

# CONNECTION POINT

DECEMBER 2019

CONNECT, ALIGN, LIVE

WE ARE COMMITTED TO FOLLOWING GOD TOGETHER  
CONNECTED WITH HIM, COMMITTED TO EACH OTHER  
AND PARTICIPATING IN HIS LIFE TOGETHER

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The church office will be closed December 24th through January 1st. Feel free to

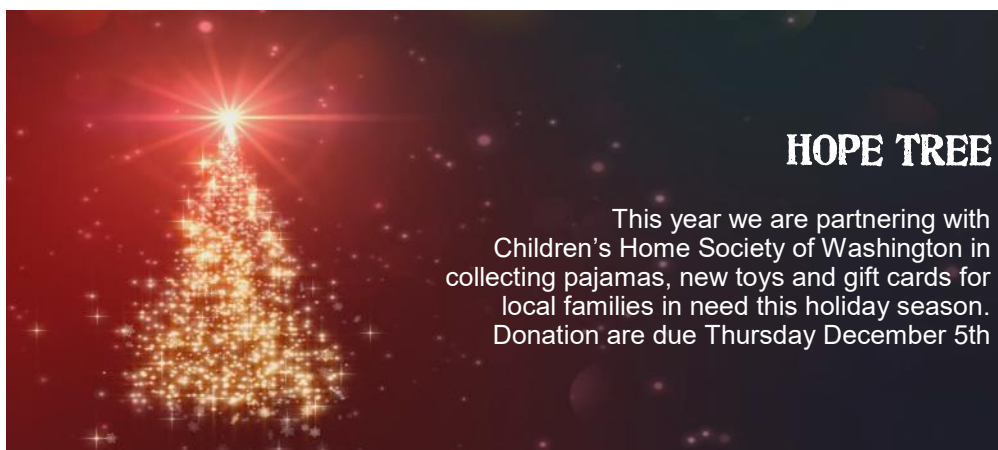
email the office if you have a need. [office@welcometopcf.org](mailto:office@welcometopcf.org)



If you would like your donation to be considered for the 2019 tax year; please make sure that your donation is: turned into the office, placed in the PCF mailbox, postmarked or completed online not later than December 31st.



New directories are printed and available on the information table of the entryway. Please inform the office of any errors as soon as possible.



## HOPE TREE

This year we are partnering with Children's Home Society of Washington in collecting pajamas, new toys and gift cards for local families in need this holiday season. Donation are due Thursday December 5th

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## SOULFIRE

Youth Group is at Charles and April Wilder's home (503 SW Hipkins Ct, 98367) from 5-6:30pm December 1st will be the Youth Group Christmas Party.  
Contact Charles with questions 360-621-5991.

There will not be any Soulfire the rest of December.

## life GROUPS

WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER

### Life Group Schedule

Be sure to check with group leaders regarding holiday schedules.

- Key Peninsula** Leaders: Jason & Trish Weron  
**Wednesday 6:45-8:15pm - Childcare Provided**  
**Gig Harbor/Downtown** Leaders: Tom & Christine Bender  
**Wednesday 6:30-8pm**  
**Tacoma** Leaders: Peter & Betsy Smith  
**Wednesdays 6:30-8pm**  
**Gig Harbor** Leaders: Ted and Diane Wilder  
**Thursdays 7:00-8:30pm**  
**Olalla** Leaders: Tom and Laurel Fisher  
**Thursdays 6:30-8pm**  
**Gig Harbor** Leaders: Dennis and Aileen Amico  
**Fridays 6:30-8:30pm**



### Women's Prayer Group

Join other women of PCF in prayer 6:30-8pm on the first and third Monday nights of every month. The

group meets at Diane's home.

Contact Diane Smith (253-970-1568) for additional information.



Please come join us for a time of food, fellowship and worship.

Take a break before things get too crazy. The next Women's Brunch is Saturday 10:30am, December 14th at Pam Thomsen's House (3908 Rosedale Street, Gig Harbor). Contact Diane Smith with any questions (253-970-1568).



### Men's Bible Study

Saturday Mornings:  
Leader: Peter Smith  
When: December 14th at 8:30am

Where: Conference Room  
Studying: Ephesians

RSVP to Peter - peterandbetsys@live.com

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## **Christmas Giving & Receiving**

*But when the set time had fully come, **God sent His Son**, born of a woman, born under the law, **to redeem those under the law**, that we might receive adoption to sonship. Because you are His sons, **God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts**, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.” So you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since **you are His child**, God has made you **also an heir**. (Gal. 4:4-7)*

*“The Lord Jesus Himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” (Acts 20:35)*

*Christmas is about giving and receiving. They are not mutually exclusive. They need each other. If the gift given is not received, both the giver and the intended recipient are deprived of the blessing they are meant to share.*

*Mary received God’s Son, so she could give Him to the world in God’s behalf. Receiving empowered her to be a giver. Receiving God’s gift deposits who He is into who we are. He comes alive in us, and we become inspired to give His gift to others, just as He gave to us.*

*Jesus said, “For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Matt. 20:28)*

*He also said, “A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a servant like his master.” (Matt. 10:24-25) And, “Give as freely as you have received!” (Matt. 10:8)*






*Then He said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” (John 20:21)*

**Receive Christ Jesus, and His Spirit. Then live to give His life away, just as He did.**

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# December 2019


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10am Worship 5-6:30pm Soulfire	2 6:30-8pm Women's Prayer Group	3 PCF Office by Appt	4 <b>Life Groups</b>	5 <b>Life Groups</b>  6pm <i>Thrive!</i>	6 <b>Life Groups</b> PCF Office Closed	7
8 10am Worship	9	10 PCF Office by Appt	11 <b>Life Groups</b>	12 <b>Life Groups</b>  6pm <i>Thrive!</i>	13 <b>Life Groups</b> PCF Office Closed	14  
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22 10am Worship	23	24 <b>7pm Christmas Eve Service</b>  <b>PCF Office Closed</b>	25 	26	27	28
29 10am Worship	30	31  				

HOPE

PEACE

**Week 1**  
Candle Name: Prophet's Candle  
Candle Symbolizes: Hope  
Reminds Us: Jesus is coming  
Verse: Romans 15:12-13  
Prayer: O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth Thy blessing upon the earth, and grant that we who see it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from Thee abundant grace. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen.

**Week 4**  
Candle Name: Angel's Candle  
Candle Symbolizes: Peace  
Reminds us: The message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."  
Verse: John 3:16-17  
Prayer: O Lord, stir up Thy power, we pray Thee, and come, and with great mercy help us, led with the help of Thy grace, Thy merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen.



Christ Candle  
Light on Christmas Eve  
Verse: John 1:29

**Week 2**  
Candle Name: Bethlehem Candle  
Candle Symbolizes: Faith  
Reminds Us: Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem  
Verse: Luke 3:4-6  
Prayer: O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen.

**Week 3**  
Candle Name: Shepherd's Candle  
Candle Symbolizes: Joy  
Reminds Us: The joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus  
Verse: Luke 2:7-15  
Prayer: O Lord, we beg Thee, incline Thy ear to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen.

FAITH

JOY

## Anniversaries & Birthdays

4-Jon Frederick Breed  
7-Peter Bernadelli  
11-Nathalie Pierson  
13-Susan Thomas

20-Donald Drew  
*23-Pat and Donald Drew, 1952*  
*27-Daniel and Maggie Becker, 1980*