

Alleluía Newsletter October 2016

From Me to You:

"Behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah" (Jeremiah 31:31)

"ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians" is the name of what is soon to be our new denominational family in Christ.

The word "covenant" comes directly from the Bible. In the Old Testament, it is translated from the Hebrew word "berith" which means literally to "cut or divide," as in the act of establishing a contract or certifying a promise (see Genesis 15:10ff). In the New Testament, it is translated from the Greek word "diatheke" which means "a promise that establishes a contract, or a will or *testament* that settles an estate" (see Hebrews 8:6ff). The English word "covenant" is derived from Latin meaning "to come together," as used traditionally in the phrase "a covenant of marriage" between one man and one woman.

ECO uses "covenant" to talk about both our love-life/personal relationship with God through faith in Jesus Christ, and to refer to how our life together in Jesus is to be lived-out as His church. In fact, ECO's Polity manual uses the term "covenant partners" instead of "members" to describe those in a congregation who are admitted to the active roll:

"Becoming a covenant partner (member) is important not only to the congregation but even more importantly for the covenant partner (member), as they are positioned to receive encouragement, support, and correction that the Lord promises to those who share spiritual fellowship. In committing to the cause of a life lived in and through Jesus Christ, members grow in Christian community together to become more Christ-like. In Christian community, we realize the fullness of life together and life in Christ, and discover our unique place in a common mission and narrative of God's work. The covenant partner (member) and the congregation are both blessed and become a great blessing as they covenant together, intentionally, in Christ's work." (Section 1.0304)

As covenant partners, we are all expected to "strive to be faithful to Christ by participating in the congregation's worship, fellowship, and service on an ongoing basis" (1.0305). The Session is also charged with creating "an effective disciple-making, ministry discernment process, and equip covenant partners (members) to be missional Christians, being faithful to nurture covenant partners (members) into spiritual maturity and significant ministry" (1.0305).

All of the vision and expectations embodied in the ECO language point directly to and depend upon what *Jesus* did and does in bringing us to faith, love and life in Him:

"This cup which is poured out for you is the <u>new covenant</u> in My blood" (Luke 22:20).

Our Session will be sending out more information on the (re)chartering process in the weeks ahead. For now, as we follow Jesus into the new church being (re)chartered and the next stage of our life together in and for Him, let's (re)commit ourselves to Jesus as our Savior and Lord, to fellowship with each other and like-Bible-minded believers in Him, to growing as His disciples who make disciples, and to serving Jesus in every way we can in His mission here, and around the world!

Looking forward to *flourishing* even more in and for Jesus with you, His <u>covenant partners</u> at and as PPC! In Christ,



SESSION DIGEST



The following items were discussed and acted on in recent Session meetings

- 1. Elders Leslie Hughes, Gene Hammond, and Deacon Terry Odom were appointed to work together as a ministry liaison to help develop the spiritual relationship with and through the Sonrise School and the new Director, Shirley McLeod.
- 2. The names of Vincent & Elaine Luke were removed from the membership rolls at their request.
- 3. The Session approved recommending to our PPC congregation that PPC join the Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians (ECO) and present information on ECO at a town hall meeting on September 18 after the worship service. Joining is contingent on a congregational vote at a later date.
- 4. The Session approved inviting Rev. Mike DeArruda of ECO to meet with the Breakfast with Jesus adult Sunday school class in the Fellowship Hall at 8:30 a.m., preach at the 10:00 a.m. worship service, and speak at a town hall meeting following the worship service on Sunday, September 18, 2016.
- 5. A letter was approved from the Session to the congregation with information about the ECO and the upcoming town hall meeting.

August 2016	Financial Report	
General Fund Checking	\$ 42,675.41	
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OPERATING INCOME TOTAL* <u>OPERATING EXPENSE TOTAL*</u> OPERATING BALANCE (+ or -)	\$ 12,622.00 <u>\$ 23,988.22</u> -\$ 11,366.22	
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Deacon's Fund *Amounts are from QuickBo	\$ 3,114.31 poks reports reconciled to bank sta	atements

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

Fall is already upon us, and it seems as though the year has simply flown by. Let's make sure to use the time that God has given us well, especially since it does seem to move quickly. I think stewarding our time well brings us closer to a goal many of us have, of hearing Jesus say, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much." (Matthew 25:23b)

Thomas Smith IV Stewardship Ministry Chair



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES



- Breakfast With Jesus: Teacher: Larry Oline at 8:30a in Fellowship Hall
- College/Career Class—Moneylife: Teacher: Tom Smith IV at 11a in Fellowship Hall

PRAISE CHORUS Is returning.

Rehearsals are on Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm in the sanctuary. Beginner singers are welcome! See Carol Pilkington for details.

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The Deacon's Developments

The Deacons serve Christ by serving others for His glory and purpose

"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers." 1 John 3:16

PLEASE LET US KNOW HOW WE CAN PRAY FOR YOU!!!

God loves you and so do we!!

Barbara Gonzalez (343-8008) Larry Hendry (479-6150)

Julie Gull (522-2942) Threse Hammond (480-1436) Michelle Loy (480-0442) Terry Odom (347-5754)

Please Remember The Dollars For Deacons Offering Envelopes in the Sanctuary.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION MINISTRY

As you know, it is not the food we distribute that is the most important. Offering salvation through acceptance of Jesus as our Savior, showing Jesus' love to all, and praying for and encouraging our guests are much more important. We see evidence of true faith and have some praises/answered prayer to share with you.

One woman who has been coming to us and praying with us for 3 years as a guest and a volunteer, worked through legal issues which had prevented her from obtaining a job. She is now gainfully employed and giving the glory to the Lord for His provision! Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you, "declares the Lord", "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

A man, who has been struggling to support his family of 6, brought us his tithe to the Lord and asked us to put the money into the Food Distribution. What faith and commitment he has to tithe even in difficult times! Luke 21:4 "All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth, but she out of her poverty, put in all she had to live on."

A 14 year old girl wanted to help, but was unable to volunteer on Saturdays because of another commitment. She took it upon herself to organize and conduct a food drive to benefit our food distribution. She collected a trunk full of food and is going to ask her high school if she can conduct a food drive at the school. This young girl is already serving the Lord with a beautiful, loving heart. 2 Cor 9:7 "Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

In August 2016, Your Food Distribution Ministry served 494 Families composed of 1,301 individuals by distributing 13,682 lbs. of food. All glory and praise to our Lord Jesus Christ!

Evangemissions

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We just received an update from one of our Faith Promise supported missionary families.

Alex and Julie Paniagua

report that their area of focus and influence is shifting from Costa Rica to all of Latin America. Alex will be joining the Operation Mobilization Latin American team to serve in the area of leadership development and Julie of spiritual formation. The team serves 13 offices across Latin America. PM Latin Americas vision is to see "well prepared, spirit led, Latinos taking the message of reconciliation to the least reached". They will be joining efforts to see this mission accomplished. Also, Julie has been accepted into Fuller Seminary and hopes to begin in January 2017. Their two daughters (pictured above) are their number one ministry. Keyla is now 7 and Emma is 3. They thank us for our prayers and support for the past 8 years and ask for us to continue with them as they take this next step in their ministry.

"They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do." Psalms 1:3 NLT

PRAISE KIDS CLUB AND YOUTH GROUP HAVE STARTED AGAIN FOR AUTUMN

We're teaching the Bible on Sunday nights to kids (and giving parents a little time for themselves!) We teach the truths of the Bible through stories, games and crafts to the elementary and for older kids and those who have graduated, a discussion time.

Our schedule is basically 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. At 6 p.m. we offer a snack and time to gather and get to know each other. Then we break into groups to learn about Jesus. Even the kids in the nursery get an age-appropriate lesson.

Sometimes we have special events so keep up with us on our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/ppckidsandyouth/





WOMEN OF THE CHURCH - OCTOBER 2016

Communion at the Springs - Monday, October 3rd at 9:45 a.m.

Committee Meeting - No meeting in October.

Rachel Circle – Monday, October 10^{th} at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Arlene Tomin.

Sarah Circle – Tuesday, October 18^{th} at 12:00 p.m. at the home of Alma Oline.

At our WOC Committee Meeting in September we voted to give \$200.00 to Pastor Anthony toward shipping costs for the toys that will be gathered to send to Trinidad.

As you notice, we have one day circle and one evening circle. This is not like a club - all women of Pasadena Presbyterian Church are invited to come to either of the circle meetings. We have bible study, fellowship and light refreshments. We do have a budget for each calendar year and your offerings help us to contribute to the missions that we support, local and foreign. There is a copy of our budget for 2016 on our bulletin board in the hallway to the Boswell (or Patio). If you want more details regarding Women of the Church, please contact Pat Watts (727-302-0888).

Just a reminder of things not to do but how to be: Be prayerful, Be trustful, Be obedient, Be forgiving, Be faithful and finally Be a follower of Jesus. Remember this thought – what's important about every day is not what is ahead of us but who is ahead of us. Keep Christ always first as He first loved us and we love Him.

"Serve one another in love" (Gal. 5:13) and "Encourage one another" (I Thess. 5:11; Heb. 3:13)

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Band Practice Chorus Practice	6 10a Koinonia Meeting 6:30P Cub Scouts 7p Women's AA	7 Church Office Closed	8 9:30a-1:30p Food Distribution
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Band Practice Chorus Practice	27 6p Cub Scouts Pack Meeting 7p Women's AA	28 Church Office Closed 8a-12p Preschool Fall Festival	29 5p-7p Trunk or Treat



KOINONIA MINISTRY

Scripture commands us to be devoted to one another. Romans 12:10 states, "Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves". NIV

"Koinonia's" primary meaning is "fellowship, sharing in common communion." The first occurrence of koinonia is in Acts 2:42. "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." Believers in Christ are to come together in love, faith and encouragement.

Koinonia Ministry met September 1st in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. The Adult Career group who meets at 11:00 a.m. after worship on Sundays, is beginning a new study "Moneylife" from Crown Financial Ministries.

We are planning a Trunk or Treat again this year. Look for the information elsewhere in the newsletter. Look for information in the November newsletter about an activity which is in the making for Sunday, November 20th when the shoeboxes will be turned in.

Other possible activities were discussed but nothing planned as of this writing. We are looking forward to work with the preschool in different activities and will keep you updated on upcoming

Praise Kids/Youth will meet Sunday evenings (the Fun Day Sundays they do not meet) from 6:00-7:30 pm, gathering in the Fellowship Hall for snacks and fellowship and then go to different classes. Volunteers are always needed Sunday evenings and if you are interested you can contact Laurie Smith @727/544-7237.

Members of our Koinonia Ministry are: Cookie Cottrell, Vicki Danz, Gina Driggers, Ruth Gey, Sandy Moore, Terry Odom, Alma Oline, Shirley Phillips, Laurie Smith and Pat Watts.

Pat Mancini, Chairperson

Trunk or Treat PPC

What

- Decorate your opened car trunk or hatch to show a fun scene or a Bible story
- Distribute candy or trinkets to neighborhood kids and friends at PPC



- A way to go into the world and tell others of Jesus' love
- People want a safe way to have fun but not trick-or-treat door to door
- Who
- You, telling friends and neighbors the good news in a safe, attractive way
- You, helping other PPC people to tell
- You, helping w/hot dog distribution

Give

- . The other half of this flyer to a neighbor
- A bit of time to share the Good News
- Or, bring candy, trinkets, tracts

When October 29th 5-7p.m.

Where

Cross Tower Parking Lot at Pasadena Presbyterian Church 100 Pasadena Ave. N St. Petersburg (727) 345-0148

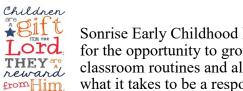




October 29th 5-7p.m.

Treats, games Hot dogs, chips, lemonade

Pasadena Presbyterian Church 100 Pasadena Ave. N St. Petersburg (727) 345-0148 North of Central Avenue



Sonrise ECLC

Sonrise Early Childhood Learning Center has had a great start to our school year. We are excited for the opportunity to grow together in God's love this year. The children have been learning their classroom routines and all about their new friends. They have also been learning about pets and what it takes to be a responsible, caring pet owner. The preschool has adopted a new pet rabbit named Clover. This gives children the opportunity to show care and compassion as they take care of the preschool pet. At Sonrise ECLC we believe that children are a gift from the Lord and should

have the best possible start in life. Everything that we do is to help give them a strong foundation to build their lives on. They are learning and growing emotionally, physically, intellectually and spiritually. We are very grateful for the preschool staff that chooses every day to be the hands and feet of Jesus in the lives of the children and families we serve. They are doing an amazing job building the foundation of a child's belief system. That is an incredible opportunity but also a huge responsibility. We would ask that you remember the Sonrise ECLC staff in your prayers, that God would meet their needs and bless their lives as they pour out their lives for others.

Shirley McLeod Sonrise ECLC director

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Library News

BETH MOORE TRIES FICTION WRITING WITH NOVEL PUBLISHED IN SEPTEMBER Known for her seminars, books and Bible study guides, Beth Moore has sold many books and other materials. She told a *Library Journal* writer, "I hope it inspires a conversation between readers about the role of faith in extreme brokenness."

Library Journal gives a succinct summary of the plot of The Undoing of Saint Sylvanus, "a mystery about a New Orleans apartment house, its odd residents, and the family who owns the building."

Amazon listed these reviews:

Publishers Weekly: The novel is not without flaws . . . but it remains endearing and entertaining to the end. Booklist (a publication of the American Library Association): Simultaneously heartwarming and chilling. this tale has wide appeal with its mix of mystery, evangelism, history, suspense, and love. Moore brings southern culture to life, and thoughtfully poses questions of belonging, sin, and self-worth. From its gritty start to its redemptive finish. Moore's ambitious first novel spotlights her gifts for humanizing the biblical experience and the search for faith. (Booklist)

Library Journal: delivers an absorbing, suspenseful read. Readers who prefer a story focused on finding faith through adversity will savor this beautifully written novel. We have this novel in an unabridged cd form.

Laurie Smith, librarian

COLLECT ALUMINUM DRINK CANS TO HELP YOUTH GROUP

Please bring in your aluminum soda cans (rinsed) and put them in the blue recycling bin, opposite the church kitchen door, as you come in to the Fellowship Hall. These cans will be sold to a salvage business and the money will go toward our church youth group. Thank you!





ADDITIONAL ITEMS NEEDED FOR TRINIDAD

Pastor Anthony would like to start a mosquito spraying service from his church in San Fernando. This would greatly help reduce the spread of virus such as Zika and dengue fever. They are grateful to have received 3 large foggers, yet their church still needs 2 if not 3 small THERMAL FOGGING MACHINES for interior use. New they cost \$240 each. If the Lord leads you to help by helping fund these foggers, please make check out to ALL NATIONS GLOBAL DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES; you can drop off your donation by putting it in Pastor Anthony's box in the PPC church office. *God bless you!*

IT IS SHOEBOX TIME!!!

What goes into the box is fun...what comes out is eternal! Every gift-filled shoebox is a powerful tool for evangelism and discipleship---transforming the lives of children and their families around the world through the Good News of Jesus Christ!

DEDICATION SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 20th

Shoeboxes will be available for pick-up on November 1st.

Emails to the Church

If you are attempting to contact us at PPC, please make sure you are using the correct email address for us as listed in the weekly Flyer.

If you send an email to us, but do not receive a reply, pleas call the OFFICE. If you are not receiving emails from us, please make sure we have YOUR current email address.

FACILITY USE NOTICE

PPC facilities are **not ordinarily** open in the evening for meetings or groups on **Mondays**, **Wednesdays**, **Fridays and all-day on Saturdays.** If your meeting or group is affected by this new policy, you need to contact the church office to reschedule your use of the facilities to **Tuesday or Thursday evenings** until 8:30pm. If your group can't change to meet on the nights when PPC is now open, you will need to contact Pastor Carl to get keys and codes —you will be responsible for locking up and setting the alarm—or find another location off site.

SUNDAY 10am WORSHIP

ATTENDANCE



September 4 70 September 11 56

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September 18 September 25 76

PLEASE HELP KEEP GOD'S FACILITIES NICE!

PLEASE DO NOT PUT PAPER FLYERS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS ON THE WALLS!

WE HAVE BULLETIN BOARDS FOR OUR VARIOUS MINISTRIES AND GROUPS TO USE TO POST ITEMS.

IF YOU NEED SOMETHING POSTED, PLEASE CHECK WITH THE APPROPRIATE MINISTRY OR GROUP OR THE CHURCH OFFICE.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We try to stay on top of prayer requests and concerns. If you know of someone who is ill in our church family, please let the office know. Even if the office is closed you can still leave a voice mail. If you I have a pastoral emergency, you can always leave a voice mail at the Manse at 727-368-5588.

In the event that Pastor Carl is on vacation, we always record the substitute's name and telephone number on our outgoing voice mail message. Thank you for your help.

Format for Submitting Information To Be Printed

- Submit information 2 weeks prior to date needed print ready.
- Send information as an Electronic File MS Word Format.
- Newsletter articles are always due by the <u>15th of the month.</u>
- Newsletter articles should be in Arial and font no larger than 10.
- Newsletter articles should be titled with ministry, month and year i.e., "Library November 2016".

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OR CURRENT RESIDENT

PPC'S MISSION STATEMENT "GLORIFY GOD, BEAR MUCH FRUIT, SHOW OURSELVES TO BE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST" (John 15:8)

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Please remember Pasadena Presbyterian Church in your prayers, your will and your estate planning.

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