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YOUR MONTHLY GUIDE TO CONNECTION AT PDCPC

February 2019

WORSHIP

Join us for our weekly worship services on Sundays at 9:00am & 10:30am. February has a lot to look forward to- including a guest preacher, our choir, and a new sermon series!

// For more information on events related to music & worship, visit page 4.

GROW

Our hope is that every member of the PDCPC congregation is a part of one of our mid-week “growth” opportunities. We have Bible studies for men & women; large & small groups; mixed groups, home groups, Sunday school classes... there is truly something for everyone!

// For more information on steps you can take to grow in your relationship with God and with others visit page 5.

SERVE

February brings several opportunities to serve others. Which one will you participate in?

// For more information on how you can serve others here and around the world visit page 10.

missions month

FEBRUARY IS MISSIONS MONTH!

Your Missions Ministry Team is excited to announce the special activities planned for the PDCPC congregation during Missions Week, February 20th – 24th, highlighting local, national and international Missions Partners.

Every Sunday in February, at each service, our Moment for Missions will highlight one of the Missions Partners we support, both financially and prayerfully.

February 3rd | Hands of Mercy, Mexico House Build

February 10th | Olive Crest

February 17th | Seeds of Joy, Kenya, Africa
Pioneers EMAF

February 24th | AMOR Ministries, Mexico &
South Africa

We are privileged to be hosting two of our International Missions partners, Georges Houssney of HORIZONS International and Jon and Kirstie Wilson of AMOR Ministries.

MISSION WEEK EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH at 5:30pm

We will be hosting a congregational dinner in Miller Hall to learn more about these missionaries (and their ministries!) as they are interviewed as part of our “This is Your Life” series.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST, 10:30am.

Floyd Rhoades will be hosting a tour and luncheon at the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission. Sign up after Church at the CVRM table on February 3rd, 10th or 17th or e-mail floydrhoades@vistacove.com. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about this local Missions partner

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND, 7:00pm.

Georges Houssney will present a special lecture on “Engaging Islam” in the sanctuary. He will be highlighting the training and ministries of HORIZONS International in the USA and to Muslims throughout the Middle East, North Africa, Eastern Europe and Asia. This presentation will be available on Live Stream for those who can’t attend and for our friends at Idyllwild and Apple Valley ECO Presbyterian Churches. Coffee, tea, and Lebanese sweets will be served in Miller Hall directly following the lecture.

Additionally, that evening, Jon and Kirstie Wilson will attend movie night with our youth group and families.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD, 12:00 PM

A no host luncheon with our guests will be held at Shield’s Date Gardens in Indio. The tour is free to all who have paid for lunch.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH

Georges Houssney will be preaching at both services. Jon and Kirstie Wilson will present Moment for Missions, and then visit with the youth.

Sign ups are available for all these events on Sundays in Garrard Courtyard or call the church office at 760-346-8195. We look forward to having all the members and guests of PDCPC join us in this special week!

*“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for Me.”
Matthew 25:40 (NIV)*

worship & music

WORSHIP NOTES

Join us on Sundays at 9:00am & 10:30am every week as we gather to connect with God and with others.

Guest Preacher: February 17th missionary George Houssney of Horizons International.

Communion Sunday: February 10th

Continuing Sermon Series: CREED: The Heart of What We Believe.

WORSHIP SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

Are you willing to lend your time and talent to help make our worship services hospitable and reverent? We are looking for those who want to be Ushers, Greeters and Choir members.

Ushers - Joe Lowden at 310-871-1494 or jjlowden@gmail.com

Greeters - Kathy Aposhian kathya@pdpresby.org

Choir – Bruce Carroll brucec@pdpresby.org or 760-346-8195 x561.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Would you like to honor a loved one or commemorate a special occasion with Altar Flowers on an upcoming Sunday?

Contact Sara at 760.346.8195 or x511 or email

sarab@pdpresby.org to secure your date on the calendar.

CHOIR

This group meets every Thursday at 6:30 pm in Taylor Fine Arts, and will be singing at the February 17th service.

All are welcome to join! Contact Julie Anderson with any questions at juliea@pdpresby.org.

PastorChat

February 10th, 11:45am | Taylor Fine Arts

Your chance to ask questions, share your feedback, or just share a cup of coffee with your pastors.

Coffee & Donuts provided!

COVENANT PARTNER (NEW MEMBER) SERIES – Take your relationship with PDCPC to the next level: Become a COVENANT PARTNER! Classes are designed to familiarize participants with the mission, vision, and values of our church, as well as to equip members to discover how they can connect to that mission.

Our next New Membership series starts with our Covenant Partnership class on Sunday, March 24th from 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm. Followed by our GROW & SERVE Class on Sunday, March 31st from 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm. Lunch will be included and childcare is available by request. Please RSVP to the church office or Kathy Aposhian, Director of Connections, at kathya@pdpresby.org or 760.346.8195 x 530 or stop by the Welcome Table.

MEET THE PASTOR – If you are new to PDCPC and would like to know more about our vision and direction, come and meet the Pastors at the home of Pastor Dave and Jess Ludwig for lunch on February 3rd at 12:30. Please stop by the Welcome Table after the service to reserve a spot or RSVP to Kathy Aposhian, Director of Connections, at kathya@pdpresby.org or 760.346.8195 x 530.

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY, “CBS”

All women of the Church are invited to attend an in-depth Interdenominational Community Bible Study (CBS) Wednesday mornings from 10:00am-12:00pm. Children are welcome as well! We will be studying the Book of Revelation. Registration fees: Adults \$35; Children (infants to age 18) \$10; scholarships are available. For more information or to register, please contact Corky Olander or 760-200-3120 or mc.olander2@verizon.net.

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church *on* wednesday

Dinner: 5:30pm. Lecture begins at 6:15pm

THIS IS YOUR LIFE SERIES

February 6 | Andrew Sanderson.

February 13 | Ryan Schmall

February 20 | Georges Houssney of Horizon International &
John Wilson of AMOR Ministries.

February 27 | Gerry Neighbors

* Programming available for children birth-5th grade. Dinner is provided.

CONNECTION OPPORTUNITY FAIR

Sunday, February 17th after each service.

Are you looking for some way to use your God given gifts and talents? Or maybe you'd like to get involved in a small group or in a growth opportunity? Come to Miller Hall and learn about all the opportunities that are available for you to SERVE and GROW here at PDCPC. All our Ministry Teams will be available to discuss their ministries, answer your questions and sign you up. We will also have Spiritual Gifts Assessments available for you to learn what ministry area is best suited for your gifting. For more info, please contact Kathy Aposhian at kathya@pdpresby.org or stop by the Welcome Table. Refreshments will be served.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH

All ladies are welcome to join for our monthly gathering for food and fellowship. RSVP to Diane Arneal (760) 200-9812.

Thursday, February 28th 11:30

MIMI'S CAFÉ 79765 Highway 111 La Quinta

Order from the menu with separate checks. Come and bring a friend.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASS

Every Sunday in Eisenhower Library | 9:00am
& 10:30am. All are welcome!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

WEDNESDAYS 7:00pm – 8:00pm

A year round men's Bible study at Bermuda Dunes C.C.
All men are welcome. For more information contact Roger
Low at (760) 345-8986.

WEDNESDAYS 7:30am - 8:30am

Mountain/Dunes Clubhouse in Santa Rosa Cove, La Quinta.
We will be studying the Book of Acts. We hope you will join
us. Call Stu Parry at 330-472-1704 for info.

EARLY BIRD'S MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Meets at 6:00 am in the church library.
For more information, call Lloyd Macfadyen 760-346-9769

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Every Monday, 10:00am - 11:30am in Eisenhower Library
Lead by Joanne Brechbill. Just bring your Bible and come.
Old fashioned Bible study on Genesis.
Questions? Contact Kathy Kolb 760-564-5904 or email
desert4nana@aol.com.

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet in Eisenhower Library on Tuesday,
February 26th from 11:00am to 12:00pm. We will be discussing
the book "Beneath A Scarlet Sky". It is based on the true story
of a forgotten hero, an epic tale of one young man's incredible
courage and resilience during one of history's darkest hours.
All are welcome to attend and you are welcome to bring a
friend or family member to enjoy the story. Have questions?
Call Marilyn Smythe at 760-424-6132.

FAMILY MINISTRY

For questions about any of our current or upcoming activities, feel free to contact our Director of Family Ministries, Ryan Schmall at RyanS@pdpresby.org.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT - “Christopher Robin”

February 22 - 6:00-8:00

Come and enjoy a night of food, fun, and connecting with others. These are always great times for the entire family...plus there's popcorn! These events are totally free, too. We provide the essential movie snacks, hot dogs, and drinks, so you don't have to worry about feeding anyone before the show!

DATE NIGHT

February 13th, 5:30-7:30 DATE NIGHT for parents! Bring your children to our Wednesday night children's program, we will feed them dinner and have fun learning about God while parents enjoy quality time together for a Pre-Valentine's Day celebration out on the town!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (Ages 2 – 5th Grade)

SUNDAY SCHOOL –Children begin the worship service with their families and then are dismissed to continue their worship in Sunday School. Following the worship service, parents pick up their children in Room 205/206. Questions? Contact Gerry Neighbors at GerryN@pdpresby.org or 760.346.8195 x532.

Nursery care is available for children under 2 years of age.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS | 5:30pm – 7:15pm.

Children ages birth- 5th grade are invited to join us for dinner, teaching, games, music and crafts every Wednesday night!

ROOTS STUDENT MINISTRY (Grades 6-12)

SUNDAY MORNINGS- “Deeper Roots” 9:30am in Room 108/109. An environment for students to dig into challenging questions that are designed to deepen their faith. Students begin with worship service in the Sanctuary and then are dismissed to the Student Ministry Room. On Communion Sundays students are to remain in the worship service with their families.



SUNDAY NIGHTS- ROOTS

5:00pm-6:30pm. Room 108/109

A space designed for students to connect with others and enter into conversation about faith, no matter where they're at on their journey with Christ. **STUDENT MINISTRY:**

No Roots - February 3

There is no Roots on Sunday, February 3 due to Winter Camp. We will resume to our normal schedule on Sunday, February 10.

OSCARS PARTY - February 24 - 4:30-8:30

47831 Pansy Street, Indio, CA

Students are invited to an Oscars Party on Sunday, Feb. 24. The red carpet will be laid out, so everyone is encouraged to wear their best formal wear (or tuxedo t-shirt). The party is totally free. We encourage students to bring a movie-themed snack to share. A prize will be awarded for the student who selects the most Oscar winners of the evening. For more info, contact Ryan at ryans@pdpresby.org.

SERVE MINISTRY

Serve Ministry at our church is made up of a number of loving, nurturing and caring ministries.

- **Pastors** Dave and Floyd are always available for visits, counseling, spiritual support and loving pastoral care.
- **Deacons** provide a compassionate ministry to meet short term needs and includes Care Day, Deacon's Grant Fund. Contact Sharin Orr at 760-668-5952 or sharinorr1@aol.com
- **Stephen Ministry** is a relational ministry for people who are experiencing loss or who find themselves in a time of crisis. Contact Debbie Smith 303-249-5553 or dsmith@happybuffalos.com or Joan Larsen 760-346-2515 or joanmlarsen@sbcglobal.net
- **GriefShare** is a support ministry for those experiencing the loss of a loved one. Contact Kim Kershaw 951-515-4002 or KimKershaw@me.com
- **Senior Ministry Team** is an outreach ministry to those who, due to physical limitations, are unable to attend church programs. Contact Harry Wilson at 951-805-4901 or HWilson@yahoo.com.
- **Eisenhower Chaplaincy Program** meets the spiritual needs of patients and their families. Contact Barbara White at BarbaraWhite@dc.rr.com.

If you are looking for an opportunity to participate in a SERVE ministry – Stephen Ministry, Local Missions, International Missions, etc. Please contact Kathy Aposhian in the Church Office 760-346-8195 x530 and we will gladly assist you in identifying the ministry or mission work that is right for you.

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STEPHEN MINISTRY CARE FOR HURTING PEOPLE

Listen, Listen, is God calling you?



The **Mission of Stephen Ministries** is summed up in Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

"To equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ." Ephesians 4:12-13

What a **Trainee** says about Stephen Ministries

"The training is having a tremendous impact on my life. I am so thankful for the depth of care, concern, wisdom, knowledge and insight the Leadership team brings each week."

What a **Care Receiver** says about Stephen Ministries

"When someone you love is terminally ill, people often pull back because they are scared and don't know what to say. But my Stephen Minister stood with me through it all—listening, talking, and helping me on the journey. It was so reassuring to know he was by my side."

What a **Stephen Minister** says about Stephen Ministries

"Being a Stephen Minister has enriched both my spiritual and my every day life in more ways than I can count. Everyday there are "God winks" that support and confirm that he works wonders!"

For more information about becoming a Stephen Minister, contact Debbie Smith 303-249-5553.

If you are going through a difficult time and need a listening, non-judgmental person with a caring heart to walk alongside you, contact Stephen Ministry Leader Joan Larsen at 760-346-5215, or joanmlarsen@sbcglobal.net.

CARE DAY – BETTER BY SUNDAY

The New Year began with a well-stocked Deacon's Closet because of the kind and generous giving of the members of PDCPC! Thank you for purchasing the food and products we need to help those in a crisis in the Coachella Valley!

Most people receive a bag of food and a separate bag of personal items such as shampoo. One person in need received a wheelchair and was so appreciative. In addition, they may get help with their bills, depending on our budget. We try to do as much as we can for each of our visitors. Our Ministry is truly **connecting** with the community! We try to be like the good Samaritan and help our neighbors. The lesson of the good Samaritan is one of the great parables from our Lord Jesus.

A special thank you to Harry Wilson, who faithfully organizes and operates the Deacon's closet each Tuesday, and to Sharin, Liz, Karen, Vanet, Barbara, Sarah, Jackie, Judy, Brad, Jack, and Jim. Another special thank you to the Deacons who helped unload the cars and put away the food from Better by Sunday.

Every Tuesday from 8:30am – 11:30am we are here to connect with those from our community facing difficult times to love, listen, and to help however we can.

Please help us by stocking our Deacons' Closet!

This month we need: canned meat, spaghetti, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, coffee, mashed potatoes, toothbrushes, razors, deodorant, shampoo and paper towels.

Please no household items, no expired foods. No canned veggies at this time.

Items may be dropped off at any time in the church office. The next curbside collection is February 10th.

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MISSIONS

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS MINISTRIES

A primary focus for PDCPC is its participation in Christ-centered missions and we currently support 12 Christian International Missions serving around the world. A world that is hungering for food, water, shelter, safety, medical care, transportation, education and knowledge about the love and power of Jesus Christ.

“Your attitude must be like my own, for I, the Messiah, did not come to be served, but to serve.”- Matthew 20:28

These projects are administered by the following dedicated servants of the Lord:

- Africa Inland Mission, South Sudan & Kenya, Jim & Bev Streit
- Good News Jail & Prison Ministry, Colorado, Rev. Dan & Shirley Matsche
- Hands of Luke, Juarez, Mexico & El Paso, TX, Carmen Samaniego
- Horizons International, Headquarters Boulder, CO & Beirut, Lebanon, Georges & Joy Houssney
- (Allegro Solutions) The Micah Project, Honduras, John & Rebecca Bell
- MMS Aviation, Missionary Maintenance Services, Headquarters, Coshocton, Ohio – Chuck Egbert
- (Shepherd Staff OCM) Our Call Missions, Uganda – Keith & Lisa Coggins
- Pioneers – EMAF, Brazil, Marcio & Damarius Garcia
- Project Medsend, Headquarters, Stratford CT, Randy Carey

For more information on any of these Missions please contact :
Jerry Allen for Local Missions 760-895-7037
Joe or Joyce Stein for National and International Missions
at 760-568-3920.

SONGSHINE BASICS:

Explore diaphragmatic costal/breathing, learn vocalises, songs, role play, creative imagination and more. All designed to help aging voices, Parkinson's, stroke, or any neurological disorder. Let SongShine bring your voice back to life. Join us each Monday in Miller Hall from 12:30pm - 1:30pm And it's FUN! Taught by Peter Harris and Ruthanna Metzgar

SongShine Singers and Players: Preparing *My Fair Lady* by Lerner and Loewe. Come and start rehearsing a concert version of this well known musical. Classes meet each Monday in Miller Hall from 2:00pm - 3:30pm. Prerequisite: 10 weeks of SongShine Basics. You may take Basics and Singers and Players concurrently. Taught by Peter Harris and Ruthanna Metzgar.

GRIEFSHARE

Mondays from 1-3:30pm in Eisenhower Library.

We offer help and encouragement after the death of a loved one with a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life. We know it hurts, and we want to help.

For confidential support and more information contact Kim Kershaw with questions: 951-515-4002 or KimKershaw@me.com. New 13 week sessions to begin on February 24th, reservations are encouraged.

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRIES

For more information regarding Congregational Ministries (Sanctuary Guild, Carpentry Guild and Craft Ministries) contact Sarah Seils at (760) 409-2385 or Sjfm1a111@gmail.com.

SANCTUARY GUILD (Information on Page 3)

CRAFT MINISTRIES

Both groups meet on Thursdays from 9am-12noon. Mending Hearts in Miller Hall. Pins and Needles in the Family Life Center.

PINS AND NEEDLES

We welcome anyone who enjoys fellowship while working on favorite projects (e.g. stuffed toys, kids clothing, children's quilts, baby blankets) whatever is of interest. We are currently providing items for enlisted families at 29 Palms Marine Base, adult and pediatric patients at Camp Pendleton and several other local agencies. All items created are always given free. Donations of fabric suitable for kids and yarn of all types are appreciated. Contact Sarah Seils- sjfm1a111@gmail.com or Pat Noakes 760-341-6382

MENDING HEARTS

Mending Hearts has enjoyed our most successful year ever in creating hand-made items for distribution to the needy around the world. We prepare items such as lap blankets, teddy bears, stuffed animals, dresses, crocheted scarfs and baby blankets. We will be sending Pastor David with a suitcase full of colorful diapers for mothers in East Africa. We are also gearing up for missionaries coming in the spring. Also, thanks to those who have donated material and notions to be re-purposed. You are welcome to join us from nine to noon Thursdays in the Eisenhower Library. Maureen Mulcahey, Director (since 1995). 760 636-4828.

closing the loop

Please note the office will be closed Monday, February 18th in observance of President's Day.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed March 1st to join a fun group of ladies to assemble the March Loop for distribution. Meet at 9am in Eisenhower Library.

We are searching for a volunteer Editor for our monthly Newsletter, the LOOP. If you'd be interested in finding out more about this opportunity please contact Sara Buttemiller or Jessica Ludwig.

We are looking for a volunteer Director to help launch our College Ministry Team. If interested please contact Floyd Rhoades or Ryan Schmall.

