### **GET CONNECTED**

Keep yourself in the know for church events: "Top Five" email <a href="mailto:sarab@pdpresby.org">sarab@pdpresby.org</a> 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 to the Sanctuary or contact Kathy Aposhian, Director of Connections at <a href="mailto:kathya@pdpresby.org">kathya@pdpresby.org</a> or (760) 346-8195 x530 for information on how you can get connected!



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**JANUARY 2020** 

### **WORSHIP**

As we begin 2020 together, we will focus on connecting ourselves to the mission of God in the world by studying Jesus' marching orders for the early church, as found in the Great Commission. Join us for our Traditional service at 8:30 am, or for our Modern Service at 10:00 am. Children's Sunday School is provided at both.

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

### **GROW**

We are fortunate to have the opportunity to begin our year together with the 2020 Season "Faith & Culture" Series in partnership with Fuller Seminary. During the month of January we will hear from four of Fullers' incredible professors each Wednesday night beginning with dinner at 5:30 pm in Miller Hall. We hope every member of our Sunday congregation will take the opportunity to grow from this series.

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

# SERVE

Thank you to everyone who helped make Christmas brighter for the children of the Coachella Valley Rescue mission, as well as children all around the world through Operation Christmas Child. This new year brings with it many opportunities to connect with our community and the world through service, we hope you will participate in one of them!

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

I find that one of the more meaningful ways to pray is to pray through the words of those who have gone before us, those whose shoulders we stand on.

As we approach this New Year, I hope that this Celtic Blessing of the New Year is as meaningful for you to pray through, as it has been for me.

God, bless to me the new day,
Never bestowed to me before;
It is to bless your own presence
You have given me this time, O God.

Bless to my eye,

May my eye bless all it sees;

I will bless my neighbor,

May my neighbor bless me.

God, give me a clean heart,

Let me not from sight of your eye;

Bless to me my family,

And bless to me my means and my home.

-Carmina Gadelica

Grace and Peace in this New Year...

Rev. David Ludwig, Senior Pastor

### SAVE THE DATES:

// Every Friday Please note the office will be open on

Fridays from 9:00 am—12:00 pm.

//Wednesdays January 8 - 29

Fuller Speaker Series

//January 1 Office Closed due to New Years Day

// January 5 Volunteer Appreciation Sunday

// January 12 Pastor Chat

// January 12 Tri-tip Fundraiser

// January 31 - Feb 2 Student Ministry Winter Camp

// January 12 & 19 New Covenant Partner (New Member) Class

// January 31 - Feb 2 Student Ministry Winter Camp

// February 9 All Church Luncheon at Palm Valley Country Club

### **NOVEMBER 2019 FINANCIALS**

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### **STEWARDSHIP: VISION 2020**

On behalf of the stewardship committee we want to thank you for your generosity towards our Vision 2020 campaign. If you have not yet turned yours in there is still time. Simply drop it off at the church office, place 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.

As of December 18, 169 pledges have been received for a total of \$529,664. PDCPC is looking towards budgeted pledges of \$680,418. \$150,754 is needed by 12/31/2019 to meet the budget. Your help is needed to accomplish that. If you have not yet made a pledge for 2020, would you consider doing so at this time? Your commitment helps us budget for the year as we continue to grow our ministries.

"For I know the plans I have for you" declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

The Lord has great plans for PDCPC and we hope that you will be a part of them.

### **GREAT COMMISSION SERIES**

January 5 - Feb 9

JANUARY 5 | VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

**JANUARY 12 | COMMUNION** 

**JANUARY 19 | NEW MEMBER CLASS** 

**JANUARY 26 | NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION** 

### **CHOIR**

The 8:30 am Traditional Worship service features the PDCPC choir seasonally 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.

### **USHERS & GREETERS**

Demonstrate the value of Loving hospitality. PDCPC is looking for individuals who are willing to serve as ushers and greeters for each of the Sunday worship services. 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.

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Would you like to honor a loved one or commemorate a special occasion with Altar Flowers on an upcoming Sunday? While many dates are available not all are. Please contact Sara at 760-346-8195 x511 or email <a href="mailto:sarab@pdpresby.org">sarab@pdpresby.org</a> to secure your date on the calendar.

# ANNUAL 2020 SEASON CELEBRATION LUNCHEON

February 9 I Palm Valley Country Club I 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 delicious food, sharing, and connecting with one another around the table.

Tickets go on sale January 19 following both services.

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# **COVENANT PARTNER SERIES (New Member)**

January 12 & January 19 11:30 am—1:00 pm 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 PARTNER class on Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, from 11:30 pm – 1:00 pm. Followed by our GROW & SERVE Class on Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, from 11:30 pm – 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 <a href="mailto:kathya@pdpresby.org">kathya@pdpresby.org</a> or (760) 346-8195 x530 or stop by the Welcome Table at the main entrance to the Sanctuary.

### **VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SUNDAY**

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 5<sup>th</sup> after both services.

### TRI TIP FUNDRAISER

January 12 Following the 8:30 and 10:00 am services Miller Hall \$10 per meal

Roots Student Ministry is hosting a tri-tip sandwich fundraiser! Come on out and support our students earning money for Winter Camp in the tastiest way possible. They'll be serving up some delicious food for you to grab and take home or enjoy fellowship and eat here at the church! Every sandwich comes with chips and a drink.

Please note, students helping must arrive by 8:30am.

### **PASTOR CHAT**

January 12<sup>th</sup>, 11:15 am Taylor Fine Arts Auditorium



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

### // 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!

Volunteers serving at the mission

### //SONGSHINE

BASICS Mondays in Miller Hall 12:30 - 1:30 pm SINGERS AND PLAYERS: Mondays in Miller Hall 2:00 - 3:30 pm

BASICS: For those with Parkinson's, stroke, other neurological challenges or simply an aging voice. 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.

SINGERS AND PLAYERS: Weekly reherdals. This year's musical is "Brigadoon" by Lerner and Loewe.

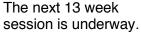
For more information contact Ruthanna Metzger by email at ruthanna@songshineforparkinsons.org.



Peter Harris and Ruthanna Metzgar.

### // GriefShare

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





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.

### // 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 <a href="mailto:iksheehy@earthlink.net">iksheehy@earthlink.net</a>.



Read with Me volunteer

### **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. Led by Lloyd Macfadyen (760) 346-9769

// MEN'S LA QUINTA BIBLE STUDY Wednesdays, 7:30 am Mountain/Dunes Clubhouse in Santa Rosa Cove 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 Bring your Bible and come when you can! Questions? Call the church office (760) 346-8195.

# // WOMEN'S COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY (CBS)

Wednesdays, 10:00 am-12:00 pm beginning in the Sanctuary 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.

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### **BOOK CLUB**

Tuesday, January 21 I 11:00 am I Eisenhower Library We will be discussing "Ghost on the Throne" by James Romm. Joan Larson will lead the discussion about the death of Alexander the Great and the bloody fight for his empire. The book club is open to everyone

# church en wednesday

Every Wednesday | Miller Hall

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.

# // WEDNESDAY NIGHT MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS 6:00 - 7:00 pm | Student Ministry Room

All middle school girls are invited to a small group study that will focus on the lies young women buy into and how that 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 <a href="mailto:taylorghooper@gmail.com">taylorghooper@gmail.com</a> or Denyse at <a href="mailto:aandd@mac.com">aandd@mac.com</a>.

// SPROUT'S CHILDREN'S MINISTRY Children (Birth-5th Grade) Room 205/206 in the Family Life Center

Sprouts Children's Ministry meets 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!

### 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 <a href="mailto:houseinthefield5@outlook.com">houseinthefield5@outlook.com</a>.

### MISSIONS WEEK IS COMING!

Sunday, February 16 – Wednesday, February 19, 2020 Mark your calendars! Join us in welcoming Morgan Boardman of *MedSend*, and Carmen Samaniego of *Hands of Luke* for Missions Week 2020.

On Sunday, February 16, 2020, we look forward to Carmen Samaniego giving the Moment for Ministry to update our congregation about all the things God has been doing in and through *Hands of Luke* ministry. Then, Morgan Boardman of *MedSend* will preach.

We look forward to diving deeper into Morgan and Carmen's lives, work and ministries on Wednesday, February 19, 2020, when they participate in our annual "This is Your Life" series. You don't want to miss this!

MedSend's mission is to strategically fund qualified healthcare professionals to serve the physical and spiritual needs of people around the world. MedSend has empowered more than 650 healthcare professionals serving in areas of deep physical and spiritual need by alleviating the burden of student loan indebtedness to serve in healthcare missions. We look forward to hearing the stories Morgan has to share.

Hands of Luke's mission is to fulfill the needs of the underprivileged, just as Jesus Christ showed us in Matthew 25:35-40. Hands of Luke's ministries include Medical Ministry, which provides services to anyone who cannot afford healthcare; Children's Ministry, through the House of Hope, where they minister to an average of 55 children ages 6-17 years old, by providing for their physical, spiritual, medical and educational needs; Nutritional Centers where children receive lunch; and Conquista Community Center where widows and single mothers learn life lessons.

We are prayerfully anticipating this meaningful time with our beloved missionaries, whom PDCPC has faithfully supported for many years.

### STEPHEN MINISTRY

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

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

Jesus walked the path of servanthood, and he invites us to do the same. Become a Stephen Minister and build on your confidence to Follow Him! 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 and to do the work he has called us to do.

Good News! We have a new course of MINISTR Stephen Ministry training beginning in January! We invite you to explore, absorb, and learn how to use 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.

Classes will start on Thursday, January 16, 2020 and Commissioning is tentatively scheduled for April 2, 2020. We hope this schedule will enable all those who are busy with holiday activities and our Winter Residents to join us. Contact Debbie Smith, 303-249-5553 for more details. Don't wait. Class size will be limited!

The 2020 Season

# **FAITH & CULTURE SPEAKER SERIES**

Featuring Guest-Lecturers from Fuller Theological Seminary

# WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

January 8 - January 29, 2020
Palm Desert Community Presbyterian Church

5:30 pm Dinner\*, 6:00 pm Lecture (Programs available for children & students, birth-12th grades.)

01.08.2020 Dr. Tod Bolsinger

"The Big Why: Evangelism and Leading Change"

01.15.2020 Dr. Steve Argue
"What is the Good News for Young Adults?"

01.22.2<mark>020 Dr. Brian Wallace</mark>
"Taking Your Place in the Mission of God: Formation for a Purpose"

01.29.2020 Dr. Michaela O'Donnell-Long
"Empathy and Imagination for a Changing World"









\*Dinner is free of charge (donations accepted).
For questions, or to RSVP for dinner call the church hotline at 760.346.8195

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# THE 2020 SEASON SPEAKER SERIES

in partnership with Fuller Seminary

We are so excited for our 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Nights in the Sanctuary at 6:00 pm.

Dinner in Miller Hall at 5:30 pm.

// 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

Childcare/programming is available for children birth - 6th grade.

### **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 the church office at (760) 346-8195.

# **DEACONS' CLOSET**

Every Tuesday, 8:30 - 11:30 am

Family Life Center Lower Level Lobby 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, flour, instant coffee, tea, jelly, canned refried beans, bars of soap, shampoo, diapers in all sizes and paper towels.

Items may be dropped off at any time in the church office, or brought to the next curbside collection on Sunday, January 12. Please no expired foods.

### **CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRIES**

Directed by Sarah Seils (760) 409-2385, sjfmla111@gmail.com

There are several groups included in Congregational Ministries. 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 <a href="mailto:fletchkolb@aol.com">fletchkolb@aol.com</a> or (760) 564-5904.

### // Pins & Needles

Thursdays from 9:00 - 11:30 am I Room 104 Family Life Center. Calling crafters of all ages to share ideas, friendship and ongoing projects. The enlisted families of Twentynine Palms Marine base, service men and women at Camp Pendleton, and various needs locally are our focus. Baby blankets etc., small quilts, afghans, stuffed toys and clothes for children are just a few of the projects that are in progress. Come and share your skills as well as enjoy Christian fellowship and coffee.

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 Joan MacFayden at (760) 346-8195 if you are interested. Next meeting is January 14.

### // 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 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 While.

# **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 we are providing the most safe and secure environment for our children, we are now asking parents to stop at the check in table near the nursery before heading into the Sanctuary for worship. 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 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 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.

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### **FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT**

You and your entire family are invited to our Family Movie Night! This month we'll be watching "Trolls". Hot dogs, popcorn, and treats are provided! We hope you can come connect with us! For any additional questions, contact Ryan at <a href="mailto:RyanS@pdpresby.org">RyanS@pdpresby.org</a>.



# SAVE THE DATE | MARK YOUR CALENDARS

More info will be coming soon for the following events:

NEIGHBORHOOD DAY CAMP June 8-12 | \$200 Ages 2.5 to 5th Grade Students 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade are needed as volunteers. Neighborhood Day Camp is coming back this Summer and we are so excited!

FORREST HOME SUMMER CAMP July 26 – July 31 Grades 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> Grade (All students have their own camps based on age).

### LEADERS AND HELPERS NEEDED

As the children's ministry continues to grow we are looking for more help! If you are interested in helping on Wednesday nights Now through May, please contact Ryan at ryans@pdpresby.org.

#### **CALLING ALL YOUNG LIFE FANS**

Do you have a background with Younglife Student Ministry? Was your life positively impacted through their camps, club, or campaigners? If so, please email <a href="mailto:jessica.r.ludwig@gmail.com">jessica.r.ludwig@gmail.com</a>.

### **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 place



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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!

\*Roots will not meet on January 1

### // 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! 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 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 at <a href="mailto:ryans@pdpresby.org">ryans@pdpresby.org</a> for more opportunities.

// WEDNESDAY NIGHT MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS
6:00 - 7:00 pm | Student Ministry Room
All middle school girls are invited to a small group study that will
focus on the lies young women buy into and how that 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.



// SIGN UP NOW! WINTER CAMP 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades | January 31-February 2 Winter Camp is almost here! Middle School and High School students will be heading up to Forest Home for another amazing weekend together.

Contact Ryan today to sign up. ryans@pdpresby.org or (760) 346-8195 x521

If you would like to help sponsor a camper, please contact Ryan Schmall.