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YOUR MONTHLY GUIDE TO CONNECTION AT PDCPC

MARCH 2019

WORSHIP

The month of March finds us in the season of Lent, where each week of worship will help us prepare our hearts for Easter. We hope you will join us for our weekly worship services on Sundays at 8:00am, 9:00am & 10:30am, and invite a friend to join us, too!

// For more information on events related to music & worship, visit page 3.

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 4.

SERVE

Coming off the heels of our 2019 Mission Week, we invite you to get more involved in serving our community, and around the world with one of our mission partners!

// For more information on how you can serve others here and around the world visit page 11.

the meaning of Lent

Lent is the Christian season of preparation before Easter. The Lenten season is a time when we as Christians observe a period of reflection, prayer, repentance, moderation, self-denial and spiritual discipline. The purpose is to set aside time for reflection on Jesus Christ – His suffering and his sacrifice, His life, death, burial and resurrection.

The significance of the 40-day period (not including Sundays) is based on two episodes of spiritual testing in the Bible: the 40 years in the wilderness wanderings by the Israelites after the exodus from Egypt (Numbers 33:38 and Deuteronomy 1:3) and the Temptation of Jesus after he spent 40 days fasting in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-13)

So what does Lent mean to you and how do you intend to use this deep spiritual period as a time of examination and growth in discipleship? What better way than to participate in the many worship and study offerings that we have here at PDCPC during this time.

God clearly calls us to repent and reflect:

- “If my people who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.” 2 Chronicles 7:14
- “Repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord. Acts 3:19
- “For the Lord your God is gracious and compassionate. He will not turn his face from you if you return to him.” 2 Chronicles 30:9b
- “Peter said, ‘Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’” Acts 2:38

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WORSHIP NOTES

Join us on Sundays at 8:00am, 9:00am & 10:30am every week as we gather to connect with God and to prepare our hearts for Easter.

March 10- Daylight savings! Don't forget to set your clocks "ahead" so you aren't late for worship!

March 10- Communion served at all worship services.

March 17- Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. John A. Huffman

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Noontime Service- March 6th, 12:00pm, the Sanctuary
Start the season of Lent with music, meditation, and traditional Ash Wednesday liturgy, followed by the imposition of the ashes.

Evening Gathering – March 6th, 6:15pm, the Sanctuary.
An all-ages community gathering launching us into the season of Lent. We will be spending the evening worshipping together and thinking about the idea of sacrifice as we remember our humanity, and begin to reflect on Christ's journey to the Cross.

Dinner will be available at 5:30pm in Garrard Courtyard.

MOMENT FOR MUSIC

March 3rd, 11:45am, Miller Hall

Please join Bruce Carroll for lunch following the third service as we hear more about his heart for worship, and his vision for our music ministry.

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EASTER LILIES

Please see the enclosed order form for this year's Easter Lilies!

CHURCH OFFICERS

Please help us select the next group of leadership for our congregation by filling out the enclosed nomination form. Return to church office or place in offering plate by March 31st. Interviews take place in April with Congregational voting at the Annual Meeting in May.

CHOIR

Do you share our value of reverent worship, and love to sing? You're invited to join the choir! Rehearsals take place weekly on Thursday evenings at 6:30pm. Contact Julie Anderson with any questions at juliea@pdpresby.org.

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Want to Get Connected?

Thank you to all who participated at our Connection Opportunities Fair in February! If you missed it, it's not too late to get involved in a growth ministry, to learn about your spiritual gifts, or to learn about how you can serve in the church. Please contact Kathy Aposhian, Director of Connections at kathya@pdpresby.org or stop by the Welcome Table in front of the Sanctuary for more info.

PastorChat

March 10th, 11:45am in 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

BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, March 26th from 11:00am – 12noon
Eisenhower Library

We hope you will join as we are discussing the book “The Great Alone” by Kristin Hannah. Ernt Albriht, a former P.O.W. comes home from the Vietnam War a changed and volatile man. When he loses yet another job he makes an impulsive decision to move his family north to Alaska where they will live off of the grid in America’s last true frontier.

Have questions? Call Marilyn Smythe: 760-424-6132

church *on* wednesday

“On Being Christian in 21st Century America”
8 Week Series beginning March 13 in Miller Hall.
Dinner at 5:30pm, Lecture at 6:15pm.

What are the challenges of living a Christian life in our modern age? How do we face them? From the claim that Christianity is intellectually indefensible, to the charge it has been disproven by science, to the popular notion that all spiritual paths lead to the same “God” and that Christians are intolerant and judgmental to believe the Christian God is the “one true God,” Christians today find their faith challenged and face cultural hurdles in sharing their faith with others. We will explore these challenges by seeking to understand their origins in Western history and, in the process, reclaim the power and legitimacy of the Christian God for our modern times. This lecture series will be taught by Paul Lorenzini. (visit our website for a full bio!). For more info contact ryans@pdpresby.org

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH

Thursday, March 28th 11:30
Backstreet Bistro – Palm Desert

All ladies are welcome to join for our monthly gathering for food and fellowship. We order from the menu with separate checks. We do hope you will join and bring a friend. RSVP to Diane Arneal (760) 200-9812 or sign up in the church office.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASS

Every Sunday in Eisenhower Library | 9:00am & 10:30am. All are welcome as we continue our study in the Gospel of Mark and the Gospel of Luke!

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 are studying the Book of Acts. We hope you will join us. Call Stu Parry at 330-472-1704 for info.

EARLY BIRDS MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Meets at 6:00 am in the church library.

For more information, call Lloyd Macfadyen 760-346-9769

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.

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 THROWBACK NIGHT

March 15 - 5:00pm-8:00pm

Everyone is invited to our very first Family Throwback Night. This evening is designed to create a safe place for families to have fun, relax, and connect with others. Each of these nights will be themed to a different decade. Up first - the 1980's! Feel free to come dressed up (or not) in your best 80's fashion. We'll be dishing up dinner, setting up activities and games for the kids, and there may even be an 80's cover band for some added entertainment! We hope you can join us for this opportunity to connect deeper with others. For more questions, contact Ryan at ryans@pdpresby.org.



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

SUNDAY SCHOOL –Children begin the 9:00am and 10:30am 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

PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER - MARCH 24

Our student ministry will be cooking up delicious pancakes, sausage, and more and serving them between the 9:00am and the 10:30am service as they try to raise funds for their upcoming summer trips! We hope you can come out and support this group of amazing students

DODGEBOWL 2019

March 23 - 10:00-2:00pm in the gym

Registration begins at 9:00am

5th-8th Grade - \$50/team (min. 4 students, max. 6 students)

On Saturday, March 23, Roots is hosting the first ever DodgeBowl, a dodgeball tournament for 5th-8th grade students. Students are invited to create their own teams and come dressed in their own unique uniforms and compete for the top spot of the DodgeBowl! Each student will get their own official DodgeBowl t-shirt with registration. Lunch is also provided.

For more questions or to register, contact Ryan at ryans@pdpresby.org. Registration packets also available online, and in the office.

SUMMER ADVENTURES

ATTENTION PARENTS: SAVE THE DATE

SPROUTS

SPROUTS CLUBHOUSE SUMMER FUN

This FREE summer camp runs July 10th-August 7th, on our church campus from 10:00 – 2:00pm for ages 2 (potty trained) through 5th grades.

OVERNIGHT CAMP

Forest Home Village Camp

July 28th-August 2nd and is specifically designed for students entering 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL ADVENTURE

June 20-23 - \$350 - entering 6th-8th Grade

Our middle school students will be embarking on an adventure this Summer to Orange County. There, they'll be thinking together about discovering God in every day life as they hit up some of the most exciting things Orange County has to offer. We'll be spending the week connecting deeper to God and one another. Plus, we may be going somewhere pretty magical. To register or for more info, contact Ryan at ryans@pdpresby.org.

DESTINATION: UNKNOWN

July 18-22 - \$350 - 9th-12th Grade

Our high school students will be going on another adventure into the unknown this Summer! Students who sign up don't get to know anything about where they're going or what might be in store for them (kinda like life sometimes). Instead, they're invited to strap themselves in and see what kind of adventure God has in store for them as they learn how to trust more in Him. Oh, and parents, don't worry, you get to know where we're going! To register or for more info, contact Ryan at ryans@pdpresby.org.

SERVE MINISTRY

Serve Ministry at our church is made up of a number of 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 760-346-5215 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 HWilson3142@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.

DEACONS' CLOSET

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: pancake mix & syrup, coffee & tea, cereal, kids diapers, spaghetti, toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, shaving cream, deodorant, shampoo.

Please no expired foods.

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

SONGSHINE:

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.

SONGSHINE CONCERT – SAVE THE DATE

April 6th at 2:00pm in the Sanctuary.

Songshine Singers and Players present *My Fair Lady*. This is music and drama based program servicing those with Parkinson's, stroke, other neurological challenges and aging voices. They are talented and highly professional. The performance is free but donations are deeply appreciated.

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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.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The scholarship committee is so grateful for your support! We are a faith based ministry and can only distribute what we receive, solely relying on your generous giving. We are not supported through the church budget. Scholarships are available from \$500 - \$3600 depending on funds available and the course of study. As of mid February we have received \$2175.00

Thanks to your generosity in the past we have provided 54 students scholarship funds of over \$254,0000.

Our prayer is that we can continue to support our church family who continue on to higher education, and with your help we can do it! Checks can be made to PDCPC with "college scholarship" in the memo line.

Please contact Stephanie Landes 760 567 6517 or Diana Schlabach 760 345-7112 for more information.

ATTENTION GRADUATING SENIORS

If you are an active member of PDCPC or have been active in the youth group for a minimum of 2 years you may be eligible for a scholarship award.

Scholarship applications for the 2019/2020 school year are now available and can be picked up in the church office or call to have it sent or emailed. **Applications are due no later than April 19.**

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 began on February 24th, reservations are encouraged.

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MEXICO BUILD

Join us for our intergenerational Mexico Build to help build the sides of our building that members of our congregation will be transporting to Mexico.

Location: PDCPC

Date: March 30th

Time: 8am-1pm

All ages welcome!

Bring a hammer or a tool belt. Lunch will be provided.

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRIES

For more information regarding Congregational Ministries (Sanctuary Guild, Carpentry Guild and Craft Ministries) contact Sarah Seils at (760) 409-2385 or Sjfmla111@gmail.com.

SANCTUARY GUILD

The Sanctuary Guild is looking for new members! We meet on the second Tuesday of each month in Eisenhower Library at 2pm. We do things such as set up for communion and restocking the pew cards and offertory envelopes. Plus so much more in the care and keeping of our Sanctuary. Come to the meeting on March 12th to learn more. Contact Margaret Sandelmann for further information at 760-772-3129 or mwsandelmann@att.net

CRAFT MINISTRIES

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

CRAFT MINISTRIES (CONTINUED)

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 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-sjfmla111@gmail.com for more information.

MENDING HEARTS

Mending Hearts is an outreach ministry of the church. For more than twenty years, Mending Hearts has been creating handmade Comfort items to be sent all over the United States and many areas of the world to those in need. We send out several boxes a month, for example, we sent a large box stuffed with such items to Chico for the benefit of those who lost their homes in the Paradise, California fire. We stay alert to other natural disaster areas, especially throughout the United States. Some of our boxes have been sent to Mexico and to Honduras as the need has arisen. Right now we are filling several boxes to be sent to Transylvania where the need is great. We pay the postage to get them to other Christian outreach centers or people traveling to foreign countries. Your participation is needed for us to reach these people with donations of material and sewing accessories , and with your time and talent. Please join us for fellowship every Thursday 9:00 to noon in Eisenhower Library.
Maureen Mulcahey, Director 760-636-4828.

financials

SESSION FINANCIAL REPORTS

January 2019

Church (Period 1)

Month

	Budget	Actual	Variance
Income	\$130,809	\$112,995	(\$17,814)
Expenditures	\$125,021	\$120,564	\$4,457
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	\$5,788	(\$7,569)	(\$13,357)

Year-to-Date

	Budget	Actual	Variance
Income	\$130,809	\$112,995	(\$17,814)
Expenditures	\$125,021	\$120,564	\$4,457
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	\$5,788	(\$7,569)	(\$13,357)

	Annual Budget	% of AB
Income		
Expenditures	\$1,613,292	7.00%
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	\$1,613,292	7.47%

If you have any questions feel free to contact Marshall Jackman, Executive Director of Operations or Joe Hinman, Treasurer.

closing the loop

Volunteers are needed March 29th to assemble the Loop for distribution. Meet at 9am in Eisenhower Library.

WHO IS YOUR DEACON CARE CALLING MINISTER?

MEMBER NAME	DEACON	PHONE NUMBER
A through BAS	Jennie Wilson	951-805-4902
BAT through BRN	Sherry Scott	626-233-5085
BRO through CHA	Sally Schirmer *	760-346-9141
CHE through DAU	Sarah Seils	760-409-2385
DAV through E	Evelyn McDonnell	760-898-8611
F through FR	Glenn Scott	760-408-4879
FU through HAL	Cissie Bramer	760-808-0815
HAM through HES	Evelyn Bennett	760-285-6484
HET through HY	Kathy Kolb	310-502-4277
I through JOH	Sharin Orr	760-668-5952
JOI through KN	Joyce McMahan	760-835-0813
KO through L	John Loux	760-609-1365
MA through MEV	Marilyn Smythe	760-424-6132
MEW through N	Ronda Ostergaard	760-340-3714
O through POZ	Mary Lee Friesz	760-674-4991
PR through R	Toni Channer	760-341-6034
SA through SHA	Sharin Orr	760-668-5952
SHE through SL	Sarah Seils	760-409-2385
SMA through ST	Liz Lowden	626-253-6686
SU through TR	Linda Allen	760-895-7036
TS through WIK	Lindsay Miller	760-899-7201
WIL through Z	Diana Schlabach *	760-898-4603

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