

PCPH Calendar

Sunday, April 16 – **EASTER SUNDAY**

- 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

Monday, April 17

- 8:00a Office Closed

Tuesday, April 18

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

Wednesday, April 19

- 12:00p Harbor Light Due for May
- 11:30a Growing Tree Chapel (Sanctuary)
- 6:30p Middle School Youth Group "Thrive"

Thursday, April 20

- 9:00a Property Ministry (Ongoing Projects)
- 10:00a Covenant Women (LIB)
- 6:00p Brownie Troop (FH)
- 7:00p Theology on Tap (Glory Days Grill)

Friday, April 21

- 5:00p Spring Bash (Cedarkirk)

Saturday, April 22

- 9:00a Spring Bash (Cedarkirk)

Sunday, April 23

- 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"

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.

Happy Easter! Jesus Christ is Risen Today! The season of Easter recalls the resurrection of Christ and continues for forty days reminiscent of the post-resurrection days Christ was on earth and the period in which the apostles awaited the anointing of the Holy Spirit. The liturgical color is white, signifying joy, thanksgiving, and victory. The crown reminds us that Christ is King of kings and that the crown of righteousness awaits the faithful. The butterfly is a symbol of the lord's resurrection, reminding us of his victory over death and grave that gives way to us emerging as new creations in Christ. The sacred monogram "XP" is formed from the first two letters of the Greek word for Christ.

Easter Lilies: The beautiful Easter lilies are in honor and memory of many loved ones and to the Glory of God. Please see insert for more detail.

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, Rocco, Ray and Deloris H., Shiela B., Lois D., The Murdock Family, The Batchler Family, Ruth, Lois, Patti, Gail, Richard H., Shirley H., Judi, Brad & Laurie, Lindsay, Teddy B., Nancy, Irma B., Doris H., Joan M., Sensei Gary's Family, Liz N., Lou R. & Family, Walter B. & Family, Jean H., Mary Ann, Meredith & Family, Ricky & Brooke H., Loretta & Andy G., Gloria D., Rita F., Don C., Joan, Jerry, Egyptian Christians, Lois F., The Parvin Family, The Davis Family, Anne Marie, Bill H., Lorene S., Larry, Phil O., Gail K., Diane L., Kathy B., Robert P., Doris K., The Wilson Family, Alex, Sophia

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

Hallelujah Chorus: Join our choir for the singing of the Hallelujah Chorus. During the first verse of the last song, "The Day of Resurrection," come to the choir loft. Song books will be handed to you.

F.E.A.S.T.: The food for April is canned meat (tuna, spam, ham, etc...) 8 – 16 oz.

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

Worship Attendance	Mar. 19	Mar. 26	Apr. 2	Apr. 9
	192	160	152	185

Office Closed: The church office will be closed on Monday, April 17th in observance of Easter. The office will be open on Tuesday, April 18th at 8:30am. Just a reminder, regular office hours are M – Th, 8:30am – 2:30pm.

Pastor Penny's last Sunday is next Sunday, April 23rd. Please join us in Fellowship Hall after the service next week to give your respects and wish her well on her next venture. She will be the Interim Pastor for Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church in Sarasota.

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.

Honduras Summer Mission 2017: Our own Debi Fiegle will again be leading a mission to Honduras. This St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church mission will provide a much needed medical clinic to rural Honduran families. Basic medications and health supplies are needed for infections, coughs, colds, arthritis and gastrointestinal problems. PCPH is now collecting the following new items in closed containers:

- adult/pediatric multivitamins
- pain medications, Tylenol, Advil, ibuprofen, aspirin
- cough/ cold medications
- antibiotic ointments
- stomach antacid tablets , Maalox, Gaviscon, Pepcid

Deposit items in the box located in the Narthex by **April 30, 2017**. I can also purchase items for you. Your help is much needed. Together we can support this mission!
Judith Gammonley, ARNP, Faith Community Nurse 727-784-2449.

Theology on Tap: Our next meeting is this Thursday, April 20th at 7:00pm. We will be meeting at **Glory Days Grill** in Palm Harbor (34200 US Highway 19 N). We have free childcare at PCPH, and this semester we will be offering a video-based study with the Nooma series. For more information please contact Malissa Garcia. We cannot wait to see what God has in store for this fellowship group. All are welcome!

Harbor Light: The deadline for the May Harbor Light is Wednesday, April 19th.

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.

Kingdom Kids Summer Camp: May 30th – June 2nd, 9:00am – Noon. Ages 3 – 11 years (must be potty trained) The cost is \$40 per child. Camp will include: Water Day, Music Hour, Daily Snack, Arts n' Crafts, Recreation Time, Bible Lesson, Crazy Hair Day, Cooking Lesson, T-shirt and much more! Contact Huiran Xaxni to sign up!

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 21st - 22nd – "Spring Bash" Cedarkirk (2nd – 5th grade)

May 21st – Youth Senior Sunday

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. – Philipians 2: 9-11

GATHER JOYFULLY

Welcome, Announcements, Quiet Time

Melanie Haslam

Easter Greeting

Rev. Penny Pitts

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

Liturgist: Lee Lahr

Leader: This is the day:

People: **when tears are wiped away; shattered hearts are mended; fears are replaced with joy.**

Leader: This is the day the Lord:

People: **rolls away the stone of fear; throws off death's clothes; goes ahead of us into God's future.**

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made:

People: **death has no fear for us; God opens the tombs of our hearts to fill us with life.**

Leader: This is the day – Easter Day!

All: **Christ is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia, Christ is risen!**

***Song** (insert/wall)

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

Hymn 123

***Prayer of Confession** (together)

Living God, we confess that we look for the living among the dead. You send Jesus on ahead of us, but we stay behind, studying the tomb. You reveal to us your heavenly glory, but we set our minds on earthly things. Forgive us; give us new life! Send us forth to share the gospel, with our words and deeds proclaiming the life that death cannot destroy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***Words of Assurance**

Leader: Hear and believe: God who raised Jesus from the dead has not given us over to death.

People: **In the name of 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)

“Christ is Alive!”

Hymn 108

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 and Anthem

Scripture

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14 - 24

NIV

John 20: 1 - 8

Message

“Whispers & Races”

Rev. Penny Pitts

GO FAITHFULLY

***Song** (insert)

“The Day of Resurrection”

Hymn 118

(If you want to sing the Hallelujah Chorus with the Chancel Choir, join the choir during the first verse of this song. Music will be provided.)

***Hallelujah Chorus**

Chancel Choir and Worshipers

G.F. Handel

***Blessing**

**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.