

THE PULSE



PENINSULA COMMUNITY CHURCH'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
from the Peninsula Community Church staff!

clockwise from left: Pastor Jim, Pastor Martin, Pastor Ken, Pastor Jeff, Ginny Snider, Linda Greenlund, Christina Jaramillo, Bruce Junkermann and Angel Rueda



PENINSULA
COMMUNITY CHURCH

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LOOKING AHEAD

2010

Sunday, Dec 26

One service at 10:30 am

No classes at 8:45

Dec 24 & 27

The church office will be closed.

Dec 31

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2011

Sunday, Jan 2

Lord's Supper as we begin 2011

One service at 10:30 am

No classes at 8:45

Sunday, Jan 9

State of the Church 2011 Message

Sunday, Jan 30

Family Life Meeting and Dinner

building to grow UPDATE

by Pastor Jim

This month has actually been a very busy month down in The Pit. The underground plumbing has been installed, inspected and approved. The trenches are filled up with dirt – and at press time we are awaiting the pouring of the cement floor. Can you believe it? A flat and smooth floor is about to replace the dirt. Thirty years of dirt is about to be history. That is reason to celebrate.

But there is more.

In November, a couple came by with a huge burden for the youth of the South Bay, and wanted to provide an environment for spiritual growth. They handed me an envelope. In the envelope was a check. A check for \$150,000. Nagy estimates that the remaining work is in the \$200,000 neighborhood (but I'll say

\$250,000 due to furnishings and the cost overruns). That means – with another \$50,000 - \$100,000 The Pit can be done. Really done! That means we are left with a kitchen to construct across the hall – and the offices to be refurbished. The end is in sight. Literally.

Praise the Lord! We are moving along – as far as the funds allow. And right now they are allowing us to seek the permit from the Planning Commission to finish The Pit. PRAY!



FINANCIAL UPDATE

(AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2010)

GENERAL FUND	ACTUAL	BUDGET	2009 ACTUAL
Income	\$781,686	\$871,510	\$815,515
Expenses	831,405	874,090	881,108
Year-to-Date Balance	-49,719	0	-65,593
Beginning Balance (1/1/10)	\$33,265		
Ministry Enhancement Balance	\$93,503		



CHRISTMAS AT PENINSULA

The season of hope is upon us. The time to celebrate the arrival of God on this planet. The birth of the Savior is the birth of hope. That hope will flower into redemption on the cross. And hope will be realized when the firstborn of the dead comes up from the grave. This Christmas we will tell again the full story of Jesus that brings hope from the manger.

We will spend our time on Sunday mornings in the first chapter of John. The disciple whom Jesus loved highlights five ideas about the savior born in Bethlehem. Each Sunday morning in December we will take a fresh look at Jesus through the lens of John. We'll see Jesus as logos, light, life, lamb and ladder. Bet you never heard Jesus called a ladder. Well, that will be reserved for January 2.

The biggest special event of the season will be our Christmas production – *From*

the Manger: an experience in hope. At 7 pm on Dec. 18 and 19, the worship center and patio will be transformed in a way that will enable us to communicate the full story of Jesus – from the manger to the cross to the empty tomb. It will be an experience of sight and sound, of music and art, of light and darkness.

Christmas at Peninsula. It will be a memorable and joyous time of celebration. And through each day of Advent, remember that hope came that night in Bethlehem – that Jesus is our only hope. Celebrate the Son, the logos and light and life and lamb and ladder!



CHRISTMAS CAN [STILL] CHANGE THE WORLD



The story of Christ's birth is a story of promise, hope, and a revolutionary love.

So, what happened? What was once a time to celebrate the birth of a savior has somehow turned into a season of stress, traffic jams, and shopping lists.

And when it's all over, many of us are left with presents to return, looming debt that will take months to pay off, and this empty feeling of missed purpose. Is this what we really want out of Christmas?

What if Christmas became a world-changing event again?

Welcome to Advent Conspiracy 2010. Get your "menu" on the Welcome Cart or in the church office.

[Worship Fully]

[Spend Less]

[Give More]

[Love All]

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Dorrine Nay (on right)



Peter & Nancy Bond
(with family)

College/Careers
starts back
up on Friday,
January 7!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY AT PCC

by Joei Sheckman



I loved Pastor Jim's sermons series *Discerning the Will of God*. Not only is Bible study a clear part of His Will, but it is also the way to discern His Will. We clearly see His sovereign will displayed in the events of the Bible and in the lives of people of the Bible, but we also learn His moral will in His Word.

With that in mind, Women's Bible Studies will be starting up again in January. Actually, Meryl Konrad just began a new study "Walking by Faith: Lessons Learned in the Dark." The author Jennifer Rothschild is a gifted musician who is blind; thus she is able to share with passion how important the light of Christ is as we encounter the darkness in this world and in our hearts. It is not too late to join this study meeting at 10 am on Thursdays in the Lounge. Please contact Meryl at 310 265 2999 or merylkonrad@yahoo.com

Meryl and Christie Welch both will begin a new study in January "In the Dust of the Rabbi" with Ray Vander Laan. There are five interactive sessions including a DVD and in-depth personal studies for each session. Take a journey to the land and culture (actually filmed on location) in which the disciples learned to follow Jesus, their rabbi. In Jesus' day, disciples followed their rabbi so closely they would be covered with the dust kicked up by his feet. Are you ready to get a little dusty? Meryl begins Thursday, January 13 at 10 am in the Lounge. See contact information above. Christie begins Sunday, January 23 at 9 am in the Lounge. You can contact

Christie at 310 541 3220 or at grape5@cox.net

The wonderful "Self-Confrontation and Discipleship Training" led by Christine Pearson and Lilia McGregor begins Wednesday, January 5 at 10 am, also in the Lounge. This study has been so popular many people have taken in more than once. It focuses on confronting ourselves before God in the light of scripture. The emphasis is never on self, but rather being a servant-disciple as we live each day. Contact Christine at 310 373 3179 or christinepearson@cox.net. Contact Lilia at 310 544 3383 or bmcgregor@cox.net

Moms Touching Hearts and Homes will continue to meet starting Wednesday, January 19 in the choir room next to the office at 9 am. It looks like a book study is next on the agenda, possibly "Bad Girls of the Bible." Childcare is still very much needed, so if you would be willing to volunteer a few hours of your time or if you need more information regarding the study, please contact Emily Allen at 310 787 0393 or emmaallen624@gmail.com

Foundations continues to meet Tuesdays at 10 am in the Lounge beginning January 4. The foundation of everything we do and say is what we believe. This study examines what the Bible says about eleven core truths including the Holy Spirit, creation, good and evil and the church. Contact Joei Sheckman at 310 375 5254 or at joeiandles@verizon.net.

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Offering envelopes for 2010 will be available to pick up starting Sunday, December 12 on the patio.

PRIME TIMERS IN DECEMBER



Prime Timers at the porluck in November

by Pastor Ken

The Prime Timer group will be active in December as the Christmas season approaches. On Sunday, Dec. 12, we will have our Christmas Carol hymn sing in

the choir room at 4:30. Cleve Mathis will be leading and Lloyd Greenlund will bring a Christmas devotional. Plan to come and join us singing your Christmas favorites.

On Thursday, Dec. 16, the group will be traveling to Riverside to the Mission Inn Christmas lights extravaganza. We'll be leaving the church late that morning and returning sometime after dinner. Come and enjoy the shops and fun of old downtown Riverside and tour the Mission Inn with us. Dinner can be at any of the many and varied restaurants (three restaurants in the Inn itself) around the Inn. A fun day and some beautiful sights of the Christmas season.

A CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION BY PENINSULA COMMUNITY CHURCH

FROM THE MANGER: AN EXPERIENCE IN HOPE

DECEMBER 18 & 19 AT 7 PM

COME AND EXPERIENCE HOPE!
MUSIC › ART › ANIMALS › CAFE

High School Praxis

Every Tues night
from 7 to 8:45 pm

Tuesday, December 7

Service or ServeUs: Putting it all together

Tuesday, December 14

Incarnation Celebration

Come enjoy some Christmas desserts along with a special time of extended worship together as we contemplate the significance of God entering our world in the birth of Christ.

Still 7:00 – 8:45!

Tuesday, December 21

NO PRAXIS

Tuesday, December 28

NO PRAXIS

Praxis starts back up Tuesday, January 4 at 7 pm!

Praxis small groups! Start back up on Sunday, January 2 with all the groups together for an all-small groups breakfast at 9 am. Groups will meet as normal on Jan 9 for the following seven weeks. Sign up at Praxis or e-mail jeff@pccpv.org

Junior High Refuge

Every Wed night
from 6:30 to 8:15 pm

Wednesday, December 1

Family Ties

Wednesday, December 8

Family Ties

Wednesday, December 15

Refuge Xmas Party!

Bring a white elephant gift. Still 6:30-8:15.

Wednesday, December 22

NO REFUGE

Wednesday, December 29

NO REFUGE

Refuge starts back up on Wednesday, January 5 at 6:30 pm!

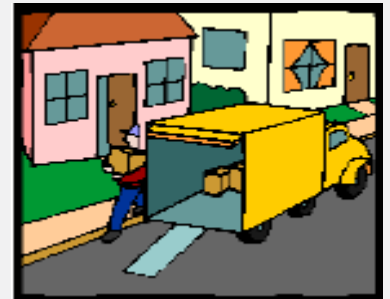
Refuge is invited to join Praxis on Tuesday, December 14 for the Incarnation Celebration worship and dessert night.



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**We will be collecting a
special Christmas offering
for our missionaries
Sunday, December 5 & 12.**



Change of Address?
Contact the church
office, and let us
know!

call:
310-377-4661

e-mail:
contact@pccpv.org

Sunday Mornings

8:45 & 10:30 AM
 Children's Classes
 Youth Bible Classes
 Adult Bible Classes
 Nursery

8:45 & 10:30 AM
 Worship
 Children's Church
 Nursery

Come early, stay late - Coffee on the "patio" at 10:00 am

Peninsula Community Church

"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord."

Luke 2:11

DECEMBER 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 1st Sundy of Advent 8:45 AM Sunday School & Worship Service 10:30 AM Sunday School & Worship Service 12:00 PM Worship leadership meeting	29 9:30 AM PCCA Co-op	30 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM Praxis	1 9:00 AM Mom's Bible Study 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM Breakout 6:30 PM Refuge	2 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM Choir Practice	3	4
5 8:45 AM Sunday School & Worship Service 10:30 AM Les Sheckman Journey class 10:30 AM Sunday School & Worship Service	6 9:30 AM PCCA Co-op service project 7:00 PM Beacon Light Chapel Service	7 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM Praxis	8 9:00 AM Mom's Bible Study 6:30 PM Breakout 6:30 PM Refuge	9 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM Choir Practice 7:00 PM PCCA Co-op Family Celebration	10	11
12  8:45 AM Sunday School & Communion Worship Service 10:30 AM Sunday School & Communion Worship Service 4:30 PM Prime Timers Christmas Carol Sing	13	14 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast 10:00 AM White Cross 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM Elder Meeting 7:00 PM Praxis-Refuge Christmas Worship Night	15 9:00 AM Mom's Bible Study 6:30 PM Breakout 6:30 PM Refuge Christmas Party	16 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 6:00 PM Christmas Program Tech Rehearsal 7:00 PM Choir Practice	17 11:00 AM Preschool Christmas program 6:00 PM Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal	18 7:00 PM Christmas Program
19  8:45 AM Sunday School & Worship Service 10:30 AM Sunday School & Worship Service 7:00 PM Christmas Program	20	21 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast	22	23	24 Office Closed 5:30 PM Christmas Eve Service 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Service	25 
26 10:30 AM Sunday School & Worship Service	27 Office Closed	28 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast 7:00 PM Elder Meeting	29	30	31  New Year's Eve Office Closed	1 New Year's Day

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| 2 Tracy Hibsman
Elizabeth Tuttle | 14 Greg Melendes
Christy Rumbaugh |
| 5 Abigail Maemoto
Don Oden | 17 Joshua Lu |
| 6 Gloria Cordova | 18 Dennis Shaffer |
| 9 Lyn Demus | 20 Carter Jamba |
| 11 Joei Sheckman
Robbie Wolfe | 23 Jim Demus
Daniel Gabel |
| 13 Debbie Smiley
Toshio Takahashi | 25 Kirsten Hong
Jason Hagen |
| | 27 Linda Iseli
Stan Keith |
| | 29 Noah Akinloba |
| | 31 Abigail Palompo |



December 2010 Birthdays

- 11 Chuy & Maria Davalos
- Dwight & Brenda Pearson
- 16 Stan & Khristine Keith
- 18 Wick & Karen Wickline
- 22 Jeff & Amy Jamba
- 28 Dan & Rhonda Bruening



December 2010 Anniversaries

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