

Palm West Alive

November 2021



***To speak gratitude is courteous and pleasant,
to enact gratitude is generous and noble,
but to live gratitude is to touch heaven.***

—Johannes Gaertner

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Pastor Jim Powell

Senior Pastor

The “Hate the Sin; Love the Sinner” Mantra

Last weekend, Pastor Hubbard gave a wonderful message on “Loving God and Loving People.” As he spoke, it triggered some thoughts that I have previously written on regarding the popular mantra, “Hate the sin, but love the sinner”. Obviously, there is truth in this statement, and it is often a heartfelt expression of how we feel—or at least how we want to feel. But the past year years, I have tried to avoid using this phrase as much as possible for three reasons:



1. Love should be more evident by our actions than our words.

Most of us understand the biblical mandate to be a people of love. Jesus told us this is the greatest commandment, and He said that people would know we are His disciples by our love. But, let’s be honest, it is not easy to practice love. It is easier to talk about it. That is why the apostle John said, “Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth” (1 John 3:18). In the book of Galatians, the apostle Paul added, “The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love” (Galatians 5:6).

Oftentimes we want to express our faith in truth, zeal, passion, and boldness. There is a place for those things, of course, but our faith needs to be modeled in loving actions and words that have genuine grace and compassion behind them. Too often we talk about loving the sinner, but our actions contradict our words. People don’t see the love or feel the love, only the frustration, anger, and disapproval in the tone of our voices. In contrast, Jesus rarely had to tell people He loved them, yet He had sinners flocking to Him because His love and compassion were evident. It was visible and tangible.

2. It sounds condescending.

Jesus once told a story about a Pharisee and tax collector who came to the temple to pray. The Pharisee looked up to heaven and said, “God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector” (Luke 18:11). That Pharisee may have been sincere, but his words came across as arrogant and uncompassionate. Jesus said his words did not reflect the truth of God, and the tax collector—who prayed, “God, have mercy on me, a sinner”—was actually closer to God’s heart than the Pharisee.

In our zeal to protect the truth, our attitude and tone can come across as condescending. Much like the Pharisees, who were blind to their blindness, we are unaware of how arrogant and judgmental our words often sound. When we say to people, “I hate the sin, but I love the sinner,” our motive may be good, but we can look and sound more like a Pharisee than a Christ follower.

3. It’s better to say, “I love the sinner, and I hate MY sin.”

Jesus said that the one who has been forgiven much loves much and the one who has been forgiven little loves little (Luke 7:47). I think part of the reason many evangelical Christians are not defined by love is because we do not believe we have been forgiven much. We believe grace is necessary for salvation, and many of us remember the sins of our past that God has forgiven, but when it comes to our present state of brokenness, we are blind, callused, and in denial. We generalize and diminish the deeper sins of the heart, like pride, fear, unbelief, envy, greed, lust, and gossip, by saying things like, “I know I’m not perfect, but...”

When we are truly walking in an awareness of our sin, we realize how far from Jesus we are, even if we are living good, moral, devoted lives. This awareness makes us humble and compassionate toward those far from God because we aren’t deceived into believing we are more righteous than we really are. However, when we have no awareness of our sin, we have little grace and patience for people who are living in blatant disobedience. Therefore, we need to spend more time searching our hearts and repenting of our own sin and less time trying to correct the world by telling them how wrong they are and how much we love them.

These are the reasons I am trying to avoid the mantra “Hate the sin; love the sinner” as much as possible. Instead, I want to walk in perpetual awareness of the state of my heart and my desperate need for Jesus, not only because of my past sins but also out of my present failures. I also hope to carry myself in such a way that my actions and the tone of my voice actually show the love of Jesus rather than just talking about it. For, while we must hold to the standards and convictions we believe represent God’s will, if we did so with greater amounts of love and grace, we will be much better witnesses for Christ to a hurting and disobedient world.

Pastor Peter Kyhn
Assoc. Pastor of Worship, Music & Discipleship



Another Year Begins November 28

No, I'm not thinking of January first beginning the new year, but a more profound, spiritual calendar that can help us grow in our faith in Christ.

The "Christian Year," also known as the Church Calendar (not to be confused with the PWCC church calendar), is the historic cycle of celebrating the saving events of God in Jesus Christ by marking those particular events in which God's saving purposes were made known.

Throughout the course of the Church's history, this calendar developed into an confusing matrix of feasts and celebrations that eventually overshadowed the centrality of Christ and His saving work on the cross. By the late medieval period, every day of the year had been named after a saint. The sixteenth century Reformers discontinued the practice of observing the Christian year because of the Roman excesses, but in doing so lost many positive aspects. They threw the baby out with the bath water, so to speak.

Too often the Protestant Christian community is guilty of making a bigger deal of the Hallmark calendar (Mother's Day, Father's Day, and the host of national holidays) than of the Church Calendar. We Evangelicals do observe a simple and unadorned calendar that accents the major events of Christ - a Christian year similar to that of the early church. The major themes are: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Holy Week, Resurrection Sunday, and Pentecost.

The Church Year traditionally concludes with "Christ the King" Sunday on November 21, also known as the Feast of Christ the King. Then the Church year begins anew with the first Sunday of Advent on November 28 (this year). So in this month we have the ending of one year and the beginning of another.

The four weeks of Advent (which starts the Christian calendar) is a time to contemplate the appearing of the promised Messiah and to personally prepare to live in the Light as He is in the Light (I John). It is a time to remember that the God who was faithful to fulfill His ancient promise to send the Redeemer of humankind's sin is the same God who is trustworthy with our future: Jesus came and He is coming again.

So, happy new year Church!

Discovering PWCC!

Join us on Thursday, November 18, at 1:00 pm in the Hoover Hall classroom.

This is a newcomer's class taught by Pastor Jim, designed to help you meet other people and learn more about our church.

You can contact the church office to sign up, or for more information.



Pastor Brian Thomas
Assoc. Pastor of Pastoral Care

Happy November!!!

Palm West will hold a special Christmas “Celebration of Life” service on Saturday, December 4 at 3:00 p.m. for family and friends from our church. This time of reflective remembrance will include music, Scripture, and a presentation featuring the names of loved ones who have passed away. If you would like to remember your loved ones in this way, you will have an opportunity to sign up in the church lobby or you can contact the church office in the month of November.

As always, I'm happy to answer any questions you may have on any of this information!

Serving with you,
Brian



“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another”

John 13:34

Griefshare!

GriefShare is well under way with a group of wonderful people who are negotiating the journey of mourning to joy together. We share our sorrows, challenges, and frustrations as well as our joys and victories with tears and laughter combined. The support each one receives is encouragement along the way. Lunch following each session is an opportunity to socialize with current members as well as alumni from past sessions who have made friends in the group.



The group is always open to new members, our church family, neighbors and friends who need support during a difficult time following the loss of a loved one. It is always better to have a friend to walk along side when we feel alone.

Blessings,
Bob and Joyce Davis, Facilitators

Do you have a prayer request?

If so, email prayer@palmwestchurch.org
We'll get your request to our prayer team and
include it on our daily email update.
Prayer is our most forceful weapon and
we need to continue to rely on this privilege.



Vision Leadership Team

John Sproule, Chair



Vision Leadership Team (VLT) VLT Member Replacements for 2022

Judie Amen and Bruce Dubberstein will be rotating off our Vision Leadership Team after faithfully serving Palm West Community Church in this capacity for four years. Please express your gratitude to them for their dedication when the opportunity arises.

Your VLT is pleased to announce that two candidates for the leadership openings (after being nominated, having submitted applications, having completed a review process and after having completed interviews by VLT members and following prayer and considerations), were affirmed by the VLT for presentation to the membership. The two candidates, Joyce Westlund and Bob Wilber, have been selected to fill the two Vision Leadership Team openings starting January 1, 2022.

The VLT, per church policy, is to make known to the membership the names of the selected VLT replacements and allow for any questions/comments regarding either candidate to be expressed. This year, any responses need to be in a signed document and must be received in the church office no later than November 8, 2021, ATTN: John Sproule.

It is church policy to have new VLT members and church leaders affirmed by a vote of the membership. This year, the vote on the VLT replacements will again be done via an electronic ballot. The electronic ballot method allows for more members to participate in the process as compared to having an in-person meeting.

This communication will serve as NOTICE that the electronic ballot voting to affirm VLT replacements and approve the PWCC 2022 Budget, will take place no later than the third week of November.

God Bless, John Sproule, VLT Chair

We Solicit Your Prayers And Thank You For Supporting the VLT

Moderator

Gini Baker

Ministry Opportunities to Serve Christ and PWCC

Welcome fall and November, a time when most of the “snowbirds” have returned to the warmth of our area. Welcome back to all and know that Palm West Community Church is inviting your participation in the many ministries that have resumed post COVID. A church cannot be, function, or grow without the faithful volunteers of the attendees!

Borrowing from Pastor Ben at the Church of Life here in Phoenix and Concord Road Church, there are many benefits in serving the church. These include:

Serving allows each of us to experience His power firsthand

God has called us to serve Him by serving others. If we do all things with love, serving others is *a joyful experience*.

Volunteering at church is an opportunity

How amazing to share Christ’s teachings and become ambassadors for Christ.

Helps us discover and develop our spiritual gifts.

God places gifts inside each of us, seeds that can grow into skills and abilities for serving others. A seed will only grow into what it was designed to be when it’s planted in the right environment. You’ll discover your unique contribution when you start serving!

Service deepens your relationship with God

Volunteering at church presents an opportunity to evaluate where you are in your faith. It allows us to rekindle our connection with His word while spreading it to others. Volunteering allows you to identify the path you are on with our Lord and Savior. Everyone is at a different stage in their journey. Through volunteering, you can become a friend, a teacher, and a student in faith.

Serving brings joy

Uniting for a purpose brings joy not only to those you are serving, but also to you and your brethren. Deepening your connection with fellow members of the church lifts your heart and your spirit in the name of the Lord. Spending time and bonding with our brothers and sisters in Christ is an extension of the faith and happiness we enjoy in Christ Jesus.

We can do more together

We are but vessels for God’s word. He could have chosen differently, but He decided to use His believers to help spread the Word. On your own, it’s harder to plant seeds of faith. Together as a church, our efforts are more successful. Working together, God’s people can spread the Gospel effectively.

Serving is good for the soul

While we joyfully serve Jesus Christ, we often take extraordinary measures to further and deepen our connection with Christ. By committing ourselves to serve others, we show God the love we have for Him.

You are needed!!!

Believing the lie that the church doesn’t need you will rob you of the joys God designed for you to experience through serving. ***Take a risk and get involved. God will honor that step of faith and grow it into so much more!***

Please let the office know if you are available, interested, motivated, and called to serve on one of the following ministries. Several of these are described on the PWCC web page. There are various roles with each of these opportunities ... Join me in keeping PWCC vital and doing God’s work!

Thanks, Gini Baker, Moderator - Bakerswim @aol.com

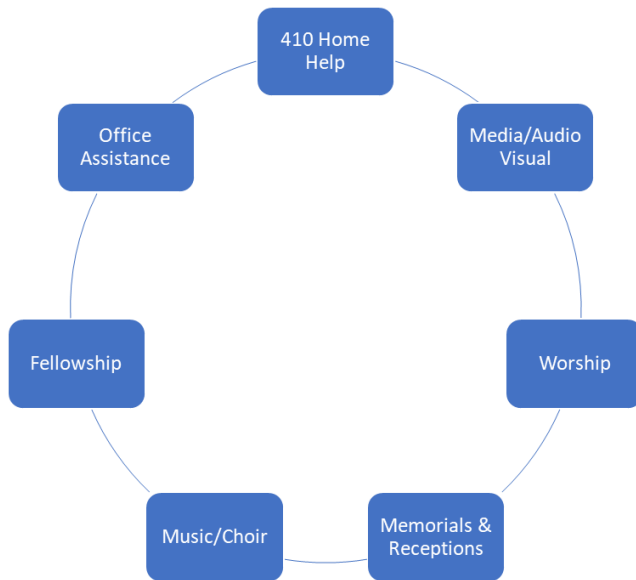
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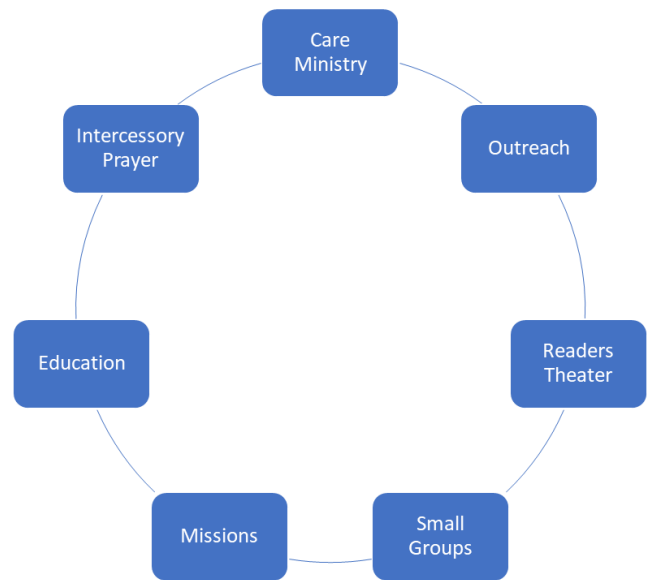
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“Doers”



“Facilitators”



Book Review

Dorcas Van Horn

ANGELS, Dr. David Jeremiah

Book available in our church library

Angels, they perch atop our Christmas trees. We wear angel pins on our clothes. Statues are displayed in our gardens of chubby winged cherubs. Are these the depictions of real angels? Dr. David Jeremiah makes clear what angels are, who they are and what we ought to know about them. He puts to rest the myths and misunderstandings about these servants of God.

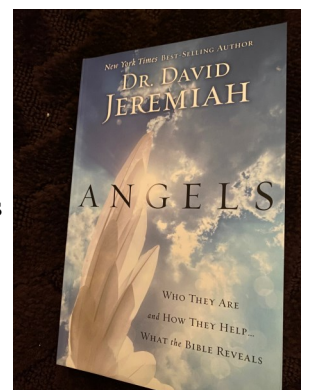
A ringing bell does not signify an angel has earned his wings. In Scripture the two classes of angels known as cherubim and seraphim are the only ones mentioned to have wings. And yes, there are classes of angels. We have heard of cherubim and seraphim and the two famous angels Gabriel whose name means “Mighty One of God” and the archangel Michael. His name means “Who is Like God?”

They all are created beings just as you and I are created beings.

They were already there when human beings were created. (Colossians 1:16) Angels are ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation. (Hebrews 1:14) How comforting to know God had everything in place before he put Adam and Eve in the garden.

Angels seems to be organized into different groups with different responsibilities and duties so that God’s will is carried out. Dr. Jeremiah asks if it is true of angels, might it be true for us too? (think—different gifts)

Dr. Jeremiah tells us exactly where to find the scriptures that talk about angels—the only true source of information about the “substance of things not seen.”



Treasurer
Chuck Crandall

Finance Report Through Sept 2021

Revenue	Actual	Budget
General Fund Offering	\$ 616,074	\$ 607,500
Interest & Other Income	\$ 19,021	\$ 10,167
12% Missions Allocation	\$ (73,037)	\$ (72,900)
Total Income	\$ 562,058	\$ 544,767

Expenses		
Salaries & Compensation	\$ 329,926	\$ 338,356
Benefits	\$ 71,663	\$ 84,884
Administration	\$ 22,536	\$ 24,075
Ministries	\$ 64,440	\$ 82,522
Provision for Capital R&R Fund	\$ 18,750	\$ 18,750
Total Expenses	\$ 507,315	\$ 548,587

Net Ordinary Income	\$ 54,743	\$ (3,820)
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Fellowship Dinner
Diane Koziol

Greetings from the Kitchen

After 20 months of non-activity, we celebrated the gathering of church family for an Oktoberfest dinner. Many thanks to those who helped prep, serve, and clean. A special thank you to Beth Doering and her decorating team. November dinner will be a pizza, salad and dessert for a charge of \$5.00 at the door.



**Please sign up in the church narthex
on Sundays
November 7 and 14,
or call the church office.**



Education

Dena Martin, Chair

PWCC Education Ministry works diligently to keep our PWCC Library alive and well. Recently, we were told, PWCC has a fabulous library that the committee maintains. We have a **Library Annex** also called Worship Center Classroom. Recently, we were told many individuals in our church thought it was a storeroom for books. Far from the truth. The **Church Library Annex** contains biographies, Historical Books, Poetic, Prophetic, Christian Theology, Christian Moral Theology, and many more. All are available for you to read just by using the form in the Main Library to check out, take home and read.



Fiction Library is just off the Narthex you see every Sunday morning. Both Libraries are open every day during church office hours.

Our Library will need volunteers to help with purging of unread books to make room for new and more current books. Please call Dena, 623-261-6568 or Marilyn 623-512-2726 with the mornings that work best for you.

The main church library and the Library Annex is available for use throughout the week. If there is no one working, you may check out books by completing the checkout form, which is on the table in the main library. This sheet requires these items about the book. Your name, name of book, and bar code number from inside front cover. If you are not a member of PWCC you may still check out books by providing us with your information on a three-by-five card, provided for you, on the library table.

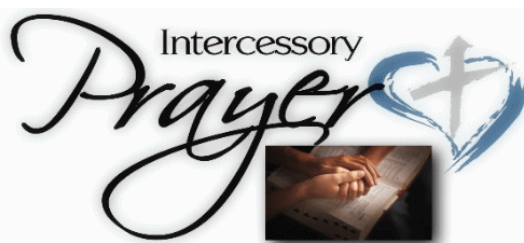
Doris Hamel is willing to check out books from our library and deliver to individuals that are confined to their homes in Sun City West. Call Doris if you are interested.

Men and Women's Bible Study Classes continue through the fall along with Bob Wilber's Sunday Morning Bible Study "Profits and Kings" by Ray Vander Laan. Mary Ann Lind began a study in October named "Daniel" for the Women's Bible Study, Thursdays, Hoover Hall Classroom at 9:30am.

Please contact the leaders for more information about the classes. Dave: 623-544-4789. Alice: 623-300-9522, and Bob: 859-621-0709.

New to the Library

- ♦ The Secret Life of Violet Grant, A Novel by Beatriz Williams
- ♦ The Power of a Praying Husband, by Stormie Omartian
- ♦ A Man After God's Own Heart, by Jim George
- ♦ Kingdom Men Rising, By Tony Evans



The Intercessory Prayer Group meets every Tuesday at 11:00 am. We will be using the Worship Center classroom in the back of the sanctuary.

October Sermons



Just Jesus: The Gospel According to Mark **Pastor Jim Powell**

November 7—The Submission of Jesus
Scripture: Mark Chapter 14

November 14—The Suffering of Jesus
Scripture: Mark Chapter 15

November 21—The Resurrection of Jesus
Scripture: Mark Chapter 16

November 28—Christmas Series—TBA

On Wednesdays through November 17, Pastor Jim continues his Bible Study in the Worship Center on the History and Context of the book of Mark. This series will look at a number of themes that help us to better understand the Gospel and complement the present sermon series. The Bible Study is at 1:00 pm, here at Palm West and is recorded to make them available online for those who can not attend.

Holy Land Tour 2023

Pastor Jim will be leading another tour of the Holy Land in February 2023. This will be an 11 day trip covering multiple locations where Jesus walked, talked, and taught.

For more information, brochures and registration forms are available in the office. If you register use the code: Powell23. You can also find more information online at:

<https://ittworld.com/tours/11-day-holy-land-tour-package/>

*Palm West Community Church
Christmas Dinner
Sunday, December 19, 3:00—7:00 p.m.
Briarwood Country Club*



*\$25.00 per person
Tickets will be on sale
Sundays, November 7, 14, 21
between services and in the
church office during the week.*

*Open Seating
Choice of Chicken or Beef*

Christian Readers Book Club

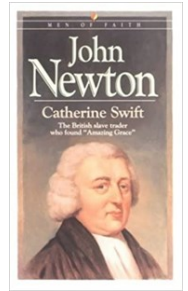
Gini Baker

1st Thursday of Month, 1:00pm to 2:30pm, Worship Center Classroom

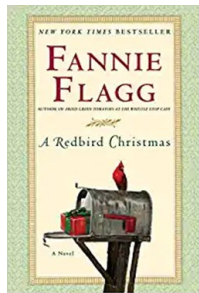
This is an awesome group. Read the book and join us for a great time of discussion and fellowship!!

November 4 Book: *John Newton*, Catherine Swift

The amazing story of the “Old Converted Sea Captain” whose hymns are still loved today. John Newton (1725-1807) was a British sailor whose life of sin took him to the western coast of Africa, where he became a virtual slave before getting involved in the African slave trade. His dramatic conversion during a violent storm in the North Atlantic, however, did not end his involvement with slave trading. It would be six years before he gave up his career as a sea captain and went on to become an Anglican clergyman. Dissatisfied with the hymns of the day, Newton began writing his own, many autobiographical in nature, and is remembered for “Amazing Grace,” “How Sweet the Name the Name of Jesus Sounds,” and “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”, from a “wretched” prodigal son to a crusader against slavery.



December 2nd Book: *A Redbird Christmas*, Fannie Flagg



With the same incomparable style and warm, inviting voice that have made her beloved by millions of readers far and wide, *New York Times* bestselling author Fannie Flagg has written an enchanting Christmas story of faith and hope for all ages that is sure to become a classic.

Deep in the southernmost part of Alabama, along the banks of a lazy winding river, lies the sleepy little community known as Lost River, a place that time itself seems to have forgotten. After a startling diagnosis from his doctor, Oswald T. Campbell leaves behind the cold and damp of the oncoming Chicago winter to spend what he believes will be his last Christmas in the warm and welcoming town of Lost River. There he meets the postman who delivers mail by boat, the store owner who nurses a broken heart, the ladies of the Mystic Order of the Royal Polka Dots Secret Society, who do clandestine good works. And he meets a little redbird named Jack, who is at the center of this tale of a magical Christmas when something so amazing happened that those who witnessed it have never forgotten it. Once you experience the wonder, you too will never forget *A Redbird Christmas*.

For more info: Bev Crandall 623-584-9531

CHRISTMAS DRAMA

On Sunday evening, December 5, at 6:00 p.m., our Palm West drama team will present "Bethlehem Speaks."

This readers' theater drama will tell the familiar Christmas story in scripture and the words of those who were present at Jesus' birth. There will also be audience participation in the singing of favorite Christmas carols.

Plan on being there for this moving program as we begin our preparations for the celebration of Jesus' birth.





Quilters Meeting

Quilt & Sew will meet Friday, November 12, 9:00 a.m.
Please join us in the Hoover Hall Classroom if you enjoy sewing and are interested in making a Blanket or Quilt to bring comfort to a child in need.
Please come and join us for fun and fellowship.
Fabric provided.



Coffee and Conversation Women's Connection

Please join us on Monday mornings 10:00—11:00 a.m. in Hoover Hall classroom for an informal time of fellowship.
We discuss a different topic each week and have fun sharing and getting to know each other. Bring your own drink. For questions call the church office.

Fellowship Games

Searching for a friendly group and Christian atmosphere around a relaxing table game? Look no further. Meet people, make new friends, share interests, stretch your brain. We play Mexican train and are open to other games.

Join us on the first and third Mondays (except for holidays) of each month at 2:00 p.m. in the Hoover Hall classroom

Dates: November 1 and 15 at 2:00 p.m.



Coloring Fellowship

Join us for Coloring Fellowship on November 23 (the 4th Tuesday) with an emphasis on Fellowship.
We have supplies if you want to color and need supplies.
All are welcome.



Details:

Date: November 23, 2021

Time: 10:00—11:30 a.m.

(you don't have to stay the whole time)

Place: Hoover Hall

We hope to see you there,

Deborah Phillips and Mary Beth Tyson

November Meetings

Bible Study—History & Context in Mark’s Gospel

Wednesdays, November 3, 10, 17 1:00 pm—3:00 pm Worship Center

Christian Readers Book Club

Thursdays, November 4 1:00 pm—2:30 pm Worship Center classroom

Choir

Thursdays, November 4, 11, 18, 3:00 pm—4:30 pm Choir Room

Coloring Fellowship

Tuesday, November 23 10:00 am—11:30 am Hoover Hall

Community Bible Study

Wednesdays, November 3, 10, 17 9:30 am—11:30 am Entire Campus

Drama Rehearsals

Mondays, November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 1:00 pm—2:30 pm Hoover Hall

Education

Monday, November 1 9:00 am—11:30 am Worship Center classroom

Fellowship Dinner

Wednesday, November 17 5:00 pm—7:00 pm Hoover Hall

Fellowship Games

Mondays November 1, 15 2:00 pm—5:00 pm Hoover Hall classroom

Finance Meeting

Thursday, November 4 9:00 am—10:30 am Choir Room

GriefShare

Tuesdays, November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 10:00 am—11:30 am Choir Room

Handbells

Fridays, November 5, 12, 19 9:00 am—10:00 am Choir Room

Hope Bags

Friday, November 12 9:00 am—12:00 pm Hoover Hall

Intercessory Prayer Gathering

Tuesdays, November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 11:00 am—12:00 noon Worship Center classroom

Leadership Meeting

Tuesday, November 9 9:00 am—10:30 am Hoover Hall

Men’s Bible Study

Mondays, November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 8:30 am—9:30 am Hoover Hall classroom

Missions

Tuesday, November 9 1:00 pm—3:00 pm Hoover Hall classroom

PAT

Training, Tuesday, November 9 1:00 pm—3:00 pm Choir Room

Meeting, Tuesday, November 16 1:00 pm—3:00 pm Choir Room

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October Meetings

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Prayer Gathering

Thursdays, November 4, 11, 18 11:00 am—12:00 pm Choir Room

Quilters Meeting

Friday, November 12 9:00 am—12:00 pm Hoover Hall classroom

Stretching Class

Fridays, November 5, 12, 19 1:00 pm—2:00 pm Hoover Hall

VLT

Tuesdays, November 2, 16 10:00 am—11:30 am Hoover Hall classroom

Women's Bible Study

Thursdays, November 4, 11, 18 9:30 am—11:00 am Hoover Hall

Women's Connection

Mondays, November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 10:00 am—11:30 am Hoover Hall classroom

Memorial Service

There will be a memorial service for Virginia Postma on Friday, November 5, at 10:30 a.m.
A light lunch will follow in Hoover Hall.



Online Giving



**If you would like to sign-up for Online giving, go to our website
and follow the links.**

If you need assistance contact the church office.

**For those of you who are still giving online through Vanco
please contact the church office for assistance to close your account
and get instruction to sign on to Subsplash giving.**

Hope Bags

Claudia Smith

PWCC HOPE BAG WORKERS



We thought you would like to see some of our faithful workers that make the Hope Bag Ministry happen each year. These are just a few of us as some are working in the other room, and some of us are still on our Summer sabbatical. Ask anyone of these folks if they enjoy the fellowship and work for the Hope Bag Ministry. You can see the smiling faces and know this is a blessing to all who participate. Thank you to those of you who continue to bring the needed items each month, and contribute financially in order for us to be able to buy some of the things in bulk. It takes all of us to accomplish our goal.



THE HOPE BAG MINISTRY

We are often asked by new folks to PWCC: “What does the Hope Bag Ministry do?” In answer to that question, the following is a brief explanation:

The Ministry provides needed items to women and children who are at risk, either from abuse, human trafficking or other situations beyond their control. Our mission is to provide each woman with a Bible, in which we insert the Salvation message. **Only as a woman comes to know Christ and accept Him as her Lord and Savior can she truly understand how to become free from the abuse in her life, and the lives of her children.**

The Hope Bags and beautiful quilts portray Jesus’ love to each of the children. We have had children ask us if they can keep the bag and quilt as they have never experienced having something of their very own.

We currently serve the Phoenix Dream Center, Short Creek Dream Center, THRIVE, Neighborhood Ministries, Phoenix Rescue Mission and Changing Lives Center. If you are not familiar with any of these missions, please ask Claudia Smith, and she will be happy to share the information with you.

We collect year-round for the items to fill the bags. Each mission is visited to discuss the needs, and make certain each item in the bags are what is needed. All the items must be NEW. The recipients of the bags have been treated poorly for many years, and they feel they have no self-worth. Presenting the colorful handmade Hope Bags and quilts helps to instill in their heart and mind that they are worth having something new that is just special for them. When they arrive at a safe house with nothing but the clothes on their back and are given one of these bags and quilts, we reflect Jesus love to them.

Your gifts and donations and time given to make this mission possible are deposits you are making in our eternal home in Heaven. May God bless you for being so generous in touching the lives of those we may never meet, but who need our help and expression of love.

II Corinthians 9:8 “And God is able to make all grace abound to you, that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed”

Missions

Mission Aviation Fellowship

Linda Hall, Liaison



People who live in isolated parts of the world are being reached and changed by Christ's love through the ministry of Mission Aviation Fellowship. Since 1945, the vision of MAF has brought help, hope and healing through aviation. At Palm West 12% of giving goes towards missions and a percentage of those dollars are helping MAF ministers worldwide in 13 countries, especially in remote regions of Africa, Asia, Eurasia and Latin America. Hospitals and clinics can be difficult to get to if you live in places like the mountains of southern Africa but MAF can bring life-saving medical care. When COVID struck, MAF flew health workers to instruct local clinics on procedures and delivered protective and testing equipment. Disaster response and relief work reach isolated people suffering

after earthquakes, cyclones, or hurricanes. In addition, MAF keeps churches in isolated areas connected, supported and carries believers to remote villages to share the gospel.

Long range, MAF flights help build stronger communities, which in turn yields stronger kids and opportunities for a better life. Because of our giving, MAF flights create access to medical care, education, development projects, and the gospel for people who live cut-off from the rest of the world.



Airplane fuel and maintenance expenses are a large part of keeping this ministry flying, but worth it to help someone in need and share the love of Jesus Christ. Each day, in different time zones around the world, MAF serves as a tangible presence of God's compassion through service to the broken and the hurting. For more information about MAF and inspirational stories from the field, go to www.MAF.org



Voice of the Martyrs Movie at Surprise 14

Nov 8, 9, 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Sabina: Tortured for Christ: The Nazi Years

A sign up sheet to go as a group is available through Sunday, November 7. Tickets are \$13.56 – See Barb Barborak for details.



The Heart of the Gospel Is Forgiveness

Meeting with the Manns (International Ministries) - thank you

for your support and engaging with them October 31. They felt our love and support of battling the scars of human trafficking of youth from Thailand and Laos.

Missions

Samaritan's Purse

Dave Evans, Liaison

Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child Project

We thank you for making a child's tangible connection with Jesus a reality this Christmas! There is still time to donate to this special project:

Option 1 – Donate online to Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child Project on the PWCC account following the steps:

<https://build-a-shoebox.samaritanpurse.org/view/8759b616-742b-4498-a1de-622280323b6c>

You select the age of the child and the sex of the child you want your box to go to and then select the items to fill the box. Also you can write a personalized note from you!

Option 2 – Donate to PWCC by check with a note in the memo line “Shoebox Ministry” and we will order for you.

Option 3 – Pick up a shoe box in the Worship Center lobby and fill it with items listed inside. Please return the box(es) by Sunday, November 7.

THANK YOU!!

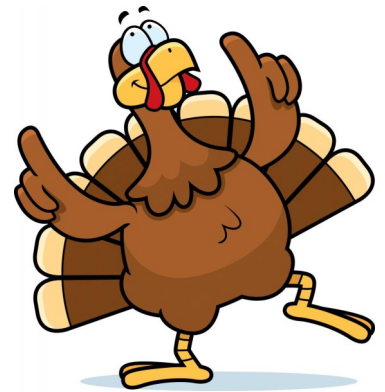


Valley View Community Food Bank Turkey Drive

Monday, November 22, 2021

Valley View Community Food Bank supports over 600 families in need. This season as we give thanks to God for His many blessings, would you display your thanks by donating any combination of::

- turkey
- dressing
- potatoes
- gravy mix
- yams
- vegetable canned goods, and/or pumpkin pie?





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