

## PCPH Calendar

### Sunday, December 17 - **Third Sunday of Advent**

- 10:15a      Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:30a      Children's Sunday School (Room 112 – Children's Worship Center)
- 11:30a      Coffee, Cookies, and Conversation

### Monday, December 18

- 11:15a      Growing Tree Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 12:30p      Growing Tree Staff Luncheon (FH)

### Tuesday, December 19

- 10:00a      Quilting for Comfort (104)
- 10:00a      Library Committee (LIB)
- 10:00a      Create and Share (104) – Christmas Gathering

### Wednesday, December 20 – **Harbor Light Deadline**

- 11:15a      Growing Tree Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 11:30a      Growing Tree Chapel (Sanctuary)
- 6:00p      Youth Group (Youth Room)
- 6:00p      Daisy Troop (FH)

### Thursday, December 21 – **Office Closed ½ day**

- 7:00p      Choir (Choir Room)

### Friday, December 22

- 10:00a      Growing Tree Christmas Program (Sanctuary)

### Saturday, December 23

- 10:00a      Christmas Eve Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### Sunday, December 24 - **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

- 10:15a      Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:30a      Children's Sunday School (Room 112 – Children's Worship Center)
- 11:30a      Coffee, Cookies, and Conversation
- 4:00p      Christmas Eve Family Service
- 5:00p      Live Nativity
- 6:00p      Christmas Eve Traditional Service

## Worship

**Welcome guests!** You are special because God brought you into our presence. Together, we rejoice and worship God.

**Thank you** to all who donated poinsettias. Your generosity results in a full tree of gorgeous poinsettias. Thanks to all who erected the tree and placed the plants.

**The chancel flowers** are from Barbara Stager to the Glory of God and in memory of her daughter, Fawn.

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, Mike Craig, Belinda, Bill, George M., The McGuire Family, The Brady Family, Greg, Russ, Sam, Teddy, Robert P., Gail K., Mike S., Davis K., Marsha G., Ginger S., Teddy B., Kathy B., Mary Lou, Lee, John, Clyde & Jan, Jimmy, Bud, Perry, JoAnne, Laurie, Jeff M., Adam G., Kylie & Family, John M., Jeanette M., Terri, Bob, Marcy P., Thom, Tyler, Chris M., Sarah C., Henry M., Samantha, Rob, Terri V., Lorraine 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, Atticus Meier

## Church Life

**F.E.A.S.T.:** The requested food for December is Jell-O regular or sugar-free.

**Women's Mission Project for F.E.A.S.T.:** As a reminder of the PCPH Women's Missions, the Coordinating Team is once again asking your support for **greatly needed** non-food items for F.E.A.S.T. Many of the requested items are those that cannot be purchased with food stamps. As previously suggested, you can purchase many of these items at Dollar General or Dollar Tree at a nominal cost. In **December** we are requesting bar soap and any cleaning agent.

**Angel Tree:** TODAY your gifts are due! Make sure you securely attach the angel to the package. This will ensure that the child gets the correct gift. There is a sign in the front of the Sanctuary to place your gifts.

**Christmas Cookie Exchange:** TODAY is our special event for all who like to bake Christmas cookies. The exchange will be after the service in Fellowship Hall.

<b>Worship Attendance</b>	Nov. 19	Nov. 26	Dec. 3	Dec. 10
	158	140	174	161

**Harbor Light Deadline:** The deadline for articles for the January Harbor Light is Wednesday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> by noon. Thank you!

**The staff** prays that you will have a memorable Christmas celebration. For those who are traveling this Christmas season, we hope you will be safe.

**Create and Share:** The next meeting will be in Room 104 on Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. Bring something to eat for their Christmas gathering.

**Church office will be closed** at noon on Thursday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> to observe Christmas Eve and is closed on Monday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Christmas.

**Attention:** What goes up must come down!!! We need help undecorating the Sanctuary Monday, January 8<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.

**Chili Cook-off:** On January 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm we will have our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chili Cook-off. We had such a great turn out last year and so much fun you won't want to miss it this year! We are currently looking for chili cooks and chili tasters. If you are interested please contact Kathy Murphy at 727-421-5444 or Jan Harding at 727-785-9231.

**2017 Pledges:** Please keep in mind that 2017 is quickly coming to an end and pledges should be paid in full by year-end. The church office will be open on Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, December 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am – 2:30pm. The office is closed on Fridays. If you have any questions please contact Linda Burton.

**2018 Pledges:** If you have not turned in your pledge card for 2018, 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. Even if you do not pledge and would like envelopes, please call the office or sign up in the Narthex.

## Christmas Eve Services

**Christmas Eve Family Service December 24, 4:00pm:** A Family oriented Christmas Eve Service designed for all ages will be filled with Christmas Carols and a Contemporary Christmas Message. PCPH's youth group as well as The Growing Tree Preschool will play a special part in this service. We hope to see you all there!

**Live Nativity, December 24, Between Services:** The Living Nativity is a recreation of the beloved nativity scene. Come experience our live nativity filled with animals, Mary, Joseph, the wise men, shepherds and baby Jesus.

**Christmas Eve Traditional Service, December 24, 6:00pm:** This service is filled with Christmas carols, a special Christmas message and a Silent Night Candle Lighting.

## Children

**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.

**Sunday School (Age 4 – 11) Advent Curriculum:** Immediately following the Children's Message, children between the ages of 4 yrs and 11 yrs leave the Sanctuary with our Sunday School Teachers to continue with their curriculum. The children will be practicing Christmas carols, making crafts, learning about Jesus' Birthday, and preparing for Christmas Eve. Children may be picked up after worship in the Old Narthex.

### Children Upcoming Events

December 23<sup>rd</sup> – Children's Christmas Eve Rehearsal at 10:00am in the Sanctuary. All Sunday School children who wish to participate in the processional during the 4:00pm service should attend the rehearsal.

## Student Ministry at PCPH

**Sunday Youth Fellowship:** (Thrive and Alive) We invite all students who are in our youth ministry and their friends to participate in our weekly worship service at 10:15am on a weekly basis. After worship is over we welcome all students to attend a fellowship gathering from 11:15am - 12:30pm. During this hour, we may grab a cup of coffee, pizza, and talk about what Pastor Bruce said in his sermon, how your week is going, and time to be with each other in the name of Jesus. Contact Malissa Garcia with any other questions.

**Wednesday Night Fellowship: (Thrive and Alive) 6:00pm - 8:00pm** Wednesday nights are back! We welcome all students who are in grades 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> to join us for youth group on Wednesday night as we fellowship, learn, discover, join small groups, and become a community that is founded in Christ. Please contact Malissa Garcia with any questions in regards to our student ministry programs at PCPH.

**Christmas Eve Service:** At 4:00pm there is a Family oriented Christmas Eve Service designed for all ages filled with Christmas Carols and a Contemporary Christmas Message. PCPH's youth group as well as The Growing Tree Preschool will play a special part in this service. We hope to see you all there!

### Student Ministry Upcoming Events

December 20<sup>th</sup> – Youth Group Christmas Party

December 23<sup>rd</sup> – Live Nativity Practice 10:00am

December 24<sup>th</sup> – Family Christmas Eve Service, 4:00pm

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

*<sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people." – Luke 2:10*

## GATHER JOYFULLY

**Welcome, Announcements, Moment For Mission, Quiet Time** Bruce Mulder  
Rick Bacon

**\*Call to Worship** Liturgist: Leslie Fann

Leader: All creation holds its breath.

**People: The time is almost here.**

Leader: The heavenly choir of angels waits for its cue to sing.

**People: Excitement is all around us.**

Leader: Prepare your hearts – The grace of God takes on human form. Good news! Emmanuel, God-with-Us, comes to us.

**Together: We gather today make room in our hearts for the coming of Christ.**

**\*Song** (wall) "Savior of the Nations, Come" Hymn 14

### \*Prayer of Confession

Lord of Christmas Peace, we have done wrong. We have tarnished the gift you gave freely. We have buried you so deeply in our hearts, the world doesn't see you. We have not followed Christ, we have ignored your teachings, we have lived lives of apathy against your love, we have built fences and fortresses to push people away, and we have silenced the screams of those in need. Forgive us, we pray. Free us from our sin, Free us from our captivity, Free us to a life lived in Joy through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### \*Words of Assurance

In Jesus Christ we have been enriched in every way—in everything we say and in everything we know. In addition, through God's grace we wait eagerly in anticipation for Jesus Christ to be revealed, and to abide as Immanuel "God With Us". He is the one who will keep us strong to the end, so that we shall be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Thanks, be to God.

**\*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.

## GROW SPIRITUALLY

**PCPH Christmas Traditions** Melanie Haslam  
(Angel Tree)

**Lighting of the Third Candle in the Advent Wreath** Fann Family  
(Children will go to Sunday School after the Lighting of the Candle.)

**\*Song** (wall) "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" Hymn 22

### 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** Isaiah 40: 6 - 11 NIV/The Message  
Luke 2: 8 - 20

**Message** "Expect The Unexpected" Malissa Garcia

**\*Song** (wall) "O Come, All Ye Faithful" Hymn 41

## GO FAITHFULLY

**\*Benediction** Malissa Garcia

**\*Response** (all sing) "Go Tell It on The Mountain" Hymn 29  
(Refrain Only)

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*\*Congregation stands. If standing is difficult, please remain seated.*

Large print bulletins are available. Please speak with an usher for assistance.

Listening devices are available. They are in the center entryway to the Sanctuary. A small step-by-step instruction page is there to help you.