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YOUR MONTHLY GUIDE TO CONNECTION AT PDCPC

NOVEMBER 2018

WORSHIP

THANKSGIVING EVE GATHERING

Wednesday, November 21st | 6:30pm in Miller Hall

“A Seat at the Table.” Join your church family for an intimate Thanksgiving gathering and look into why we are thankful. Communion will be served.

// For more information on events related to music & worship, visit page 4.

GROW

Our hope is that every member of the PDCPC congregation is a part of one of our mid-week “growth” opportunities. We have Bible studies for men, Bible studies for women, large groups, small groups, mixed groups, home groups, Sunday school classes... there is truly something for everyone!

// For more information on steps you can take to grow in your relationship with God and with others visit page 5.

SERVE

‘Tis the season of service! Help us make the Christmas season special for people all over the world with one of our many service opportunities.

// For more information on how you can serve others here, and around the world visit page 11.

stewardship

2019 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

November continues our Stewardship campaign for 2019. A time when we focus on THANKFULNESS. Fall reminds us of harvest and harvest reminds us of giving. Thanking God, over the generations, for his generous and life-giving abundance.

Our theme for our 2019 Stewardship Campaign is “*Generations of Generosity*” (Psalm 145). As we celebrate our 70th anniversary as a congregation, and as we pray, meditate and determine our commitment to PDCPC for 2019 and beyond, we remember those saints who founded and grew our congregation – its people, its ministries, mission, programs and campus over those 70 years. Our Moments for Ministry have featured our active SERVE ministries and have inspired us to give in a spirit of “Paying It Forward,” for our children, grandchildren and generations to come. Being a “flourishing” congregation requires strong financial commitment, and we pray that in this season of generosity we will commit to providing all we can to accomplish that which God has purposed for our congregation and its future.

So please pray, pause, prepare and participate in the life, ministry and missions of our congregation as we worship, grow and serve in His name.

Our Commitment Sunday is November 18th, the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

If you are looking for an opportunity to participate in a SERVE ministry – Stephen Ministry, Local Missions, International Missions, etc. Please contact Kathy Aposhian in the Church Office 760-346-8195 x530 and we will gladly assist you in identifying the ministry or mission work that is right for you.

worship & music

COMMUNION SUNDAY

November 11th, 9:30am

Join us as we remember the sacrifice of Christ and re-align ourselves with his mission as we share in the Lord's supper together. Students remain in the service this week. Childcare is available for children birth-5th grade.

THIS MONTH'S SERMON-SERIES

This month we continue our focus on our stewardship theme of "Generations of Generosity" and then transition into "Give Thanks: Grace, Gratitude and Generosity" as we prepare our hearts for Thanksgiving.

Please note Sunday November 11th is Stewardship Sunday and 11/18 is Commitment Sunday.

WELCOME OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES

Join us in extending a warm PDCPC welcome to Bruce and Nikki Carroll, who will join the PDCPC family on Sunday November 11th! On November 14th join us at *Church on Wednesday* where we will meet Bruce and Nikki Carroll.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

December 16th

Save the date for our annual Christmas concert! This special tradition always helps set the tone in our hearts and in our church for Christmas week. You won't want to miss it!

WORSHIP SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

Are you willing to lend your time and talent towards worship service? We are looking for those who want to be Ushers, Greeters and in Choir.

Ushers - Joe Lowden at 310-871-1494 or

jjlowden@gmail.com

Greeters - Kathy Aposhian kathya@prpresby.org

Choir – Sara Buttemiller sarab@pdpresby.org

PastorChat

November 4, following the worship service
Taylor Fine Arts Center.

Your chance to ask questions, share your feedback, or
just share a cup of coffee with your pastors.
Coffee & Donuts provided!

VETERANS DAY APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

Sunday, November 11, after church in Miller Hall
Please join us for a light lunch as we gather to honor
those who serve or have served our country.

BILLY GRAHAM: AN EXTRAORDINARY JOURNEY

Friday, November 9, 6:00pm show time
Taylor Fine Arts Center

This movie tells the remarkable story of how God used
Billy Graham to reach millions of people with the Gospel.
This is in honor of what would have been his 100th
birthday (November 7), to continue his legacy of
evangelism, and to enjoy fellowship with one another.
FREE Event.

OUR CONGREGATION TURNS 70!

Please join us in celebrating this momentous occasion
with cake after the November 18th service in Miller Hall.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASS

Sundays, 8:15 in the Eisenhower Library
In November Dick Falb will return and begin his series in
Luke's Gospel.

Beginning December 2 There will be TWO Adult Classes:

9:00am Dick Falb, The Gospel of Luke, cont'd

10:30am Andrew Sanderson, the Book of Ruth

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church *on* wednesday

Dinner, 5:30pm. Classes, 6:00pm.

Please join on weeks you are able, all ages welcome.

Children's programming for birth-5th grade.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

"The Bible Jesus Read – Getting to Know the Old Testament."

Taught by Rev. Dr. Sid Buzzell

- November 7 - Joshua
- November 14 – Meet Bruce and Nikki Carroll
Our New Director of Music Ministries and his wife
- November 18 – Thanksgiving Week – No Bible Study
- November 28 – Samuel – God's Great Prophet

LAUNCHING ROCKETS

Honest Conversations on the Challenges of Parenting

Wednesdays at 6:00 November 7th & 14th

No matter where you are on the parenting journey, it can be challenging. These conversations are designed to meet those in the midst of the parenting journey. It will be an amazing time of honesty, questions, and loving support. We hope you can join us! To sign up or for more info, contact Ryan at

ryans@pdpresby.org.

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY, "CBS"

All women of the Church are invited to attend an in-depth Interdenominational Community Bible Study (CBS) Wednesday mornings from 10a.m. – noon. Children are welcome as well! We will be studying Daniel and Revelation. Registration fees: Adults \$35; Children (infants to age 18) \$10; scholarships are available. For more information or to register, please contact Corky Olander mc.olander2@verizon.net or 760-200-3120.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Chaparral Country Club at Noon on Saturday, December 1st
A time of sharing Christmas stories and fellowship. We will also sing a few Christmas Carols with a history of the songs.

Sign ups available Sunday after service on Nov 11th, 18th and the 25th.

See Kathy Kolb for more information. \$28

WOMEN'S MINISTRY LUNCH BUNCH

November Hiatus in preparation of the Dec 1 Christmas Luncheon.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Starts on November 12th.

From 10am - 11:30am in Eisenhower Library

Lead by Joanne Brechbill. Just bring your Bible and come. Old fashioned Bible study on Genesis.

Questions? Contact Kathy Kolb 760-564-5904 or email desert4nana@aol.com.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAYS 7:00pm – 8:00pm

A year round men's Bible study at Bermuda Dunes C.C. All men are welcome.

For more information contact Roger Low at (760) 345-8986.

LA QUINTA – This group meets on Wednesdays beginning November 7th from 7:30am – 8:30am at the Mountain/Dunes Clubhouse in Santa Rosa Cove. We will be studying the Book of Acts, Chapter 1. We hope you will join us. Call Stu Parry at 330-472-1704 for info.

EARLY BIRD'S MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Meets at 6:00 am in the church library.

For more information, call Lloyd Macfadyen 760-346-9769

FAMILY MINISTRY

For questions about any of our current or upcoming activities, feel free to contact our Director of Family Ministries, Ryan Schmall at RyanS@pdpresby.org.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT - “Up”

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16th | Showtime 6:00pm

All Ages are Welcome!

Join us for our monthly FREE family movie night! This month we'll be watching the Disney/Pixar film “UP”

Popcorn, hot dogs, candy, and other snacks are provided!

We hope you can join us! For more info, contact Ryan at ryans@pdpresby.org or 760-345-8195 x521.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (Ages 2 – 5th Grade)

SUNDAY SCHOOL –Children begin the worship service with their families and then are dismissed to continue their worship in Sunday School. Following the worship service, parents pick up their children in Room 205/206. Questions? Contact Gerry Neighbors at GerryN@pdpresby.org or 760.346.8195 x532.

Nursery care is available for children under 2 years of age.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS- 5:30pm – 7:15pm.

Children ages birth- 5th grade are invited to join us for dinner, teaching, games, music and crafts every Wednesday night!

ROOTS STUDENT MINISTRY (Grades 6-12)

SUNDAY MORNINGS- “Deeper Roots” 9:30am in Room 108/109. An environment for students to dig into challenging questions that are designed to deepen their faith. Students begin with worship service in the Sanctuary and then are dismissed to the Student Ministry Room. On Communion Sunday students are to remain in the worship service with their families.



SUNDAY NIGHTS- ROOTS
5:00pm-6:30pm. Room 108/109

A space designed for students to connect with others and enter into conversation about faith, no matter where they're at on their journey with Christ.

ROOTS PROGRESSIVE DINNER

November 18 - Free! - 4:30-8:30

We'll be starting the night at the church, hopping in cars, and then traveling around to various homes for three courses (appetizers, main course, and dessert). We'll be finishing with a time together in the Roots Student Ministry room as we transition into the Christmas season! For more info or to RSVP your student, contact Ryan at ryans@pdpresby.org!

SAVE THE DATE

WINTER CAMP! - February 1-3 - \$200

Roots is heading to Winter Camp at Forest Home this February! It's going to be an incredible weekend of fun, worship, and digging deeper into Scripture together. Spots are limited, so don't delay to sign up! Registration is available through Ryan at ryans@pdpresby.org. Also, if you're willing to help sponsor a student to come on this trip, we would be very thankful!

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GROWTH GROUP MINISTRY

Being committed to other Christians in a small group is a crucial contributor to our Spiritual health. If you want to join a small group, or host or lead one, let us know and we would be glad to help you get involved. Feel free to contact Andrew or Denyse Sanderson at 442-300-6740 or aandd@mac.com

We currently have Groups on Monday & Friday Evenings and Wednesday afternoons, other meeting times are also available.

THANKSGIVING TOGETHER

A four week series of home fellowship Bible studies leading up to Thanksgiving. Get a glimpse of what it means to live a life of giving thanks—one permeated by a grateful heart that overflows to others. Sign up at the table in Miller Hall after the service or contact Andrew or Denyse Sanderson - 760 702 7646 or 442 300 6740 or aandd@mac.com

BOOK CLUB

The next book club meeting will be on Tuesday, November 20 at 11:00am in the Eisenhower Library.

We will be discussing “Ghost on the Throne” by James Romm. Joan Larson will lead the discussion about the death of Alexander the Great and the bloody fight for his empire. Open to everyone!

The December meeting will be our traditional Christmas Tea at the home of Marilyn Smythe on Tuesday, December 4. We will discuss Billy Graham’s last book “Nearing Home” if you have any questions please call Marilyn Smythe at 760-424-6132

SERVE Ministry at our church is made up of a number of loving, nurturing and caring ministries.

- **Pastors** Dave, Sid and Floyd are always available for visits, counseling, spiritual support and loving pastoral care.
- **Deacons** provide a compassionate ministry to meet short term needs and includes Care Day, Deacon's Grant Fund. Contact Sharin Orr at 760-668-5952 or sharinorr1@aol.com
- **Stephen Ministry** is a relational ministry for people who are experiencing loss or who find themselves in a time of crisis. Contact Debbie Smith 303-249-5553 or dsmith@happybuffalos.com or Joan Larsen 760-346-2515 or joanmlarsen@sbcglobal.net
- **GriefShare** is a support ministry for those experiencing the loss of a loved one. A new session will begin in January. Contact Kim Kershaw 951-515-4002 or KimKershaw@me.com
- **Senior Ministry Team** is an outreach ministry to those who, due to physical limitations, are unable to attend church programs. Contact Harry Wilson at 951-805-4901 or HWilson@yahoo.com.
- **Eisenhower Chaplaincy Program** meets the spiritual needs of patients and their families. Contact Barbara White at BarbaraWhite@dc.rr.com.

The staff member who connects you or someone you care about with the ministry best suited to their needs is Kathy Aposhian, Director of Connections Ministries. She can be reached at 760-346-8195 x530 or KathyA@pdpresby.org.

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CARE DAY – BETTER BY SUNDAY

Every Tuesday from 8:30am – 11:30am we are here to connect with those from our community facing difficult times to love, listen, and to help however we can.

Please help us by stocking our Deacons' Closet!

This month we need:

Bags of Beans, Bags of Rice, Instant Coffee, Cake Mix, Sugar, Jelly, Cereal, Soup, Canned Peas, Toilet Paper, Shaving Cream, Deodorant, Diapers, Bar Soap, Toothpaste, Bath Towels.

Please no household items, no expired foods.

Items may be dropped off at any time in the church office.

The next curbside collection is November 11th.

Each Tuesday morning Care Day welcomes people who come to us for food, for help with their bills, a temporary crisis, or other needs. The normal procedure at Care Day is for the Deacon's to privately interview each person, help them as best they can, and then to pray for the person when his/her interview has ended. There was a surprise and a big blessing a few weeks ago when the young man who was being interviewed prayed for us! He came to Care Day because his mother had come to us previously asking for help with a high electric bill. She was now in the hospital and asked her son to come in her place. He even showed a picture of her in her hospital bed with a t-shirt on that said Jesus Saves. He was so grateful for the help he received that he asked if he could lead the prayer, and asked if we would all stand and hold hands. What a precious moment for everyone as we bowed our heads and listened to the words of the young man. The Lord's presence was truly felt.

GRIEFSHARE

When you are grieving a loved one's death, the holiday season can be especially painful. Our **"Surviving the Holidays"** seminar helps participants prepare for the holidays and even discover hope for the future.

Monday, November 5th from 1-3:30pm in Eisenhower Library. Video & Discussion. Confidential support and ideas to help in plan for the holidays.

Call Kim Kershaw to register: 951-515-4002. or

KimKershaw@me.com

SONGSHINE BASICS: Explore diaphragmatic costal/breathing, learn vocalises, songs, role play, creative imagination and more. All designed to help aging voices, Parkinson's, stroke, or any neurological disorder. Let SongShine bring your voice back to life. Join us each Monday in Miller Hall from 12:30-1:30. And it's FUN! Taught by Peter Harris and Ruthanna Metzgar

SongShine Singers and Players: Preparing *My Fair Lady* by Lerner and Loewe. Come and start rehearsing a concert version of this well known musical. Classes meet each Monday in Miller Hall from 2-3:30. Prerequisite: 10 weeks of SongShine Basics. You may take Basics and Singers and Players concurrently. Taught by Peter Harris and Ruthanna Metzgar.

THE ACADEMY

An Academy student, Truman Bohn, is currently battling a rare form of eye cancer. Fortunately, he has excellent prognosis. We ask for our prayers for Truman and his parents. All Academy fundraising for 2018-2019 will go to benefit Truman's family. To learn more about how you can help, please contact the Academy Preschool Office 760-346-8195 x544.

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STEPHEN MINISTRY

CARE FOR HURTING PEOPLE

Stephen Ministry is a one-to-one, confidential, care-giving ministry that provides distinctively Christian care to those who are experiencing loss or who find themselves in a time of crisis.

If you are going through a difficult time and need a listening, non-judgmental person with a caring heart to walk alongside you, contact Stephen Ministry Leader, Joan Larsen at 760-346-5215, or joanmlarsen@sbcglobal.net.



For information about becoming a Stephen Minister contact Debbie Smith at 303-249-5553

To request a Stephen Minister contact Joan or John Larsen at 760-346-5215

Why Does Palm Desert Community Presbyterian Church Need Stephen Ministers?

- To actively communicate the love of God to all in our PDCPC congregation and greater community.
- To better understand the problems and needs of other people.
- To share an opportunity of a lifetime in developing a closer relationship with Jesus Christ and others while serving as Stephen Ministers.
- To make a difference in the lives of people who are hurting.
- To reach out to those in the PDCPC congregation who have been waiting to answer God's call to serve.
- To illustrate to all that **“Christ Cares for People Through People”**

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MISSIONS

A primary focus for PDCPC is its participation in Christ-centered missions and we currently support 12 Christian International Missions all around the world. A world that is hungering for food, water, shelter, safety, medical care, transportation, education and knowledge about the love and power of Jesus Christ.

These projects are administered by the following dedicated servants of the Lord:

- Africa Inland Mission, South Sudan & Kenya, Jim & Bev Streit
- Good News Jail & Prison Ministry, Colorado, Rev. Dan & Shirley Matsche
- Hands of Luke, Juarez, Mexico & El Paso, TX, Carmen Samaniego
- Horizons International, Headquarters Boulder, CO & Beirut, Lebanon, Georges & Joy Housney
- (Allegro Solutions) The Micah Project, Honduras, John & Rebecca Bell
- MMS Aviation, Missionary Maintenance Services, Headquarters, Coshocton, Ohio
- (Shepherd Staff OCM) Our Call Missions, Uganda
- Pioneers – EMAF, Brazil, Marcio & Damarius Garcia
- Project Medsend, Headquarters, Stratford CT, Randy Carey

For more information on any of these Missions please contact :
Jerry Allen for Local Missions 760-895-7037
Joe or Joyce Stein for National and International Missions
at 760-568-3920.

“Your attitude must be like my own, for I, the Messiah, did not come to be served, but to serve.”- Matthew 20:28

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MISSIONS

The Palm Desert Community Presbyterian Church's (PDCPC) Missions Ministry Team welcomes back all our seasonal members and visitors.

The Missions Board, in partnership with the PDCPC leadership has prayerfully reviewed and refined the Missions programs that will be supported this year.

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These Mission Partners currently include:

Amor Ministries, Aim Air, Good News Jail & Prison Ministry, Hands of Luke, Horizons International, Med Send, Micah Project, MMS Aviation, Pioneers-EMAF and Shepherd's Staff.

We are already making plans and arrangements for our exciting MISSIONS WEEK'S activities in February 2019.

We will be blessed by hosting and presenting some of the Dynamic and Dedicated missions programs supported by PDCPC.

To date, Georges Housseny of Horizons International and Jon & Kirstie Wilson of Amor Ministries will be presenting.

Additionally, we look forward to visits at other times throughout the year from other of our Missions partners.

The following Missions Committee members welcome any requests for information or suggestions:

Kathy Aposhian, Jeff and Molly Heusinkveld, Michael Landes, Sandy Rhoades, Nelinda Stegall and Missions Committee chairs, Joe and Joyce Stein.

In Christ's service.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Help fill a shoe box for a child in need! This is our annual mission project that helps to reach those in need and give them a lovely Christmas, a project from Samaritan's Purse. We collect; they ship these simple gifts outside the United States to children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine, and disease; and to children living on Native American reservations in the U.S.

Boxes will be available this Sunday in Garrard Courtyard following service.

[Read How to Pack a Shoebox](#) for step-by-step instruction and tips.

Bring \$9 with each box when returning it to the church (supports Samaritan's Purse for the collection, processing and shipping) or [pay and track your box online](#).

Last day to drop off at the Church is Sunday, November 18th. You can also [build your box online!](#)

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Help Make Christmas Bright for Children at the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission.

Please help make this Christmas a bit merrier for the children associated with CVRM. "Adopt" a child by taking a Wish Card from the Giving Tree table today after the service, or stop by the Church office any time during the week. Please return all gifts (wrapped or unwrapped) back to the Church by Sunday, December 16. You may also choose to donate money at the Giving Tree Table and we will do the shopping- and wrapping- for you!

If you have any questions or would like assistance in participating, please contact Lindsay Miller at 760.899.7201 or lindsaysmiller@hotmail.com.

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CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRIES

For more information regarding Congregational Ministries (Sanctuary Guild, Carpentry Guild and Craft Ministries) contact Sarah Seils at (760) 409-2385 or Sjfmla111@gmail.com.

SANCTUARY GUILD

The Sanctuary Guild is looking for new members! We meet on the second Tuesday of each month in Eisenhower Library at 2pm.

CRAFT MINISTRIES

PINS AND NEEDLES Pins and Needles meets every Thursday from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. We are currently collecting baby items for 29 Palms Marine Base, lap robes for those returning from deployment and recovering from injuries at Camp Pendleton Marine Base. We are also serving Barbara Sinatra Children's Center and Coachella Valley Rescue Mission. We are hoping that we will have some Volunteers to help us with special projects during the Holiday Season. For information, contact: Sarah Seils at (760) 409-2385 or Sjfmla111@gmail.com

MENDING HEARTS

The Mending Hearts Thursday morning fellowship is very busy creating hand-made comfort items for those in need all over the world. Just small items we send lap and baby blankets; dresses; prayer squares; stuffed animals; crocheted hats and scarfs; and, yes, even colorful diapers. As God said He would send the Holy Spirit as a comforter for the people, we make Mending Hearts a part of His ministry. Comfort is our theme. We appreciate your continued donations of material and notions. Please drop by our display table in Miller Hall each Sunday. All items are first available for purchase as a donation to the Church. Funds raised help with postage and machine repairs. And we know that somewhere someone is smiling with their new comfort item. Please join us from nine to noon in the Miller Hall. Maureen Mulcahey, Director 760 636-4828.

financials

Where are we in 2018 at this time?

*At the close of October we are **behind \$127, 000** in congregation giving vs. budgeted congregational giving.

*Budget income required for November is **\$128,000**

*Budgeted income required in December is **\$274,000**

Expenses in September was over **\$3000**

Other Income has a shortfall of **\$4500**

closing the loop

Volunteers needed to assemble the December Loop on Friday, November 30th in the Eisenhower Library at 9 am. Contact Jerie Weason or Sara Buttemiller with questions at 760-346-8195.

ALL CHURCH "SEASON CELEBRATION" LUNCHEON

January 13th. Palm Valley County Club, \$30

Immediately after 2nd service, approx. 12:00pm

\$30 per person, signups begin December 9.

Save the date for a new tradition where we gather together as a whole church to share a meal and celebrate what God is doing in our midst.

Please note the office will be closed November 22nd and 23rd for Thanksgiving.



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