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New to PDCPC?

We’re glad you’re here! Please visit our Welcome Table at the main entrance to the Sanctuary or contact Kathy Aposhian, Director of Connections at kathya@pdpresby.org or (760) 346-8195 x530 for information on how you can get connected!



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YOUR MONTHLY GUIDE TO CONNECTION AT PDCPC

FEBRUARY 2020

WORSHIP

The month of February is all about the essential teaching of Jesus to “Go! Baptize, and Disciple all nations.” We hope you will join us in worship each week as we think, pray, sing, and listen, to what scripture has to say to us about this important command. We will even have the chance to cheer on some friends getting baptized!

// For more information on events related to Worship, visit page 3.

GROW

Growth opportunities this month continue to follow our Sunday morning themes of Evangelism and Mission. These things are central to the teaching of Jesus, and for our lives as we align ourselves with His mission. We hope you will join us as we talk further about what that looks like!

// For more information on opportunities to grow in your relationship with God and with others visit page 5-11.

SERVE

February is Mission Month! We will have the opportunity to hear from two of our mission partners in person, as well as the opportunity to re-familiarize ourselves with all the missionaries and ministries we are privileged to support.

// For more information on how you can serve others here and around the world, visit page 11-14.

Mark 3:13-14 New International Version (NIV)

"Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to him those he wanted, and they came to him. He appointed twelve that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach."

Mark 3:13-14 (NIV)



The leaders of PDCPC have elected to begin 2020 with a focus on Evangelism in both our Sunday morning services and our Wednesday night programming. We have been talking together about our collective "calling-" how we are individually transformed by the love of God, what it means to share the good news of Jesus Christ with one another, with our neighbors, and with those around the world. I have loved the dialogue that has resulted thus far, and I am excited to continue the themes of evangelism and mission through February.

As we move forward in this series, let us remember the wisdom that Rev. Dr. Brian Wallace shared with us at our third "Faith & Culture" lecture, that each of us are:

Wanted- we are the beloved of God.

Called to love God and others and to work toward the common good of all people.

Called to a community- that reminds us that we bear the image of God, but also reminds us that we aren't God.

Sent-we are sent out to bring healing to the world.

May it be so.

Grace and Peace,

Rev. David Ludwig, Senior Pastor

DECEMBER 2019 FINANCIALS

	Month Actual	Month Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance
INCOME	\$ 193,750	\$ 373,933	\$ 1,461,759	\$ 1,613,292	\$ (151,533)
EXPENSES	\$ 154,026	\$ 152,715	\$ 1,553,117	\$ 1,613,292	\$ 60,172
NET	\$ 39,724	\$ 221,218	\$ (91,359)	\$ 0	\$ (91,632)



STEWARDSHIP: VISION 2020 CAMPAIGN

As of January 20 we are 80% towards our pledge goal of \$603,196. We have commitments for a total of \$479,540 + \$45,200 in prepaid pledges which brings us to the total of \$524,740. Thank you!

Palm Desert Community Presbyterian Church counts on your faithful and generous giving to keep our church doing what it does best...sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ and His great love for all of us. Pledge cards continue to be available in the pews as well as the front office and can be returned to the church office or mailed in.

// GriefShare

Mondays 1:00 - 3:00 pm in Eisenhower Library

The next 13 week session is underway. We welcome and encourage everyone who has lost a loved one to participate in this Bible-based, compassionate program. GriefShare offers a safe environment to share feelings, talk about your loss and begin the process of moving forward. For more information contact Rev. Floyd Rhoades at floydrhoades@vistacove.com.

// Read With Me

One of the biggest factors in the success of a child is their ability to read. You are invited to make a huge impact in the lives of children in our own valley who are learning to read by traveling to their school each week to read them stories. Registration is open for the program with tutoring to begin on Tuesdays and Thursdays in November. If you have questions, or to register, contact Kim at (760) 220-2959 or jksheehy@earthlink.net.

// Coachella Valley Rescue Mission

Lary Rogers, Coordinator

PDCPC volunteers have, throughout the last 20 years, been serving meals, mentoring and donating goods and generous financial support to the Mission. And with a 40% increase in services being provided, they need our support now more than ever.



//SONGSHINE

BASICS Mondays in Miller Hall 12:30 - 1:30 pm

SINGERS AND PLAYERS: Mondays in Miller Hall 2:00 - 3:30 pm

//BASICS: For those with Parkinson's, stroke, other neurological challenges or simply an aging voice. Learn solid breathing techniques, enjoy group singing (but you do not have to be a singer), role play, creative imagination, and more. Taught by Peter Harris and Ruthanna Metzgar.

//SINGERS AND PLAYERS: Weekly rehearsals. This year's musical is "Brigadoon" by Lerner and Loewe.

For more information contact Ruthanna Metzger by email at ruthanna@songshineforparkinsons.org.

GREAT COMMISSION SERMON SERIES

February 2 - February 9, February 23

FEBRUARY 9 | Communion Sunday
Annual All-Church Luncheon

FEBRUARY 16 | Missions Sunday

DO YOU WANT TO BE BAPTIZED?

If you are at a point where you'd like to formalize your commitment to follow the way of Jesus by getting baptized, PDCPC would be honored to celebrate that milestone with you! Please email sarab@pdpresby.org for more info! Infants, children, and adults of all ages are welcome!

PDCPC Gathering to Celebrate!



ANNUAL SEASON CELEBRATION LUNCHEON 2020

February 9 | Palm Valley Country Club | 12:00 pm
\$32 per person, advanced purchase required

You are invited to this annual celebration of what God is doing in the life of PDCPC. It is a time for us as an entire church, to get together off the church campus for some delicious food, sharing, and connecting with one another around the table.

Tickets are available in the church courtyard on Sundays, and in the church office during the week. Last day to purchase tickets is February 2.

SAVE THE DATES:

- // Every Friday Please note that the church office will be open on Fridays from 9:00 am— 12:00 pm.
- // January 31 - Feb 2 Student Ministry Winter Camp
- // February 2 Last Day to Purchase Tickets to All-Church Luncheon
- // February 9 All-Church Luncheon
- // February 14 Parent's Night Out
- // February 23 Connections Opportunity Fair
- // February 26 Ash Wednesday Service
Lent Begins

PastorChat February 2, 11:15 am
Taylor Fine Arts Auditorium

This is your chance to ask your most pressing questions, share your feedback, discuss the sermon, or just enjoy a cup of coffee and donuts with your pastors.

MEET THE PASTOR

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March 1 | 11:30 am | Home of Pastor Dave and Jessica

If you are new to PDCPC and would like to know more about our vision and direction, come and "Meet the Pastor" at the home of Pastor Dave and Jessica Ludwig for lunch on Sunday, March 1st at 11:30 am.

Please stop by the Welcome Table after the service to reserve a spot or RSVP to Kathy Aposhian, Director of Connections, at kathya@pdpresby.org or (760) 346.8195 x 530.

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

Directed by Molly and Jeff Heusinkveld (760) 567-0536, or houseinthefield5@outlook.com

MISSIONS WEEK!

Sunday, February 16 –
Wednesday, February 19

Join in welcoming Morgan Boardman of *MedSend*, and Carmen Samaniego of *Hands of Luke* for Missions Week 2020. Learn about all of the missions PDCPC faithfully supports.



Morgan Boardman, MedSend

//*MedSend's* mission is to strategically fund qualified healthcare professionals to serve the physical and spiritual needs of people around the world. *MedSend* has empowered more than 650 healthcare professionals serving in areas of deep physical and spiritual need by alleviating the burden of student loan indebtedness to serve in healthcare missions.

//*Hands of Luke's* mission is to fulfill the needs of the underprivileged, just as Jesus Christ showed us in Matthew 25:35-40. *Hands of Luke's* ministries include Medical Ministry, which provides services to anyone who cannot afford healthcare; Children's Ministry, through the House of Hope, where they minister to an average of 55 children ages 6-17 years old, by providing for their physical, spiritual, medical and educational needs; Nutritional Centers where children receive lunch; and Conquista Community Center where widows and single mothers learn life lessons.

Sunday, February 16, 2020

Hands of Luke Ministry, Carmen Samaniego will share in a Moment for Ministry update to the congregation.

MedSend, Morgan Boardman, CDO, will preach.

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

Dinner 5:30 pm and Programming 6:00 pm

Dive deeper into Morgan and Carmen's lives, work and ministries. You don't want to miss this!

DEACONS MINISTRY

Did you know you have a deacon in our church who is praying for you and is here to support you and to encourage you if you need it? If you'd like more information about how to get connected with your Deacon, contact the church office at (760) 346-8195.

DEACONS' CLOSET

Every Tuesday, 8:30 – 11:30 am

Family Life Center Lower Level Lobby

Care Day is open to any member of the community to assist with bill payment, food and household supplies, and prayer. The Deacons are so thankful to all of those who help to stock the Deacon's Closet and donate funds specifically to support this amazing community outreach program. Without the donations, time, and care of PDCPC members this ministry would not be possible.

Let's continue this important ministry by helping stock the closet!

This month needs:

Pancake Syrup, pancake mix, instant coffee, sugar, flour, jelly, canned chicken, shaving cream, bath towels, toilet paper, paper towels, and baby diapers.

Items may be dropped off at any time in the church office, or brought to the next curbside collection on Sunday, February 9. Please no expired foods.



*Deacon's working at the curbside drop off.
This month curbside drop-off is on February 9.*

church on wednesday

Every Wednesday | Miller Hall

Dinner: 5:30 pm

Classes: 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Here at PDCPC we are on a mission to connect with God, one another, and the world through Christ. While Sunday mornings are a great time to connect with God through our worship services, we want to provide a space mid-week for all generations to connect with God and with others.

Take the next step in deepening your faith by intentionally carving out time to connect with God and with others during the week. The evening begins with a shared meal together and ends with classes and programs for all ages.

//February 5 & 12

Reimagining Evangelism with Andrew Sanderson

Andrew will be facilitating a 2-week follow-up conversation to the ideas of evangelism our church community has been wrestling with over the month of January at both Sunday morning worship services and the Fuller Speaker series on Wednesday evenings. Andrew will be helping us think about practical ways we can engage in evangelism with our lives.

//February 19

Missions Night

Hear first hand from two of PDCPC's missions!

//February 26

Ash Wednesday Service

All ages are invited to our Ash Wednesday services as we prepare our hearts for the period of Lent, leading up to the celebration of Easter. Ash Wednesday is an invitation to engage our relationship with Jesus on a deeper level over the course of this season.

Sunday, February 23
After each service

Connection Opportunities Fair

Are you looking for ways to use your God given gifts and talents? Or maybe you'd like to get involved in a small group or a growth opportunity? Come to Miller Hall and learn about all the opportunities that are available for you to SERVE and GROW here at PDCPC. All our Ministry Teams will be available to discuss their ministries, answer your questions and sign you up. We will also have Spiritual Gifts Assessments available for you to learn what ministry area is best suited for your gifting. For more info, please contact Kathy Aposhian at kathya@pdpresby.org or stop by the Welcome Table at the rear of the Sanctuary. Refreshments will be served.

TECH CONNECT EVENT

Sunday, February 23 | After each service

Do you have a smart phone and want to learn how to use it to stay better connected with PDCPC? Stop by the Tech Connect Table at the Connection Opportunities Fair. Get help downloading weekly sermon podcasts, signing up for social media, or getting on the all-church email list.

SAVE THE DATE:

COVENANT PARTNER (NEW MEMBER) ORIENTATION

April 26 | 11:15 am – 2:00 pm

Take your relationship with PDCPC to the next level: Become a COVENANT PARTNER! The orientation is designed to familiarize participants with the mission, vision, and values of our church, as well as to equip members to discover how they can connect to that mission.

Our next Covenant Partner Orientation is on Sunday, April 26th from 11:15 pm – 2:00 pm. Lunch will be provided, and childcare is available by request. Please RSVP to the church office to Kathy Aposhian, Director of Connections, at kathya@pdpresby.org or 760.346.8195 x 530 or stop by the Welcome Table at the rear of the Sanctuary.

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRIES

Directed by Sarah Seils (760) 409-2385, sjfmla111@gmail.com

There are several groups included in Congregational Ministries. All groups are open to new members and, if you are feeling a call to serve in any of these meaningful missions, please consider attending their upcoming meetings:

// **Carpentry Guild** Commissioned for special projects as needed.

// **The Sanctuary Guild**

The Sanctuary Guild prepares the elements and sets up Communion each month as well as decorates the Sanctuary for Maundy Thursday, Christmas, and Easter.

PASTORAL CARE

Please let us know if you are admitted to the hospital so we can come visit with you. Hospitals may contact us if you let them know you are a Covenant Partner (member) at PDCPC, or have someone call the church office and we will be there for you.

STEPHEN MINISTRY



“Most people do not listen with the intent to understand; they listen with the intent to reply.”
— Stephen R. Covey, The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People: Powerful Lessons in Personal Change

One of the most important skills you learn in Stephen Ministry is the skill to listen. It is a skill that is valuable not only as a Stephen Minister but also as a caring and effective parent, spouse, boss, employee, student, teacher, neighbor, citizen, etc. As we become better listeners, we can also become more faithful disciples. We can show our love for God by listening to His messages. Jesus has made it possible for us to have a relationship with God that is characterized by love, devotion, and communication. One of the best ways to work on our relationship with our God and neighbors is to join your brothers and sisters in Stephen Ministry Training. A condensed class begins this month. Call Deb Smith for more information (303) 249-5553.

“My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.” – James 1:19 NIV

ROOTS SUNDAY NIGHTS

High School 4:00 - 5:30 pm
Middle School 6:00 - 7:15 pm

Sunday night is a time when our students get to gather together to talk about the important things of life and faith!, encourage one another, and have a lot of fun. We call it Roots, because it helps them stay grounded and connected to what is really important during a season of life where so much is changing around them (and in them). If you know of a student who needs help with transportation on Sunday nights, email RyanS@pdpresby.org. We hope your student can be a part of the great things we'll be doing together during this new season!



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STUDENT MINISTRY

// SUNDAY MORNING OPPORTUNITIES

If you are in 6th-12th grade and want to plug in deeper on Sunday mornings, we would love to connect with you! From helping in Children's Ministry, to learning how the sound booth works and operates, to helping lead us in our Call to Worship, there's something for everyone! We believe students are a vital part of our church community and would love to help you discover how you can serve on Sunday mornings. Contact Ryan at ryans@pdpresby.org for more opportunities.

/// WEDNESDAY NIGHT MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS

6:00 - 7:00 pm | Student Ministry Room

Hiatus: February 5 and 12

Returning: February 19 with a new book study

A space for middle school girls who want to go deeper into their relationship with Christ and with each other. Each week the girls read a chapter from the book they are studying, and come together to discuss how it applies in their lives. For more info, contact Taylor at taylorghooper@gmail.com or Denyse at aandd@mac.com.

// ACADEMY AWARDS PARTY

February 9 | 4:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Schmall House 47831 Pansy St. Indio, CA

Students are invited to the 2nd annual Academy Awards party. Bring a movie-themed snack to share, wear your favorite movie-inspired outfit, and join on the red carpet for a night of food, fun, and prizes as we watch the Academy Awards together! For more questions, contact Ryan at ryans@pdpresby.org.

**BIBLE STUDY****// SUNDAY MORNING ADULT STUDY**

Every Sunday at 10:00 am, Eisenhower Library

Fortify yourself with coffee, a donut, and the Word of God each week as we study the book of Kings. For more details, or if you would like to share in the teaching, please contact Andrew Sanderson at (760) 702-7646 or aandd@mac.com.

// MEN'S "EARLY-BIRD" BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays, 6:00 am, Eisenhower Library.

Led by Lloyd Macfadyen (760) 346-9769

// MEN'S LA QUINTA BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays, 7:30 am

Mountain/Dunes Clubhouse in Santa Rosa Cove

Please contact Stu Parry at (330) 472-1704 for more info.

// MEN'S BERMUDA DUNES BIBLE STUDY

A men's year-round Bible study meets Wednesdays 7:00 - 8:00 am, Bermuda Dunes Country Club. Contact Roger Low at (760) 345-8986.

// WOMEN'S MINISTRY BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays, 10:00 -11:30 am, PDCPC Youth Room (FLC downstairs)
Taught by retired Presbyterian Pastor Joann Brechbill. All ladies are welcome to join us for a study of the book of Matthew. Bring your Bible and come when you can!

Questions? Call the church office (760) 346-8195.

// WOMEN'S COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY (CBS)

Wednesdays, 10:00 am-12:00 pm beginning in the Sanctuary
A women's in-depth Bible study that provides a practical application of Biblical teaching. To pre-register or for more information, please contact Corky Olander at (760) 574-1181 mc.olander2@verizon.net. Adults \$35; Children \$10; Scholarships are available.

BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, February 25 | 11:00 am | Eisenhower Library

We will be discussing "My Dear Hamilton" by Stephanie Dray. Bookclub is open to everyone, introduce a friend to a stimulating experience. If you have any questions please call Marilyn Smythe at (760) 424-6132.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CHECK-IN

Please note that in order to ensure that we are providing the most safe and secure environment for our children, we are now asking parents to stop at the Check-In Table near the nursery outside of Miller Hall before heading into the Sanctuary for worship. The initial setup takes only a couple of minutes, and after that it takes just seconds! Thank you for your help.

NURSERY

Drop-off nursery care is available during both of our worship services for children two years of age and under. The Nursery is located next to Miller Hall and parents can sign their children in/out before and after the service in that location. We also live stream the service in the Nursery for parents who would like to remain with their infants.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

(Ages 2 – 5th Grade) Join us every Sunday morning, during both the 8:30 am and the 10:00 am worship services, for a special time with Ry-Ry the Bible Guy as he conducts an experiment that helps kids think about what it looks like to follow Jesus with their lives!



Parents should check children in at the children's ministry Check-In Table outside of Miller hall before church. Children then begin worship in the Sanctuary with their families and are dismissed to continue their worship in Sunday School. Following the worship service, parents pick up their children in Room 205/206 in the Family Life Center.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Children (Birth-5th Grade) Room 205/206 in the Family Life Center Sprouts Children's Ministry meets on Wednesday nights for a fun and engaging mid-week program where children can explore their faith through Bible stories, music, games, and conversation. Dinner is included, free of charge!

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 or call (760) 346-8195 x521.

PARENT NIGHT OUT

February 14 | 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm | Free!

Sprouts is hosting an opportunity for parents to have a date night this Valentine's Day! Don't worry about the kids, there will be food and programming available for them so you can have a few hours away. To RSVP, contact Ryan at ryans@pdpresby.org.

EMAIL UPDATES

Want to receive email updates for all of Sprouts Children's Ministry programming? Make sure to let us know at ryans@pdpresby.org.

SAVE THE DATE | MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Summer is right around the corner and we have a lot of exciting camp opportunities for your children and grandchildren!

// Neighborhood Day Camp at PDCPC
June 8 – June 12 | \$200

// Forest Home Overnight Camp
July 26 – July 31 *grade for the 2020/2021 school year

The Village (Grades 3-5*)	\$399
Creekside (Grades 6-8*)	\$539
Lakeview (Grades 9-12*)	\$539



PDCPC Forest Home Middle School Girls Group

