CONNECTION POINT JULY 2025 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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Responsibilities & Freedom

What does freedom cost? Responsibility. To paraphrase Edmund Burke; "When men do not govern themselves, they require that others govern over them." So, we agree to govern ourselves within the shared common boundaries we embrace together. How has God ordained the government of freedom? In His perfect wisdom, God has given three realms of government to assure safety and freedom for those who will live in His revealed ways; personal, corporate and civil.

First and foremost is the personal government of our own lives. God has given three commandments for us to govern our lives with. Matthew 22:37-40 affirms that governing our lives with love fulfills "all the Law and the Prophets." In John 13:34 Jesus commanded those who are His, "Just as I have loved you, you must also love one another." The apostle Paul told us in I Corinthians 11:31, "For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged." When we live as God ordained, we bring what is right, and true, and good to every arena of life we participate in.

The second realm of godly government is within His family, His church, the body of Christ. In Matthew 12:50 Jesus said, "For whoever does the will of (continues on page 2)



September 7th, 2025 is this years Race for Soldier event. We hope to gather a team to man a water station again this year. Sign ups for the event will start this month. If you are interested in participating in the actual race, we are looking into registering a team as well this year. If you have any questions about the event, feel free to look into their website or reach out to the church office: https://runsignup.com/Race/WA/GigHarbor/RaceForASoldier

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My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother." *Paul reveals the perfect formula for governing ourselves together as the church in Philippians 2:1-5*, "Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, fulfill my joy by being likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus"

Lastly, God has provided for government at large over society, the godly and ungodly alike. **Romans 13:1-7** presents civil government, ordained by God to protect peaceful citizens and punish those who would inflict evil on them. Bear in mind that Paul wrote this under the authority of the Roman ruler Nero. It was Roman civil authority that protected Paul from being murdered by the Jews in Jerusalem. **I Peter 2:13-17** affirms the same things. Keep that in mind as U.S. government rotates from one administration to another.

No matter what make of car you drive, the traffic lights are there to govern us all for the good of all. We risk not only our own welfare, but the well being of others also when we do not obey them. We can move about freely among each other within the definitions they provide.

As Americans, we commonly identify freedom with the 4th of July; Freedom from English rule over us. We became the "United States." Freedom is not defined by isolation or individuality, but found within defining the common boundaries we embrace together. The absence of secure boundaries is chaos, not freedom.

"We the People" is the opening line of the Preamble of the United States Constitution. Our national identity is who we are together. Our national motto, "E pluribus unum" means "Out of many, One." The same is true of God's design for the good life. Who we are as individuals finds fulfilment in who we are together. We need to need each other.

I invite you to join with David expressing his thanks in Psalm 16:5-6, "Lord, You assigned me my portion and my cup; You have made my lot secure. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; Surely I have a delightful inheritance."

Live freely in God's government of your life,

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Church BYOL Picnics and Outdoor Game Times

During the first Sundays of the month for July and August we will transition to "bring your own lunch" (BYOL) Picnics. The fridge and kitchen will be available to store items during service if need be. Or feel free to go grab something and then come enjoy it outdoors with us and some fun group games.

PCF has a plethora of yard games for the summer and we want to enjoy this beautiful property with more outdoor time . So, after church on the first Sunday of each month and during our monthly potlucks, depending upon weather, we plan to have yard games available outside! We have Tumble Tetris, Jenga, volleyball, cornhole, Connect Four, and pickleball. Join us for some yard game fun!



There will be a potluck meal on Sunday July 20th after service. This month's theme is: Free For All. PCF will provide the plates, utensils, water and any items left in the freezer cooked up! Bring anything you desire. Let's see what happens. Looking forward to sharing meals together!



July's work party dates are at least 9noon on the 12th and 26th. Lots to do including new floors!



New Directories are available now. Pick up your updated one today in the church office mail stacker. They are at the bottom left.

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Would you like to get to know a bit more about Peninsula Christian Fellowship? Do you want to become a PCF member? Sign up for a **Connect Meet Up.** This 30-60 minute get together can be however you'd like it to be. Would you like to meet with one of the pastors after church? Would you like to go out to coffee with one of them and go over who we are as a church or even do so over dinner? The material is available on our website at welcometopcf.org under the "About Us" tab by clicking "Church Membership." We have the material presented in the video on the page and the printable version under the "Our Essential Beliefs" link. We'd love to have you call PCF your church home. Let us know who you are and to welcome you to PCF!!

We're glad you are here and we look forward to knowing you better. To sign up, fill out the **Connect Meet Up** form online on the main page or fill out the form on the information table and place it in the box outside the church office.



Scan the QR code and join PCF's text alerts! You can also send us prayer requests or ask questions about upcoming events! Text Number: 833-237-9238



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PCF Women's Prayer Group

On the 1st Monday at 6:30pm at Diane Smith's home. Contact Diane 253-970-1568 or markdianewife@hotmail.com for additional information. The group will be on break until September after the July 7th meeting.



Join us for our monthly group hikes this summer. For July we will be hiking on Saturday July 19th at 10am at the Belfair Theler Wetlands Trail. This walk has very little elevation change and will be about 3-4 miles. See April Wilder for details.

Mark your calendar s for August we will be hiking on Saturday August 16th on the Spruce Railroad Trail in Port Angeles. The hike will take us into lunch time, so bring yourself a sack lunch. If the weather is warm, there may even be swimming opportunities. For more information about the area click below:

https://www.wta.org/go-hiking/hikes/spruce-railroad

The trail follows along Lake Crescent . There are a few route options for the hike that will be determined by those attending.



We are going to be partnering with a ministry called Child Evangelism Fellowship and their teens, to provide our kids with an action packed time full of songs, high energy games, an exciting Bible lesson, and an unforgettable missionary story. Christian Youth in Action teens are missionaries in training that have been taught how to lead clubs, teach Bible lessons, songs, memory verses, and missionary stories. This event is for kids ages

5-12 years old. It is FREE of charge and we highly encourage kids to invite their friends! This summer's 5-Day Club will be August 11th-15th at PCF. Find more information about Child Evangelism Fellowship by using the register link.

REGISTER HERE



PCF Soulfire Youth

Sunday after PCFs service on the **1st Sunday of June**, roughly a start time of 12:15-12:30pm we will have youth small group time with lunch! Join us for about an hour after service as we discuss a bible story and enjoy a meal together. See Charles or April Wilder for info.

Summer Events

July 13th - Ocean5 - must sign up! July 26th - Wilder House BBQ and Games August 3 - Water Fight August 29th or 30th - Movie Marathon or Zoo

The first Sundays of July and August are BYOL (bring your own lunch) and we will have out all the outdoor yard games.

- July 20 and August 17 will be potlucks and outdoor yard games.
- Regular Game nights will also be occurring; more details to come!!!

Calvary Youth Wednesdays:

Join Calvary on Wednesday from 6-8pm in the Student Ministries Building for Youth Group. There will be worship, messages and games.

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Many groups are beginning their summer schedules. Be sure to check in with the groups leader to verify where and when they are meeting!

Key Peninsula/Port Orchard

Leaders: Jason & Trisha Weron Tuesday 6:30-8:00pm Meeting @ Eric and Wendy Pierson's Contact Trisha Weron: 253-514-0696 Tacoma Leaders: Peter & Betsy Smith Tuesdays 6:30-8pm Meeting - location varies Contact Peter Smith: 253-732-6018 **Gig Harbor** Leaders: Ted and Diane Wilder Thursday 6:30-8pm Meeting - location varies Contact Ted Wilder: 253-225-0487 **Gig Harbor** Leaders: Trisha Weron and Peter Smith Wednesday 630-8pm Meeting - PCF Coffee Corner Contact Trisha Weron: 253-514-0696



| FINANCIAL RECAP Monthly Budget | \$16,163.00 |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| May as of 5/28/25 | \$15,957.29 |
| + or (-) Budget | (\$205.71) |
| Total Budget Year to Date | \$96,978.00 |
| Actual Income to Date | \$94,988.77 |
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Are you between the ages of 18 and 28? You're welcome to join THRIVE. They meet Thursdays at 6:45PM in the PCF Sanctuary for a snack, worship, a message, and discussion groups! For more information about

Thrive go to their website: www.thriveharbor.com



Tithes and offerings can be given at church, by mail or online. At church place your tithes and offerings in the box outside of the church office. For online giving; go to the website and scroll down to the "Donate Now" button to give through the Tithe.ly app.

July 2025

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | I PCF Office Hours Life Groups | 2 PCF Office Hours Life Group | 3 Life Groups 645pm Thrive @ | 4 | 5 |
| | | | @PCF 6pm Calvary Youth | PCF | | |
| 6 9am Calvary Worship Service | 7 6:30pm Women's Prayer | 8 PCF Office Hours | 9 PCF Office Hours | 10 Life Groups | 11 | 12 9am Work Party |
| I Iam PCF Worship Service BYOL Picnic | Group | Life Groups | Life Group @PCF 6pm Calvary Youth | 645pm Thrive @ PCF | | |
| 13 9am Calvary Worship Service 11am PCF Worship Service | 14 | 15 PCF Office Hours Life Groups | 16 PCF Office Hours Life Group @PCF | 17 Life Groups 645pm Thrive @ PCF | 18 | 19 10am "Let's Go Hiking" |
| Youth Group Ocean5 | | | 6pm Calvary Youth | | | |
| 20 9am Calvary Worship Service | 21 | 22 PCF Office Hours | 23 PCF Office Hours | 24 Life Groups | 25 | 26 9am Work Party |
| I Iam PCF Worship Service Youth Group Games MEAL POTLUCK | | Life Groups | Life Group @PCF 6pm Calvary Youth | 645pm Thrive @ PCF | | Youth Group BBQ at Wilders |
| 27 9am Calvary Worship Service | 28 | 29 PCF Office Hours | 30 PCF Office Hours | 31 Life Groups | | |
| I Iam PCF Worship Service | | Life Groups | Life Group @PCF | 645pm Thrive @ PCF | | |
| Post Service Prayer Time SMB | | | 6pm Calvary Youth | | | |



Do you have a need we can help with? Email the office: <u>office@welcometopcf.org</u> Or the deacons: <u>deacons@welcometopcf.org</u> Or the elders: <u>elders@welcometopcf.org</u> Or the pastors: <u>kmach@welcometopcf.org</u> <u>cwilder@welcometopcf.org</u> <u>psmith@welcometopcf.org</u>



13-Eric and Wendy Pierson, 200216-Betsy Smith24-Linda James27-Andrew and Tammi Burt, 199629-James Noble31-Mark and Diane Smith, 1971