

# Treasures *in* Heaven

- Stewardship 2018 -

In His Sermon on the Mount in the Gospel of Matthew (6:19-24), Jesus teaches us "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." This passage is the focus of our 2018 Stewardship Campaign.

## The Coachella Valley Rescue Mission

Today our Moment for Ministry features the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission (cvmr.org). Darla Burkett, Executive Director, will provide us with an update on the incredible ministry that we strongly support. The lives of men, women and children are dramatically changed when they come to know the saving grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

In addition to the Emergency Overnight Shelter, which houses 75+ clients every night, the Mission serves over 600 meals a day and has over 250 clients in either the Gateway Program which helps them stabilize their lives, find employment and housing and all the support services they need to break the bonds of homelessness, and New Life, which is a year long faith based program that leads people to salvation, housing, jobs, reconciliation with family and friends. This program has over an 83% success rate (which means clients are still sober, employed, in permanent housing and have a strong support system a year after they have graduated from the Program.

Additionally, the Mission serves the local communities with food boxes weekly, the annual back to school back pack distribution and the annual Christmas Gift Day where over 3000 children receive 3 gifts each including bicycles for over 300 children. This past Thursday the Mission had a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for its new Health To Hope Medical Clinic. This and so much more.

Your generous and faithful support of CVRM over the years has made it the success it is today. Your continued support with your time, talents and financial resources will assure it will continue to help the least, the lost and the last.

Sunday Magazine - October 15, 2017  
Announcements & Information

## Fall Family Festival

A Day of Good Old-Fashioned Fun  
for ALL the Church Family

Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>

following the second worship service

Join us as we celebrate the Fall Harvest  
as one church family...

Giving God Thanks  
for His Bountiful Blessings!

Hot Dogs  
Pies  
Caramel Apples  
Popcorn  
Petting Zoo

Craft Table  
Inflatables  
Kid-friendly Games  
Family Photos taken

Palm Desert Community Presbyterian Church  
Sponsored by the Family Ministry Committees



Christ caring for people through people

# STEPHEN MINISTRY

**"I'm Committed to Care!"** Here's what one Stephen Minister had to say about Stephen Ministry:

*"I was kind of sitting on the sidelines in our congregation. Oh, I came to church every Sunday, but the rest of the week I was focused on myself. Then Stephen Ministry came along. When I said yes to God's call to me for that ministry, I saw a lot of changes in my life. Now I'm committed to caring about others, not just myself. And you know what? I'm walking a lot closer with my Lord."*

**Register TODAY for the new training class in NOVEMBER.**

Learn how to really care for and listen to someone. And grow your faith in the process.

Call Jan Garrard: 760-345-0677 or [jangarrard@me.com](mailto:jangarrard@me.com)

Or John Larsen: 925-360-0756 [j.w.larsen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:j.w.larsen@sbcglobal.net)

Do you feel alone, or struggling with a loss? Maybe you would like someone to listen and be there to offer support.

If you would like a Stephen Minister, please call

John or Joan Larsen: 925-360-0756

## Sunday Adult Christian Education Classes

Exodus Study is in the Eisenhower Library at **11:00 a.m.**

	EXODUS Chapter	CHAPTER TITLE	VOLUNTEER TO TEACH
Oct. 22	Heb. 9	<i>Worship in the Earthly Tabernacle</i>	Fred Benford
Oct. 29		<i>Summary</i>	Lloyd Macfadyen

**Pastors Denn Denning and Sid Buzzell will begin their classes**

**TODAY through June 10, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. in the  
Church Eisenhower Library**

**Sid—Oct. 15 on "Jesus' Chronology"**

**Sid—Oct. 22 on "Who Is Jesus Christ?"**

**Denn—Oct. 29 & Nov. 5 on "God in Three Persons"**

**Sid—Nov. 12 on "Jesus' Miracles"**

**Denn—Nov. 19 to Dec. 17 on "The Confessions"  
Christmas Eve**

**Sid—Dec. 31—Jan. 21 on "James 1"**

**Denn—Jan. 28 on "Why Church History Matters"**

**Denn—Feb. 4 on "Ancient Church"**

**Denn on Feb. 11 on "Christian Empire"**

**Sid—Feb. 18 on "Old Testament Story"**

**Sid—Feb. 25 on "Old Testament Beginnings—Gen. 1-11"**

**Sid—Mar. 4 on "Old Testament Patriarchs"**

**Sid—Mar. 11 on Old Testament "Exodus & Suzerainty"**

**Denn—Mar. 18 on "Church History Early Middle Ages"**

**Denn—Mar. 25 on "Ch. Hist. Middle Ages Reformation"  
Easter Sunday**

**Denn—April 8 on "Ch. Hist. Late Middle Ages"**

**Denn—April 15 on "Ch. Hist. Conquest & Reformation"**

**Sid—April 22 on "Old Testament Joshua & Judges"**

**Sid—April 29 on "Old Testament Kings and Kingdom"**

**Sid—May 6 on "Old Test. Division & Destruction"**

**Sid—May 13 on "Old Test. Up From the Ashes"**

**Denn—May 20—June 10**

**Dick Falb will begin his class on ACTS on Sunday,  
November 5 at 11:00 a.m. in the Church  
Eisenhower Library**



## Ladies of the Church

### Fall Women's Retreat

*Tahquitz Pines Conference Center in Idyllwild*

November 17-19

**Speaker—Catherine Martin**

**"Discover Spiritual Realities in an Unreal World"**

*(Essential Truths for Life from the Prophet Jeremiah)*

**Stephanie Landes 760-568-1475**

**Kathy Kolb 760-564-5904**

**\$140/person—Sign-ups are Oct. 15, 22 & 29  
in Miller Hall after both worship services.**

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Are you ready to bring joy and Jesus to children all over the world, one shoebox at a time? Join us as we serve alongside Samaritan's Purse through the ministry Operation Christmas Child. Every year, millions of people like you pack shoeboxes and drop them off at thousands of locations. Another 9,000+ volunteers serve year-round to support the project. Join the faithful servants of Christ who make this happen.



Shoeboxes will be available for you to pick up, take home and fill beginning **October 22 and ending November 12**. Look for our table in the courtyard under the Olive tree. You can also pick up boxes at the church office during the weekdays.

You can also choose to build a shoebox online for just \$25.00! Go online to [www.samaritanspurserg](http://www.samaritanspurserg) and click on the "Build Your Shoebox" tab and scroll down to "Build your Shoebox Online". What a great way to be involved from the convenience of your own home!

Packing a shoebox is so much more than just giving a child toys and gifts! In addition to hearing the Gospel before they receive their shoebox gift, children also receive The Greatest Gift, a storybook that shares the message of salvation. With the Apostle John as narrator, the booklet shares 11 Scripture stories and invites children to follow Christ. Children take this home to share with family and friends. It is used in more than 80 languages.

After receiving shoebox gifts, many children are invited back to participate in our discipleship program, The Greatest Journey. Through this 12-lesson course, which includes Bible stories and Scripture memorization, they learn how to follow Christ in their daily lives as they share Him with friends and family.

After completing The Greatest Journey, children attend a graduation celebration and receive a certificate. Most importantly, they are given a Bible that includes the New Testament and selected Old Testament stories along with a dictionary of Biblical terms and a map of Bible lands. Complete with illustrations, it is often the first copy of God's Word the child, or their family, will own.

Family and friends who attend the ceremony hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Hearing the Good News and testimonies during their loved one's graduation reinforces the changes they have seen in the students' lives, and their families often come to faith in Christ.

Please contact Sandy Rhoades at 760-296-7001 or email: [sandyrhoades55@gmail.com](mailto:sandyrhoades55@gmail.com) or phone: 760-296-7001 with questions or to join our wonderful team of volunteers!

## SOCKTOBER at CVRM

Ask homeless men and women in the Coachella Valley what the rest of us can do to help and the answers usually fall into two categories: The practical and the intangible.

**The practical: Socks, please.**

On the practical side, men and women living on the street can always use more basic hygiene products, such as toothbrushes and toothpaste, soap, hand sanitizer and shampoo.

Perhaps more than any other single item, they need **socks**.

CVRM is celebrating "**SOCKTOBER**" and we need your help! We are asking our community to come together and help us replenish our "sock drawer", so we can help those in need with the most basic of items.

**Please bring your donations of new or gently used socks for both men, women and children to the collection box in the church office.**

Thank you!

*Sunday*  
**Flowers**

*Congratulations!*    *In Memory of...*  
*In Honor of...*    *In Appreciation of...*

To order a flower arrangement for Sunday, call Tidi in the church office at 760-346-8195 x 511 or drop this form off at the church office with your name and phone number beside the desired date.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Phone Number</i>
<i>Oct 22</i>	_____	_____
<i>Oct 29</i>	_____	_____
<i>Nov 12</i>	_____	_____
<i>Nov 19</i>	_____	_____

## GRIEF SHARE

...A Grief Recovery Support Group

Welcome to PDCPC GriefShare where you find a family of caring friends who listen, a safe place to share your feelings, hope for your journey through grief, and a purpose beyond your grief. God is good and He will support you on this journey.

GriefShare is a thirteen week, Biblically based program that helps you as you journey through grief. There are 3 components: A DVD lesson, a workbook and sharing with others who are walking this same road with you.

Some of the topics include: **Challenges of Grief, Grief and Your Relationships, Surviving the Holidays, Why?, Guilt & Anger, and Heaven.**

A 13 Week Session of GriefShare began October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 1:30—3:30 pm, Mondays in our Eisenhower Library.

To Register call Jan Garrard: 760-345-0677 or  
Email: [jangarrard@me.com](mailto:jangarrard@me.com)

There is a fee of \$25 for the classes – this includes the workbook.



*Where Voices Come to Life*

**Monday, October 16 & 23 for both classes:**

### **SongShine Basics:**

**Monday 12:30—1:30 pm in Miller Hall \$50 for 4 classes**

Voice and speech strengthening through physical and breath awareness, voice exercises, creative imagination, role playing, singing, engaging your creative brain.

### **Solo Class:**

**Monday 2:00—3:30 pm in Taylor Fine Arts Building  
\$75 for 4 classes (90 mins)**

Whether you are a beginner, intermediate or advanced solo singer, this class is for you. Make the words of a song your own, gain confidence and bring your voice to life; an excellent class to prepare you for Singers and Players which will begin Nov. 6.

Both classes taught by Peter Harris, Program Director.  
(760) 327-1460; [harris.peter88@yahoo.com](mailto:harris.peter88@yahoo.com)

Free Class October 30—2—3 p.m. Maramonte Hotel, Hwy 111

**Monday, November 6—Miller Hall only—  
Both classes will begin a new semester.**

Ditch the nagging, drop the threats & lose the stress.

You can raise **great kids** with techniques  
that are **practical, proven and fun!**

**PARENTING** with *Love* and Logic  
*for both Preschool & Teen Parents*



**Wednesday evenings — BEGAN LAST WEEK!**

**October 11—November 15**

**5:30—7:15 p.m.** (5:30—Dinner; 6:00—Seminar)

**This class is for parents HOWEVER others in the congregation  
can be involved by HELPING with:**

- ♦ *setting up Miller Hall*
- ♦ *preparing meals*
- ♦ *cleaning up*

Volunteers are needed for these classes and  
other Church Fellowship Events on the following dates:  
**October 18, 25 and November 1, 8 & 15**

**THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERYONE  
TO HELP GROW OUR CHURCH!**

*Please sign up today in Miller Hall.*

**For more info, contact:**

**Reichel Ainsworth, Preschool Director, at 760-568-4360 or  
Pastor Dave Ludwig, Associate Pastor, at 760-346-8195 x 516.**

## THE GOD SQUAD YOUTH GROUP

**Sunday School—All Sundays except Communion Sunday**

9:30 a.m. Rm. 108/109 Family Life Center

Wednesdays, 6–8 pm—*Can I Ask That?*

Ignite Youth Conference—Saturday, October 21—6:30—8 PM

Night Hike, Painted Canyon—Saturday, November 4—3—10 PM



**Stay Connected with PDCPC throughout the Week!**

Visit our newly designed website at: [www.pdpresby.org](http://www.pdpresby.org)

**FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA:**

**Facebook:** @pdpresby

**Instagram:** @pdcommunitypres

**Twitter:** @pdpresb



*Women's Lunch Bunch*

Thursday, October 26  
11:30 a.m.

*The Old Spaghetti Factory*

Across Hwy 111 from The River

Join us for good food, fellowship and fun!  
Bring a friend!

Order from the menu—Separate checks  
For Reservations/questions ~  
call Diane Arneal 760-200-9812



*Interdenominational*  
**WOMEN'S COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY**

Invites you to join us for  
"The Acts of the Apostles: A New Beginning"



Wednesdays 10 AM to Noon  
September 20, 2017—May 18, 2018

Registration Fees: Adults \$35  
Children \$10 (Infants to 18) (May be waived)

Information: Corky Olander: [mc.olander2@verizon.net](mailto:mc.olander2@verizon.net)  
(760) 574-1181

*Children  
welcome!*



# FALL FESTIVAL of FAITH

*Celebrating the 500th Anniversary  
of the Reformation*

**SUNDAY EVENING**  
October 29, 2017 | 6pm

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

45900 PORTOLA AVENUE  
PALM DESERT, CALIFORNIA

WITH A  
**200-Voice Festival Choir**

HOSTED BY:

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

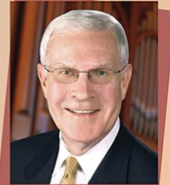
*The Rev. Derek Fossey, Senior Pastor  
Curtis Pierce, Organist & Director of Music*

(760) 346-1273

[www.HopeLutheran.church](http://www.HopeLutheran.church)



Mack Wilberg  
Festival Conductor



Frederick Swann  
Festival Organist

The Mark Thallander Foundation  
Post Office Box 5511, Palm Springs, California 92263  
(626) 487-0224

[www.MarkThallanderFoundation.org](http://www.MarkThallanderFoundation.org)

GROWING FAITH & CONNECTING COMMUNITIES THROUGH MUSIC

*Our PDCPC Choir  
will be one of seven choirs  
participating in this Celebration of the  
500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation.*

*There will be a free-will offering taken.*

**QUINCENTENARY OF  
REFORMATION**

## 2018 Global Leadership Summit

Thursday & Friday ~ August 9 & 10, 2018

This year our Church provided an excellent Site and Team to host the 2017 Global Leadership Summit. Immediately after the Summit we committed to Host the 2018 Summit. Since we are a Host Site, our **Congregation** has an opportunity to sign up for 2018 by October 24, 2017 for only **\$79** which includes the Audio of the 2017 Speakers.

Please register before October 24 at:

[www.willowcreek.com/summit](http://www.willowcreek.com/summit)

priority code **18HSFAMILY**



## Academy Fundraising

WHILE YOU Shop

Scrip fundraising is a no-selling program that enables families to raise money for their non-profit organization (NPO). Scrip is just another way to pay for everyday purchases using gift cards in place of cash, checks, and credit cards. You purchase gift cards from your organization at face value and your coordinator orders those cards from Great Lakes Scrip Center at a reduced price. The difference is an instant rebate for your organization. It's really that simple!

Great Lakes Scrip Center offers over 300 of the country's biggest brands, including grocery, department stores, gas stations, restaurants, hotels, home improvement, and more. Just by using Scrip to pay for your normal weekly purchases, you can easily raise \$500 or more per year. It's time to put your shopping dollars to work!

Contact **Jeanne Nevin**  
[jeannen@pdpresby.org](mailto:jeannen@pdpresby.org)  
760.346.8195 x522



BED BATH & BEYOND



## Children & Youth Library

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. *Philippians 4:8*

**Ongoing Dates:** Each Sunday after our family service

**Location:** Family Life Center—Betty Stevenson Library

Families are welcome to check out books within our library. We have made a special effort that all books contain a noble, pure and admirable message for all children and youth.

## FAMILY ROOM AVAILABLE

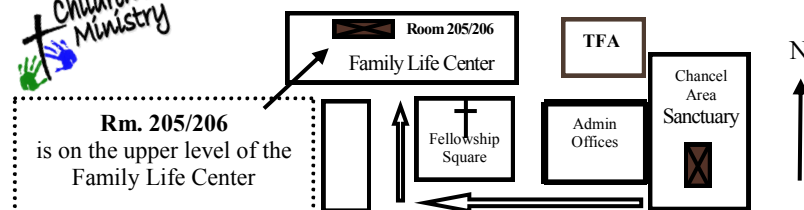
Our Family Room is located next door to Miller Hall and is for families in need of an area where infants and toddlers can play while parents watch our Sunday worship services via live stream. Parents must accompany their child while in our Family Room as there will be no church staff in the room to supervise them. Pre-K through Youth are invited to attend our Sunday School program.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Children Sunday School - 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

- ◆ Children come into the Sanctuary beginning of service and then go to Rm. 205/206 of the Family Life Center (age 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade).
- ◆ We have a sign-in and sign-out process for parents each week to ensure security of the children. Following the worship service, please be prompt when picking up your child in Rm. 205/206 (see map below)

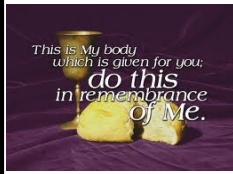
**Any Questions? Contact Gerry Neighbors,**  
at [gerryn@pdpresby.org](mailto:gerryn@pdpresby.org) or call 760-346-8195 x 532



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All resting Presbyterian Elders and Deacons from PDCPC and other Presbyterian churches who are interested in serving Communion ~ please contact:

**Nancy Williams—Elder Communion  
Coordinator 760-346-7292**

### Sewing 4 Kids

Good Morning.....One of us will be here to welcome any volunteers to our group. We have been using the past few months to shop for supplies and patterns and trying to find new projects that we can make for our Christmas give-a-way.

We never sell our items; they are all made with love and given to the needy. The sewing, knitting and crocheting never stops. Please stop by our table in Miller Hall today to see our displays.

Till next time...Blessings **Pat Noakes, Chairperson 760-341-6382**

**We meet EVERY THURSDAY from 9 to noon in Rm. 104 of FLC.**



### Mending Hearts

When we put God first, he pours out blessings so great we don't have room enough to receive it. If you don't believe it, God tells us to put him to the test (Mal. 3:10). Right now our blessings are overwhelming. **WE ARE HOLDING OUR MEETINGS**

**EVERY Thursday** to sew (9:00—noon), instead of just the first and third Thursdays of the month. So many willing hands have pitched in to make useful items for those in need, such as blankets, throws, prayer squares, teddy bears, knitted and crocheted hats and scarves and many other items. As soon as the items are completed, we box them and send them to the needy. And the needs of those who have recently lost their homes to the hurricanes, floods, tornados and earthquakes are great. We thank those who have donated items to be reused, such as materials and notions. We thank those who have volunteered their time and talent to the cause. If anyone would like to have some of the items we have created for yourself or for gifts, we will gladly accept a donation. Monetary donations help us to purchase stuffing, postage on boxes sent, and sewing machine repairs. We thank one and all for your help.

Blessings, **Maureen Mulcahey, Director 760-636-4828**



## Stephen Ministers ~ the *After* People

People often ask, "What exactly is a Stephen Minister?"

One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the *After* People.

### Stephen Ministers are there:

...*after* the phone call you hoped you'd never get.

...*after* the divorce papers are served and the bottom falls out of your life.

...*after* the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.

...*after* the doctor says, "I'm sorry, but there's nothing more we can do."

...*after* the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, "Welcome to your new home."

...*after* the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away and the house suddenly seems empty.

...*after* the gavel goes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.

...*after* the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.

...*after* you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.

...*after* your family and friends have heard the story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the "*After* People." They are ready to come alongside you - or your friends, neighbors, co-workers, or relatives - and provide comfort and support for as long *after* as needed.

If you would like a Stephen Minister or more information about Stephen Ministry please contact **Joan Larsen** at 925-360-0756 or email [joanmlarsen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:joanmlarsen@sbcglobal.net)

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