

NOVEMBER 2011

Praises

Archives Commission



Did you know the 12-pointed star suspended from the apex of the sanctuary measures 7 feet from point to point, weighs 60 pounds and is suspended by a steel 500-pound-test cable??

This and many other interesting and informative facts can be found in our very own Archives Room. For your convenience, the Archives Commission is holding an Open House following the 11:00am worship service on the first Sunday of each month.

You can learn more about the origin of the church (it is 86 years young!), its early leaders and its present leaders. There is so much to see - scrapbooks, old and new photos, displays about our many ministries and programs. You will certainly learn a thing or two about our wonderful church!

The Archives Room is located on the south side of the Hamilton Building – just look for the awning.

Hope to see you on Sunday, November 6!

Be a Branch, Not a Post



David Rogne writes about a friend who is a grape farmer in the San Joaquin Valley of California. He writes, “The branches of his vines are tied to long wires that run between the plants. The wires are attached to posts. Every few years he has to go through the vineyard and replace the posts. The branches stay in contact with the living root and they are sustained from year to year. The posts are placed in the same ground, right next to the vine, but having no root, not only do they not grow, they begin to rot.”

People often wonder how they receive the power they need to do what God calls them to do. A quick answer: be a branch, not a post. Many mistakenly believe that if they position themselves

near the root, like a post, they will receive what they need. Not so. Simply sitting in worship, closing your eyes when someone’s praying, or having a Bible in your home will not provide sustenance. We must take root in God by engaging the practices of our faith. Faithful participation in worship, consistent Bible study, and regular routines of prayer and reflection connect us to God in ways that enable us to grow.

Don’t forget to stay connected to the root. Be a branch, not a post.

With Great Expectations,

Charles D. Reeb,
Senior Pastor

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Tennis Anyone?

The PCC 10 & Under Tennis Program will begin Tuesday, November 1, and run through Saturday, December 3.

This is a unique tennis program geared for children ages 10 and under. With the use of trained and certified instructors and age appropriate techniques, your child will learn the skills necessary to excel in the sport of tennis, while having a blast! Classes will be held Tuesday evenings



from 4:30-5:15pm and Saturday mornings from 9:00-9:45am. Registration fee is \$25 per participant. Registration packets can

be found in the church office and will be due with payment no later than Sunday, October 30. For more details contact Morgan Hendricks at morganh@pccumc.org or Anita Marshall at anitam@pccumc.org.

United Methodist Women

The November Unit meeting for UMW will be held November 1 at 10:30am in the Life Enrichment Center. Our speaker will be Missionary Ana Ingles from Angola. Please call the Church office no later than noon on October 27 to make your reservations for lunch.

The Dec Unit meeting will be December 6 at 10:30am in the Life

Enrichment Center. Our program will be "Christmas Celebration", installation of officers, cookie exchange and our annual gifts for United Methodist Cooperative Ministries and SEAR. There will be a presentation of Special Mission Recognition pins. Reservations for lunch that day must be made by calling the Church office.

A Funny Thing Happened ...



Submitted by Rich Simpson

Source - 5th Edition, "A Prairie Home Companion Pretty Good Joke Book"

Why do golfers wear 2 pairs of pants?
In case they get a hole in one.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

From Debbie Breitweiser



Our new group logo is KOGO which means Knit One Give One. Mamie Lee Black created the logo for our group. At the first meeting, on October 7, Pastor Sidney Tompkins blessed all the prayer

shawls made and those attending. We will meet the second Saturday of every month at 10 a.m. in the Power House in the Hamilton building. If you knit or crochet or would like to learn, come join us!

Hamilton-Roughgarden Student Loan Program

(Yes, that Dr. Hamilton)

Did you know that we have a student Loan Program that has helped over 100 students attend a university, a college or a trade school? This program offers loans (not gifts) so the funds get paid back. Did you know that the funds we have to loan out have dropped to a level that we will have to close the program to any future students? Did you know that you can help?

Any donation to the Hamilton-Roughgarden Student Loan Program is tax deductible and will enable us to help future

students get an education.

Please consider the Hamilton-Roughgarden Student Loan Program in your estate planning. It is a great way to help others and because the funds are paid back, your gift will continue to help students for many years to come. You may also donate to the fund in your weekly/monthly giving by designating the gift to go to "Student Loans" under Special Offering.

Please contact Ron Braun 727-642-5102 today to help improve the future of a student!

As The Seasons Approach

From Robert Drick, Director of Sacred Arts

We have just had the opportunity to see the power to worship imbedded in the ARTS with Sacred Arts Sunday.

We quickly move to All Saints Day (November 6th) in which the Choir will perform a new anthem, "In Remembrance" by Jeffrey Ames. This anthem, featuring guest French Hornist – Max Bygrave, is a poignant reminder of the grief mixed with joy in the passing of the saints.

The Choir, Bells, and Liturgical Dance will all present, as offerings, wonderful new selections amplifying the Advent, Christmas and Epiphany Seasons. The choir alone will present five new anthems during this time, each noted in the bulletin so that you may more intentionally listen to these new creations.

Next, we invite you and all your friends, family and neighbors to the Community Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 18th at 7:00 p.m. It will feature the Choir, Camerata, Florida Orchestra Brass Quintet and other guest instrumentalists. With narration by Tracy Alan Hughes, the Christmas Story is told with wonderful new settings of many Christmas favorites including: "Sweet Little Jesus Boy", "Mary Had a Baby", "O Come, All Ye Faithful", "Shepherd's Pipe Carol", "Go Tell It on the Mountain", "Do You Hear What I Hear" and many others. There is no admission charged – an offering will be taken. It is not to be missed.

Watch for news about Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services in the December Praises.

ESOL and Parish Nursing



Virginia Spencer, RN, Cristie Wolfe ESOL coordinator, Janie Miller, RN, Dr. Kimberly Dean

Two Pasadena ministries, ESOL and Parish Nursing have joined forces. Our own Dr. Kimberly Dean has graciously volunteered her services to ESOL (English as a Second Language) students monthly. Many of these students have little or no opportunity to access medical care. Cristie Wolfe, Director of the ESOL classes at Pasadena saw the need in her students and began

networking with Dr. Dean and the Parish Nurses. Pasadena is offering a unique and much needed ministry to many in our community who are learning our language, preparing for citizenship and in need of basic medical consultation and care. Thank you to Cristie Wolfe, Dr. Dean, the Parish Nurses and all those who have made this ministry possible.

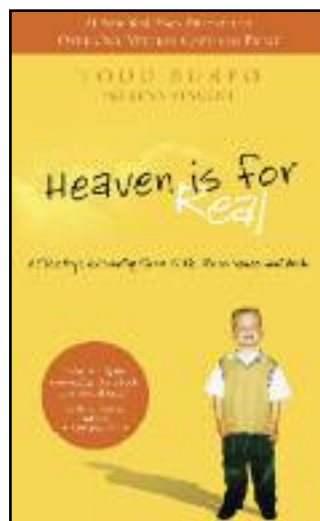
Library Book Review

By Harold Wabking

Wednesday, November 9
4:30, in LEC Room 3A/B

"Heaven is for Real"

By Todd Burpo



Welcome

New Members

Hazel Creveling

Meg Delgato

Wilson Garnes

Robert Honaker



Pasadena Community Church Calendar of Events

November 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 10:30 am UMW unit Meeting 7:00 pm Worship Team Meeting	2 9:00 am Thrift Shop 10:00 am Gift Shop 4:30 pm Gift Shop 5:30 pm Autumn's Bounty	3	<i>Church Office Closes at 1 PM</i> 4	5 9:00 am Thrift Shop 10:00 am Gift Shop 11:00 am School Auction & Carnival 7:00 pm Got Talent? Show
6 All Saints Day 6:00 pm Youth - First Sunday	7	8 5:30 pm Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm Global Mission Team	9 9:00 am Thrift Shop 10:00 am Gift Shop 4:30 pm Gift Shop 4:30 pm Book Review 5:30 pm Autumn's Bounty 7:30 pm Angel Outreach Meeting	10 9:00 am Food Pantry	<i>Church Office Closes at 1 PM</i> 11	12 9:00 am Thrift Shop 10:00 am Gift Shop 6:00 pm Parent's Night Out
13 8:30 am Bloodmobile	14	15 12:30 pm Community I Circle 7:00 pm Finance Meeting	16 9:00 am Thrift Shop 10:00 am Gift Shop 4:30 pm Gift Shop 5:30 pm Autumn's Bounty	17 11:30 am Lillian Holmes Circle 6:00 pm Staff Parish Relations	<i>Church Office Closes at 1 PM</i> 18 9:00 am Children's Consignment Sale 10:30 am UMW Board Meeting	19 9:00 am Children's Consignment Sale 9:00 am Thrift Shop 10:00 am Gift Shop 7:00 pm Saturday Night Blend
20	21	22 7:00 pm Church Council	23 9:00 am Thrift Shop 10:00 am Gift Shop 4:30 pm Gift Shop	24 THANKSGIVING	<i>Church Office Closes at 1 PM</i> 25 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY	26 9:00 am Thrift Shop 10:00 am Gift Shop 5:00 pm PCC Game Night
27	28 6:30 pm Faith in Action Circle	29	30			

Angel Outreach

Our committee is very busy this time of year preparing to “reach out in tangible ways to show and teach God’s Love to less fortunate children and their families in our community.”

This year the children and families we are reaching out to will be selected from Bear Creek Elementary, Gulfport Elementary, our ESOL Program and other families referred from Pasadena Community Church.

How you can help in November:

- **Donate \$25.00** toward a Sweetbay Gift Card that will be given to each of the participating families to help them purchase their Thanksgiving Meal.

Look for our Harvest Display in the Sanctuary lobby November 6, 13 and 20. Select an envelope to use for your gift (cash or a check to PCC is fine) and put the marked envelope in the offering plate. There will also be envelopes in the Church office during that time.

How you can help in December:

- **Shop for a child** by selecting a tag from one of our Angel Trees starting November 27 (in the Sanctuary lobby, Chapel lobby or church office). Each tag will have a child’s name and suggested gift ideas. Please write your name and phone number in the notebook so we know when all the tags have been selected. Also pick up a new garbage bag to return each child’s gifts in. Gifts (unwrapped) will need to be turned in by December 12*.

- **Donate \$25.00** toward a Sweetbay Gift Card that will be given to each of the participating families to help them purchase their Christmas Meal. Envelopes will be on the trees.

- **Donate small, new or gently used adult gifts** for the children to “shop” for the night of their party, December 9. During our party each child will hear the Christmas story, select a gift for their parent(s), eat supper and enjoy entertainment and a visit with Santa.

- **Donate gift bags and tissue** so the children can wrap the gift for their parent(s).

- **Donate any amount to be used by the committee** for party expenses, additional children’s gifts and other expenses. Specially marked envelopes for donations will

be on the Angel Trees also.

Monetary donations can be put in the offering plate or turned into the office.

Supplies for our party can be brought to the Church office or put under the trees.

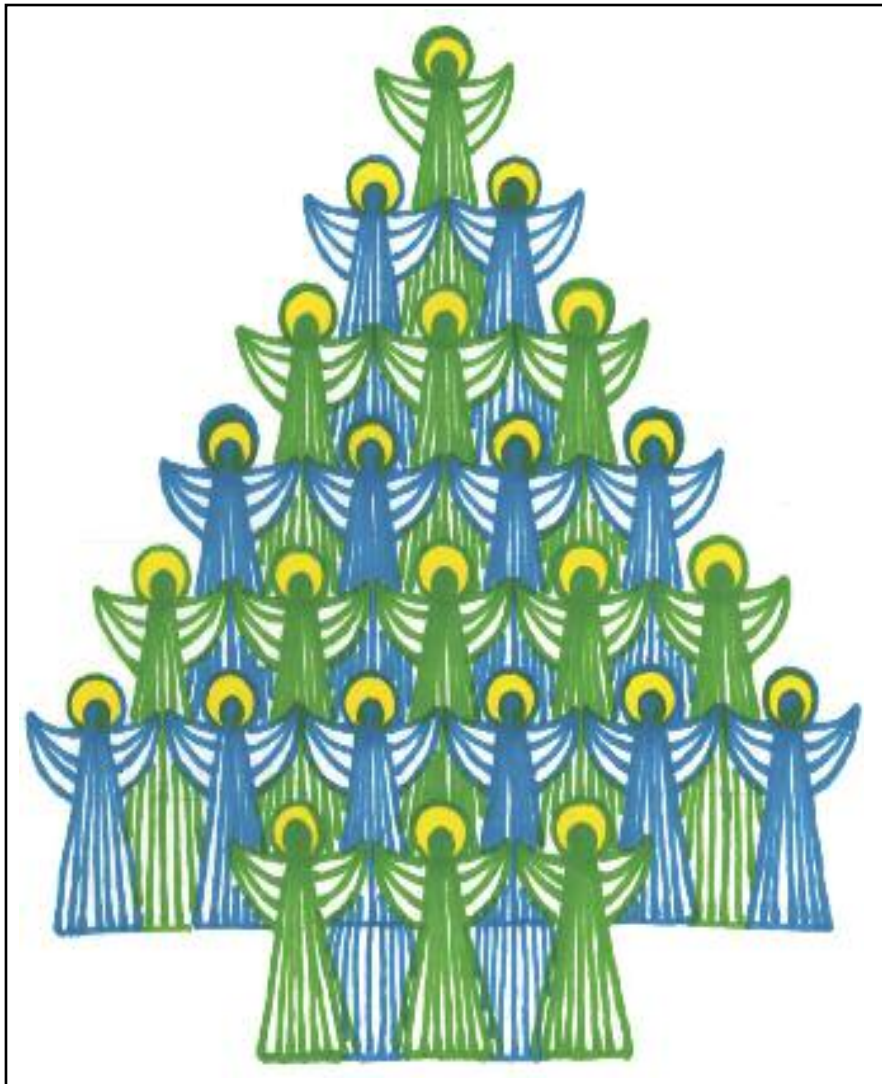
*Children’s gifts can be returned under the Angel Trees in the Sanctuary lobby or in the church office. Please be sure the gift tag you took off the Angel Tree is attached to the garbage bag containing the gifts for each child. That is how we identify who the gifts are for.

To learn more about the Angel Outreach Committee stop by the display case located in the gallery area beside

the Church Office. Our display will be up Nov. 21 to Dec. 21.

To join the committee or if you have any questions contact one of our co-chairpersons: John Dockerty (544-0550) or Jan Shendok.

To refer a family please contact Barbara Posey in the church office: 381-2499, Ext. 214.



God's Promises - Our Mission



The Global Mission team is making plans for our 2012 Mission Sunday. It will be celebrated on February 19 with the theme and logo above, based on ACTS 2:39 "For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." (NRSV)

Our guest preacher will be Rev. John Powers, District Superintendent of our Gulf Central District.



His mission involvement has been with Miami Urban Ministries, the Haitian Refugees, National Farm Workers, and Church and Community Connection (outreach) in central Florida.

We look forward to February 19, with Rev. Powers, the One Great Hour of Sharing special mission offering, and our annual Mission Expo.

Planned Giving Ministry Giving Through Your Will

All of us need a will or living trust in order to protect loved ones and preserve the assets we have worked a lifetime to acquire. Through a will, you also can benefit charitable organizations, like our church, that are meaningful to you and your family.

With a bequest, you can designate a fixed amount, tithe a percentage of your estate, donate a specific item or leave a residual bequest, which provides for the distribution of the remainder amount after all other bequests have been made. Another option is to set up a testamen-



tary trust to allow your heirs or other beneficiary to use income from your estate for their lifetime or for a designated number of years. Following the death of that person, or at the end of the stated number of years, the remainder in the trust goes to PCC.

This type of charitable giving is simple to execute and may provide some estate tax savings. When designating a bequest to PCC, be sure to use the full legal name.

To find out more, contact Carrie Bonfield at (727) 381-2499 x 204 or email at planned_giving@pccumc.org.

November 2011 Recurring Weekly Events & Activities

SUNDAYS:

- 9:00 am Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary
- 9:00 am Children's Sunday School
- 9:15 am Children's Church in Ethel Sims Center
(2nd-4th Sundays)
- 10:00 am Sunday Morning Classes for all ages
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
- 11:00 am Youth Praise Team Rehearsal in the Power House
- 2:00 pm Pasadena Players Drama Ministry

MONDAYS:

- 8:30 am Christian Playgroup in the Nursery (Mon-Fri)
- 9:00 am UMW Exercise Class in LEC 1A-B (Mon, Wed & Fri)
- 9:00 am Monday Handy Men's Group in the
Nelson Bldg. Workshop
- 1:00 pm Bridge Group in LEC 1A-B
- 7:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous in Hamilton Hall

TUESDAYS:

- 8:30 am Christian Playgroup
- 10:00 am ESOL (English as Second Language) Class in LEC 2B-C
- 12:30 pm Membership Care in LEC Conf A
- 5:30 pm Care Givers Support Group in LEC 2A
- 6:30 pm CoDA Group in LEC 2C
- 8:00 pm Al-Anon in LEC 3C

WEDNESDAYS:

- 8:00 am Wednesday Morning Worship in Chapel
- 8:30 am Christian Playgroup
- 9:00 am Thrift Shop & Unique Boutique open until 12:00 pm
- 9:30 am Care Givers Support Group in LEC 2A
- 10:00 am Gift Shop in the LEC open until 2:00 pm
- 11:00 am Men's Ministry LEC 2A
- 11:30 am Guided Prayer Group in Chapel
- 4:15 pm Children's Liturgical Dance
- 4:30 pm Gift Shop
- 5:00 pm Angel Bell Choir
- 5:00 pm Chime Choir
- 7:30 pm ESOL (English as Second Language), LEC 2B-C

THURSDAYS:

- 8:30 am Christian Playgroup
- 12:00 pm Al-Anon in LEC 3C
- 6:30 pm CoDA Group in LEC 3C
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room
- 7:00 pm Depression & Bipolar Support Group in LEC 3A

FRIDAYS: CHURCH OFFICE CLOSSES AT 1:00 PM

- 9:00 am Bulletin Stuffers in LEC Conference A
- 8:30 am Christian Playgroup
- 1:00 pm Bridge

SATURDAYS:

- 9:00 am Thrift Shop & Unique Boutique open until 12:00 pm
- 10:00 am Gift Shop
- 8:00 pm Saturday Serenity (Al-Anon) in LEC Conference B

Children's Ministry



Children's ministry has gotten off to a busy start for the new school year. The second graders received their bibles, the fifth graders and their parents attended a human sexuality class, the fourth and fifth graders had fun bowling and we hosted our annual Halloween Alternative Party on

October 29. Like always, the children had a great time! In November, we will be having our consignment sale on the 18th and 19th in the Hamilton Auditorium. If you would like to be a consigner please go to the website Pasadenaconsignmentsale.com for details.



Pasadena Community Church Preschool

Friends and Family work and play together!

On September 17, the preschool held its annual playground workday. Families and volunteers came out on a beautiful Saturday morning to make our school shine for the new school year. We had a great turnout, as always, and we were able to move sand, spread mulch and clean and inspect the play-



school is blessed to be able to bring parents, school staff and the community together, in partnership, to strengthen our church mission.



ground equipment. Denisha Davidson, a PCCS parent and head coach of the Saint Petersburg College woman's basketball team, brought the Lady Titans to help our efforts. The pre-

On September 30, the school also held its annual "Back to School Social". School families and staff joined in fellowship while enjoying hot dogs, snow cones and treats. The evening also allowed families to visit the classroom and meet with teachers and staff. Severe weather had canceled the school's open house at the beginning of September.



Sunday, November 13

8:30 am – 1:00 pm

**Be a hero - save lives
and donate blood!**

2011 Church Conference

Sunday, November 13

at noon in the PCC sanctuary

All members are encouraged to attend this important church-wide meeting.

Come Worship with us . . .

SUNDAY

9:00 a.m.

Contemporary Service

(Sanctuary - with Sign Language Interpretation)

10:05 a.m.

Classes for All Ages

11:00 a.m.

Traditional Service (Sanctuary)

WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m.

Wednesday Morning Worship Service
(Chapel)



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