



# PCPC LIFE

PALMA CEIA Presbyterian Church

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January 2011

## *Receiving the Day*

AN EVENING RETREAT FOR ENTERING THE NEW YEAR

By John DeBevoise

The first week of the new year presents a time for implementing resolutions and for preparing oneself for the journey of the year ahead. Not only each year, but each day is a gift from God. To help claim that gift, and to help us enter into the new year seeking God's will and purposes, a mini retreat, a period of prayer and study, will be offered at PCPC on Wednesday evening, January 5th. The retreat will be based on materials from Dorothy Butler Bass' book "Receiving The Day."

In her book Professor Bass shares how time is truly a gift to be savored, not a tempest to be tamed. With an awareness of the stress many modern people feel regarding believing they do not have enough time, Professor Bass addresses the truth that every 24 hours is a gift from God in which we can practice faithfulness. Her book revisits the practice of opening one's heart every morning in quiet thanks to God for life, learning to structure our lives with

flexible regularity, and using time for things that matter, while seeking to live each day confidently, without fear. Her book also lifts up the benefits of keeping the Sabbath (on the actual Sabbath day or not), observing the Christian year with all its special holidays and religious celebrations, and counting days and moments with an eye on Jesus Christ as the Lord of all time.



The first session will begin Wednesday, January 5th at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary and will last an hour. It will involve a study of the scriptures from which Professor Bass bases her

study of living faithfully in the gift of each day. Then from 5:00 to 5:40 p.m. a service of prayer and preparation for our Christian living in the year ahead will take place in the Chapel. From 5:45 until 6:30 p.m. participants are invited to dinner in the

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## **Sunday, January 2**

Sunday Worship, 8:30, 9:45, 11:00 a.m.

Vespers Concert/Longest Night Vespers Service, 6:00 p.m.

## **Wednesday, January 5**

Receiving the Day Retreat, 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night Dinner at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

## **Saturday, January 8**

Connection Summit, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

## **Sunday, January 9**

**Epiphany, Communion will be served at all 4 services**

Sunday Worship, 8:30, 9:45, 11:00 a.m.

Vespers Service, 6:00 p.m.

## **Tuesday, January 11**

Confirmation Students Received by the Session, 6:00 p.m.

## **Wednesday, January 12**

Wednesday Night Dinner at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

## **Sunday, January 16**

### **Christian Unity Sunday**

The Blood Mobile, 8:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

Sunday Worship, 8:30, 9:45, 11:00 a.m.

Vespers Service, 6:00 p.m.

## **Monday, January 17**

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Interfaith Service, 4:30 p.m. at College Hill Baptist Church

## **Tuesday, January 18**

Young At Heart Luncheon, 12:30-2:00 p.m., HPUM Church

## **Wednesday, January 19**

Wednesday Night Dinner at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

## **Sunday, January 23**

### **Elder Ordination**

Sunday Worship, 8:30, 9:45, 11:00 a.m.

Vespers Service, 6:00 p.m.

## **Wednesday, January 26**

Wednesday Night Dinner at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

## **Sunday, January 30**

Sunday Worship, 8:30, 9:45, 11:00 a.m.

Vespers Service, 6:00 p.m.

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### **PCPC Vision Statement**

We are called to be a community of disciples in Jesus Christ, who, seeking unity in the faith, are living our lives in joyful obedience to God's Word. Worshiping Christ, learning in Christ, growing in Christ, caring in Christ, acting in Christ, reformed in Christ.

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## PCPC LIFE

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If you have information that you would like to be considered for the newsletter, e-mail [communications@palmaceia.org](mailto:communications@palmaceia.org), or place it in Sarah Ward's box in the church office. The deadline is the 2nd Monday of the month.

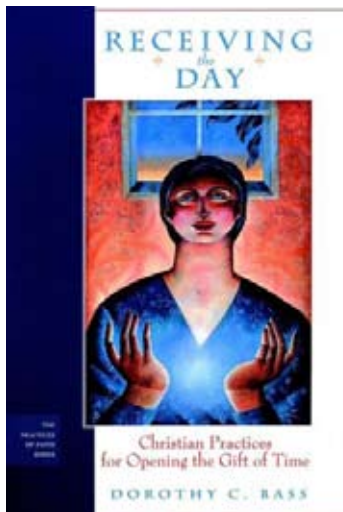
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PCPC Anchor line: (813) 254-PCPC

Fellowship Hall. From 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. a second presentation on “Entering God’s Gift of Each Day” will take place in the Bride’s Room Parlor. From 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. a Vespers service of prayer for those we are in fellowship and community with as we travel through the year will be held in the Chapel. From 7:30 to 8:00 p.m. participants are welcome to linger to discuss further, ask questions, or pray.

Participants are invited to come to any portion of the event which will be led by John DeBevoise. Registration is not necessary, but if you intend to come and e-mail [john@palmaccia.org](mailto:john@palmaccia.org), we will obtain a copy of Professor Bass’ book for you that evening. If there are morning people who would like to see the event repeated over two early mornings, please email me and share that and two morning sessions will be scheduled for the next week.



## THANK YOU TO ALL

The month of December was very active at PCPC. There were so many hands helping out from the Advent event in our congregation to the many ways we contributed to the community. Gifts were given through our annual Giving Tree, boxes were assembled for families at Metropolitan Ministry, goats, chickens and items were purchased in honor of people for our friends in Papoli, Uganda. We hope to have final numbers to share in our next newsletter, but in the meantime, we say thank you for sharing Jesus this season.

## COMMUNITY INTERFAITH WORSHIP SERVICE

**Monday January 17 at 4:30 p.m.  
The College Hill Baptist Church**

A community interfaith worship service will be held at The College Hill Baptist Church. This service has been an annual event for over 15 years. It is sponsored by the NCCJ on Martin Luther King Jr. day, and includes representatives from the Christian, Jewish and Muslim community in Tampa. The service will begin earlier this year at 4:30 p.m. A good contingent from PCPC has gone for a number of years, and the service has several times featured musicians from PCPC.

The service seeks to nurture the shared values of love, service, and courage amongst people in the Hillsborough County faith community. If you are interested in carpooling to the service please contact Bruce Farnell in the church office at [receptionist@palmaccia.org](mailto:receptionist@palmaccia.org). Details for gathering at the church will be emailed to you.

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP  
8:30 & 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary

CONNECTION WORSHIP  
8:30 & 9:45 a.m. in the gym

VESPERS WORSHIP  
6:00 p.m. in the chapel

WORSHIP

“WHOEVER DWELLS IN THE SHELTER OF THE MOST HIGH WILL REST IN THE SHADOW OF THE ALMIGHTY. I WILL SAY OF THE LORD, “HE IS MY REFUGE AND MY FORTRESS. MY GOD, IN WHOM I TRUST.” -PSALM 91:1-2

*“We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality. Whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly”.* -Martin Luther King, Jr.

By Nancy Little

At Christmas Preschool Family Chapel, the “grandparents’ choir” sings to the children. Their voices sing the faith “from generation to generation”. Not only the Maurers, Givens, Glen and Cadle grandchildren are listening.

A daughter of the church arrives home after college. Exploring her next life phase, she joins the preschool staff, who become some of the first to commission her work. Meaghan Campbell is a gifted artist and a helpful addition to our teaching staff.

A young girl and her friends found a charitable foundation. They raise funds and make bequests. The press covers their activities. “I don’t know where she gets it”, says her mother.

Mary Jo and Jim Williams have supported our preschool since before Lauren’s birth. Lauren was watching.

A young preschool mother goes into surgery with a PCPC prayer shawl around her shoulders.

A little girl has a Sunday school teacher with vision, but without sight. The little girl wants to grow up to help those with special needs. Bea David is with Nancy Little every day.

A young father on a tour encounters some emotion. “That my son should come to school in the place where I first met Jesus Christ”..... His voice trails. The little boy comes to school. His mother, Annalise Fincher, feels a call to teach.

One of the first typical children to attend our preschool with challenged peers grows up to be an early childhood teacher. She is ordained, and serves on the preschool committee. Laura Gill Mullinax is watching as her family patiently builds the mission of the preschool across her life.

Many years ago, David and Patricia Pead make a wrong turn while looking for the Methodist church. God is glorified and the preschool and church nurtured as Patricia brings her background in Early Childhood Education to the table.

We are connected in mission through faith. Blessed be the ties that bind our hearts in Christian love.

## THE FUTURE *of the* CONNECTION WORSHIP SERVICES

Earlier this year, nearly 100 of our members took part in a congregational interview with questions regarding the future ministry of the church. Much of the interview focused on The Connection worship service. The interviews gathered stories from members about their direct involvement in The Connection. For those who were not Connection attendees, the information gathered was on their perspective of The Connection as part of the ministry of PCPC. The goal of the storytelling was to identify the current strengths of The Connection and both the impact and perceptions of The Connection to date. We also had the participants share their vision for The Connection in the next 5 years.

As a result of the interviews, the Session formed a task force including Debbie Brock, Kathy Castro, Charlie Ketchey, Jay McLauchlin and Rob Stern (all active Elders on the current Session) to lead and run a summit. The purpose of the summit is to further explore the responses from our interviews and to use them to learn and develop ideas for the future of The Connection worship service.

### **What is God calling us to do?**

The task force is inviting all members of the congregation to come who have an interest in the future of The Connection and its relationship to the overall ministry of PCPC. The meeting will utilize the methodology of Appreciative Inquiry (AI) that incorporates a particular way of envisioning the future that fosters positive relationships and builds on the basic goodness of an organization.

The summit will be on Saturday, January 8 from 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up by emailing Charmel Dodd at [charmel@palmaccia.org](mailto:charmel@palmaccia.org) or by calling her at 253-6047. In the interim, do not hesitate to reach out to task force members with any questions.



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# Serve OTHERS

## HYGIENE KITS

PCPC is collecting hygiene kits for the people of Haiti. In the face of natural disasters, violence, or grinding poverty, hygiene kits can mean the difference between sickness and health for struggling families. Please help us surpass the 260 kits that we sent last year.

Hygiene kits may be dropped off in the Church office by Wednesday, January 12. Please place all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure, remove the excess air, and seal it.

### Each kit needs:

- 1 hand towel measuring approximately 16" x 28" (no fingertip or bath towels)
- 1 washcloth
- 1 wide-tooth comb
- 1 nail clipper
- 1 bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- 1 toothbrush (in original packaging)
- 1 tube of tooth paste
- 6 standard size Band-Aids®



*A quake survivor in Haiti bathes her child. Photo: Paul Jeffrey/ACT Alliance*

## 2010 END-OF-YEAR MISSION GIVING

In December, the Witness and Service Committee distributed gifts on behalf of the PCPC community to the following local and international ministries:

- Abe Brown Prison Ministries, \$500
- Covenant Hospital, \$5,000
- Created, \$500
- Homeless Coalition of Hillsborough County - 2011 Homeless Count, \$200
- IMattertoo, \$500
- InterVarsity Christian Fellowship - Tampa Bay, \$500
- Judeo Christian Health Clinic, \$2,000
- PCPC Uganda Counseling Ministry, \$4,000
- PCPC Uganda Scholarship Fund, \$4,000
- Pennies for Papoli, \$437.26
- St. John's Presbyterian Learning Center, \$1,000
- Timothy Initiative, \$500
- Total: \$19,137.26

This is in addition to congregation members' donations to the Joy Offering for Beth-El Farmworker's Ministry, Christmas in Africa, The Giving Tree, and Metropolitan Ministries' Boxes of Hope. Several additional gifts were made by PCPC and its members throughout year. A comprehensive report of 2010 mission giving will be distributed in the Spring.

## HAITI MISSION

Our church is sending a new team to Haiti. We will leave on January 29 and return February 5. We are fortunate to have two dentists and an ophthalmologist traveling with us. With the exception of Sylvia Campbell's independent trips, this will be our strongest medical effort to date in Port-au-Prince. Along with the doctors, we will have a group that will be available for whatever work is asked of them. In the past this has included building houses, working on the construction of a two story clinic and the fortifying of a water filtration station so that clean water can reach more people. Our last team helped in the creation of a response/training program that provided bleach and instruction on its use to thousands of residents in the midst of a Cholera outbreak.

This trip completes the commitment we made, shortly after the earthquake, to send three teams over the course of a year. Working with Haiti Outreach Ministries and expanding our exposure to the needs that dominate life in Haiti has been a meaningful experience.

As we consider future help to Haiti, the Witness & Service Committee is looking toward the clinic in Mombin Crochu that we helped establish and build almost 20 years ago. We recognize that the structures and equipment there is in need of repair and upkeep. Our church, with the distinct help of Kendall Kapaz, created, organized and led a coalition of several churches in the US that all reach out to this little hospital in Haiti's northeast mountains. In the future, we will likely direct our efforts specifically to helping our friends there.

Please pray for our little community of workers. Pray for the peace, healing and wholeness of Haiti and that it receives leadership that loves its people.

WITNESS  
MINISTRIES



“SO FIX YOUR EYES NOT ON WHAT IS SEEN, BUT ON WHAT IS UNSEEN. FOR WHAT IS SEEN IS TEMPORARY, BUT WHAT IS UNSEEN IS ETERNAL.” - 2 CORINTHIANS 4:18

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

ARE YOU EXPERIENCING A WINTER IN YOUR LIFE?

In addition to the cold weather outside, many people experience "winters" in their personal lives. A recent loss through death, divorce, or relocation may leave them feeling lonely. A hospitalization, cancer diagnosis, or ongoing medical problems may leave them feeling isolated. The loss of a job, the fear of layoffs, or a financial setback can devastate one's self-esteem. Family and personal struggles may leave them with nowhere to turn for support.

If you are going through a difficult time, our Stephen Ministers can bring God's warm love back into your life. They provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care. They will meet with you privately on a weekly basis to listen, support, and encourage you, to pray with and for you, and to walk with you for the duration of your crisis.

To find out more and how you or someone you know could be matched with a Stephen Minister, talk with Rev. Nicole Partin. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!



WEDDING

10/16/10 Ann Jeannine Ullmann & John Cornelius Hutchens

BIRTH

11/18/10 Elliot David Shobe,  
son of Mary & David Shobe, Jr.

BAPTISM

11/14/10 William Baker Hardee,  
son of Lindsey & Bill Hardee

NEW MEMBERS

11/21/10 Charles "Chuck" Dawson  
11/21/10 Jennifer & Halsey Keats  
11/21/10 K. Susan Dawson  
11/21/10 Nancy & Lawrence Dickson  
11/21/10 Ellen & Terrance Moore  
11/21/10 Megan & Justin Pearce  
12/12/10 Heather Carvallo  
12/12/10 Amy Gatlin-Sarduy  
12/12/10 Ted, Kim & Daniele Jordan  
12/12/10 Leslie & Hampton Stephens

*These prayer shawls were blessed in worship and are now being sent to those who can use the tangible comfort that God is with them and this congregation is praying for them. The prayer shawl ministry meets on Wednesdays from 4:00-5:30 p.m. in the Hospitality room adjacent to the Chapel. Knitters of every level are welcome.*



# YOUTH 2011

## SUMMER TRIPS

### Middle School Trips

Both trips are designed for current 6th, 7th & 8th grade students.

### Disciple Now Mission Week, June 13 - 17

A week dedicated to learning about what Jesus says about poverty through serving agencies throughout the Tampa Bay area. Sites we worked with last year: Beth-El Farmworkers Ministry, Faith Cafe, Cedarkirk Camp, Feeding America, Metropolitan Ministries and VBS at the N. Blvd. Apartments. The mornings are spent hearing from speakers and doing devotions, the afternoons are spent serving.  
Cost: \$150

### Southwind- The Great Escape, July 28 - August 2

A youth conference created and designed just for middle school students. Worship with great bands, hear from powerful speakers, play outrageous games, tubing, swim, water slide, participate in a high ropes course (the screamer!), snack shack, frisbee golf, and much more! This is a trip you don't want to miss!  
Cost: \$400

### High School Trips

Both trips are for current 9th, 10th, 11th & 12th grade students.

### Belize Mission Trip- June 19 - 25

Join us for 7 days as we share God's love and grace while working in the beautiful country of Belize.  
([www.prayingpelicanmissions.org](http://www.prayingpelicanmissions.org))  
Cost: \$1,250 dollars

### Fun in the Sun- Jekyll Island, GA- July 17 - 22

From the same group that brought you Southwind, Fun in the Sun is a youth conference that helps high school students explore the love of Christ through amazing bands (check out Todd Fields on YouTube) and dynamic speakers. You meet youth from around the U.S. as you enjoy games and time on the beach. Activities include Ultimate Frisbee and Soccer tournaments, swim games and much more.  
Cost: \$400

Summer Trip Sign Ups Available beginning Jan. 3rd  
Sign up at [www.pcpcyouth.com](http://www.pcpcyouth.com)

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

January 5	Youth Group, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
January 12	Youth Group, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
January 19	Youth Group, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Extreme Game Night
January 26	Youth Group, 6:00-7:30 p.m. Special Guest, Kenny Hubbell

## HIGH SCHOOL

January 2	No Youth Group
January 9	Youth Group, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
January 16	Youth Group, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
January 23	Youth Group, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
January 30	Youth Group, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Special Guest, Kenny Hubbell

### High School Lock Out

A Lock Out is an all night event that takes place at various destinations outside of the church. A charter bus will take us from bowling to laser tag to other mystery activities around Tampa Bay.

Sign up by dropping off a check for \$50 to the church office by January 14.

*Middle School youth enjoying a night of fun at Youth Group*



YOUTH

## PARISH NURSE CORNER

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The primary functions of the Parish Nurses at PCPC are to:

1. Offer educational materials and resources to the congregation.
  2. Provide patient advocacy tips to assist with individual medical needs.
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## EXERCISE MOTIVATION

The holidays are behind us and we are looking toward the New Year. Many of us will make resolutions that center on getting motivated to achieve and maintain a healthy lifestyle through exercise.

There are plenty of reasons to exercise. Not only does it help us reach and maintain a healthy body weight, it can help lower blood pressure, reduce “bad” cholesterol (LDL) and triglycerides, strengthen bones, lower the risk for cancer, help battle depression and decrease stress.

The first step in starting an exercise program is to be realistic in setting your goals. Avoid setting goals that can be overwhelming. Instead strive for smaller goals such as walking 15-30 minutes two or three times weekly. Try to buddy up with a friend or co-worker to keep you motivated.

Don't expect perfection when starting an exercise plan. There may be times when you miss a day or two but this doesn't have to become an excuse to give up on your routine. Start back with your activities as soon as possible to keep your routine moving forward. The more you exercise the better you will feel both physically and mentally. Remember to warm up, cool down, and stretch properly before and after a workout to avoid injuries.

Break up your exercise session into two or three sessions to avoid boredom with your routine. Research supports that this can be as beneficial as one long workout. If you have time constraints, try exercising at home to fitness DVDs. If you're too tired to exercise at the end of the day, set your alarm a little earlier and exercise in the morning. Try other forms of exercise such as a group class or team sport to keep your routine fresh. The key to a successful exercise plan is to pick something that focuses on your individual interests and keeps you motivated to achieve your goals.

# NURTURE your FAITH



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Almost 90 Presbyterian Women converged on Barbara Bachman's home for the annual Christmas Coffee. The cool temperature made for pleasant seating in the outside garden area, providing space for friends to visit and nibble on fantastic food. Thanks to all the women who brought their goodies for this occasion. We want to especially thank Chairman Debbie Brock and her Co-Chairman Sarah Stichter for organizing such a wonderful event.

Several community service projects were completed last month. School clothes were purchased for 3 children and taken to the school social worker for delivery. Stockings stuffed by Circle Group members for the Salvation Army's Christmas project will make 20 children very happy.

Our next Revelation study chapter will be in the first week of January. I hope you take time to work on this during the holidays.

Our next PCPW Board meeting is January 24 at 10:15 a.m. in Room C110.

### **Circle Meetings for January**

Circle #7, January 10, 10:15 a.m. at PCPC in the PW Room, Sally Glisson, Chair

Circle #8, January 4, 6:30 p.m. at Jean Mattison's home, 2405 Ardson Pl #704-A

### **Future Meeting for Presbyterian Women**

February 12, 2011, volunteer day at Church Women United  
March 21, 2011, General Meeting @ 10:15 a.m. in C310

# FELLOWSHIP

## With One Another

### MUSIC NOTES

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#### Hymn Festival

**Sunday, January 16 at 4:00 p.m.**

Renowned choral conductor and creative arranger, John Ferguson, will be directing a hymn festival with our own PCPC Chancel Choir. This event, co-sponsored by the Tampa Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, is open to congregation members and the entire community. John Ferguson is currently the Elliot & Klara Stockdal Johnson Professor of Organ and Church Music and Minister of Music to the Student Congregation at St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN. His responsibilities include directing the music-organ program, teaching organ and conducting the St. Olaf Cantorei. He earned a B.M. from Oberlin, an M.M. from Kent State University, and a D.M.A. from the Eastman School of Music, where he studied with Russell Saunders. He has been invited to design and present hymn festivals across the nation.

Tickets will be sold at the door. A \$10 donation is suggested.

### YOUNG AT HEARTS

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#### Hyde Park United Methodist Church

**Tuesday, January 18, 12:30-2:00 p.m.**

The older adult ministry, Young at Heart, will meet at Hyde Park United Methodist Church on January 18 at 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Bruce Farnell in the church office at [receptionist@palmacea.org](mailto:receptionist@palmacea.org) or 254-6047. The cost of the lunch is \$7.00.

### Wednesday Dinner

Whenever we gather around tables to share meals with one another, it can be a sacred experience as our bodies and souls are fed and nourished.

### JANUARY MENU

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- 1/5 Ham, au gratin potatoes, green beans
- 1/12 Spaghetti
- 1/19 Chicken & broccoli casserole
- 1/26 Roast pork, sweet potatoes, collard greens

Cost Per Person: \$5.00

Per Child            Free (ages 0-2)  
                          \$2.00 (ages 3-6)  
                          \$3.00 (ages 6-12)  
                          \$5.00 (ages 12 and up)

Per Family: \$15.00

Booklet of 6 meals: \$25.00

*“Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.”*  
- *Philippians 2:1-2*

FELLOWSHIP



# adults & families

## Adult Sunday School

9:45-10:45 a.m.

Sunday morning holds the opportunity for you to journey with fellow travelers on the road to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. Please check the weekly bulletins for the most detailed and current information.

**Sunday Scripture:** The chapel

**Faith in the Presbyterian Tradition:** C310

**The Interpreters:** EM304

**Lydia Bible Study:** EM302

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## Other Study Opportunities

### Sunday Afternoons

The Wordrunners

A Sunday afternoon Bible study

Joanne Snyder, E305, 4:45 - 6:00 p.m.

### Mondays

Men's Bible Study

A start to your spiritual week (lasts for an hour)

Conference Room, 7:00 a.m.

Followers of the Way

A men's lunch and Bible study

Bill Wallof, Fellowship Hall, 12:00 p.m.

### Tuesdays

Women's Prayer Breakfast, 8:00 a.m.

An hour of prayer, coffee and support

### Thursdays

The Mustard Seeds, C311, 10:30 a.m.

A women's Bible study

Contact Betty Jo Andrews at 254-4959

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## 2011 PAPOLI CALENDARS

The 2011 Papoli, Uganda calendars are here!

Enjoy the village life of Papoli, Uganda all year long with 2011 wall calendars. For just a \$15 donation, you can become a part of the village on a daily basis as you care for the Christmas In Africa crops and animals, go to school with the students and teachers at the primary and preschools, have porridge with the children, observe the healing of children at the clinic, be reminded of Lois and Betty's wonderful visit with all of us in Tampa and their counseling ministry in Uganda, watch the children play the drums and softball, share the excitement of a college education in Uganda and learn the many national holidays of Uganda.

All profits will help contribute to the continuation of the scholarship program. As of today, we have 8 students in college and 5 in secondary boarding schools. Praise God that 5 young men and women have graduated from college and are professionally employed and giving back to their community. As the 4 students begin college our expenses have increased significantly. We are in need of several shared student sponsors. Please let Lindsey Mineer, [kmineer@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:kmineer@tampabay.rr.com) or B.J. Johns, [bj@palmaccia.org](mailto:bj@palmaccia.org) know if you would like to participate in the Papoli Scholarship Program.

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## FINANCE

PCPC would like to personally thank each and everyone of you for the contributions you made in 2010. With your support we continue our great ministry.

### We're making life a little easier!

You can now make your gifts to the church online. Use a debit or credit card to make single or recurring pledge payments to the General Fund or a one-time gift to one of the four seasonal Special Offerings: One Great Hour of Sharing, Peacemaking, Witness Offering, and Joy Gift. Just log in at [www.palmaccia.org](http://www.palmaccia.org) under Welcome/Giving. The debit or credit card information is processed through an electronic gateway service that employs encryption and other security methods to protect your financial information. However, please note that the church must pay a small processing fee to receive your contribution in this way.

# CHILDREN'S Ministry

## *a New Year!*

### VOLLEYBALL

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We are excited to announce that PCPC is starting a youth volleyball program for boys and girls in grades 3-8. We are fortunate to have Plant High School coach, Leanna Taylor, helping to launch our inaugural season. Registration will be available online beginning January 4; the cost is \$65 per child. We suggest that you register early as team sizes will be limited. While this is not part of the Upward Sports program, it will be run in the spirit of Upward with an aim to bring out the winner in every child, regardless of the game's score. Practices will be on Mondays, Tuesdays, or Wednesdays with games on Sundays. If you are interested in coaching, please attend the coaches meeting with Leanna Taylor on Tuesday, January 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the gym. Please feel free to contact Linda Beckham at [linda@palmaccia.org](mailto:linda@palmaccia.org) with any questions.

### CONFIRMATION

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We have 22 students stating their faith, presenting themselves to the elders and intending to join the church this January. You can see their statements displayed on the Chapel doors and windows as well as online at [www.pcpcyouth.com](http://www.pcpcyouth.com). We encourage you to read these fine expressions of faithfulness as they will be posted in both places throughout the month of January.

The elders will be dining and meeting with the students as part of their statement on January 11 at 6:00 p.m. Parents are invited to attend this meal and ceremony.

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| Case Cooper      | Josh Keffer         |
| Zac Copper       | Trey Lomel          |
| Jonathan Creedon | Ashley Miller       |
| Chris Drawdy     | Izzy Ordorica       |
| Chris Elkington  | Gale Porter         |
| Caperton Ellis   | Molly Reeves        |
| Caroline Ellis   | McKenzie Schmiedeke |
| Katie Faircloth  | Todd Sessums        |
| Thomas Gallogly  | Cole Shaler         |
| Sally Gorrie     | Gavin Waite         |
| Colton Hershock  | Catherine Weaver    |

#### **The Nursery, C103**

Nursery care is provided for all infants through toddler two each Sunday while parents are in worship and Sunday school, from 8:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Workers are experienced child care workers, current in first aid and CPR. All parents are asked to sign in at the main preschool desk in Covenant Hall. Pagers are available for your convenience. For questions, please contact Jeanne Rowe, the Nursery Coordinator at the church.

#### **Sunday School, 9:45-10:45 a.m.**

Sunday school is an opportunity for your children to learn the Word of God while spending time in fellowship with their peers. Pre-K 2, 3 & 4 are located in Eastminster building. Kindergarten through 5th grade is located on the 2nd floor of the Westminster building.

#### **Godly Play, C101**

Children ages 3 through 1st grade are invited to participate in Godly Play following "The Time with the Children" in worship both at the 8:30 and the 11:00 a.m. worship services. *(Parents, escort your children to Godly Play when the children are dismissed from the sermon).*

DISCIPLESHIP



# ELDER THANK YOU

As we get ready to install a new class of Elders to our Session, we thank the following class of Elders. For three years these 12 individuals served our congregation as leaders of the church. Thank you for your hard work, your dedication and love for Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church.

## 2010 ELDER CLASS

Debbie Brock  
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Allison Jennewein  
Charlie Ketchey, Jr.  
Michael Maddux  
Jay McLaughlin  
Laura Mullinax  
Ann Cooper Schell  
Clay Thomas  
Don Upton  
Cindy Vann



*A New Year Prayer*  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, in your great love you sent your Son into the world to rescue us from our preoccupation with ourselves, and to call us back to lives centered in you. Grant us the peace and patience that come with knowing that all of history is in your hands. Help us not to be anxious, but to remember that as he once came to earth in that far-off place and time, so he will come again in final glory. So assured, enable us to live gentle lives of thankful rejoicing, so that every knee may bend and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. We ask these things in his name, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, eternal and loving. Amen.

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