO

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

AFTER THE 10:15AM SERVICE

This year we are trying something different for our Picnic in the Park. It was decided to have it at the church. If it rains or the weather is cold we will still have the Picnic... we will just move it inside.

The menu will be:

BBQ pork sandwich

Cole slaw or Potato Salad

Baked Beans

Of course a dessert and drink as well.

The meal is free, but we will have a free will offering. So come join us for a Sunday afternoon picnic, without all the hassle of a park. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex on Sunday or you can call the church office at 727-784-7274. We need to get a count so we know how much food to fix... hope to see you there!!!!

Welcome worship guests! On this first 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
PNC • Jon Schier
LuLaRoe Fundraiser • Huiran Xaxni

***Call to Worship** (*Please rise for the Call to Worship*) Liturgist: Kate DeVault
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) "Amazing Grace" Hymn 280

***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

Prayer of God's People, Choral Response

Call for Offering "You've Got a Friend in Me" Randy Newman
Soloist: Bianca McChesney

***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

Growing Tree Children Sing

Scripture Ruth 1: 14 – 18 Rev. Penny Pitts
Proverbs 18: 24 The Message
John 15: 12 - 15

Message "Joy Story" Malissa Garcia

***Song** (insert/wall) "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"
(3rd Verse children will go to Sunday School)

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)

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"
(Verse 1)

Hymn 369

**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.