

*"I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long."*

-Psalm 146:2



# PCPC LIFE

PALMA CEIA Presbyterian Church

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Fall 2018

## *... from the Pastor's Desk*

Because PCPC is a larger congregation (approximately 2,200 members and about 350 children, plus about another 100 regular participating attendees who, for various reasons, have not joined), ministry here occurs with a team. I'm very grateful for my colleagues in ministry here. One of God's consistent blessings to me has been friendships in ministry.

Moving into her 12th year here, **Rev. Nicole Abdnour** is the Senior Associate Pastor. In addition to regularly leading in worship, preaching, and pastoral care, her aptitude for navigating Presbyterian polity has equipped her well for serving as our staff liaison to the Session's policy planning and government committee, and for Presbytery, she chairs the Hillsborough County region of the committee on ministry, a significant responsibility. I have found Nicole's style in worship and administration to be a great balance to my style, and her responsible character and solid experience has really deepened our leadership bench, using gifts from another generation.

Having been ordained in April by this Presbytery, the **Rev. Ken Hubbell** is preaching in the Connection, directing that worship service, and serves as the Director of Ministry to Youth and their Families. Ken's job description grew considerably in June when he agreed to take on the extra Connection leadership responsibility through January 2019. I think he's doing a great job at that, and that is the feedback I get from folks who worship regularly in the Connection. His leading this way this year helps the Session assess how we should best staff for leadership in these areas over the next several years. Ken's title is Chaplain to Youth and their Families, and Director of Connection Worship.

**Allison Kelly's** arrival in May as Director of Children's Ministry has proven to be a blessing. Her helpful experience, wisdom, and warm personality is already helping to nurture good fruit in the tree of children's ministries. This department is growing in its services.

All across the fall and in Advent, Nicole, Ken, and I are sharing the preaching of the four morning services in the Sanctuary and in the Connection. The interns help us also with the leadership of the Vespers service. We're trying to have some exposure to all three of the pastors and their different styles and gifts regularly in every service.

In June of this year, **Will Wellman** moved from Interim Director of Adult Education to Director of Adult Education. You may not even have noticed, because we've come to rely on Will's teaching gifts so. Both in the quality of what he brings, as well as the quality of what he arranges for others to bring, Will has substantively deepened our Faith Formation experience possibilities for adults. In some ways, Will has taken on Bill Wallof's mantle as Dean of the Chapel.

These full-time staff pastors, preachers, and teachers are assisted in the pastoral tasks by two interns — **Andrew Rametta** and **John Daniel DeBevoise**. Andrew is a graduate of Columbia Theological seminary, and is in a Fellowship at the Nonprofit Leadership Center of Tampa Bay during the day, but helps us with pastoral tasks in the late afternoons and early evenings, and on Sundays. Andrew just got married in April. John Daniel DeBevoise is a graduate of Florida State University, is headed to seminary in May, and is my nephew. He is a member of the Park Lake Presbyterian Church in Orlando, where his parents are co-pastors.

**Jean Lapitan** works in the Youth Ministry area and, for over a year now, has been bringing leadership for our middle school ministry. Last year **Kelly McCord** served as our Children's Ministry intern. This year she's teaching in the Palma Ceia Presbyterian Preschool. We are fortunate in that she continues to be a part of our team in resourcing a number of children's activities. Especially popular among them has been the Games in the Courtyard on Wednesday nights. The children love Kelly! All four of these folks are a joy to have working with us.

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# WORSHIP CALENDAR

## **Sunday, September 2: Sunday of Labor Day Weekend**

8:30 & 11:00 am - Sanctuary Traditional Worship  
9:00 am - Contemporary Connection Worship  
6:00 pm - Vespers Service - Service of quiet Scripture reading, prayer, and contemplation in the Chapel. The Sacrament of Communion will be served.

## **Sunday, September 9**

8:30 & 11:00 am - Sanctuary Traditional Worship  
9:00 am - Contemporary Connection Worship  
6:00 pm - Vespers Service - Service of quiet Scripture reading, prayer, and contemplation in the Chapel. The Sacrament of Communion will be served.

## **Sunday, September 16: Bring a Friend to Church Sunday**

*All services today will place a special emphasis on welcoming new visitors into our community.*

8:30 & 11:00 am - Sanctuary Traditional Worship  
9:00 am - Contemporary Connection Worship  
6:00 pm - Vespers Service - Service of quiet Scripture reading, prayer, and contemplation in the Chapel. The Sacrament of Communion will be served.

## **Sunday, September 23 (The Connection's 11am Service Resumes)**

8:30 & 11:00 am - Sanctuary Traditional Worship  
9:00 & 11:00 am - Contemporary Connection Worship  
6:00 pm - Vespers Service - Service of quiet Scripture reading, prayer, and contemplation in the Chapel. The Sacrament of Communion will be served.

## **Sunday, September 30: Kirking of the Tartans**

8:30 & 11:00 am - Sanctuary Traditional Worship. Annual celebration with St. Andrew's Society of Tampa Bay with full pipe and drum band at 11am.  
9:00 & 11:00 am - Contemporary Connection Worship  
6:00 pm - Vespers Service - Service of quiet Scripture reading, prayer, and contemplation in the Chapel. The Sacrament of Communion will be served.

## **Sunday, October 7: World Communion Sunday**

8:30 & 11:00 am - Sanctuary Traditional Worship  
9:00 & 11:00 am - Contemporary Connection Worship  
4:00 pm - Tampa Oratorio Singers, directed by Nancy Callahan, present Haydn "Lord Nelson Mass" with orchestra in the sanctuary. Tickets for church members will be available in the church office.  
6:00 pm - Vespers Service - Service of quiet Scripture reading, prayer, and contemplation in the Chapel. The Sacrament of Communion will be served.

## **Sunday, October 14: Stewardship Kickoff**

8:30 & 11:00 am - Sanctuary Traditional Worship  
9:00 & 11:00 am - Contemporary Connection Worship  
6:00 pm - Vespers Service - Service of quiet Scripture reading, prayer, and contemplation in the Chapel. The Sacrament of Communion will be served.

## **Sunday, October 21: National Children's Sabbath**

*International Christian emphasis on lifting up needs of hurting children around the world*

8:30 & 11:00 am - Sanctuary Traditional Worship  
9:00 & 11:00 am - Contemporary Connection Worship  
6:00 pm - Vespers Service - Service of quiet Scripture reading, prayer, and contemplation in the Chapel. The Sacrament of Communion will be served.

## **Sunday, October 28: Reformation Sunday**

8:30 & 11:00 am - Sanctuary Traditional Worship  
9:00 & 11:00 am - Contemporary Connection Worship  
6:00 pm - Vespers Service - Service of quiet Scripture reading, prayer, and contemplation in the Chapel. The Sacrament of Communion will be served.

## **Sunday, November 4: All Saints Sunday; Communion Sunday**

*All services will include a memorial reading of the names of the members of the church who have died in the last year. Communion will be served at all services today.*

8:30 & 11:00 am - Sanctuary Traditional Worship  
9:00 & 11:00 am - Contemporary Connection Worship  
6:00 pm - Vespers Service - Service of quiet Scripture reading, prayer, and contemplation in the Chapel. The Sacrament of Communion will be served.

## **Sunday, November 11: Yellow & White Ribbon Sunday**

*Remembering all those serving on our behalf.*  
8:30 & 11:00 am - Sanctuary Traditional Worship  
9:00 & 11:00 am - Contemporary Connection Worship  
6:00 pm - Vespers Service - Service of quiet Scripture reading, prayer, and contemplation in the Chapel. The Sacrament of Communion will be served.

## **Sunday, November 18: Thanksgiving Sunday and Stewardship Celebration Lunch**

8:30 & 11:00 am - Sanctuary Traditional Worship  
9:00 & 11:00 am - Contemporary Connection Worship  
11:00 am - Congregational Lunch; all are invited to the Fellowship Hall for a celebration of Thanksgiving and the culmination of our stewardship season. The menu is Ribs/Sausage/Hot Dogs; Mac and Cheese; Apple Salad; Southwest Salad; Ice Cream  
4:00 pm - Tampa Oratorio Singers, directed by Nancy Callahan, present a 50th Anniversary Concert in the sanctuary. Tickets for church members will be available in the church office.  
6:00 pm - Vespers Service - Service of quiet Scripture reading, prayer, and contemplation in the Chapel. The Sacrament of Communion will be served.

## **Wednesday, November 21: Thanksgiving Eve**

6:30pm in the Sanctuary. The Sacrament of Communion will be served.

## CHANCEL CHOIR TOURS IN IRELAND

Our Music Director, Nancy Callahan, has long had the tradition of leading a choir trip every other year. This has helped to build a sense of team amongst the choir, and has given many members of the choir the opportunity to sing in some of the great cathedrals and churches of Europe, as well as Britain and the United States — and it's also been a lot of fun.

This fall, the choir is going to Dublin and Killarney, Ireland. They'll be leaving after worship Sunday, October 14th and returning Wednesday, October 24th. While in Dublin, they'll be staying at the Shelbourne Hotel, a well-known, historic, and beautiful hotel in Dublin. They'll be singing in concert at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin, and Christ Church Cathedral, where Handel's Messiah was first performed. Then they'll travel across the middle of Ireland to Killarney, a part of Ireland that looks like most people imagine: green, pastoral, and quaint.

Choir members who go pay their own way, and again and again have brought back glowing reports of these trips. Leading a trip like this (nearly 80 people will be going this time!) takes a great deal of time and energy on the part of the director. But the fruits of the trip are seen in the growth, friendship, and development of the choir. This year Nicole Abdnour will be traveling with them as Chaplain on the trip.

The Christian tradition in Ireland is a deep and rich one. While the Catholic Church is the dominant Christian tradition there, the Presbyterian Church has a historic presence and ministry as well.

The Irish Poet John O'Donohue writes a type of prayer for travelers that includes these lines:

Every time you leave home  
Another road takes you  
Into a world you were never in.

New strangers on other paths await.  
New places that have never seen you  
Will startle a little at your entry.  
Old places that know you well  
Will pretend nothing  
Changed since your last visit.

When you travel, you find yourself  
Alone in a different way,  
More attentive now  
To the self you bring along,  
Your more subtle eye watching  
You abroad; and how what meets you  
Touches that part of the heart  
That lies low at home:

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When we do ministry as a team, a part of our witness is the life of the team together. Not only has this team partnered with me in ministering to the congregation, but often this team has ministered to me in my own personal faith and challenges. Our conduct with each other, speaking the truth in love; humor and laughter; mutual support; and partnership in prayer are often the loudest sermons we're preaching.

In his first letter to the Thessalonians, the apostle Paul says, ***“So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.”*** (1 Thessalonians 2:8) I find that to be true about doing ministry together. Not only with this wonderful team, but also with you as a congregation. When we share in worship, Faith Formation, and Christian growth together, we invariably are doing that not only through the tasks we perform, but also through the witness of our character and our personalities. So often, that is the doorway through which grace blesses us.

About this team and this congregation, I can say the same thing that Paul said to the Thessalonians: ***“We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.”*** (1 Thessalonians 1:2-3)

*John*  
Pastor John

W O R S H I P

## PALMA CEIA PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL

Palma Ceia Presbyterian Preschool opened on August 20th for its 39th year. The expanded preschool continues to operate with joy as an integral part of the mission and ministry of the church. Serving those with special need of support remains a core value, as does the preschool's role as a model for the integration of those with special needs in all aspects of the community, including other schools. This last summer, the Reverend Meg Pabst invited Nancy Little to come for a night to Reach Out Camp, Cedarkirk's camp for adults with special needs. Meg has been involved with Reach Out for 13 years. In a moment of extraordinary grace, Nancy was able to visit with one of her first students at the preschool.

Chapel services led by the Reverend Dr. John DeBevoise occur on every Monday for the children and families of the preschool, and serve as an orientation point and a time to rededicate ourselves to our faith.

In early August we invited speaker Amanda Morgan, of "Not Just Cute" fame, here for a community event and also to lead our pre-service training for our teachers. To follow Amanda for her weblog and emails on intentional whole child development, you can go to [www.NotJustCute.com](http://www.NotJustCute.com). Her work interfaces nicely with the values of our Christian faith. As *Illustrated Ministries* puts it: "If only every worship service, Sunday School, or faith formation ministry got this!"

Legacy families, staff working both at the preschool and the church, cross training, weekly chapel services, the use of Godly Play stories, and shared values all combine to make the preschool a mission and ministry of the church. Thanks be to God.

PRESCHOOL



## FOOD AND CLOTHING DRIVES

*Through the Social Work Ministries Committee*

### SEPTEMBER Winter Clothing Drive for Just Elementary

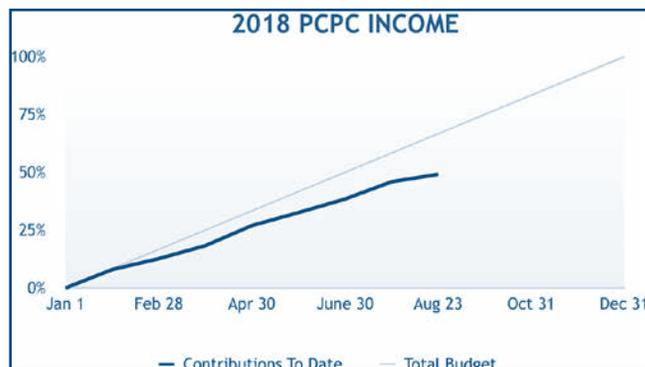
Thank you to the congregation for your generous support each year. Many children at Just Elementary miss school on cold days, because they do not have the necessary clothing. Please help children ages 3 to 12 years old with donations of new or gently used clothing. The greatest needs for these boys and girls are: long sleeved sweaters, sweatshirts (no hoodies please), long khaki pants, jeans, jackets, coats, hats, gloves, socks, and belts. Monetary donations are also welcome. Please make checks payable to PCPC with the subject line; "Just Elementary." Drop-off bins will be located in the church office, narthex, and Fellowship Hall throughout September.

### OCTOBER Food Drive for Beth-El Food Pantry

Beth-El Farmworker Ministries provides a bag of food for an average of 500-550 families each week. Please help us restock the food pantry at Beth-El as part of this important mission. Food items needed include flour (5-lb bags), rice, pasta, beans, cereal, canned processed meat (in small containers to take for lunch in the fields). Drop-off bins will be located in the the church office, narthex, and Fellowship Hall throughout October. Thank you for your generosity.



*Your generous backpack donations during our School Supply Drive*



## PEACEMAKING OFFERING

*The Peacemaking Offering this September supports two long-time PCPC ministries with both international and local impacts. This year's offering is going to be dedicated locally to the FED ministry, and internationally to helping the village of Papoli, Uganda, through Village Partners International.*

### **Peacemaking Offering – Local Support in Tampa Bay**

Our Feeding Every Disciple (FED) ministry supports local children and families who previously lived at the North Boulevard public housing complex.

Over the past 10 years, the FED ministry has been focused on feeding the children, physically as well as spiritually. Including the six families currently involved, we support 23 children each month! Your financial and volunteer support demonstrates the love of Christ in ways that these children would not experience otherwise.

On Sunday mornings, volunteers pick the school-aged children up at their homes and arrive at PCPC at 8:30, when one of the “Breakfast Buddies” team serves them a healthy breakfast. They attend the 9:00 Contemporary Worship service, and usually sit with Sunday School friends or with others in the group. Then it's on to Sunday School, where they benefit from great student/teacher ratios and engaging activities! After a small snack, the volunteers drive them back home.

One Sunday each month, we provide groceries to each family and to three single adults who were former residents of the North Boulevard complex before it was closed. While intended to be supplemental, these staples help prevent food insecurity from impacting the families during the month.

***We need \$6,000 this year to continue this vital support.***

These children face tremendous obstacles in overcoming the generational poverty. The FED Ministry continues to provide them with a loving, high-quality Church experience, in addition to other support services for the families. Please remember the Peacemaking Offering with your generous donation! We believe staying connected with these families is part of God's calling to serve in our community.

### **Peacemaking Offering – International Support in Papoli, Uganda**

Eastern Africa continues in the worst drought seen in the last 70 years, with over 20 million lives at risk. With the lack of water, crops have failed, producing recurrent famine and starvation.

Imagine feeling the gnawing pain of hunger, so raw and intense, that it drives you to eat mud, or feed your child roots that you know may ultimately cause his death, but in desperation you know no other way to ease his hunger.

This is daily life for many in this world.

In our partner village of Papoli, Uganda, this fact was seen as stark reality last spring, as we learned of villagers starving in and around the area. The immediate need to bridge this time until the rains finally came was met by the people of this congregation, where funds were donated and sent to allow starvation to be held at bay. And lives were saved.

How to prevent this again?

We cannot change the climate. We cannot prevent the drought. But we can help to sustain the community during times of crisis.

Working with the community elders in Papoli, a plan to build a granary to store food during times of harvest, to be distributed during times of need, was initiated. This would allow those in the surrounding villages to have access to food, as well as produce an income source to help the sustainability of the community.

The first step in this process is to increase production of the small farms, with improved seeds, equipment, fertilizer, irrigation and training. As a cooperative project, the entire village would be included in this initiative. A small “farm store” for the community would serve this purpose. By allowing increased food production, and ultimately storing of the harvest, the devastating effect of famine could be curbed. And an income source would allow the goal of sustainability in the community to be addressed.

**Witness and Service Committee has named support for the development of the Farm Implement and Supply Store the first step in this process, as one of the projects for the Peacemaking Offering this year.**

Farming is the chief way of life in the village of Papoli. At this point, the cultivation of those fields, the hard work of hoeing, and tough ground, is done by men and women (often with babies strapped on their backs), with handheld hoes and picks. Imagine the labor involved. A gasoline-powered tiller would make a radical difference in their quality of life and would increase crop yields dramatically. PCPC plans to make this available with funds donated in this year's Peacemaking Offering. This is certain to greatly bless crops, and provide for hungry people there through their own labors. It also will help to create sustainability. For \$28,000, we can build the relatively small shelter for the cooperative and supply the gasoline-powered tiller, and the starting capital for the seeds, insecticide, and fertilizer. How wonderful that we have the opportunity to make this kind of dramatic difference in the lives of our friends in Papoli!

In this time when there is much darkness in our world, each beacon of light shares God's grace, and ultimately restores hope to mankind. And feeding the hungry, both here and in the world, shines this light forward.

***“Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon.”*** Isaiah 58:10

You can donate to the Peacemaking Offering through specially designated envelopes in worship, or by going to [www.palmaceia.org/giving](http://www.palmaceia.org/giving), and checking the “Peacemaking Offering” box.

*Nurturing Faith  
Connecting Women  
Serving God*

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

Presbyterian Women host monthly circles (fellowship and study groups) which build community and study scripture together. Please consider joining Presbyterian Women this year! As a member, you will find activities that provide for fellowship with other women, your spiritual growth and development, and even opportunities to develop your own social and leadership skills. You participate as actively as you would like - we seek members who are supportive of PW in whatever way is comfortable for them at their particular stage of life. If you have questions, please contact Jan Gorrie at PW@palmaceia.org.

Our year opens **Monday, September 10th** with an **11am** General Membership Tea and covered dish luncheon. *We'll gather again that same evening at 6:30pm* for crackers, cheese, fruit and punch.

This year we have three Bible study options. Please take a look the selections and join us!

**“Praying the Psalms”** by Juanita Ryan  
*Meets at 10:15am the first Monday of the month at church.  
Hosted by Circle 4.*

Examines the Psalms that express strong emotions. These studies are intended to help you learn how to openly express your fear, joy, anger, hope, sorrow, and love to God.

**“Philippians – Life Lessons”** by Max Lucado  
*Meets at 6:30pm the first Tuesday of the month at members' homes. Email PW@palmaceia.org for specific meeting locations.  
Hosted by Circle 8.*

The apostle Paul was stuck in a Roman prison when he wrote this inspiring letter to the young church in Philippi. Instead of focusing on his own trials and tribulations, he wrote about living a life filled with joy, peace, and commitment.

**“Back to the Well – Women’s Encounters with Jesus in the Gospels”** by Frances Taylor Gench (who was in seminary with Pastor John and was Pastor Nicole’s New Testament professor!)

*Circle 2: Meets at 10:15am the first Monday of the month in members' homes*

*Circle 6: Meets at 11am the second Monday of the month in members' homes*

*Circle 7: Meets at 12pm the second Monday of the month in members' homes*

These studies examine the encounters’ language, structure, and literary and sociocultural context, and provide many traditional and contemporary interpretations.

If you are interested and not sure who to contact, please call, text or email Jan Gorrie 813-334-5288, jan@ballardfl.com or Sarah Stichter 813-760-2324, pw@palmaceia.org.

**WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY - NEW OPPORTUNITIES!**

**Sunday Evenings** - Women are invited to join this bible study which will meet every other week on Sunday evenings throughout the fall. The group will provide an opportunity for Christian nurture and support of its members and the studying of scripture and its application to our modern lives. Nicole Abdnour and Allison Kelly will begin this study on Sunday, September 9th at 7pm in Eastminster 304.

**Wednesday Afternoons** - Gather with other women for bible study on Wednesdays from 5:00-5:45pm. This group begins on Wednesday, September 12th in EM 304 and will follow the Children’s Choir schedule. Led by Allison Kelly and Nicole Abdnour.

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**NATIONAL CHILDREN’S SABBATH:  
OCTOBER 21ST**

One of the “Great Ends of the Church” is “the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God.” And so, on Sunday, October 21st, PCPC will join thousands of religious congregations of many faiths across our country to focus on children in need — especially the more than 14.5 million children who live in poverty. Together, people of faith will be committing to improve the lives of our nation’s children. We hope you will come join us in worship as we consider together our biblical mandate to care for children, and the direct ways we as a community of faith can live out that mandate.

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**PILGRIMAGE TO ISRAEL &  
INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

Pastor John DeBevoise will be leading a trip to Israel in April 2019 organized through the Holy Land Voyager tour company.

**Interest Meeting with John DeBevoise Sun., Sept. 16 in the Chapel at 5pm. Open to all those going or considering going on the 2019 trip.**

Itinerary and registration are at <http://www.tourstotheholyland.com/Palma-Ceia-Presbyterian-Church-Pilgrimage-2019.aspx>. If you would like to be added to the email list with trip updates, email Beth DeBevoise at DeBevoisePR@gmail.com.



## CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

### Faith and Fellowship for Children on Sunday Mornings

For children at PCPC this year, the theme of the Sunday School, or "Faith Formation" hour, is "At Home with God," which uses the

*Deep Blue Adventure* curriculum to explore what it means to be a part of the Family of God.

During the Faith Formation hour every Sunday, children are led in a *Deep Blue Adventure* by a team of caring and faithful adults. Each week is an adventure exploring Bible stories through science experiments, arts and crafts, animated video storytelling, and active games designed to help children learn and grow together in Christ.

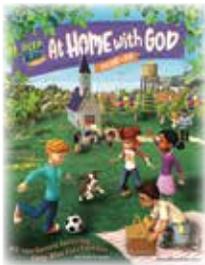


**Pre-K 3 and 4:** Eastminster 102

**Kindergarten and 1st Grade:** Westminster 207

**2nd and 3rd Grade:** Westminster 210

**4th and 5th Grade:** Westminster 206



Plus, our *Deep Blue Connects: At Home with God* curriculum will help families grow in faith together as children take home what they've learned during Faith Formation and Fellowship Hour.

Let's become disciples of God's love together!

### Welcome to Worship

#### For 2nd graders Sept. 9, 16, 23rd

Welcome to Worship is designed to welcome and assist second graders into full worship participation with the community of believers. Second graders and a parent/guardian are invited to the special opportunity on September 9, 16, and 23rd from 12:15 - 1:45pm to discover and explore the who, where, and why's of worship within the Presbyterian tradition. Lunch will be provided in the Fellowship Hall.

### Justice Seekers

#### For 4th & 5th graders

Justice Seekers is a bible study club for 4th and 5th graders to deepen their faith by exploring within the topics of Fellowship, Christian Living, Bible, and Mission & Service. Led by Kelly McCord, Children's Ministry Assistant, and friends on Sunday afternoons beginning September 9th from 4:00-5:15 p.m. in Westminster Room 212.

SAVE THE DATE...

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

OCTOBER 19TH AT 5:30PM

*Stay tuned to PCPC publications for details!*

### Wednesday Night Recreation for Children

**Music and Movement** is a class offered for children birth through 3 years old and their parent/guardian on Wednesdays 5:00-5:30 pm in Westminster 202/204 beginning on Sept 5th. Ms. Kelly McCord leads this time of dance and song.

**Games in the Courtyard** is a chance for children to play and re-create with games led by Kelly McCord from 6:15-6:45 pm following Wednesday Night Dinners. One parent is required to be present. Meet in Westminster 202/204 beginning September 5th. Ms. Kelly leads the games.

### 3rd Grade Bible Discovery

#### Oct 27 & 28

Third Grade Bible Discovery teaches third graders and their parent/guardian the foundational tools for exploring the bible for a lifelong journey of reading and study. The parent and child session is on Saturday, October 27th. Bibles will be distributed to all third graders in our worship services on Sunday, October 28th. Contact Allison Kelly at [allison@palmaceia.org](mailto:allison@palmaceia.org) with any questions.

## FROM THE YOUTH DIRECTOR

### Connecting with God and each other

**YOUTH GROUP** - Wednesday Evenings

Middle School (6th-8th): 6-7:30 PM

High School (9th-12th): 7:30-8:45 PM

**BIBLE STUDIES** - Monday Evenings

All (6th-12th): 7:15-8:15 PM

**FORMATION X** - Sunday Mornings

Middle School (6th-8th): 10:05-10:50 AM

Youth Room (EM 204)

Additional information and events can be found at:

<http://palmaceia.org/youth/>

*He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."*

**-Mark 8:34**

YOUTH

## PCPC RETREAT AT CEDARKIRK: NOVEMBER 16-18, 2018

This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy God's gift of creation through playing games, building relationships, and worshipping together along the Alafia River. The weekend will also provide the opportunity to canoe, zip-line, swim, hunt for shark teeth, go for walks, or just sit in a rocking chair. Register online at <https://tinyurl.com/pcpc-2018-cedarkirk-retreat> or in the church office.



## YOUNG ADULTS AT PCPC

Folks in their 20's and 30's are invited to a monthly dinner meeting at the home of John & Morgan Holmes: 3613 East Tampa Circle, Tampa FL 33629. We eat and socialize, followed by a scripture discussion. No preparation necessary.

Meeting dates and other social outings for the fall are TBD. Email [DeBevoisePR@gmail.com](mailto:DeBevoisePR@gmail.com) to join the Young Adult email list and stay up-to-date!

## Music Notes....

### Fall Concerts

#### Haydn "Lord Nelson Mass" with orchestra

Sunday, October 7, 2018

4:00pm in the sanctuary

Tampa Oratorio Singers with members of the PCPC Chancel Choir, directed by Nancy Callahan

Tickets for church members are available in the church office.

#### 50th Anniversary Concert

*Favorite Choral Masterworks*

Sunday, November 18, 2018

4:00pm in the sanctuary

Tampa Oratorio Singers with members of the PCPC Chancel Choir, directed by Nancy Callahan

Tickets for church members are available in the church office.

#### Children's Choirs meet Wednesdays from 5-5:45pm

Joyful Noise Choir: Pre-K 4 through 1st grade. Meets in Westminster Room 210.

Junior Choir: Grades 2-5. Meets in the Chancel Choir room, across from the gym.

#### Come Ring Handbells!

Junior Bells and Trinity Bells always welcome new ringers!

- Junior Bells meet at 4pm. Junior Bells is looking for kids ages 9+.
- Trinity Bells meet at 6pm. Trinity Bells is open to high schoolers, college students, and adults.

For more info about PCPC Handbells, contact Bonnie Givens, [bgivens50@hotmail.com](mailto:bgivens50@hotmail.com)

# the LIFE of the church

## WEDDINGS:

- 06/30/18 Janice Lee Black & Charles Floyd Touchton, III  
07/08/18 Allison Victoria Synnett & Kelsey Nicole Donahoo

## BIRTHS:

- 05/16/18 Pierce Douglas Puryear,  
son of Kelly & Preston Puryear  
07/19/18 Micah Maddux,  
daughter of Tina & Mike Maddux

## BAPTISMS:

- 05/13/18 Grant Henderson Szponar,  
son of Allison & Matthew Szponar  
05/20/18 Benjamin Kenneth Corbett,  
son of Jennie & Richard Corbett  
05/20/18 Ross Michael Crandall,  
son of Chelsey & Michael Crandall  
05/27/18 Dylan Cole Kraft,  
son of Rebecca & Kris Kraft  
06/03/18 Ezra James Elswick,  
son of Salem & Tony Elswick  
06/17/18 Alexandria Reese Mehr,  
daughter of Julie & William Mehr  
07/08/18 Brantley William Bladen,  
son of Kristen & Jared Bladen  
07/15/18 Leighton Lane Castillo,  
daughter of Ansley & Cory Castillo  
07/22/18 Emma Cathryn Virostek,  
daughter of Tori & Jayson Virostek  
07/29/18 Reid Byrun Davenport,  
son of Carrie & Bradley Davenport  
08/12/18 Pierce Douglas Puryear,  
son of Kelly & Preston Puryear

## NEW MEMBERS:

- 05/13/18 David C. Banker  
05/13/18 Michael Koski  
07/08/18 Brian M. & Juli Baker  
07/22/18 Joseph Merkt

## DEATHS:

- 05/24/18 Pat Colvard  
07/05/18 Emily Rohrer  
08/08/18 Joann Britt

## TRANSFERS:

- 05/22/18 Brooke & Wayne Vanderpool to  
Sardis Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC  
06/06/18 Rick McClintock to Bel-Mar  
Presbyterian Church, Tampa  
06/17/18 Carol McCammon to First Presbyterian  
Church in Ocala, FL

## PCPC HAS AN APP!

Anytime, anywhere, you can see what's happening at PCPC in the ChurchApp! Stay updated on daily events and connect with your church family on your smartphone or mobile device. The ChurchApp is available on the Apple App Store and Google Play Store for PCPC Members and active participants in our congregation.

### Why You Might Want the ChurchApp:

- Quickly see an overview of the events scheduled for the current day at PCPC
- Search a full calendar of programs and events scheduled in the future
- Connect with other congregation members using the secure directory feature
- Link directly to the most recent sermons or Pastor's Blog posts
- Link to giving opportunities

### How to get the ChurchApp:

To keep the personal information of our church family secure, individual adults must request access (a login and password) to use the ChurchApp. Only Young Adults (under 18) who have completed Confirmation and joined the church will be able to request access to the ChurchApp; children will not be provided access.

- Go to <http://tinyurl.com/pcpc-churchapp>
- An email from [donotreply@blackbaud.com](mailto:donotreply@blackbaud.com) will be sent within approximately 3-5 business days with a username and password. The email will also include the links to download the app.

The personal information shared in the ChurchApp is categorized into 3 sections: phone numbers, email, and home address. This information comes directly from the church management system used by PCPC. Individuals can "opt-out" of sharing personal information after logging in and accessing their personal profile. Information is only shared with others who have a secure login to the ChurchApp.

### More Information/Help

For info on how to use features of the app and make updates to the personal profile section, including taking/uploading a profile picture, get The ChurchApp Guide:

- At [www.palmaceia.org/palma-ceia-presbyterian-church-app](http://www.palmaceia.org/palma-ceia-presbyterian-church-app)
- Click "Get The ChurchApp" on the front page of the website
- Pick up a copy of The ChurchApp Guide in the church office

## WEDNESDAY DINNER

Wednesday Night Dinners are a longstanding tradition at PCPC. They are a time to gather at the "family table", to sit around a lovingly prepared meal, and to join in casual fellowship with family, friends, and "strangers" alike.

The cost is \$5.00 a person, \$3.00 a child, or \$15.00 for a family. Reservations are not necessary and guests are always welcome! High chairs are available for small children.

### See you at the table Wednesdays at 5:30!

September 5: Spaghetti and Meat Sauce  
September 12: Smothered Pork Chops  
September 19: Meatloaf  
September 26: Parmesan Crusted Chicken  
October 3: Shepherd's Pie  
October 10: Baked Chicken  
October 17: Cooks' Choice  
October 31: Taco Bar  
November 7: Red Beans and Rice — *Trade and Treat Night*  
November 14: Turkey Dinner with all the Fixin's -  
Thanksgiving Meal — *Featuring Kenny Haelsig on the Piano*  
November 21: No Wed Night Dinner.  
*Thanksgiving Eve Service at 6:30*

## YOUNG AT HEART

Young at Heart is a shared monthly interdenominational luncheon, fellowship and program for men and women age 55+. The group meets the 3rd Thursday of every month from 12:30-2pm (but no December meeting!). The cost is \$8 at the door. Please RSVP to Bruce Farnell at [receptionist@palmaceia.org](mailto:receptionist@palmaceia.org) or 813-253-6047.

### September 20

#### Location: Bayshore Baptist

Program: A presentation by historian and author John Cinchett. His latest book, *Images of America: Historic Tampa Churches*, features 52 congregations formed between 1850 and 1925.

### October 18

#### Location: Palma Ceia Presbyterian

Program: A surprise!

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## ADULT FAITH FORMATION FALL 2018

A note on our new Faith Formation symbols. We're starting a new practice of using visual symbols to help identify which category Adult Faith Formation classes fit into: Christian Living, Theology, or Bible. Classes that have more than one symbol will be ones that cover more than one category. You'll begin to see these symbols in various locations. A key is below to help you identify categories.



Christian Living



Theology



Bible

### Sunday Morning Classes



#### Parenting Class: Love & Logic

*Sundays, August 26th through September 30th, at 10:05am in WM202/204*

Led by Sheri and Bill Levens, this six-week class will be an opportunity to develop strong parenting techniques and strategies. The Love and Logic approach to parenting is built around the science of crafting caring and respectful relationships. Whether you're embarking for the first time with your new baby or navigating the turbulent teens with your youngest, come learn strategies and techniques that will help you create calm and loving solutions.



#### Introduction to Dietrich Bonhoeffer

*Sundays, August 26th through September 30th, at 10:05am in EM307/308*

Led by Paul Clark, this six-week class will examine the life and theology of the German pastor and theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer. A key founding member of the Confessing Church and anti-Nazi dissident, Bonhoeffer's writings on Christianity's role in the secular world are widely influential and particularly appropriate for Christians today.



#### Our Presbyterian Faith

*Sundays, October 7th through November 4th, at 10:05am in EM307/308*

Led by Will Wellman, with assistance from Pastor John and Pastor Nicole, this class will be an opportunity for Presbyterians, both new and old, to explore what it means to be Presbyterian. The class will learn and discuss how Presbyterians read Scripture, what Presbyterians believe, the history of the Presbyterian Church, how Presbyterians worship, and how Presbyterians order life together. Come learn and deepen your Presbyterian faith!



#### Sleep Not

*Sundays, October 7th through November 4th, at 10:05am in EM305/306*

Led by Robert Wierenga. "Sleep not when others speak" was one of George Washington's Rules of Civility. As Christian citizens, we are called to be an active presence in the "public

square." Our words and actions should reflect the values of the Kingdom of God. In order to do this, we need to wake up and listen to those who formed Western Culture. This five-week class will use Robert's newly-published book, *Sleep Not*. It has a chapter on each of thirty men and women whose writings defined our values. We will listen to such key persons as Jesus, Moses, Isaiah, Augustine, Cicero, Mother Teresa, John Locke, and others..

### Year-Round Sunday Morning Classes



#### Lectionary Chapel Class

*Sundays, Year-round, at 10:05am in the Chapel*

Team taught by Don Upton, Sara Mickelson, Rev. Bill Hull, and Rev. Charles Willard. This lectionary is a pre-selected group of scripture readings that are shared amongst many traditions within the Christian Church. At PCPC, our traditional services most often use the appointed lectionary texts in worship. This class allows for deeper exploration and community conversation into the readings each Sunday.



#### Faith in the Presbyterian Tradition

*Sundays, Year-round, at 10:05am in room CH 310*

Led by Mike Peacock. This class discusses the particular lens through which Presbyterian & Reformed Christians read & interpret the Bible and make decisions in their daily lives.

### Other Offerings

#### Leave Your Legacy: Tell Your Story in a Book

**Led by Loren Murfield, Ph.D.**

*Sunday, September 16th, at 12:00 to 2:30pm in EM305/306*

We all leave a legacy for those that follow. Unfortunately, that gift is too often forgotten, lost or misunderstood because the story is never written down. Once it is, future generations will remember and appreciate how you lived, the difference you made and why that was important. In this two-hour workshop, you will learn how to plan, write, and share your legacy book. The event will include lunch for a suggested \$5.00 donation. Please RSVP with Will Wellman, will@palmaceia.org.

#### In Community Speaker Series

Join us for lunch and local speakers addressing topics of importance to the Tampa Bay community. The series will take place on the following Sundays from 12:00-1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**September 23rd** *Welcoming the Ministry of People with*

*Disabilities* Zach Grant, Director Special Connections at St. James United Methodist Church

**October 28th** *Children & Anxiety: A Panel Conversation*

with panelists Director of Children's Ministries Allison Kelly, Chaplain of Youth Ken Hubbel, Corinne Gaertner and moderated by Pastor Nicole Abdnour.

### Men's Bible Study

All men are invited to join this Bible study which meets every other week on Monday mornings at 7:30am. The group includes time for fellowship and study of the upcoming Sunday's Gospel lectionary text. Breakfast is included. For more information and to get on the email list, email Michael Maddux [mmaddux@madduxattorneys.com](mailto:mmaddux@madduxattorneys.com) or Will Wellman [will@palmacea.org](mailto:will@palmacea.org).

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**Craft and Sewing Bazaar by RAMWI**  
 (Refugee & Migrant Women's Initiative)

Shop to benefit refugee women!  
**Sunday, October 7th**  
 9:30am - 12:30pm  
 at Palma Ceia Presbyterian

*Come shop from the wonderful assortment of crafts created by talented refugee women in the Tampa Bay area!*



*The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.*

**-Psalm 19:1**

## CHORAL TRIO BRINGS PEACE TO THOSE AT LIFE'S THRESHOLDS



You might recognize Bonnie Givens, Elsa Gorr-Sinicrope, and Bob Coates from the PCPC Chancel Choir. But leading the congregation in worship music on Sunday mornings

isn't the only way they're lending their musical talents to the community. Bonnie, Elsa, and Bob make up the "Peace Trio," a group that sings to comfort those at life's thresholds.

Bonnie became inspired to form the trio after she heard about a program called the Threshold Organization. It's a nonprofit group originating from California which encourages musicians — particularly singers — around the world to show compassion through song to those at the threshold of living and dying. She found the Threshold's mission to be inspirational, and wanted to create something similar.

A year ago, Bonnie recruited her friends Elsa and Bob to consider singing with her. The three of them have gone through training, the paperwork is complete, and the Peace Trio is now officially authorized to sing at hospice and in hospital rooms.

They practice regularly, their voices weaving together to create beautiful harmonies. About half of the songs in their repertoire are sung a cappella; the other half is supplemented with guitar playing by Elsa. The goal? To use simple songs and gentle voices to sing to patients who are getting ready to pass, and to give comfort to families.

Bonnie, Elsa, and Bob completed extensive volunteer training and background screening with Life Path Hospice, and now have an agreement to sing there in the lobby once a week. Personal visits to individuals' rooms can be arranged following. Additionally, Pastor John and Pastor Nicole are prepared to contact the Peace Trio if a congregation member is in need.

The group aligns with the mission of the Threshold Choir, which states, *We offer our singing as gentle blessings, not as entertainment, and we are honored when a client falls asleep as we are singing. Most of our songs are very short, so their repetition is conducive to rest and comfort. Families have said that our presence helps them to "be" with their loved one after the "doing" is done.*

PCPC believes the Peace Trio is, indeed, fulfilling this mission to bring comfort to those at life's thresholds. If you know someone who you believe could benefit from a visit by the Peace Trio, please contact Pastor John at [john@palmacea.org](mailto:john@palmacea.org).

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## A Prayer for the Church Community

O God who has created us so that we are not alone, but always in relationship with one another, we thank you for the fellowship of the church. We thank you for the way in which it invites us to share faith and hope and love. We thank you for the help it is in sharing grief, and in celebrating joy. We thank you for the opportunity it gives us to lift up the light in the darkness. We thank you that the church belongs to Jesus Christ. We thank you for the way the church carries us across the seasons of life.

Help us in the community of the church to love our neighbors as ourselves, and to experience the grace your spirit brings. May the ties that bind us be blessed, and may they be a means of blessing this world that you have loved so much.

We pray in the name of the Shepherd of the Church, Amen.

(Rev. John DeBevoise)