

THE PULSE



PENINSULA COMMUNITY CHURCH'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS

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COME GIVE THANKS AT THE HARVEST DINNER

by Pastor Jim

On Sunday evening, November 20, we'll gather together for several purposes:

- To celebrate the word of God in our lives through the 40 Days in the Bible campaign
- Hear the stories of the Bombo Medical Clinic 2011
- To rejoice in what has done in our midst throughout the days of 2011
- To celebrate the work of God in individual lives through baptism

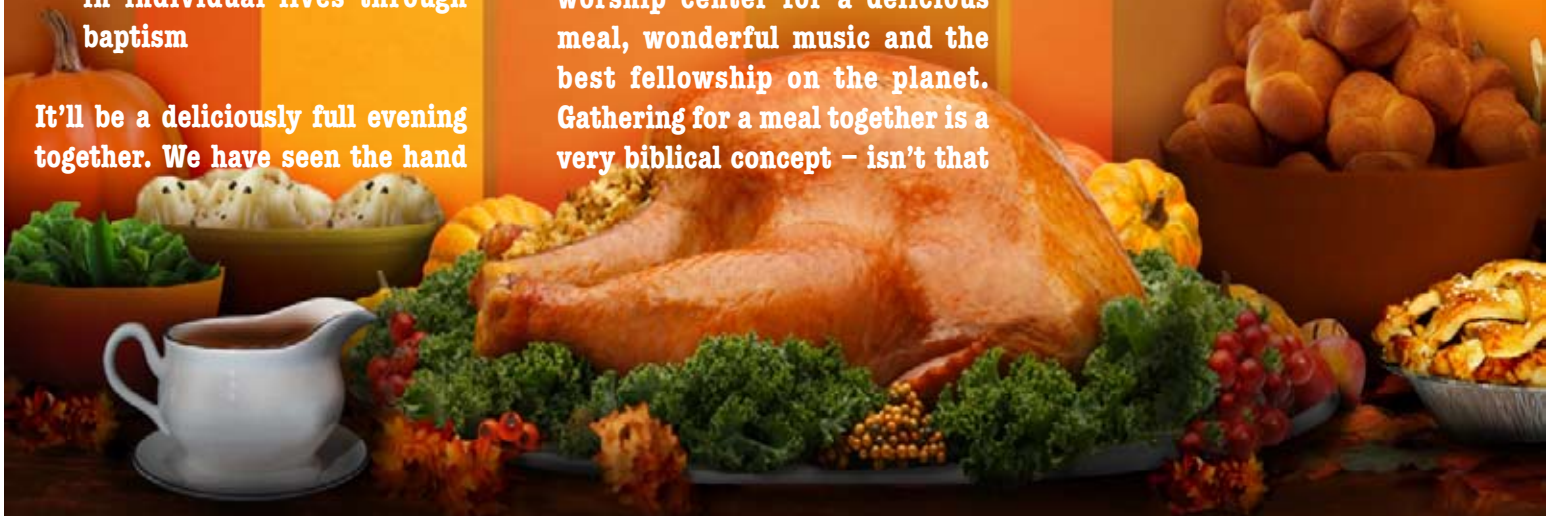
It'll be a deliciously full evening together. We have seen the hand

of the blessing of God on our lives in such a way that the only appropriate response is to gather in His Name and celebrate.

So that is the plan for Sunday, November 20 at 5:30 pm.

Bring the whole family to the worship center for a delicious meal, wonderful music and the best fellowship on the planet. Gathering for a meal together is a very biblical concept - isn't that

what all of those Old Testament feasts were all about? It was. Kevin Nicollelo is bringing out the finest fall recipes - and we will celebrate the goodness of our God. Together. Buy your tickets (\$10 each person or \$30 per family) on the patio and bring the family to the party!



WHAT'S NEXT IN WORSHIP?

by Pastor Jim

We have now sent Martin and Emily Allen off to the wilds of Minnesota – with our blessing and our appreciation for their ministry among us. So the obvious question is – what's next for us? What should we anticipate as we move forward as a body? The staff and Elders have formulated a plan for at least the next three months as an interim while we seek God's direction. The idea is that we wanted to provide some space to pray and plan for a longer-term solution, listening carefully to the Lord for continued direction and guidance.

In the meantime, the 9 am service will look something like this: once a month, Makinto will lead and once a month Roy Cochran will lead. The other two Sundays will be led by Joanna Nacheff and the choir (no choir in January, however, they take that month off). The 10:30 service will look like this: Roy Cochran twice a month, Paul Duncan (worship leader at The Rock in Manhattan Beach who led worship here on June 19) will take the helm twice a month. In January, Brad Lindsey will take Paul's spot on the rotation.

It is wonderful to have this rotation in order over the holidays, and a huge thanks to Martin for helping to put it all together. Would you pray that God's wisdom would lead us as we worship in the months to come? May we worship in spirit and in truth through the significant holiday season.

ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

by Pastor Ken

It's that time again. Saturday, November 12, we'll be sending teams to four local markets to encourage shoppers to buy needed food items for Hope Again, Inc. in Hollywood. We have started sign-ups on the patio and already several have responded.

We need three teams of at least four people at each of the four markets. Each

team will work a two-hour window from 9-11 am, 11 am-1 pm and 1 - 3 pm. We also need three teams of two to four people at the church to off load food as it comes in. Those time slots at the church are from 10 am-noon, noon-2 pm and 2-4 pm.

We're encouraging you to sign up as a family, as a small group or as individuals to participate. Last year, the food we



collected stocked Hope Again's food pantry for about three months. So, mark your calendar and set aside a time. Come join us. You'll be blessed!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

(AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2011)

GENERAL FUND	ACTUAL	BUDGET	2010 ACTUAL
Income	\$689,055	\$797,957	\$714,462
Expenses	768,341	788,198	743,335
Year-to-Date Balance	-79,286	9,759	-28,873
Beginning Balance (1/1/11)	\$47,732		
Ministry Enhancement Balance	\$24,850		



DECEMBER 10 AT 5 & 8 PM

FROM THE MANGER: AN EXPERIENCE IN HOPE

It is just about time to drag those boxes out of storage and begin to deck the halls. As you make plans for another holiday season, please keep in mind our big outreach event scheduled for December 10. From the Manger: an experience in hope will be performed on December 10 at 5 pm and again at 8 pm. Many of the elements from last year will be utilized again to tell the full story of Jesus, in light of the manger. There will be some new elements and fine-tuning of the program to more fully engage each

participant with the hope we have in Jesus because He came.

The entire story from manger to empty tomb will provide hope for everyone who attends. It'll be a big step for us to make to produce the event without a full-time worship pastor. But the leadership team has gathered and decided it is very doable. So we press forward with the message of the Gospel to our community. So get ready to tell the story of Jesus.



HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

2011-2012

FROM THE MANGER: AN EXPERIENCE IN HOPE
DECEMBER 10 AT 5 & 8 PM
THE 2011 VERSION OF THE FABULOUS CHRISTMAS OUTREACH EVENT!

CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES (SAME SERVICE, DIFFERENT DAYS)

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE AT 5:30 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY AT 10:30 AM (NO YOUTH/ADULT CLASSES)

NEW YEAR'S DAY

ONE SERVICE AT 10:30 AM (NO YOUTH/ADULT CLASSES)

- 2 Kareese Akinloba
- 4 David Britton
- 6 Yoko Hersch
- Ed Swart
- 7 Rebekah Medawar
- 9 Nedra Hunt
- 11 Kee Hong Kim
- Emily Konrad
- Patrick Smiley
- 12 Shirley Cutting
- Greg Smith
- 15 Dan Bruening
- 16 Claudia Gulino
- 17 Dick Summerfelt
- 19 Jacob Garst
- 21 Betty Belin
- Gabrielle Sutherland
- 22 Abbie Gremillion



November 2011 Birthdays

- 26 Harry Wong
- 28 Joel Makinto
- Alex St. Clair
- Lindsey Welch



- 1 Andy & Marlene Iseli
- 9 Bruce & Lilia McGregor
- 11 Kurt & Sharon Wickline
- 20 Jim & Lyn Demus
- Bill & Georgia Sanders
- 23 Jesse & Mildred House
- 24 Johnson & Connie Liu
- 25 Dennis & Sissy Shaffer

Harvest Dinner

November 20
5:30 pm

*Tickets are \$10 per person
and \$30 maximum per family.*



November 2011 Anniversaries

Sunday Mornings



9 & 10:30 AM
 Children's Classes
 Youth Bible Classes
 Adult Bible Classes
 Nursery

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

**"Give thanks to the LORD, for he
 is good; his love endures forever."
 1 Chronicles 16:34**

Peninsula Community Church

NOVEMBER 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:00 AM Sunday School & Worship Service 10:30 AM Sunday School & Worship Service 12:00 PM Harvest Festival Workers Meeting 12:30 PM Handbell Practice	31 9:00 AM Preschool 9:30 AM PCCA Co-op 6:00 PM Harvest Festival	1 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast 9:00 AM Preschool 10:00 AM ABC Cafe 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM Praxis	2 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	3 9:00 AM Preschool 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 12:30 PM Prime Timers Potluck 6:30 PM Worship Team Rehearsal 7:00 PM Choir Practice	4 Praxis Worship Team Retreat 9:00 AM Preschool 7:00 PM College/Career Meeting 7:00 PM Prayer Meeting	5 Praxis Worship Team Retreat 8:00 AM Shepherd Meeting
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WOMEN'S MINISTRY UPDATES

by Joeli Sheckman

The Beth Moore simulcast went so well thanks to Living Proof Ministries and Beth Moore, but also thanks to a lot of people in our church who worked very hard for it to be a success. As you know, we have a lot of wonderful women in our church, but I'd like to thank all the men who so eagerly supported us. In particular I thank one guy who put in a lot of extra hours to make sure all went well with this event. Martin, thanks for all the time you spent testing, perfecting and checking over and over. Many hours were put in and that does not even include the day of the event. Now you can add Women's Ministry to your resume. We could not have done it without you!

Bible studies are underway, however it is never too late to join one. Call me at 310 375 5254 if you need information or want to join one. Meryl Konrad

by Sallie Zucker

PCC has a vibrant women's ministry program due to our leaders, members, and love of the Lord.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, JOELI SHECKMAN, for all your diligent work and commitment to the ladies of PCC. Four years ago, Joeli accepted the role of women's ministry director from the loving hands of Christie Welch. This ministry has answered needs, provided outreach, and encouraged fellowship. Most importantly, women's lives have been enriched in their walk with our dear Lord, Jesus Christ.

I thank you for the opportunity to serve in the role of women's ministry

will be starting a new study starting Thursday, Nov 3 at 10 a.m. Christie Welch will continue the same study, "Jonah: Navigating a Life Interrupted" by Priscilla Shirer after we finish the 40 Days in the Bible series. Speaking of the series, if you find you really dig the Inductive Bible Study method, there is already one in place and they welcome newbies as well as seasoned veterans of the method. Karen Wickline and Sharon Wickline lead the Kay Arthur Precept study on Tuesday mornings. Moms Touching Hearts and Homes continues to grow and flourish. About 20 young women come together every Wednesday morning. They are certainly going to miss Emily Allen, but Jalesa Johnson is ready to step up and lead. So I have another Allen to thank. Emily, you did such a great job. Your faithfulness and passion for this study have always been so evident. There is another thing you

director. As we have been taught by Jesus' example, to lead means to serve. He taught this important lesson to the mother of James and John when she asked that her sons be allowed to sit on either side of Jesus when He would come into His kingdom. This request was answered with an object lesson from our Savior as He explained about the first being last and those in leadership being servants. I commit myself to that lesson.

The women of PCC are involved in a variety of Bible studies (including Beth Moore, Priscilla Shirer, Precepts, Self-Confrontation, and Moms Touching Hearts and Homes), White Cross,

did so well. You mentored other young women while leading, so they would be ready to lead when needed. That is discipleship in action. Self-Confrontation and Discipleship Training will start up in January under the leadership of Christine Pearson and Lilia McGregor.

There is exciting news for many of you who have been asking about a night time study. Lisa Nicolello will be leading the Jonah study on Tuesday nights beginning in January.

There is still more exciting news! Sallie Zucker has eagerly volunteered to head up Women's Ministry Events. Sallie is so excited, and she has so many fabulous ideas, however the greatest attribute Sallie brings to this ministry is her heart and attitude. She says she simply desires to serve, the perfect heart and attitude for ministry – a heart like His.

ABC Café, and Ladies' Night Out. We have hosted simulcasts, attended women's conferences, provided ladies' luncheons, and participated in tea parties. We've had exciting speakers, programs, and enjoyable evenings of discussion and activities. We will continue in this light.

I invite you to contact me with your ideas and needs. Watch the Pulse for future events. My phone number is 310 809 9905 and my email address is sallie05@msn.com

HELPING STUDENTS BECOME LIFELONG FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST

by Pastor Jeff

This is easier said than done. This is the overarching goal of our student ministry. It's no small work of the Spirit that any student continues to follow Jesus during their junior high, high school and college years. There are so many pressures, commitments, temptations and more that compete with the call of Christ to give up our desires and follow him. Often that call gets edged out in subtle ways. In Palos Verdes, it routinely manifests as chasing the elusive goal of the perfect college resume or other scholastic achievements at the expense of spiritual growth.

As I approach a decade at PCC, one continual need that stands out to me is to present the Good News of Jesus and inviting people to respond. It keeps me focused on the task of making sure our ministry is effective in connecting with families and students who do not believe in Christ as well as developing a sustainable, lifelong faith in Christ. We must constantly evaluate and adapt our ministry accordingly.

There are no formulas or programs to ensure the success of the goal of our student ministry. Yet, more than ever, we need to realize the need for a concerted effort to reach students and their families, to renew our desire and practical ways to connect with those families. Student ministry is not about every student forming a relationship with me personally, as if I am some glorified piper leading students along the path to becoming perfect Christians. It's the work of a dedicated team of volunteers (we call coaches) and the loving support of the entire church family.

How can you help? Host an open home for college students one Sunday afternoon. Pray with high school parents the first Tuesday of the month at the start of Praxis (our high school program). Say hello to a junior higher on the patio on a Sunday morning. Any way you communicate that students are valued and cared about at PCC, the greater chance we have at seeing students develop a faith that will sustain them for the long haul.

COLLEGE & CAREER STUDY

No study on Friday, November 25.

All current and former Refuge, Praxis and college and career students are invited to join us in the Worship Center on Sunday, December 18 for Incarnation Celebration. This is an extended night of worship to help us focus on giving thanks for what God has done for us and celebrating what God has done in and through our lives over the years. Hope to see you there!

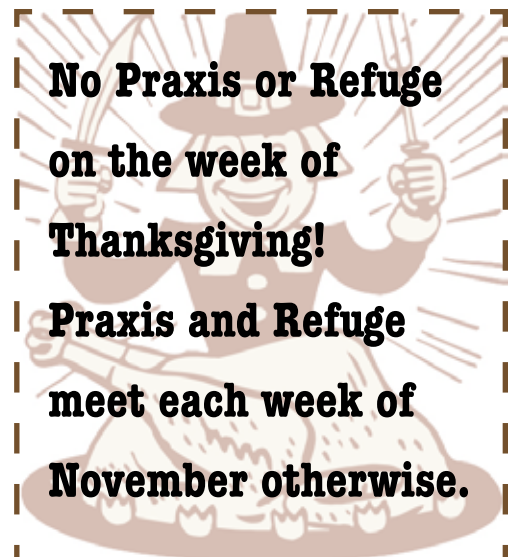
WHAT A DELIGHT!

by Pastor Bruce

Children's Ministry is such a delight! How awesome is it to see little faces grasping the truth of God's love, the sacrifice He made, the fact that He is in control of all things. I want to thank all my children's ministry workers for their commitment and dedication to the ministry. You all are so precious to me. I am sure, however, that my appreciation pales in comparison to the rich blessings of coming home after an exhausting day of ministry and reflecting back on each child. Each child is important. Each child is a blessing. Each child learns. Each child teaches.

God, change each one of us as we minister together. Help us to understand, sympathize, comfort, encourage, challenge, and love others just as you do to us.

Thank you children's ministry workers! You're the best!





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to provide you with every
blessing
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so that by always having
enough of everything,
you may share abundantly...



2 Corinthians 9:8



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