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#### Introducing: The PCPC Hilltoppers

PCPC is starting something new at our church that we are calling The PCPC Hilltoppers (not to be confused with the Western Kentucky University Hilltoppers!). Greg Welmaker, an elder at PCPC, is currently coordinating this effort. Our senior pastor interviewed Greg recently about this exciting development.

#### David: Who or what are The PCPC Hilltoppers?



Greg: The PCPC Hilltoppers is a social group for retirees. As I envision it, we will meet once a month. We'll have coffee/tea/ muffins, socialize, and enjoy some sort of presentation. Also, 3 or 4 times per year we will take a trip. The activities will be those that anyone in the group could enjoy, creating an opportunity to invite neighbors and friends.

David: Where did you get the name? What does it mean? Greg: Has anyone ever told you that you are over the



hill? If you are retired in the Palm City area, you are not over the hill; you are on top of the hill!

David: What sort of presentations will be featured? Greg: Anything that might be of interest. I would love to schedule someone from Martin Health or the Cleveland Clinic to come one month to share what is going on with the merger. I think this would be of significant interest to this group. I would also like to provide the opportunity for the many mission groups supported by PCPC to share what they do, as I do not believe everyone is aware of all of the active missions taking place, locally and globally.

David: Where would you go on the trips?

**Greg:** This is currently in the planning stages. I will be meeting with travel agents to discuss possible day trips, and I will be seeking input from the group regarding their interests. The trips could be to botanical gardens, plays/shows in the local area, shopping trips to the Palm Beach outlets, etc.

#### January Prayer Theme: God's Will and Guidance Throughout 2019

Jeremiah 29:11-14: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will

listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the LORD...

#### **BE IN THE KNOW**

How can you stay up to date with the latest happenings at PCPC? There are several ways!

• Sign up for weekly e-blasts by calling our church office (772-286-9958) or emailing janet@palmcitypres.org.

• Read the newsletter. Our newsletter is posted on our

website under "Resources." Hard copies are available in the church office, Sanctuary narthex, HFLC lobby and Langill Hall lobby.



• Visit our website: palmcitypres.org.

• Like us on Facebook. On Facebook you will find previews of the upcoming sermon; photo and video coverage of church events/activities; upcoming events, classes, bible studies and VBS; and inspirational posts.





(the official Facebook page for PCPC Youth Ministry): fb.me/PCPCYouth



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## -FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR CHURCH-

If you are interested in looking into membership at Palm City Presbyterian Church, join us for a New Member Class on January 13 at 9:30 a.m. in the church library.

If you plan to attend, please call or email Janet in the church office, 772-286-9958 or janet@palmcitypres. org. This is not necessary, but helpful so that we will have enough information packets. Attending does not obligate you to join.

## ANGEL OF THE MONTH

In trying to depict our angel this month, I picture a glass of champagne. "Why?" you ask. Because she sparkles and bubbles. She bursts with a radiance of cheerfulness, and that cheerfulness is portrayed in everything she does. For instance, as an alto in the choir, her joyful voice rings out true and clear. As a Stephen Minister, she has such a positive and optimistic way of helping those who need a listening ear. And last, but not least, her role as a deacon is done dutifully with enthusiasm and an eagerness to be a team player.

Our angel is devoted to the people at PCPC, and she truly is a model of His love. If you haven't guessed our angel by the picture above, she is the one and only Mrs. Patti Miller.



The Prayer Warriors are on duty five days a week to pray for those who submit a prayer card for themselves or others. We are grateful for recognition of God's blessings on those who are hurting.

We are grateful for the following:

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#### January 2019 New Deacons -Carole Peterson

The PCPC Deacon Board is excited to have four newly elected deacons join our board, and one current deacon stay on for another three-year term. In case you don't know them, here's a short bit of background on each.

**Carolyn Herman** is beginning her second term as a deacon. She typically attends the 11 o'clock service with her husband, Jim. She is a mother of two and has a vision for improving our church library and a passion for creating a special section for children. Carolyn is a member of the bell choir. She enjoys gardening and helping out at her children's school.

**Irene O'Brien** is a member of the Chancel Choir, so she attends and sings in both traditional services. She has been a Presbyterian for years and has been both a deacon and an elder in her previous church. Before retiring, she taught elementary school in Martin County for 20 years. She has two children, 8 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren with one more on the way in February. She enjoyed traveling with her husband before he went to be with the Lord.

Janet Sallman is a "returning" deacon who served previously. She loves deacon work and is eager to get back to it. Janet is our church office receptionist, where she helps the deacons keep track of the needs of members. She has a master's degree in music education, sings in the Chancel Choir and plays bells. She loves gardening and her cat-child, "Coconut." Janet is a Jewish girl who found Jesus as her savior.

**Barbara Allen Spicer** attends the 9:30 contemporary service where her husband, Jay, plays drums with our praise band, Cornerstone. She works full time for a technology company as their contracts manager and is the mother of two young adults. Barbara participates in the Community Bible Study program sponsored by PCPC. She enjoys reading and traveling.

**Pat Stuart** typically attends the 11 o'clock service with her husband, Dick. She has led the parish nurse program since joining PCPC four years ago. Before moving to Florida, she was active in many community

organizations in New Jersey, including serving on several boards (e.g., Boys and Girls Club and her local school board). Pat and her husband have both been EMT's; Pat taught the EMT program in their hometown in New Jersey. She and Dick have two children who live in New Jersey, 5 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild on the way.

We also want to express deep appreciation for all the dedication and services given by deacons who are leaving the board. Thanks go to Janie Shubert, Tammy Steckler, and Tom Wiegerink, who have each served two terms (a total of six years) and Carolyn Benninger and Debbie Sahlberg, who served one three-year term. We will miss you.



WE NEED YOU to make our new family directory complete

Your church Membership Team, coordinated by Diane Graczyk, Linda Sanders and Ruthann Hewson, is working with Lifetouch to produce a new pictorial directory for Palm City Presbyterian members, families and regular attenders. Lifetouch photographers will be at our location February 19 – February 22 from 1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and February 23 from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. A free 8x10 portrait and a free directory will be given to those who are photographed. Plus, an exciting new interactive digital version of the directory will be available. Sign-ups for photography appointments will start on January 6 after each worship service, or you may sign up online starting December 28 using the following link:

https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/ ykdkvzsq/

More information is forthcoming, so watch for inserts in our church bulletin, and future announcements from our pastors, in our e-blast, and on our Facebook page.



David: I understand you have one rather strict rule about who can serve?

**Greg:** That's right. I want our retirees to be free to come and enjoy this without having to lift a finger to make it happen. This should be PCPC's gift to them. That's why all the volunteers who help me can't be eligible for the group. If you are retired, I want you to come and have fun. I don't want to give you more responsibility.

David: But retirees are free to volunteer and serve in other capacities in the church! Particularly as small group leaders. [Editor's note: Don't forget to sign up for Pastor David's small group leader training starting January 9.]

Greg: Absolutely! But the Hilltoppers is for them to receive, not do.

David: What would a typical monthly event look like? Greg: At 9:30 we meet at the church for snacks and fellowship. At 10:00 we have a couple of announcements followed by one or two speakers/presentations. We would wrap up anytime between 10:30 and 11:00 a.m. If Pastor Brad is available, I may invite him to lead a song or two. Of course, the entire staff would be welcome to attend.

David: If he's not, maybe I could lead a song. Greg: Mmm...maybe not.

David: Yeah. On second thought...good thinking. Anyway, when do you plan to kickoff? Greg: I hope to have the kickoff in January 2019. I still need to coordinate with the church calendar the best morning to meet.



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#### A Season of Paying it Forward

Sue Henrich presents Dunklin Memorial Camp's Program Director, Lance Squire, with gift cards from the Giving Tree project and a check for half of the proceeds from the 2018 Turkey Trot.





Presbyterian Church for their gift of \$5000 in support of our Compassion House shelter for homeless women and children. Thank you for helping us get families off the streets and back on their feet." The Salvation Army of Martin County

Gretchen Dewey presenting a check to Lt. Sheena Marquis of The Salvation Army of Martin County.

Ho, Ho, Ho — it's that time of year to share some Christmas cheer! Jane Shubert stopped in at the Treasure Coast Food Bank and visited with Dillie Nerios. PCPC is a long time supporter of the Treasure Coast Food Bank. In addition to our annual gift, we help out several times a year volunteering at their Saturday morning food truck distributions. It's great to help out those less fortunate, and we invite PCPC members to join us those Saturdays in 2019.





Diana Rew presenting a check to Thelma Washington at the Gertrude Walden Child Care Center.

Gifts collected from the Giving Tree project were delivered to the classrooms.

































YOUTH NEWS, Jan. 2019 - Jason Pridmore

#### Happy New Year!

We hope your HOLY-day season was especially blessed and we pray for you all in this New Year that 2019 will be filled with God's peace and grace in new and farreaching ways, like never before.



Our youth had a full final month of 2018. We were blessed by a visit from Curtis Burnam (local missionary, former youth pastor, mentor, inspiring servant of God), who came and shared about his international teen ministry, Reign Ministries. Thank you, Curtis, for your words, for all that you do and for your heart for our youth.

We celebrated the Christmas season with our students with our annual Christmas party. Over 30 students and their friends attended, and they had an amazing time playing

games and "sledding." Our final event for the year was a "Lock-In" at Grace Place, where we teamed up with their youth group and one other for an eveninglong event that included a concert, laser-tag, a Florida "snowball" fight, lots of sugar and a night to remember. Sleep was absent from the evening.

#### What Our Youth are Learning



Have you ever been wronged? Had your feelings hurt? Held a grudge? We all have—teenagers and adults! And when things like that happen, we're left wondering how to move on; especially when we don't get an apology. In a new series we're starting in the new year with our students, we'll take a look at the one thing Jesus offers us that can help us let go and move forward: forgiveness. "Sorry Not Sorry"—beginning January 6 (high school) and January 9 (middle school).

For more information regarding ongoing and upcoming youth events and activities:



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To connect with Jason or to receive parenting resources and youth updates via email, please contact him directly. Email: Jason@palmcitypres.org Call or Text: (714) 809-5065

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#### **Upcoming Youth Events**

#### Unaltered Tour: February 1, 2019

The Unaltered Tour defines God's original design for love, sex, and life—challenging you to live with integrity and influence. In a concert-style environment, you will be inspired by honest testimonies and live performances. Experience how God's unaltered design can bring fulfillment to every aspect of your life—from realizing your purpose, to love, relationships and sex.

Both middle school and high school students are encouraged to attend this event. Parents are welcome to come and hear what is being shared. We will be going as a group on Friday, February 1, but you are welcome to go on your own or with other friends if you like. The event will be held at Grace Place and will cost \$5 with our group, or \$8 at the door. RSVP to Jason if you would like to go or get tickets. Don't miss this one!

#### DNOW: February 23, 2019

A discipleship training weekend for our students will take place alongside hundreds of fellow students and local youth groups from the Martin County area. Not only a fun time, but a time for spiritual growth and leadership training. Watch for more info.

Middle School Youth Group meets Wednesdays 5:30-7 p.m.— games, fun, food, and conversation. High School Youth Group meets Sundays 6-8:00 p.m. all the same as Middle School youth with twice the fun.

In His service and yours, Jason Pridmore Youth Ministry 2018-2019 UNALTERED TOUR

#### Pastor David Wants You—to Be a Small Group Leader!

PCPC has an exciting vision for small group ministry. We want to use different kinds of small groups in a variety of ways. To make our vision a reality, we need leaders.

Perhaps you have never thought of being a small group leader. Or, maybe you assume you can't do it. (Possibly you don't want to?) Just as there are different forms of small group ministry, there are different kinds of small group leaders.

You may have what it takes to lead a traditional small group. You and 8-10 others meet weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly for Bible study and support. OR...maybe that's not you. But...you have what it takes to lead your table in a 20 minute discussion at the end of a class led by a pastor.

How can you know if you have what it takes? How can you find your role within PCPC's small group strategy? It all begins with small group leader training! Pastor David will train small group leaders on Wednesday evenings, beginning January 9 and continuing until March 6. Training will be from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

PLEASE RSVP: Call or email the church office!

Here is a sneak peak at the schedule:

January 9 – Forms of Small Group Ministry

The purposes, strengths, and weaknesses of various small group ministry forms

**January 16** – Don't Pool Ignorance Preparation and good questions as the keys to learning

**January 23** – We're in This Together Group ownership, fostering community, stages of community

**January 30** - NO TRAINING Pastor David will be at the ECO NATIONAL GATHERING

#### PCPC rang for The Salvation Army of Martin County!

COMPANY OF small group

leaders



We journey with Paul in the book of Acts and learn from the great missionary how to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.



Jan. 6 Acts 16:6-10 Have You Heard the Call?

Jan. 13 Acts 16:16-40 Have You Paid the Price?

Jan. 20 Acts 17:16-32 Have You Learned to Build a Bridge?

Jan. 27 Acts 19:23-41 Have You Made an Impact?

#### **Adult Studies**

Men's Bible Study continues "Letter to the Romans" Thursdays at 6:30 a.m.

Women's Bible Study begins a study of the Book of Romans Thursday mornings at 9:15 a.m. in Langill Hall beginning January 10th.

Adult Sunday School resumes January 6th at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Night Studies resume January 9th at 6 p.m.



# Jan. Calendar



Received for November 2018 \$163,773

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Received for November 2017 \$73,674

Received YTD as of Nov. 30, 2018 \$981,335

2018 Budget \$1,184,297

Needed each month \$98,691

### <u>Birthdays</u>

- 01/01 Lauren Gandy, Willa Jo Mauger-Churchill
- 01/02 Tyler Austhof, Mary Jo Boman, Scott Neff, Geraldine Strong
- 01/03 Lucas Johnson
- 01/04 Edna Aldrich, Barbara Drew, Glenn Hedden
- 01/05 Emily Day, Jeanne Jarden, Lauryn Klostreich
- 01/07 Madeline Butler, Bernie Kerr, Trina Ortiz, Debbie Summers, Rick Thorpe
- 01/08 Jeffrey Johnson, Sophie Rosseau
- 01/10 Jeene Brown
- 01/11 Sarah Bangley, Brian Benton, Jackie Smith
- 01/14 Fred Church, Frank Cramblitt, Frances Lewis
- 01/15 Carol Carsello
- 01/16 Linda Mullen
- 01/17 Laurie Bennett, Joseph Franco
- 01/18 Rosemary Fitzpatrick, Linda Harlan
- 01/19 Mary Gilmour, Pat Stuart
- 01/20 Jill Duncan, Fred Prose, Dorothy Sempier
- 01/22 Gary Ducote, Jeanne McCune
- 01/23 Ginny Genthe
- 01/24 Phyllis Keiser, Joseph Terech
- 01/25 Christian Birkett, Sarah Mullen, Jocelyn Olson
- 01/26 Laura Chasen, Joseph Thibodeaux

- 01/27 Marty Kennedy
- 01/28 Michael Izzolo
- 01/28 Phyllis Kordick
- 01/29 Dot Coblentz, JoAnne Kerr
- 01/30 Lynn Church, Veronica Decarish, Curtis Erickson, Noel Thomas



- 01/02 Jim & Patty Swain
- 01/03 Ron & Karen Bartnick
- 01/04 John & Barbara Drew
- 01/07 Jim & Carolyn Scocca
- 01/15 Mike & Gretchen Dewey
- 01/16 Mike & Diann Jasinski
- 01/23 Tamas & Elizabeth Zsoka
- 01/25 Ken & Cindy Johns
- 01/28 Doug & Alma O'Quinn
- 01/29 John & Wanda Rosello, Dan & Janice Topping
- 01/30 Larry & Rosemary Fitzpatrick

Have something for the next newsletter? Email it to our editors, Amy Kitchell and Andrea Wood: newsletter@palmcitypres.org by the deadline indicated on this newsletter's calendar.

#### Worship Times

Traditional 8:30 Sanctuary 11:00 Sanctuary

Contemporary 9:30 HFLC

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