



# Palma Ceia Messenger

Back to Church 2019

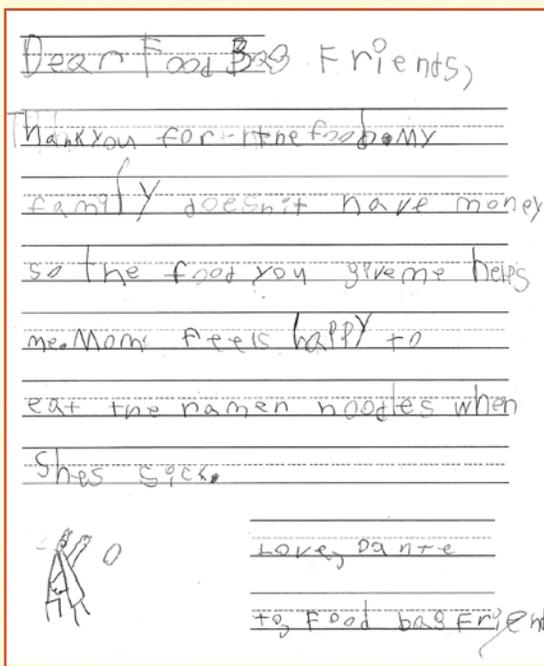
## A HUGE Thank You from End 68 Hours of Hunger and especially the children served!

It was a busy but encouraging school year for up to 537 Hillsborough County School children in 14 local schools. End 68 Hours has grown from supporting an average of 285 students per weekend in September 2018 to an average of 527 per weekend in May 2019 of this year!

This could not be done without PCPC prayers, food donations, financial support, and many volunteer hours to pack and deliver the food bags each week.

While the program is not active during the summer months, it won't be long before we're packing and delivering again. There are additional schools that are asking to be included, so another challenging year of growth is coming! If you want to be added to the volunteer email distribution, please contact Terri Kirkland at [terrikirkland@gmail.com](mailto:terrikirkland@gmail.com).

The need to feed hungry children in our community is great - thanks for giving them more of a chance to succeed in school! But don't take our word for it - here's one of the many notes received from the children!.



## Upcoming Adult Faith Formation Classes

### Koinonia Spiritual Cohort

*September 2019 through May 2020*

Koinonia is a Biblical Greek word meaning communion, participation, fellowship. The Koinonia Spiritual Cohort is a nine-month commitment (September through May) that provides space and direction for folks seeking a deeper relationship with God and others. Throughout the nine months we'll learn about and explore various Christian spiritual practices, meet in small groups, go on retreats, and deepen our engagement with Scripture. We'll kick off with a weekend retreat in mid-September. If you're interested in being part of the 2019/2020 Cohort or have any questions, please email Will Wellman at [will@palmaceia.org](mailto:will@palmaceia.org).

### Parenting with Love & Logic

*Sundays, September 8th through October 27th, at 10:05am in WM 204*

Led by Corinne Gaertner, this eight-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.

### Sacred Interludes: A Brief Introduction to World Religions

*Sundays, September 8th through October 6th, at 10:05am in WM 204*

Led by Rev. Chuck Jones, this five-week class will focus on major religious traditions to examine their worldviews, concepts of the sacred, the human dilemma, and purpose for living with the goal of providing a better understanding of ways to relate to them in a global community. We will be surveying Hinduism, Buddhism, the Chinese traditions of Confucianism and Taoism, Zoroastrianism, and Islam.

### Unafraid

*Sundays, September 8th through October 6th, at 10:05am in WM 204*

Led by Mary Beth Hunt. Jesus told us, "Do not be afraid." But in a world filled with racial and political tensions, terrorism, loneliness, illness, and aging, how is that possible? In this five-week class based on Adam Hamilton's book Unafraid, we will discuss how to face our anxieties and fears, take practical steps to overcome them, and learn to live with courage and hope. The book, which draws from Scripture and science, is optional but highly recommended.



## PW Kicks Off Sept. 9th!

The Presbyterian Women 2019-2020 year will kick off September 9th with our General Membership meetings — a covered dish luncheon at 11am and an evening reception at 6:30pm. Please consider joining Presbyterian Women this year! If you have questions, please contact Jan Gorrie at [PW@palmaceia.org](mailto:PW@palmaceia.org)

## Upcoming Events

### Children's Faith Formation

Director of Children's Ministry Allison Kelly -  
allison@palmacea.org

#### Sun., Aug. 11

Blessing of the Backpacks. *Blessing teachers & students who are heading back to school, and the backpacks following our summer-long collection of school supplies. Children are invited to bring their backpacks to worship this day to have them blessed.*

#### Wed., Aug. 14

All Choirs, Wednesday Night Dinner, Music & Movement, & Games in the Courtyard begin

#### Sun., Aug. 18

Kids Faith & Fellowship Hour Kicks Off: *Gather in game room after a summer break to explore this year's new Faith and Fellowship Hour theme and we will end up in the classroom you will be in for the year. Friends are always welcome.*

### Dive Back Into Deep Blue Adventure!

#### Starting Aug. 18th

Faith & Fellowship Hour provides the opportunity for people of every age to learn and grow together in Christ. The theme for this year is "Loving God, Loving Neighbor." During this time (10:05-10:50am) children will be led in a Deep Blue Adventure by a team of caring and faithful adults. Each week will be an adventure exploring Bible stories through science experiments, art, video storytelling, and active games designed to help children learn and grow together in Christ.

Deep Blue Adventure can be found in:

Eastminster 102 for Pre-K3 and 4

Westminster 207 for Kindergarten and 1st Grade

Westminster 210 for 2nd and 3rd Grade

Westminster 206 for 4th and 5th Grade

#### Sun., Aug. 25

**Stay Together Sunday:** *In an intentional effort to include children in communion, children of all ages are encouraged to remain in church with the body for the entirety of the worship service. (That means there will be no Godly Play this day!)*

### New Parenting Class

The facilitator of the new Parenting Class, Corinne Gaertner, will be in the game room on Westminster's 2nd Floor during Faith and Fellowship Hour (10:05am) to meet parents wanting to hear more about the *Parenting with Love and Logic* class (See class description in this newsletter) Class begins Sept. 8.

### Justice Seekers For 4th and 5th graders

#### Sun., Aug. 25, 4-5pm in Westminster 206

A Faith Formation experience just for Fourth and Fifth graders to deepen their faith by exploring topics from Fellowship, Christian Living, Bible, and Mission & Service. Whether you are moving up into fifth grade or if you haven't been able to gather with us in the

past, we really want you to join us in sharing the highs and lows of your life as you form strong bonds of friendship. Led by Children's Ministry Program Assistant, Kelly McCord and Director of Children and Families, Allison Kelly. We meet two to three times each month on Sunday afternoons.

### Youth



High School Youth Mission Trip to the Bahamas



VBS 5th Grade Outreach Mission Project

### Young at Heart Luncheons Save the Dates!

#### Fun, Food, & Fellowship

Young at Heart is an ecumenical ministry of several churches that includes monthly luncheon, fellowship, and program for men and women over 55. It is sponsored by the Social Work Ministries Committee.

All programs are 12:30 – 2:00 pm, usually the 3rd Thursday of the month, and are \$8.00.

September 19th – Bayshore Baptist

October 17th – Palma Ceia Presbyterian

November 21st – Hyde Park United Methodist

\*\*Volunteers needed for Young at Heart meetings!\*\*

Serve seniors lunch & assist with cleanup. No special skills needed. Enjoy the program while volunteering! Sign up for any of the fall dates by contacting Marvin Crabtree, PCPC's liaison for Young at Heart: mcrabtrz@tampabay.rr.com or 813-240-5235

**Save the Date! Nov. 22-24:  
PCPC Retreat at Cedarkirk.  
More information coming soon!**

## Thanks from our FED kids for Summer Camps!



As a result of your generous Pentecost offering donations, 8 of our FED (Feeding Every Disciple) kids had great camp experiences this summer! Three went to Cedarkirk, three went to Southwind, and two joined the Great Adventure high school trip. Six of these children had never been to camp before, and were thrilled to have a chance. The Pentecost offering also

provided scholarships for children identified by the Beth-El Mission and by Tampa Urban Young Life. Their faith journeys have been enriched by your generosity and your desire to give them better opportunities in life. Keep up the good work and thanks! For information or to volunteer, contact John Wells at [jdwells01@gmail.com](mailto:jdwells01@gmail.com)



## WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE Begins Mid-August!

Collecting New or Gently Used Items for 3-12 year-olds  
To benefit children at Just Elementary School

- Sweaters/Sweatshirts (no hoodies)
- Jackets/Coats
- Long Pants
- Hats
- Gloves
- Belts
- Socks

Donations also accepted; make checks payable to Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church, with memo "Just Elementary."

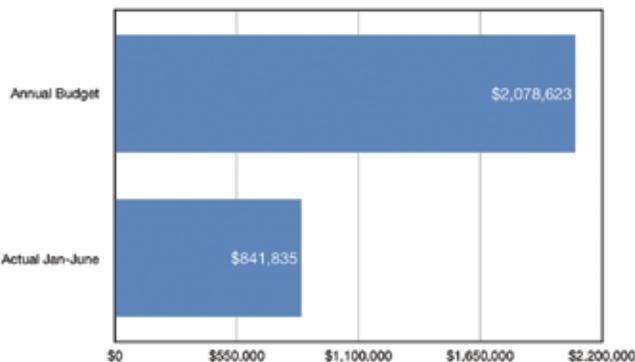
### Collecting Aug. 15 - Sept. 15

Drop-off bins can be found in Church Office, Narthex, Gym, & Fellowship Hall

## Can you help us get through the Summer Slump?

Over the slow summer months we usually need to use savings to help cover our cash flow. If you normally wait until the end of the year to pay your pledge, would you consider paying some of it during the month of August?

2019 PCPC Contributions  
Budget vs Actual



## BACK TO CHOIRS! Wednesday, August 14th "Make A Joyful Noise Unto the Lord!"

The music program of PCPC is an integral part of our worship. Come share your talent with your worshiping community! You will have the opportunity to lead the congregation in the hymns and anthems of the seasons. We sing together, pray together, and play together!

### THE JOYFUL NOISE CHOIR: Pre K 4 - Grade 1

Beginning Wednesday, August 14, 5:00-5:45, in Westminster Room 210  
Catherine Pereira, Kelly Slovinac- Directors  
Pat Handy - Accompanist

### THE JUNIOR CHOIR: Grade 2 - Grade 5

Beginning Wednesday, August 14, 5:00-5:45, in 2nd floor Choir room, across from the Gym  
Nancy Callahan, Director  
Ashley Greenfield, Assistant

### THE CHANCEL CHOIR

Adult choir begins their season Wednesday, August 14, 7:00-8:30pm in the Sanctuary. The Chancel Choir welcomes new and experienced singers. They participate in both the 8:30 and 11:00 Traditional Sunday services.

Nancy Callahan, Director  
Haig Mardirosian, Accompanist

Any questions regarding choirs can be directed to Nancy Callahan  
[Callahan@palmaceia.org](mailto:Callahan@palmaceia.org)

## HANDBELL CHOIRS for both young and "old" will also begin Wednesday, August 14th.

**Junior Bell Choir** is for rising 3rd graders and up to learn basic music reading skills and make music together. Bonnie Givens leads this bell choir on Wednesdays 4:00-5:00 p.m.

**Trinity Bells** is open to High Schoolers and adults, and meets at 6pm starting Aug. 14th.

For questions about the handbell choirs, email Bonnie Givens at [bgivens@hotmail.com](mailto:bgivens@hotmail.com)



MusiCamp's production of "100% Chance of Rain"



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*Summer programming isn't over! Join us in the Fellowship Hall Sun., Aug. 25th at 6pm for our annual family-friendly Summer Sing!*

God of All Wisdom, for teachers and students we pray for a thirst for knowledge; pervasive safety; considerable energy; sufficient opportunities; encouraging mentors; supportive friendships; discerning minds; plenty of patience; bright hopes; grateful hearts; and a sense of fulfillment. And especially we pray for those who long to go to school but simply do not have the means. Good Shepherd, answer their prayers, we pray, in the name of Jesus, whom the disciples called Teacher. Amen. - Pastor John

### Back to School Prayer

*Vacation Bible School*

