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DECEMBER 2023

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

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CHRISTMAS EVE *Candlelight Service*



Join us Sunday December 24th at 7pm for our annual Candlelight Christmas Eve Service. This family service is for the whole family. Join us in celebrating this special time of year! The nursery will be unmanned, but open for families that need it. There will not be a Sunday morning service on Christmas Eve.

Directory Update Time

If you have a change to your mail, phone, email, name, etc. Please let the church office know by filling out the "Update" flier on the information table in the entry way and putting it in the box outside the office.

If you wish to be added to the churches directory and or mailing lists please fill out the flier as well! We would love to include you if you call PCF home!

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**TIME TO
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Christmas Hope

What have you ever hoped to receive for Christmas? Of course, when Jesus was born to Joseph and Mary, they were the only ones expecting Him that day, and Christmas was not yet initiated. But ... some people were waiting expectantly.

***Luke 2:25-26**, “And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ.”*

All of Israel knew that the coming of Messiah was promised. But it had been a long time. I think it is safe to suppose that most who believed the Promised One would come had no expectation He would arrive any time soon. It appears that even Mary’s parents doubted the fantastic story she had told them.

*I don’t doubt that many of you have received some promises delivered by God. But the reality remains that the vast majority of what He has promised is still out in front of us. We do not know when the fullness of time for their delivery will come. Of Christ’s return, even He said, “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.” (**Mark 13:32**)*

Even though, unlike Christmas, we do not know when God will deliver the many promises He has already prepared, I pray we anticipate His delivery of them, waiting in the patience, comfort, hope and confidence of faith. Please freely thank Him for them before they arrive... keeping oil in your lamp.

It’s hard to hope for what we don’t know. So, unlike some who allow themselves to be discouraged by what has not become reality in our lives yet, please continue to read and recount God’s promises in His Word, and fix your hopes on Him who promised them, rather than the timing of their delivery. Remember, Biblical hope means “Confident Expectation with Pleasure.” Hope only exists for what we don’t have yet.

*Embrace the Hope of Christmas. **Colossians 1:27**, “To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.”*

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office hours

you've got questions... we might have answers

Tuesday 9am-1pm and Wednesday from 1-4pm. If you have a specific need to see me in the office, please call or text me at: 360-710-9206 or email the office to schedule and appointment.

office@welcometopcf.org

The Church office will be open limited hours during the week between Christmas and New Years Day. Please make sure to contact either Kurt or April to make an appointment before coming into the office.



Women's Prayer Group

The Women's Prayer Group meets at 6:30pm on the 1st and 3rd Monday at Diane Smith's home.

Contact Diane Smith (253-970-1568) or at markdianewife@hotmail.com for additional information.

GIVING
IS EASIER THAN EVER

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 giving by mail; send your check to Peninsula Christian Fellowship at the address below. For online giving; go to the website and scroll down to the "Donate Now" button to give through the Tithe.ly app.



Are you between the ages of 18 and 28? You're welcome to join THRIVE. They meet Thursdays at 6:45PM in the Sanctuary for a snack, worship, a message, and discussion groups! For more information about Thrive go to their website: www.thriveharbor.com

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Join the Men's Breakfast on Saturday December 9th from 8am to 10am in the Student Ministries Building. There is food, fellowship and a bit of devotional time. Please bring a breakfast item to share.



Wednesdays:

*Join Calvary on Wednesday from 6-8pm in the Student Ministries Building for Youth Group. We will have worship, messages, games, discussions and of course, fellowship.

Sundays:

*Sunday after PCFs service on the **1st and 3rd Sunday**, 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.



PCF will have meals the 1st and 3rd Sunday. The 1st of the month is fully provided. The meal on the 3rd Sunday of every month will be potluck style. With a general theme each month. If you are bringing an item, just bring it to the kitchen before church and set up however you need to keep your item heated or refrigerated. If you would like to help coordinate a potluck day, let April know! We are greatly looking forward to sharing meals together and growing our fellowship time. After service we will need helpers to put up tables and chairs, also to break them down after. **THIS MONTH THEME: Casserole and Crock Pot.** Bring a casserole or crockpot dish to share! PCF will provide utensils, dessert and beverages.



This years budget presentation will be held December 10th and the budget vote will be held December 17th after service.

FINANCIAL RECAP...

Monthly Budget	\$15,769.00
November— Actual Income	\$11,611.30
+ or (-) Budget	(\$4,157.70)
Total Budget Year to Date	\$173,459.00
Actual Income to Date	\$164,274.55
+ or (-) Total Budget Year Income	(\$9,184.45)

YEAR END GIVING

If you would like your donation to be considered for the 2023 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.

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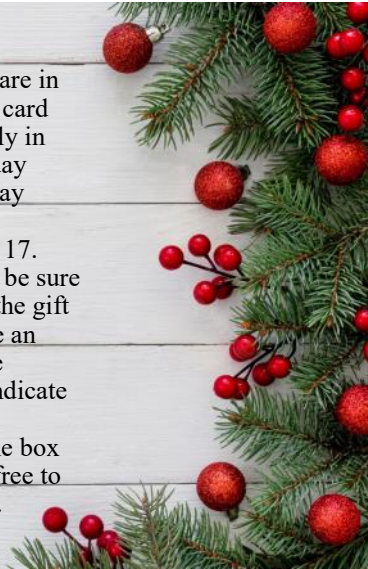
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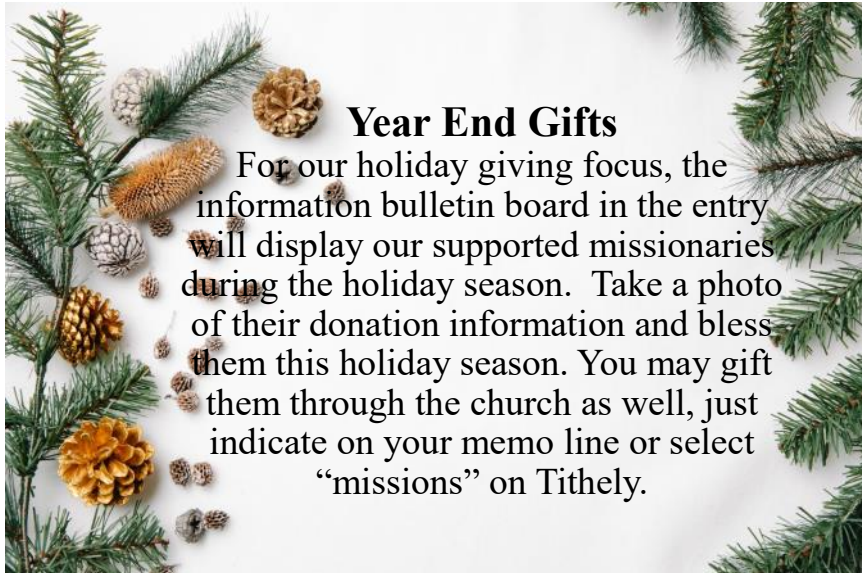
Holiday Blessings

This year we will be providing families that are in need of some help this Christmas with a gift card for a local grocery store. If you know a family in need of some assistance in making this holiday season a little brighter please fill out a Holiday Blessing name flier found on the entryway information table. Names are due December 17. Gifts will be distributed the next day. Please be sure to indicate if you would like to deliver or if the gift needs to be mailed. Please be sure to provide an accurate mailing address. If you wish to give towards the Christmas blessing please just indicate on your check or money envelope "Holiday Blessings" and turn it in with your tithe in the box outside the office or designate online. Feel free to contact the church office with any questions.



Year End Gifts

For our holiday giving focus, the information bulletin board in the entry will display our supported missionaries during the holiday season. Take a photo of their donation information and bless them this holiday season. You may gift them through the church as well, just indicate on your memo line or select "missions" on Tithely.



Key Peninsula/Port Orchard

Leaders: Jason & Trish Weron

Tuesday 6:30-8:00pm

Meeting in person at Eric and Wendy Pierson's

Contact Trish Weron: 253-514-0696

Tacoma

Leaders: Peter & Betsy Smith

Tuesdays 6:30-8pm

Meeting in person - location varies

Contact Peter Smith: 253-732-6018

Gig Harbor

Leaders: Ted and Diane Wilder

Thursday 6:30-8pm

Meeting in person - location varies

Contact Ted Wilder: 253-225-0487

**Regular meetings are underway.
Join a life group today!**

**Interested in starting your own life group?
Contact the church office and let's talk
about getting you started!**

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Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

 <p>The lost and found in the entry way will be donated to Goodwill on Monday December 11th. Be sure to check and make sure you haven't left something behind!</p>					1	2
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4-Jon Frederick
11-Nathalie Pierson

20-Donald and Pat
Drew, 1952
23-Donald Drew

Do you have a need we can help with?
Email the office:
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Or the elders:
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