
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!



47-321 Highway 74,
Palm Desert, CA 92260

 760.346.8195
 www.pdpresby.org
 [pdcommunitypres](https://www.instagram.com/pdcommunitypres)
 [pdpresby](https://www.facebook.com/pdpresby)
 [pdpresby](https://twitter.com/pdpresby)

[the loop]

YOUR MONTHLY GUIDE TO CONNECTION AT PDCPC

DECEMBER 2019

WORSHIP

As we enter into Advent, we are reminded of the importance of the incarnation. God with us, and we draw hope from his nearness that has continued through generations because of Jesus. We hope you will make space to worship together on Sunday mornings at our Traditional service at 8:30 am, or at our Modern Service at 10:00 am as we celebrate and marvel at the birth of Christ. Children's Sunday School is provided at both.

// For more information on events related to music & worship, visit pages 3 & 4.

GROW

Even during this busy time of year, 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, there's something for everyone!

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

SERVE

One way we can celebrate the gift of Christmas is by giving generously to others. We have many service opportunities happening this month!

// For more information on how you can serve others here and around the world, visit page 16.

a note from your pastor

Bob Whitesel, a church consultant, regularly asks his client churches to tell him the goal of “their” church.

He regularly gets responses such as:

- to survive
- to provide a warm and friendly fellowship
- to influence community morals for the better
- to win souls for Christ



All of these are great things. But none of them are what scripture says should be the goal of the local church.

The goal of the local church is to make disciples. Period.

But how does a local church make disciples? A lot of churches leave it to chance. They might offer programs and classes but have no real plan for disciple making.

I’m happy to let you know that the leaders of our church have taken the time to craft a clear and accessible plan for how we are going to go about making disciples of Jesus (which means people who are introduced to the way of Jesus, who grow in grace and knowledge of Jesus, and, who serve in our community).

We have partnered with Fuller Theological Seminary to create a discipleship path where 300 people from our church and our community can go through a one-year process where they will learn practices and rhythms of life that help them to stay connected to God, as well as learn about their personal and unique contribution to the kingdom of God. The practices we learn will be time tested and useful to people for the rest of their lives. The year commitment includes retreats, discussion, reflection and processing. We are very excited!

As of November 21, this program is officially underway with our first group of participants. We will keep you in the loop with how it is going, and if you are interested in receiving more information about how you can be part of the next group, please contact Director or Connections, Kathy Aposhian, at kathya@pdpresby.org.

Grace & Peace,


Pastor David Ludwig

closing the loop

SAVE THE DATES:

- // Every Friday Please note the office will be open on Fridays from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.
- //December 1 Last Day to Buy Tickets to the Women’s Ministry Christmas Luncheon
- // December 7 Women’s Ministry Christmas Luncheon 11:30 am Chaparral Country Club
- // December 8 Congregational Meeting 11:15 am
Carlotta Service Project 3:30 pm - 5:00pm
Annual Christmas Concert 6:00 pm
- // December 24 Christmas Eve Services at 5:00, 7:30 & 11:00pm
- // December 25 Church Office closed in observance of Christmas
- // January 1 Church Office closed in observance of New Year’s Day
- // January 5 Volunteer Appreciation Sunday
- // January 12 & 19 New Covenant Partner (New Member) Class 11:15 am
- // February 9 All Church Luncheon at Palm Valley Country Club

2019 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, December 8 at 11:15am.
 Annual meeting to review the Session approved budget and financial matters properly coming before the congregation.
 This meeting is announced by Ruth Teaford, Clerk of Session

OCTOBER 2019 FINANCIALS

	Month Actual	Month Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance
INCOME	\$ 100,232	\$ 119,489	\$ 1,119,110	\$ 1,095,645	\$ 43,465
EXPENSES	\$ 111,179	\$ 123,216	\$ 1,265,455	\$ 1,340,507	\$ 75,052
NET	\$ (10,946)	\$ (3,727)	\$ (126,345)	\$ (244,862)	\$ 118,517

STEWARDSHIP: VISION 2020

Thank you to all who have already turned in their 2020 Pledge Cards. If you have not yet turned in your 2020 Pledge Card there is still time. Simply drop it off to the church office, put it in the offering plate, or mail it in.

2020 Offering boxes are available for pick up in the church office and in the courtyard most Sundays.



CHRISTMAS PRESENCE: THE SEASON OF ADVENT

This Christmas season we turn our hearts to focus on the good news of God with us, and consider how the real gifts of Christmas are the best things we can receive and in-turn offer to one another.

- DECEMBER 1 | HOPE Psalms 122**
- DECEMBER 8 | PEACE Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19**
- DECEMBER 15 | JOY Matthew 11:2-11**
- DECEMBER 22 | LOVE Isaiah 7:10-16**

DECEMBER 8 | COMMUNION

DECEMBER 24 | CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

- 5:00 pm | Family Candlelight Service
- 7:30 pm | Classic Candlelight Service
- 11:00 pm | Communion Candlelight Service

DECEMBER 29 | FAMILY SUNDAY

On the 5th Sunday of the month we invite families with children to worship together with all generations for a special service. There will not be regular Sunday school on this day, only nurse care will be available for babies and toddlers.

DECEMBER 8 | ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

6:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Timeless classics, contemporary favorites, inspiring instrumentation, and the PDCPC choir blend together to create a festive night for all ages that will set the tone for your Christmas season.

CHOIR

Our Traditional Worship service features the PDCPC choir on a weekly basis. If you are interested in being part of the choir, please come to rehearsal on Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. For questions regarding the choir, contact Scott Anderson at scotta@pdpresby.org.

USHERS & GREETERS

We are looking for individuals who are willing to serve as ushers and greeters for both of our Sunday morning worship services, providing the important touch of hospitality and warmth we value so much. If you are willing to serve as an usher or a greeter for either of the Sunday worship services, please contact Joe Lowden at (310) 871-1494 or jjlowden@gmail.com.

HONOR A LOVED ONE WITH A POINSETTIA

Each year at Christmas, the Sanctuary Guild decorates the sanctuary with poinsettia plants. You can participate in the beautification of the Sanctuary with a donation of \$10.00 per plant in memory or in honor of a loved one, an anniversary, birthday, etc.

If you wish to purchase a plant, forms can be found in the church office. All funds raised help the Sanctuary Guild to continue their good work throughout the year. All orders must be to the church office by December 15.

COVENANT PARTNER (NEW MEMBER) CLASS

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 the church, as well as to equip members to discover how they can connect to that mission.

The next New Membership begins on Sunday, January 12, from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm. Followed by the GROW & SERVE Class on Sunday, January 19, from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm. 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 x 530 or stop by the Welcome Table.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

“Not all of us can do great things but we can do small things with great love.”

- Mother Teresa



When most of us think of the holidays we think of celebrating with family and friends. We remember memories of the past and look forward to creating memories for the future. Unfortunately for some it is a very tough time. Do you know how to help someone who is hurting and lonely?

Here are some helpful hints from Stephen Ministry.

- Practice the ministry of presence. Visit with them, invite them to lunch/dinner; have them over for a game night.
- Be an active listener. By listening you are helping them to release their feelings of anxiety, depression, loneliness, anger, and more.
- Invite them to church where God’s message may be heard and they will be surrounded by a cloud of witnesses.
- Tell them about Stephen Ministry.

Stephen Ministry equips lay people to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to individuals in our congregation and community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives. Contact Deb Smith, (303) 249-5553, or by email at dsmith@happybuffalos.com for more information on providing care and comfort to those who are hurting.

LOCAL MISSIONS continued**// 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.

// SongShine

SONGSHINE BASICS: For those with Parkinson's, stroke, other neurological challenges or simply an aging voice. Meets each Monday in Miller Hall from 12:30 - 1:30. Learn solid breathing techniques, enjoy group singing, (but you do not have to be a singer), role play, creative imagination, and more. Taught by Peter Harris and Ruthanna Metzgar.

PASTORAL CARE

Please let us know if you are admitted to the hospital so we can come visit with you. Hospitals may contact us if you let them know you are a Covenant Partner (member) at PDCPC, or have someone call the church office at (760) 346-8195 and we will be there for you.

Pastoral care is provided by Pastor David Ludwig, Kathy Aposhian, and five members of our congregation who serve in the Chaplaincy Program at Eisenhower Medical Center, coordinated by Barbara White.

SENIOR MINISTRY

Directed by Harry Wilson

Senior Ministry is focused on helping seniors who need transportation to and from church and have other specific needs. Please contact Harry Wilson at (951) 805-4901 to volunteer or for assistance.

PastorChat

Taylor Fine Arts Auditorium

December 8, 11:15 am

This is your chance to ask your most pressing questions, share your feedback, or just enjoy a cup of coffee and a donut with your pastors.

AN INVITATION TO CHRISTMAS DINNER

December 24 or 25 at various homes throughout the valley

This year at PDCPC we want to make sure no one eats alone on Christmas. So, if you are willing to have an extra guest or two at your table, or if you'd like a friendly place to go, please contact Kathy Aposhian, Director of Connections, kathya@pdpresby.org.

SAVE THE DATE:**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SUNDAY**

January 5, following both worship services

We are grateful to all who volunteer here at PDCPC- using their gifts and talents to serve Jesus Christ. As our way to say thank you, come and enjoy special treats in Garrard Courtyard, Sunday, January 5th after both services.

ANNUAL 2020 SEASON CELEBRATION BRUNCH

February 9 | Palm Valley Country Club | 12:00 pm

You are invited to this annual celebration of what God is doing in the life of PDCPC. It is a time for us as an entire church to get together off the church campus for some tasty food, sharing, and connecting with one another around the table. Sign ups begin in January.

BIBLE STUDY

// SUNDAY MORNING ADULT STUDY

Every Sunday, 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 at (760) 702-7646 or aandd@mac.com.

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

Wednesdays, 6:00 am, PDCPC Eisenhower Library.

Contact Lloyd Macfadyen at (760) 346-9769 for more information.

// MEN'S LA QUINTA BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays, 7:30 am

Mountain/Dunes Clubhouse in Santa Rosa Cove.

Contact Stu Parry at (330) 472-1704 for more information.

// 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 for more information.

// 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 in the study of the book of Matthew; just bring your Bible and come when you can!

Questions? Contact Kathy Kolb at (760) 564-5904.

// WOMEN'S COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY (CBS)

Wednesdays, 10:00 am-12:00 pm

A women's in-depth Bible study that provides 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.

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

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

// PDCPC provides to 11 different National and International Missions year-round financial and hands-on assistance. For information on how to get involved, email houseinthefield5@outlook.com.

THANK YOU

A very special "thank you" to everyone who served in the month of November by filling boxes for Operation Christmas Child to be delivered to children around the world, and those who participated in the Hands of Mercy housebuild on the PDCPC campus and in Mexico! It is a privilege to serve alongside one another this season.

// 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? Call Lary Rogers at (760) 315-1059 to find out how!

**// GriefShare**

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

The next 13 week session of GriefShare has just begun and includes "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 Rev. Floyd Rhoades at floydrhoades@vistacove.com.

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	Casey Stewart	760-485-3990
CHC through DAU	Sarah Seils	760-409-2385
DAV through E	John Rockwood	585-689-4858
F through FR	Glenn Scott	760-408-4879
FU through HAL	Darleen Strathdee	760-832-0121
HAM through HES	Kay Shank	760-218-1998
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	Katherine Remmers	503-961-2635
MA through MEV	Marilyn Smythe	760-424-6132
MEW through N	Ronda Ostergaard	760-340-3714
O through POZ	Katrina McDowell	760-501-5930
PR through R	Michelle Stewart*	760-485-7767
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	Jodie Miller	760-341-5519
WIL through Z	Diana Schlabach*	760-898-4603

* Deacon Helper

**church^{on}
wednesday**

Every Wednesday
Dinner: 5:30 pm
Classes: 6:00 - 7:00 pm

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 want 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.

// DECEMBER 4

Tod Bolsinger, Vice President of Fuller Theological Seminary, former pastor of San Clemente Presbyterian Church, and the author of multiple books, including *Canoeing the Mountains* will be the guest speaker.

Heraclitus is famously quoted as saying that “change is the only constant in life”. Everything Changes. People change, culture changes, social norms change. Churches change, too.

The content Tod will be leading us through is from his book, *Canoeing the Mountains*, which explores how Lewis and Clark had to adapt to their changing circumstances in order to discover new frontiers. While they had prepared to find a waterway to the Pacific Ocean, instead they found themselves in the Rocky Mountains.

Tod suggests that churches also find themselves at a cultural context that they aren't prepared for. And often times the preparation they received in the past... will actually holding you back more than it is moving you along.

continued on next page 7

//DECEMBER 4 continued

Tod brings decades of experience in bringing churches through uncharted territory. His point is that in the same way L&C needed to leave behind the canoes to scale the mountains, churches will need to leave behind some of what the preparation they received in the past will actually hold them back more than it is moving them along. Tod brings decades of experience in bringing churches through uncharted territory. His point is that in the same way Lewis & Clark needed to leave behind the canoes to scale the mountains, churches will need to leave behind some of what is familiar to move ahead in ministry in a changing world.

// DECEMBER 11

Christmas Movie Theology, 5:30 pm

One of the best loved stories is Charles Dicken's "A Christmas Carol." It's the story of old Ebenezer Scrooge's encounter with CHRISTmas. Join Scott Anderson and your friends for an evening of exploration on how the coming of Christ makes a difference in a person's life. Plan to meet in Taylor Fine Arts building for popcorn and hotdogs for the best version of this Christmas classic!

// DECEMBER 18 , 5:30 pm

Home For The Holidays: A Night of Singing Together

The adult Christian education committee is hosting an evening of traditional carol singing as an opportunity for us to connect deeper together as a church community during this Advent season. We'll pull out the piano and gather around it and sing songs together to celebrate the coming of Jesus with words and music that have been sung by believers over the centuries. Refreshments and homemade soup and bread will be available.

// Christmas Break - December 25, January 1

Church on Wednesdays will be on Christmas break during these dates. See you next year!

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 (760) 564-5904.

// Christmas Giving Tree

Help Make Christmas Bright as we support the Annual Toy Drive for the children at the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission! "Adopt" a child by taking a Wish Card from the Giving Tree table in the courtyard after services, or stop by the Church office any time during the week.

Please return all gifts (wrapped or unwrapped) back to the Church by Sunday, December 15. You may also choose to donate money at the Giving Tree Table and we will do the shopping and wrapping for you!

If you have any questions or would like assistance in participating, please contact Katherine Remmer at (503) 961-2635.

// Deacon's Closet

Every Tuesday, 8:30 – 11:30 am

Care Day is open to any member of the community to assist with bill payment, food and household supplies, and prayer. The Deacons are so thankful to 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 care of PDCPC members this ministry would not be possible.

Let's continue this important ministry by helping stock the closet!

This month needs: cereal, tuna, pancake mix, syrup, sugar, instant coffee, tea, jelly, canned refried beans, bars of soap, and shampoo.

Items may be dropped off at any time in the church office, or brought to the next curbside collection on Sunday, December 8.

Please no expired food.

** There will be no Deacon's Closet/Care Day services on December 31.*

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRIES

Directed by Sarah Seils (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 Fletcher Kolb fletchkolb@aol.com or (760) 564-5904.

// **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 - 11:30 am | Room 104 Family Life Center.

Pins and Needles is concentrating on providing baby items for 29 Palms Marine Base., and supporting baby showers in the months of December, and January. There are 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

The Sanctuary Guild prepares the elements and sets up Communion each month as well as decorates the Sanctuary for Maundy Thursday, Christmas, and Easter. You are invited to be a part of this terrific group of volunteers! Please call Margaret Sandelmann at (760) 772-3129 if you are interested.

// SPROUT'S CHILDREN'S MINISTRY Children (Birth-5th Grade)

Sprouts Children's Ministry follows a kid friendly version of Advent Conspiracy on 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 MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS SMALL GROUP

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 they can break through them! It is a space for middle school girls who want to go deeper into their relationship with Christ as the book “Lies Girls Believe” is studied. For more info, contact Taylor at taylorghooper@gmail.com or Denyse at aandd@mac.com.

THE 2020 SEASON SPEAKER SERIES

in partnership with Fuller Seminary

We are so excited for our 3rd Annual “Season Speaker Series” in partnership with Fuller Seminary. Save the date for these amazing guest speakers, who will encourage us and challenge us with God's word on Wednesday evenings.

- // Jan. 8 “The Big Why: Evangelism and Leading Change”
Dr. Tod Bolsinger, Vice President, Chief of Leadership Formation & Associate Professor at Fuller Seminary kicks off the series, preaching on Sunday.
- // Jan. 15 “What is the Good News for young adults?”
Dr. Steve Argue, Associate Professor of Youth, Family, and Culture
- // Jan. 22 "Taking Your Place in the Mission of God: Formation for a Purpose"
Dr. Brian Wallace, Executive Director of the Center for Missional Formation
- // Jan. 29 “Empathy and Imagination for a Changing World”
Dr. Michaela O'Donnell-Long, Senior Director of the DePree Center for Leadership

// GROWTH GROUPS
Various times & locations



Growth groups meet during the week in homes and various locations to connect with God and one another. If you would like to join a small group, please contact Andrew and Denyse Sanderson at aandd@mac.com.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH

Will be meet in December in conjunction with the Women's Ministry Annual Christmas Luncheon on December 7.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Saturday, December 7 | 11:30 am
Chaparral Country Club

All PDCPC women and friends are invited to join in this celebration of the season with food and fellowship. This year's special guest speaker will be Jeanette Schmall. Tickets are \$28 per person.

Sign up after services on November 10, 17 and December 1.

December 1 is the last day to sign up. For more information contact Kathy Kolb, desert4nana@aol.com or (310) 502-4277.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club Christmas Tea

Tuesday, December 10 | 12:00 - 2:00 pm
At the home of Marilyn Smythe
75562 Painted Desert Drive Indian Wells, CA 92210
The Book Club will be discussing Billy Graham's Book "The Reason For My Hope".

To make a reservation for you and your friends please call Marilyn Smythe at (760) 424-6132.

FAMILY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

December 1 and 8

Looking for ways to help students and their families get plugged into service opportunities, especially during the holiday season? This year, there are have 2 opportunities for you, your student, or even your whole family to get involved.

// December 1 from 12:30 - 2:30 pm

Head to PDCPC local mission partner Coachella Valley Rescue Mission and enjoy relationship building through ornament making with children and their families.

// December 8 from 3:30 - 5:00 pm

Meet at Senior Living Center, the Fountains at Carlotta and build relationships with the residents there through visitation and caroling together.

If you are interested in helping serve at one or both of these, please RSVP as soon as possible to me at ryans@pdpresby.org.

ROOTS HIGH SCHOOL WINTER CALENDAR	ROOTS MIDDLE SCHOOL WINTER CALENDAR
<p>NOVEMBER 26 ROOM DECORATING PARTY 4:00-6:00</p> <p>DECEMBER 8 SERVICE PROJECT @ THE CARLOTTA 3:00-5:00 *NO ROOTS</p> <p>DECEMBER 15 A VERY DESTINATION: UNKNOWN CHRISTMAS 12:00-8:00</p> <p>DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 5:00</p> <p>DECEMBER 22, 29 NO ROOTS</p> <p>JANUARY 31-FEBRUARY 2 WINTER CAMP AT FOREST HOME</p> <p>ROOTS HIGH SCHOOL MEETS 4:00-5:30 SUNDAY NIGHTS</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 26 ROOM DECORATING PARTY 4:00-6:00</p> <p>DECEMBER 8 SERVICE PROJECT @ THE CARLOTTA 3:00-5:00</p> <p>DECEMBER 13 CHRISTMAS PARTY 6:00-8:00</p> <p>DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 5:00</p> <p>DECEMBER 22, 29, JANUARY 5 NO ROOTS</p> <p>JANUARY 30-FEBRUARY 1 WINTER CAMP AT FOREST HOME</p> <p>ROOTS MIDDLE SCHOOL MEETS 6:00-7:15 SUNDAY NIGHTS</p>

// MIDDLE SCHOOL JINGLE BALL
December 13 | 6:00 - 8:00 pm | 6th-8th Grade | Free!

Our middle school ministry will be hosting an unbelievable Christmas party. Students are invited to wear their ugliest Christmas sweater for our annual competition as well as bring a white elephant gift for a hilarious gift exchange. There will be food, games, and much more. Your student will not want to miss this!! If you're interested in helping prep food or setup we would love your help!

Contact Ryan Schmall at ryans@pdpresby.org for more info!



// A VERY DESTINATION UNKNOWN CHRISTMAS
December 15 | 12:00 - 8:00 pm | 9th-12th Grade | \$25



Our high school ministry will be hosting an adventure into the unknown for our Christmas party this year! Students will meet right after second service in the Roots room and then head off for a day-venture unlike any other! There will be plenty of fun and surprises. Students are welcome to dress as Christmas-y as they can!

To sign up, contact Ryan Schmall at ryans@pdpresby.org.

// SIGN UP NOW! WINTER CAMP
6th-12th Grades | January 31-February 2
Winter Camp is coming! We'll be heading up to Forest Home for another amazing weekend together. Get it on your calendar; you don't want to miss this incredible trip!



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.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CHECK-IN

Please note that in order to ensure that the most safe and secure environment is provided for children, we are now parents are asked to stop at the check in table on the way into worship to sign in your children. The initial setup is only a couple of minutes, and after that it takes just seconds! Thank you for your help!

NURSERY

Drop-off nursery care is available during both Sunday morning 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. The service is livestreamed in the Nursery for parents who would like to remain with their infants.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

(Ages 2 – 5th Grade) Join in 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 of Miller hall 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.

SPROUTS CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 4 | 6:00 pm—7:15 pm | Free!

Kids are invited to kick-off the Christmas season with their very own Christmas party full of food, fun, and games! Children are welcome to wear their silliest Christmas outfit it's sure to be a jolly night, and we hope your child can make it! Adult programming is available at the same time.

FAMILY SERVICE PROJECT AT THE CARLOTTA

December 8 | 3:30 - 5:00 pm

Everyone is welcome to spend some time with the residents of the Carlotta before taking time out of our busy holiday schedules to be present with the amazing people of this community by singing, talking, and being together. We will be meeting as a group at 3:30 pm at the Carolotta. After singing and spreading cheer, families are invited back to the church for dinner & the Annual Christmas Concert! If you want to sign up your family or have any additional questions, contact Ryan Schmall at ryans@pdpresby.org.

KIDS CHRISTMAS MOVIE AND PJ NIGHT

December 11 | 6:00 - 7:15 pm | Free!

Kids are invited to throw on their favorite pair of PJ's and join in on some festive fun as they watch a surprise kids Christmas movie together! Snacks and food will be provided.

CHRISTMAS BREAK

December 18, 25, and January 1

Sprouts Wednesday nights will be on Christmas break during these dates. We'll see you in the New Year!

NEIGHBORHOOD DAY CAMP IS COMING!

June 8-12 | \$200

Mark your calendars! Neighborhood Day Camp is coming back this Summer. The excitement is building! More info will be coming soon.



— P D C P C —
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 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!

**Christmas Break - December 22, 29, and January 5.*

No Roots on these dates.

// 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 in our Call to Worship, there's something for everyone! We believe students are a vital part of our church community and would love to help you discover how you can serve on Sunday mornings. Contact Ryan Schmall at ryans@pdpresby.org for more opportunities.