
GET CONNECTED

Keep yourself in the know for church events: email sarab@pdpresby.org to have your name added to our weekly email list or call 760-346-8195 x511. If you do not have email, do not worry, stop by the office for a copy.

New to PDCPC?

We're glad you're here! Please visit our welcome table at the main entrance or contact Kathy Aposhian, Director of Connections at kathya@pdpresby.org or 760-346-8195 x530 for information on how you can get connected!



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YOUR MONTHLY GUIDE TO CONNECTION AT PDCPC

OCTOBER 2019

WORSHIP

Fall is here, and two worship services beginning October 6 at 8:30 and 10:00 am.

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

GROW

This fall, we hope that a majority of our Sunday congregation will prioritize spiritual growth by getting more deeply involved in a mid-week growth opportunity. We have many to choose from - something for everyone!

// For more information on opportunities to grow in your relationship with God and with others visit page 5.

SERVE

Thank you to everyone who donated backpacks and school supplies to support the back-to-school ministry of the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission. September offers us several more opportunities to connect with the world through serving. We hope you will find one that works for you!

// For more information on how you can serve others here and around the world this summer, visit page 17.

Some of you are familiar with Andy Stanley. He's the son of Charles Stanley. Like his dad, Andy is an author/pastor/conference speaker. . . and so on. Many of you who were involved in the past with Global Leadership Summit will remember some of his talks, or maybe have read one of his books.



Andy Stanley tells a story about meeting a woman in China who was so compelled by the Way of Jesus that she endured all kinds of difficulty, danger and discomfort just for the opportunity to connect with other Christians multiple times a week, even though she had to travel 2 hours by bus to get there.

This woman heard about all the churches in America. . . and all the people who are not compelled to participate in the life of the church. . . and she asked Andy, "why doesn't everyone in America go to church?"

He said that he'd never forget the question. Why is the American church so resistible? Why isn't the American church compelling? Especially since the One we worship and his message was compelling? What is the disconnect? What are we missing? Can we get back to a message that is compelling? Those are the questions we will be exploring together on Sunday mornings during October and November. I hope you are as excited as I am!

Grace and Peace,



Pastor David Ludwig

SAVE THE DATES:

- // October 13 National Pastor Appreciation Day

- // October 18 Fall Family Festival

- // October 18 Deadline for Submission for the October Loop

- // October 20 Academy Sunday

- // Fridays Please note the office will be open on Fridays from 9:00 am—12:00 pm.

- // October 25 Volunteers are needed to assemble the Loop for distribution. Meet at 9:00 am in the Eisenhower Library.

- // Nov 10 Youth Camp Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser and Veteran's Day Celebration

- // November 27 Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:30 pm

- // December 7 Women's Ministry Christmas Luncheon

- // January 5 Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

- // February 9 All Church Luncheon

After completing Association of Christian Schools International – ACSI accreditation (an 18 month process) at the end of last year the Academy Preschool is at capacity for enrollment with 120 students! Congratulations to Ms. Reichel and all of the Academy staff for their hard work and dedication to an excellent school!

Help support The Academy! Order items from the Winter Wonderland catalogue now through October 15th and a portion of the sales goes to the academy! Shop at <http://tinyurl.com/yyez7fwe> ID 5204174. Please let friends, family and neighbors know they can also support the Academy through these sales.

This month at the Academy the kids will enjoy Picture Day, join in to celebrate Fall Family Fest and some classes will head to Riley’s Farm for a field trip! The month concludes with a Trunk or Treat party on Halloween.



SAVE THE DATE: Academy Sunday will be October 20 at 10:00 am. Please join in this special Sunday where the children will sing for the congregation .

We thank God over the generations, for his generous and life-giving abundance. It’s that time when we focus on THANKFULNESS.

Fall reminds us of harvest and harvest reminds us of giving back.

The theme for our 2020 Stewardship Campaign is “Vision 2020” (Jeremiah 29:11). As we are reminded in this verse, God knows the plans for Palm Desert Community Presbyterian Church. Plans to prosper, plans to give us a hope and a future. As we pray, meditate and determine our commitment for 2020 and beyond, we remember those saints who founded and grew our congregation – its people, its ministries, mission, programs and campus over a 70 year period.

In October, Moments for Ministry will feature our active SERVE ministries and inspire us to give in a spirit of hope and a future for our children, grandchildren and generations to come. Being a “flourishing” congregation requires strong financial commitment, and we pray that in this season of hope, you will commit to providing all you can to accomplish that which God has purposed for our congregation and its future. So please pray, prepare, and participate in the life, ministry, and missions of our congregation as we worship, grow, and serve in his name.

Stephanie Landes
Stewardship Ministry Chair



Stewardship Drive Vision 20/20

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| October 6 | Local Missions |
| October 13 | Music |
| October 20 | International and National Missions |
| October 27 | Spiritual Formation Groups |

OCTOBER 6 | World Communion Day

The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. We hope you will join us for this special celebration!

SERVICE TIMES

Beginning October 6 two services will be held weekly on Sundays.

8:30 am Traditional Service
 10:00 am Service

SANCTUARY UPDATES

We are pleased to announce that the updated sound, lights, cameras, and screen are now up and running in the Sanctuary to better enhance our services, showcase our beautiful architecture, and honor God with the excellence he deserves. These changes will also help us better achieve our values as a church. Thank you for all your patience and support during the updating process!

LIVE STREAMING NOW ON VIMEO

Thank you for your patience regarding Live Streaming and online access to the worship service. On Sunday mornings Live Streaming is once again accessible through our webpage. Formatting has been switched to Vimeo which provides a higher quality video and sound presentation. To view the previous week's service please use <https://vimeo.com/pdcommunitypresbyterian>.

CHOIR

October marks the start of our Traditional Worship service which will feature the PDCPC choir on a weekly basis. If you are interested in being part of the choir, please come to rehearsal on Thursday evening at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. For questions regarding the choir, contact scotta@pdpresby.org.

AUGUST INCOME & EXPENSE

	August Actual	August Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance
INCOME					
August Actual	\$101,041	\$91,166	\$677,129	\$688,341	(\$12,474)
EXPENSE					
August Actual	\$106,792	\$132,616	\$983,617	\$1,060,226	\$76,609
NET					
August Actual	(\$5,751)	(\$41,450)	(\$105,484)	(\$169,619)	\$64,135

SONGSHINE

Mondays beginning October 7 New fall season.

Classes are designed to strengthen voices affected by Parkinson's, stroke, any neurological disorder, or aging.

//Basics Class: Mondays from 12:30-1:30 pm

Miller Hall

//October Solo Class: Mondays from 2:00-3:45 pm

Taylor Fine Arts

Looking Ahead: This season's Spring musical with Singers and Players will be Brigadoon. Rehearsal will begin on November 4, at 2.00 pm in Miller Hall

Calling all singers: Consider being a part of the entertainment for our Donor Benefit Luncheon; Join Basics, Solo Class, or Singers and Players. All classes are team taught by Ruthanna Metzgar and Peter Harris



Ruthanna Metzgar and Peter Harris

SAVE THE DATE: SONGSHINE HOLIDAY BENEFIT LUNCHEON

Saturday, November 16, 2019 Mission Hills Westin

Boutique opens at 10:00 am and lunch is served at 12:30 pm.

USHERS

We are looking for individuals who are willing to serve as ushers for each of our Sunday worship services. Ushers provide an important touch of hospitality and warmth to the service, as well as assist in the collection of the weekly offering. If you are willing to serve as an usher for either of the Sunday worship services, please contact Joe Lowden by phone 310-871-1494 or by e-mail jjlowden@gmail.com.

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CONNECTION OPPORTUNITIES FAIR

Sunday, October 6 following the 8:30 am and 10:00 am services

Are you looking for ways 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.



COVENANT PARTNER (NEW MEMBER) SERIES

Become a member of PDCPC this month

Sunday, October 13 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Sunday, October 20 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Take your relationship with PDCPC to the next level: Membership! 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 two-part New Membership series starts with our Covenant Partnership class October 13 followed by our GROW & SERVE class, October 20. Brunch 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 x530 or stop by the Welcome Table at the main entrance. If you cannot attend the classes ask Kathy for other options to become a member.



There were four small groups that met over the summer studying about prayer or discussing Sunday's sermon.

Everyone enjoyed a meal together, getting to know one another, and diving into God's word. The following are some comments from the Passionate Prayer small group:

"Keeping up with the lessons each week was a discipline for me and I found I looked forward to making time each day to spend on the lessons."

"Our study helped me to have a quiet time with the Lord every day."

"This study has revived my relationship with God and my prayer life."

If you would like to join a small group, please contact Andrew and Denyse Sanderson at aandd@mac.com.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

"Who I am Following will determine where I am going."

Jan David Hettinga, Follow Me, Experiencing the Living Leadership of Jesus



Become a Stephen Minister and build on your confidence to Follow Him. Jesus walked the path of servanthood, and he invites us to do the same. What does following Jesus mean? We know that Jesus spent a great deal of time training His disciples. Therefore, it makes sense that we will need training to grow as followers of Jesus.

Join your brothers and sisters in exploring, absorbing, and using Christian skills to obey Jesus' commandment, "Love one another; as I have loved you." John 15:12. Stephen Ministry Training includes topics such as: What is Caregiving? Feelings (yours, mine, and ours), Praying, The Art of Listening, Assertiveness, Maintaining Boundaries, Dealing with Depression and more.

"The process of training and becoming a Stephen Minister has been a highlight of my life. You learn how to listen and to show empathy and understanding. You become a blessing to your care receiver and your care receiver becomes a blessing to you. This ministry is a blessing in the life of all who wish to serve the Lord."

Mary Lynn Sedgwick, Class of 2018

"Stephen Ministry training has helped me gain some healthy proactive approaches to interacting with others. I came to understand that gentleness is not at odds with taking initiative with others, along with a need to be firm at times – rather, they complement each other, and all are needed to engage in any longer-term, healthy exchanges." John Loux, Class of 2016

We plan to start training in late October or early November. Day and time will be discussed with those who sign up. Contact Debbie Smith, 303-249-5553 for more details. Don't wait. Class size will be limited .

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

Directed by Molly and Jeff Heusinkveld 760-567-0536, or
houseinthefield5@outlook.com

// There are 11 different National and International Missions who need our year-round financial and hands-on assistance. For information on how to get involved, email houseinthefield5@outlook.com.

//OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Help fill a shoe box for a child in need! This is our annual mission project that helps reach those in need and gives them hope at Christmas. This is a project from Samaritan's Purse. We fill and collect shoe boxes for each child; they ship these simple gifts outside the United States to children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine, and disease; and to children living on Native American reservations in the U.S.



Boxes will be available Sunday, October 27 in Garrard Courtyard following the services.

SAVE THE DATE: HANDS OF MERCY - MEXICO HOUSE BUILD
November 9 | 8:00 am – 1:00 pm | PDCPC Upper Church Parking Lot

We are partnering with Hands of Mercy to build a home for a family in Mexico, and you can help! Join us as we begin the building process on our church campus, building the frame of a home that members of our congregation will be transporting to Mexico two weeks later. This is truly an intergenerational experience, and everyone is welcome. We have something for everyone to do! Bring a hammer or a tool belt. Lunch will be provided.

Contact Jeff Heusinkveld with any questions
at dghdevelopment@hotmail.com or 760-578-9429.

BIBLE STUDY

//Every Sunday (following the 8:30 am Worship Service)
10:00 am Eisenhower Library

Fortify yourself with coffee, a donut, and the Word of God each week as we study the book of Kings. For more details, or if you would like to share in the teaching, please contact Andrew Sanderson 760-702-7646 or aandd@mac.com.

//MEN'S "EARLY-BIRD" BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays, 6:00 am, PDCPC Eisenhower Library.
Led by Lloyd Macfadyen 760-346-9769.

//MEN'S LA QUINTA BIBLE STUDY

Resumes October 1. Please contact Stu Parry at 330-472-1704 for more info.

//MEN'S BERMUDA DUNES BIBLE STUDY

A men's year-round Bible study meets Wednesdays 7:00 - 8:00am, Bermuda Dunes Country Club. Contact Roger Low at 760-345-8986.

//WOMEN'S MINISTRY BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays, 10:00 -11:30 am, PDCPC Youth Room (FLC downstairs)
Taught by retired Presbyterian Pastor Joann Brechbill. All ladies are welcome to join us for a study of the book of Matthew; just bring your Bible and come when you can!
Questions? Call Kathy Kolb 760-564-5904.

//WOMEN'S COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY (CBS)

Wednesdays, 10:00 am-12:00 pm
NEW Mondays, 5:30 pm in Eisenhower Library
A women's in-depth Bible study that will provide a practical application of Biblical teaching. To pre-register or for more information, please contact Corky Olander at 760-574-1181
mc.olander2@verizon.net.
Adults \$35; Children \$10; scholarships are available.

church on
wednesday

Here at PDCPC we are on a mission to connect with God, one another, and the world through Christ. While Sunday mornings are a great time to connect with God through our worship services, we wanted to provide a space mid-week for all generations to connect with God and with others.

Take the next step in deepening your faith by intentionally carving out time to connect with God and with others during the week. The evening begins with a shared meal together and ends with classes and programs for all ages.

Every Wednesday

Dinner: 5:30 pm - 5:55 pm | Classes: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

CLASSES OFFERED Programming for ages birth-adult.

//SPROUT'S CHILDREN'S MINISTRY Children (Birth-5th Grade)
Sprouts Children's Ministry welcomes RyRy the Bible Guy to Wednesday nights for a fun and engaging mid-week program where children can explore their faith through Bible stories, music, games, and conversation. Dinner is included, free of charge!

//ROOTS STUDENT MINISTRY (6th-12th grade) Middle School and High School students have the opportunity for deeper connection on Wednesday nights through small groups and serving. Contact ryans@pdpresby.org to find an option that suits your student!

MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS SMALL GROUP

Begins October 9

All middle school girls are invited to small group in the Roots room that will focus on the lies young women buy into and how we can break through them! It'll be a space for middle school girls who want to go deeper into their relationship with Christ. For more info, contact Taylor at taylorghooper@gmail.com or Denyse at aandd@mac.com.

// GriefShare

Mondays 1:00 - 3:00 pm in Eisenhower Library

"Surviving The Loss Of A Spouse," a two hour stand-alone class for those who are grieving the loss of their spouse will be held on October 14. Please email Kim Kershaw at kimkershaw@me.com for more information.

The next 13 week session of GriefShare will begin on Monday, October 21 and will include "Surviving The Holidays" presented in mid-November. We welcome and encourage everyone who has lost a loved one to participate in this Bible-based, compassionate program. GriefShare offers a safe environment to share feelings, talk about your loss and begin the process of moving forward. For more information contact Kim at kimkershaw@me.com.

// Coachella Valley Rescue Mission

Lary Rogers, Coordinator

PDCPC volunteers have, throughout the last 20 years, been serving meals, mentoring and donating goods and generous financial support to the Mission. And with a 40% increase in services being provided, they need our support now more than ever.

Are you ready to be a part of this stellar mission or take a tour and find out more? Look for the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission information and sign-up booth after Sunday services beginning October 6 or call Lary Rogers at 760-315-1059.



PASTORAL CARE Provided by Pastor David and Pastor Floyd, along with Kathy Aposhian.

Additionally, seven members of our congregation serve in the Chaplaincy Program at Eisenhower Medical Center, coordinated by Barbara White.

// Please let us know if you are admitted to the hospital. Other hospitals contact us if you let them know you are a Covenant Partner (member) at PDCPC, or have someone call the church office and we will be there for you.

LOCAL MISSIONS | Directed by Jerry Allen

// Kairos Prison Ministry

Kairos' Prison Ministry weekend will take place in November at Ironwood State Prison. This year, we are working on opening a second yard at Ironwood State Prison so that more inmates can experience this important ministry but, to do that, we need volunteers!



There are many ways to support, which include volunteering for the weekend, volunteering to serve on the prayer team, making a financial donation, and the kids can even help by coloring a shield. For more information on how you can get involved, please contact Tim Scott at timscoott@title24foryou.com.

// Read With Me

One of the biggest factors in the success of a child is their ability to read. You are invited to make a huge impact in the lives of children in our own valley who are learning to read by traveling to their school each week to read them stories. Registration is open for the program with tutoring to begin on Tuesdays and Thursdays in November. If you have questions, or to register, contact Kim at 760-220-2959 or jksheehy@earthlink.net.

///“PARENT SCHOOL”

October 2 in the Youth Room
(Family Life Center, downstairs, room 108/109)

Featuring guest, Justin Herman (speaker, author, and podcaster)

Have you ever wondered how you could be a better parent? grandparent? mentor? aunt? uncle? As adults, we have a huge opportunity to come alongside kids at various phases of their lives and help them grow into flourishing adults. Sometimes though, that can be a tricky road to navigate. Parent School is designed to help us think practically about influencing kids at every stage of life to help them live fully into who God made them to be.

//WHAT WE BELIEVE & WHY IT MATTERS

October 2 in Miller Hall Led by Pastor Floyd Rhoades

This five-week journey through the Essential Tenets of our denomination will teach us about the Christ-centered theology that propels our ministry and mission as a church and will also provide anchor points for our own individual faith as we pursue our life's mission and ministry.



//ADVENT CONSPIRACY

October 9, 16, 23, 30
November 6, 13

Join us as we start thinking about Advent as a community before it even

begins! Christmas is a busy time where we can easily lose focus of the real meaning behind the season. Advent Conspiracy is a 6-week series that will challenge us to think different about how we celebrate during this time of year as we wrestle with what it looks like to worship fully, spend less, give more, and love all.

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 or call 760-346-8195 x521.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

NURSERY

Drop-off nursery care is available during both of our worship services for children under two years of age. The Nursery is located next to Miller Hall and parents can sign their children in/out before and after the service in that location. We also live stream the service in the Nursery for parents who would like to remain with their infants.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

(Ages 2 – 5th Grade) Join us every Sunday morning, during both the 8:30 am and the 10:00 am worship services, for a special time with Ry-Ry the Bible Guy as he conducts an experiment that helps kids think about what it looks like to follow Jesus with their lives!



Parents should check children in at the children's ministry kiosk outside the side door of the sanctuary before church. Children then begin worship in the Sanctuary with their families and are dismissed to continue their worship in Sunday School. Following the worship service, parents pick up their children in Room 205/206 in the Family Life Center.

LEADERS NEEDED

We are looking for more help in our Children's Ministry! If you are interested in helping on Wednesday nights during the season, October – May, please contact Ryan at ryans@pdpresby.org.

This week a woman came in for a little help with her electric bill because her 41 year old husband was in hospice with cancer, he is not expected to live very long. They have a 17 year old, and a 12 year old still at home. After many tears and much support she has received a Steven Minister, has been informed of Grief Share, helped with her electric bill, received food, clothing and information for the future. Our Church is so loving and kind with their donations, and support of the community because of our dedicated parishioners.

The Deacons would like to thank all of those who help to stock the Deacon's Closet and donate funds specifically to support this amazing community outreach program. Without the donations, time, and talents of PDCPC members this ministry would not be possible.

Help us continue this important ministry: help us stock the closet! This month we need:

- canned vegetables
- canned beans
- bags of pinto beans
- snacks
- canned chicken
- instant coffee
- pancake mix
- canned milk
- instant mashed potatoes
- sugar jelly,
- peanut butter & jelly
- canned fruit
- tomato sauce
- spaghetti
- Band-Aids
- razors
- canned ravioli
- toilet paper
- toothpaste
- toothbrushes
- deodorant

Items may be dropped off at any time in the church office. Please no expired foods.

The next curbside collection is Sunday, October 13.

// **Christian Education Scholarship Ministry** is blessed to share that, *thanks to your generosity*, four students are being supported for the 2019/2020 academic year in the amount of \$7800.

//Kathy Aposhian- Beginning third year - Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA

//Lauren Humpherys- Sophomore - United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO

//Aidan Murhphy - Freshman - Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, AZ

//Tyler Neighbors - Freshman- COD, Palm Desert, CA

Amounts granted are determined by course of study, community college or four year university.

This is a non-budgeted committee and relies on your generous gifts to support our church family who are going on to higher education. The ministry and its scholarship recipients are forever appreciative of your kind and caring support.

DEACONS MINISTRY

Did you know you have a deacon in our church who is praying for you and is here to support you and to encourage you if you need it? If you'd like more information about how to get connected with your deacon, contact Director, Kathy Kolb at 310-502-4277.

DEACONS' CLOSET

Every Tuesday, 8:30 am – 11:30 am

Care Day is open to any member of the community to assist with bill payment, food and household supplies, and prayer.

Last week a young family of four came in to get some help for an electric bill. Dad works for Walmart and his hours have been cut for the summer months and it has been hard making ends meet. Mom has been accepted into the nursing program. All they needed was a hand with a small electric bill payment, some food, and diapers. They were a most grateful couple.

FALL FAMILY FEST—FREE EVENT

October 18, 5:00 - 7:30 pm

Canned Food Donations for the Deacons Closet are welcome!

Join for the second-annual Fall Family Fest! This is an amazing event for the entire church family (that's YOU!) complete with a trunk-or-treat, free food, games, a maze, bounce houses, and much more! Kids (and adults) are encouraged to dress up in a non-scary costume. Below are some areas that you can help make this event happen:

//Candy - Marked buckets will be placed outside the doors of the sanctuary on Sundays and in the church office during the week. No chocolate and no candy with nuts, please.

//Trunk-Or-Treat - Decorate the trunk of your car as kids and their families come car to car to trick-or-treat in our parking lot.

//Setup/Tear Down - Help be a part of the setup and teardown crew on October 18. Setup will happen from 8:00am - 12:00pm and teardown will happen from 7:30-9:30pm.

//Hospitality/Check-In - Help greet families and get them their trick-or-treat bags, game tickets, and helping people feel loved and welcomed.

//Game Booth - Head up a game booth for kids to play. There are tons of options from a fishing booth to pumpkin bowling, to decorating stations.

//Face Painting - Looking for the artists who want to help with our face painting station.

//Food - Help prep hot dogs, popcorn, cotton candy, drinks, etc. and replenish throughout the event.

SAVE THE DATE: FAMILY MOVE NIGHT IS COMING!

November 15 | 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm | Free

Our popular family movie nights are coming back starting in November! Make sure to mark your calendar so you can join us for this all-generations evening.



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STUDENT MINISTRY

ROOTS SUNDAY NIGHTS

High School 4:00 - 5:30 pm

Middle School 6:00 - 7:15 pm

Sunday night is a time when our students get to gather together to talk about the important things of life (and faith!), encourage one another, and have a lot of fun. We call it Roots, because it helps them stay grounded

and connected to what is really important during a season of life where so much is changing around them (and in them). If you know of a student who needs help with transportation on Sunday nights, please don't hesitate to let us know. We hope your student can be a part of the great things we'll be doing together during this new season!

//SUNDAY MORNING OPPORTUNITIES

If you are in 6th-12th grade and want to plug in deeper on Sunday mornings, we would love to connect with you! We have a huge amount of ways for you to be a part of what's going on here at PDCPC! From helping in Children's Ministry, to learning how the sound booth works and operates, to helping lead us in our Call to Worship, there's something for everyone! We believe you are a vital part of our church community and would love to help you discover how you can serve on Sunday mornings. Contact Ryan at ryans@pdpresby.org for more opportunities.

//WEDNESDAY NIGHT MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS

Beginning October 9 | 6:00 - 7:00 pm | Student Ministry Room

All middle school girls are invited to small group study that will focus on the lies young women buy into and how we can break through them! It'll be a space for middle school girls who want to go deeper into their relationship with Christ. For more info, contact Taylor at taylorghooper@gmail.com or Denyse at aandd@mac.com.

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRIES

Directed by Sarah Siels 760-409-2385, sjfmla111@gmail.com

There are several groups from the Congregational Ministry. All groups are open to new members and if you are feeling a call to serve in any of these meaningful missions, please consider attending their upcoming meetings:

// **Carpentry Guild** meets to accomplish projects on an "as needed" basis. For more information about how to get involved, contact sjfmla111@gmail.com.

// **Mending Hearts** is on hiatus until January then will meet on Thursdays 9:00 am - 12:00 pm in Eisenhower Library

// **Pins & Needles** | Thursdays from 9:00 am - 11:30 am | Room 104 Family Life Center. Pins and Needles is concentrating on baby items for 29 Palms Marine Base. We are supporting baby showers in the months of November, December, and January. We have 50 pregnant wives, some of deployed husbands. We are accepting purchased items for donations to the project. You may leave any items, clearly marked for PINS AND NEEDLES, in the church office. Suggestions are, onesies, diapers, or layette items. Thank you in advance for your help. Questions? Contact Pat Noakes 760-341-6382.

// **The Sanctuary Guild** | Tuesday, October 8 at 2:00 pm | Eisenhower Library

This group is open to anyone who is interested in preparing communion monthly, caring for our sanctuary, and decorating for our high holy days.

PastorChat

Taylor Fine Arts Auditorium
October 13, 11:15 am

It's your chance to ask your most pressing questions, share your feedback, or just enjoy a cup of coffee and donuts with your pastors.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH

Thursday, October 31
11:30 am
Spaghetti Factory
Rancho Mirage

All ladies are invited to this monthly gathering for food and fellowship! Order from the menu with separate checks.



RSVP to Diane Arneal 760-200-9812 by October 27.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

KITCHEN CREW

Do you have the gift of hospitality? Or maybe you enjoy preparing meals for friends and family? Or maybe you like to work alongside other people and make new friends? We are looking for people to serve on Kitchen Crews for our 2019 through 2020 "Church on Wednesday" season. Each crew is made up of 3-4 individuals and a leader. Our hope is to have six to eight crews that would prepare and



//MIDDLE SCHOOL HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

October 25 - 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Roots Middle School is throwing a Halloween party on Friday, October 25, and you won't want to miss this! We'll be playing some special Halloween-themed games, eating some amazing food, and giving away some pretty awesome prizes! Students are encouraged to bring a Halloween-themed snack to share and to wear a costume. For more info, contact Ryan at ryans@pdpresby.org.

//HIGH SCHOOL HALLOWEEN PARTY

October 27 - 47831 Pansy St. Indio, CA - 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Roots High School is hosting a Halloween party!

We'll be having some spooky fun together that night at Ryan's house. You never know what could happen. Students are encouraged to dress up and bring a spooky snack to share! For more info, contact Ryan at ryans@pdpresby.org.



SAVE THE DATE: WINTER CAMP (Grades 6 - 12)



January 31-February 2

Winter Camp is coming! We'll be heading up to Forest Home for another amazing weekend together. More details in October. Get it on your calendar; you don't want to miss this incredible trip!



MIDDLE SCHOOL FALL CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 6
BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH!
6:00-8:00

SEPTEMBER 27
ROOTS LAUNCH NIGHT

SEPTEMBER 29
NO ROOTS MIDDLE SCHOOL

OCTOBER 18
FALL FAMILY FEST
5:00-7:00

OCTOBER 25
HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR
6:00-9:00

OCTOBER 27
NO ROOTS MIDDLE SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 24
NO ROOTS MIDDLE SCHOOL

ROOTS MIDDLE SCHOOL MEETS
6:00-7:15 SUNDAY NIGHTS
STARTING SEPTEMBER 8



HIGH SCHOOL FALL CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 8
ROOTS LAUNCH NIGHT
4:00-5:30

SEPTEMBER 29
THE OFFICE PARTY
4783I PANSY ST
4:00-8:00

OCTOBER 18
FALL FAMILY FEST
5:00-7:00

OCTOBER 27
HALLOWEEN PARTY
4783I PANSY ST
5:00-7:00

NOVEMBER 24
FRIENDSGIVING
5:00-7:00

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