

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!

from left: Angel Rueda, Pastor Jeff, Christina Jaramillo, Linda Greenlund, Pastor Jim, Ivy Goh, Pastor Ken and Pastor Bruce



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by Pastor Jim

It might not look like it, but The Pit is really in much better shape than it was one year ago. Yes, it is not finished, but we have some wonderfully modern restrooms to enjoy – and most of all, we have cement on that dank dirt floor. We have lost our Conference Room, but 2012 is ahead of us! Where will God lead?

From a financial standpoint, December is the most critical month of the year for the General Fund. As you think about your end-of-the-year giving, please do not forget that your gifts this month will provide us a healthy foundation for ministry moving forward. May God lead and we obey as we face the month of December.

In a practical matter, we will be taking an offering both at the Christmas Eve service and Christmas morning service,

since those are the last services of the year. If you want to give and have it credited for 2011, we must have received it in the church office in 2011 or it must be postmarked in this calendar year. We don't set those rules!

Thanks for your support of the ministry God is doing through us.



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 2011.

- [Worship Fully]**
- [Spend Less]**
- [Give More]**
- [Love All]**

FINANCIAL UPDATE

(AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2011)

GENERAL FUND	ACTUAL	BUDGET	2010 ACTUAL
Income	\$775,739	\$896,138	\$781,686
Expenses	853,577	877,679	831,108
Year-to-Date Balance	-77,838	18,459	-49,422
Beginning Balance (1/1/11)	\$47,732		
Ministry Enhancement Balance	\$27,705		



CHRISTMAS AT PENINSULA

Christmas. What a wonderful time of year. The malls make us think about Jesus. The grocery stores remind us of the Savior. It's just a great time of year to remember the wonder that is Incarnation. Are you ready to celebrate Jesus as a church family? I am. Here's the schedule:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

PRIME TIMERS CHRISTMAS CAROL SING

4:30 pm

Come sing your favorite Christmas carols. All ages invited!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

from the manger: AN EXPERIENCE IN HOPE

5 & 8 pm

Two shows – one great message!

We will enter into the Christmas story – which is the story of Jesus. We want to connect the Christmas event with the life of Christ, and tell the full story of Jesus. Invite cards are available – so pass the word. The Gospel will be told and the opportunity to begin a conversation or two at the café following the show is highly encouraged!

CANDELLIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

5:30 pm

A family service on Christmas Eve – candles and all – will be a highlight of the holiday season. Come early, with one service it may fill up quickly. Enjoy the quiet of the evening as we celebrate the arrival of God's Son to our world.

CHRISTMAS MORNING WORSHIP

10:30 am

We will repeat the Christmas Eve service as much as possible, and enjoy the morning together around the Word and songs of the season. Simple service. Simple message. Wonderful Savior. If you missed the service on Christmas Eve, join us Christmas morning.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

10:30 am

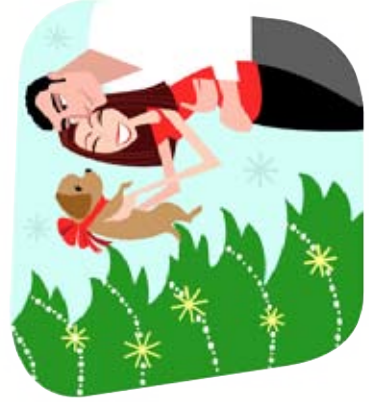
We'll ring in the new year around the Lord's Table. One service (no adult or youth classes) will provide a setting for worship together. Start 2012 by looking at the beauty of our Savior and digging into His Word together.

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| 2 Elizabeth Tuttle | 14 Asher Allen |
| 5 Abigail Maemoto | Greg Melendes |
| Don Oden | Christy Rumbaugh |
| 6 Gloria Cordova | 17 Joshua Lu |
| Dewi Pek | 18 Dennis Shaffer |
| 7 Remo d'Agliano-Luna | 20 Carter Jamba |
| 9 Lyn Demus | 23 Jim Demus |
| 11 Joei Sheckman | Daniel Gabel |
| 13 Debbie Smiley | Jason Hagen |
| Toshio Takahashi | Stan Keith |
| | 25 Kirsten Hong |
| | 27 Linda Iseli |
| | 29 Noah Akinloba |



December 2011 Birthdays

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| 11 Dwight & Brenda Pearson |
| 16 Stan & Kristine Keith |
| 18 Wick & Karen Wickline |
| 22 Jeff & Amy Jamba |

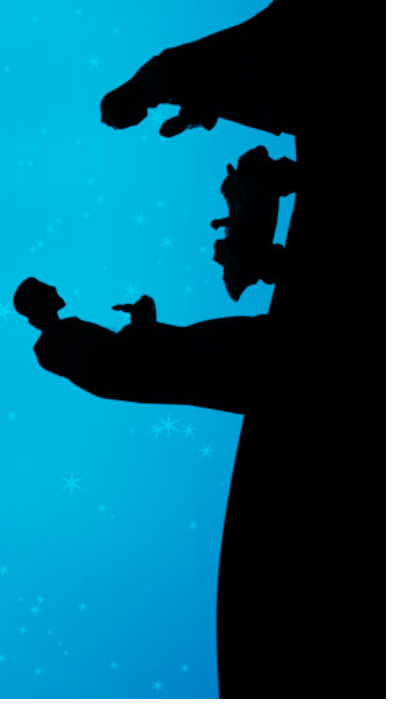


December 2011 Anniversaries

*Join us at one
of our services*

**Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service
5:30 pm**

**Christmas Day
Worship Service
10:30 am**



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 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 9:00 AM Sunday School & Worship Service 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study - Jonah 10:30 AM Sunday School & Worship Service 12:30 PM Handbell Practice	28 9:00 AM Preschool 9:30 AM PCCA Co-op	29 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast 9:00 AM Preschool 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM Praxis	30 9:00 AM Preschool 9:30 AM Mom's Bible Study 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM Breakout 6:30 PM Refuge	1 Prime Timers Trip to Nehercutt Museum 9:00 AM Preschool 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM Worship Team Rehearsal 7:00 PM Choir Practice 7:00 PM PCCA Family Celebration	2 9:00 AM Preschool 7:00 PM College/Career Prayer Meeting	3 8:00 AM Shepherd Meeting
4 9:00 AM Sunday School & Communion Worship Service 10:30 AM Sunday School & Communion Worship Service 12:30 PM Handbell Practice 4:30 PM Prime Timers Christmas Carol Sing	5 9:00 AM Preschool	6 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast 9:00 AM Preschool 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM Praxis	7 9:00 AM Preschool 9:30 AM Mom's Bible Study 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM Breakout 6:30 PM Refuge	8 9:00 AM Preschool 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM Worship Team Rehearsal 7:00 PM Choir Practice 7:00 PM PCCA Family Celebration	9 9:00 AM Preschool 7:00 PM College/Career Prayer Meeting	10  5:00 PM Christmas Show 8:00 PM Christmas Show
11 9:00 AM Sunday School & Worship Service 10:30 AM Sunday School & Worship Service 12:30 PM Handbell Practice	12 9:00 AM Preschool	13 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast 9:00 AM Preschool 10:00 AM White Cross 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM Elder Meeting 7:00 PM Praxis	14 9:00 AM Preschool 9:30 AM Mom's Bible Study 11:00 AM Preschool Christmas Program 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM Refuge	15 9:00 AM Preschool 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM Worship Team Rehearsal 7:00 PM Choir Practice	16 9:00 AM Preschool 7:00 PM College/Career Prayer Meeting	17
18 9:00 AM Sunday School & Worship Service 10:30 AM Sunday School & Worship Service 5:00 PM Praxis/Refuge/Alumni Worship Celebration	19	20 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast	21	22 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM Worship Team Rehearsal	23 7:00 PM Prayer Meeting	24 5:30 PM Christmas Eve Service
25  10:30 AM Worship Service	26 Office Closed	27 Office Closed	28	29 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM Worship Team Rehearsal	30 7:00 PM Prayer Meeting	31

INCARNATION CELEBRATION

Sunday, December 18

6 – 8 pm

in the Worship Center

Join us for a night of worship to celebrate and appreciate the reality of the incarnation that occurred at Jesus' birth. This is a night open to all Refuge, Praxis and College and Career students as well as any Refuge and Praxis alumni from over the years. If you are going to be around make sure not to miss out!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY AT PCC

by Sallie Zucker

Here is the latest from the Women's Ministry:

HOPE AGAIN CHRISTMAS TEA

This tea was an opportunity to bring Peninsula Community Church directly to the ladies of Hope Again. Thank you to everyone who helped to purchase and wrap the gifts, donate clothing, bake for the event, and share the day at Hope Again.

ORGANIZATION OF MATERIALS IN STORAGE

A group of ladies took a tour of the closets and storage areas of PCC. The goal is

to organize and create an inventory of costumes and materials so that they can be more efficiently accessed. We will begin this project after the holidays.

Ladies, if you would like to help in the organization of materials, we welcome you. Please contact Sallie Zucker at 310 809 9055 for more information.

A CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION BY PENINSULA COMMUNITY CHURCH

FROM THE MANGER: AN EXPERIENCE IN HOPE

DECEMBER 10 AT 5 & 8 PM

COME AND EXPERIENCE HOPE!
MUSIC · ART · CAFE

PRAXIS DECEMBER SCHEDULE

- DEC 6 **Praxis: Messy Lives, Real Relationships: A Map to Avoiding Bittertown and Dramaville** (or at least how to keep your stay as short as possible)
- DEC 13 **Praxis Christmas Party!** Still 7:00 - 8:45. Bring a white elephant gift - the weirder and cheaper the better!
- DEC 18 **Incarnation Celebration** • 6 - 8 pm in the Worship Center (*see page 6 for details*)
- DEC 20 & 27 **No Praxis**

PRAXIS STARTS BACK UP ON TUESDAY JAN 3.

REFUGE DECEMBER SCHEDULE

- DEC 7 **Refuge - Identity: Who I Am Supposed to Be**
- DEC 14 **Refuge Christmas Party!** Still 6:30 - 8:15.
- DEC 18 **Incarnation Celebration** • 6 - 8 pm in the Worship Center (*see page 6 for details*)
- DEC 21 & 28 **No Refuge**

REFUGE STARTS BACK UP ON WEDNESDAY JAN 4.

COLLEGE AND CAREER SCHEDULE

Dec 2

Study

Dec 9

Study

Dec 16

C/C Christmas party



HIGH SCHOOL
WINTER CAMP

February 24-26

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY UPDATE

by Pastor Bruce

My memory is nearly gone; but I remember two things; That I am a great sinner, and that Christ is a great Saviour."

This quote was penned by the slave trader turned preacher and hymn writer John Newton who wrote "Amazing Grace." What powerful words these are. "I am a great sinner, and Christ is a great Savior." It was these words that our 2nd and 3rd grade Sunday school class wrote on their Thanksgiving place mats this

year. Wow, imagine if every child, every person would learn that great truth and hold it dear to his or her heart. Courage, Faith, Strength, Surrender, Obedience! Now that is something to be thankful for!

So what are you planning to teach your children this holiday season? Mangers? Sheep? Drummer boys? Or that God Himself came to earth taking the form of a servant and becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. For

this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:8-11)

Merry Christmas from the Children's Ministry



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Journey Classes Begin Sunday, January 22



Change of Address?
Contact the church
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know!

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