

The MASTER PLAN

DECEMBER 2011

Advent 2011

The season of Advent is upon us! Advent is a time of preparation: the four Sundays leading us to the celebration of Jesus' birth on Christmas Day. Advent is a time of reflection and it is a time to anticipate the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ as a baby in a manger.

This Advent season we will be focusing together on Sunday mornings around the theme "Is there Room for Jesus?" Through our sermon series that begins on Sunday, November 27, and culminates on December 24, Christmas Eve, we will focus our thoughts on the nativity. Traditional weekly candle lighting will center on the themes of Faith, Hope, Joy and Love.

We will "build" our nativity as the weeks progress, beginning with just the Bible, the very word of God, continuing with the empty stable, the angels, the shepherds and finally the Holy family and Jesus in the manger. Each week we will consider how we can make room in our lives for Jesus amidst the many distractions of the season.

Please join us in worship through this season of Advent, and continue your worship and reflection at home as well. We have prepared for you a booklet of Advent devotional thoughts written by members of our PCOM congregation. Besides daily reflections and Scripture, we have also written some times of worship and candle lighting that you can use in your home. Booklets will be available on Sunday, November 27, on the patio.

Enjoy the Advent season, and make room for the Lord Jesus in your heart and home.



From the Pastor's iPad . . .

Hello Church of the Master,

Can you believe that we are already entering Advent? Advent literally translates – “coming or arrival.” It a story of anticipation, a story of waiting. This story of Jesus’ coming always reminds us to prepare for his second coming. This year the preaching in Advent will ask the question, “*Is There Room for Jesus?*” As we, week to week, add each element to the Nativity scene (prophets, Bethlehem, shepherds, angels) we will have to make sure that there is room in the center, among the shepherds, angels and kings, for the Christ child. In a similar way, as we put up lights, buy gifts, and get frantically busy, we need to make sure that there is still room in the center of our lives for Jesus. Amen?

I realize that with the New Year just around the corner that a couple of other items need to be communicated. The first is that we have not yet come to a final conclusion on a possible change in worship times. No change will be made until we resolve a couple of issues. After reviewing the proposed solutions the task force members came to two conclusions:

- We currently have a parking problem and any solution proposed does not change that. In fact may worsen it.
- While the Children’s Ministries Committee did their best to adapt the Sunday School to the proposed worship schedule, the changes necessary would both cause considerable burdens on those who are working with our children, and make it more difficult for them to reach their ministry goals.

I will continue to keep you updated as decisions are made.

Second, I want to thank you all who so quickly responded to the stewardship pledge campaign this year. The numbers of pledges and the amounts look promising as our committees begin the budgeting for 2012. Its not too late to get your pledge in if you have not yet done so.

Lastly, I believe that this is the last Master Plan that you will receive before 2012. So from me, Malaika, Madeline, Chloe and our dog Macie, we wish you all a Blessed Advent Season and a Christ filled Christmas. We are so glad to be among you!

The peace of our Lord,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pastor Jackson". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Pastor Jackson



**FROM THE INTERIM
ASSOCIATE PASTOR**

Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing. But let us encourage one another and all the more as you see the Day approaching. – Hebrews 10:24

Recently I was assigned the task of forming and leading a new small group task force for the purpose of developing a number of new small groups here at PCOM. We are well underway in our developmental process with an incredibly gifted and committed group of people. The following members are serving on this task force: Barry and Janet Vaniel, Lyle Johnson, Greg Chao, Jon Saur, Jennifer Kurrle, Ken Dillard, and myself. We have been reading books and researching various successful small group models. We have been brainstorming together what will be the most effective approach in creating a small group culture here at PCOM. We have been planning and praying.

We understand that there are approximately 30 meaningful and life-giving small groups already in place here at PCOM, and we celebrate God's continued work in those groups. Our desire is to form new groups with newly trained facilitators in order to connect people who are not yet in a small group, into the life of our church family. We intend to encourage the unity of the church and create continuity among these new small groups by providing a curriculum that will connect them with the Sunday morning sermon plan. We also intend to envision missional opportunities for the groups to continue to join in God's mission in the world.

We believe that this early church model of spiritual formation is one of the most effective ways of growing disciples of Jesus Christ. They are for people who are curious about Christ, and they are for people who have been following Christ for many years. We are very excited about what God is doing in and through our shared work and preparation together.

People who join these groups will grow in their knowledge of God's Word. They will grow in their prayer life. They will grow in their relationship with Christ. They will grow in the character of Christ. They will grow in their fellowship with other believers. And they will grow in their participation in the life and ministry of Presbyterian Church of the Master.

Our plan is to create a small group culture here at PCOM, built into our DNA. This will be the beginning. We plan to launch these new groups, with trained facilitators, all at the same time and along with a captivating sermon series, this coming spring 2012. If you are not yet in a group, I urge you to begin praying about diving in with us for a short-term commitment this coming spring. You will be hearing all about it in the coming months. In the meantime, please keep this important ministry development in your prayers.

With Great Anticipation,

Pastor Chris

**MAY THE GIFT OF HIS LOVE
BRING YOU JOY THIS
CHRISTMAS SEASON
AND THROUGHOUT
THE NEW YEAR.**

Merry Christmas
from your PCOM Staff

*"For unto you is born this day in the city of
David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."
Luke 2:11*

We are

- People with imperfections who are**
- Committed to following the Master, Jesus Christ, to**
- Offer all generations a caring place to grow and learn and to**
- Make disciples who engage the world with God's transforming love.**

Preschool News



November was a marvelous month for the teachers and children. The theme for the month was “Exploring Our Autumn World!” Areas covered were the new season of autumn, changing leaves, harvest, American Indians, Pilgrims, the First Thanksgiving. A special emphasis throughout the month, was giving thanks. We put two teepees on the playground for dramatic play and filled the sensory table with autumn colored rice and brown beans.

One of the special activities was Daddy and Me Day. It was fun watching the dads and children finger painting with shaving cream, participating in music activities, playing on the playground, and enjoying activities in the motor development room. When it was time for snack the children sat on dad’s lap and they had apple juice and yummy, pumpkin muffins that the children had made at school.

As the month progressed, the teachers focus was on Pilgrims, American Indians and the first Thanksgiving. To enrich the experience of our preschoolers, we had another special activity. It was a visit from two genuine California Indians. They came dressed in their native clothes and brought pottery, baskets, musical instruments, and animal skins. The children enjoyed the stories and especially delighted in playing some of the instruments. The instruments were made by the Indians out of things such as deer toe nails, animal teeth, turtle shells, etc. At the end of the presentation we held hands and the teachers, children, and Indians did an Indian snake dance to some Indian music. It was quite a day!

At the end of the month the teachers and children always celebrate Thanksgiving together by having a friendship feast. It’s our own special way of celebrating Thanksgiving with our preschool friends. Each child brings a food item and the children and teachers prepare the food in class. When it time for the feast, the children put on some of the things they made. The children stamp painted Indian vests, made necklaces from macaroni that the youngsters dyed and strung, and decorated Indian head bands. After praying together the teachers and children gather together for the friendship feast which is a time of sharing, just like the Pilgrims and the Indians shared with each other.

Chapel and Bible stories had an emphasis on giving thanks to our Lord for His provisions and help. Daniel was thankful that God protected him when he was in the den of lions. Jonah was thankful for God’s provision of a big fish that rescued him from the water. David was thankful that God helped him save his people from the giant, Goliath. We are thankful for all the things He does.

The children are adorable and I just delight in the things they say and do. For example, I was visiting in a classroom and one of the children came up to me and asked what was wrong with my arm. I said that my wrist was sore. He said, “I can pray for you.” Since he was a “super helper” that day, he was one of the prayer children. He sat on his teachers lap and began to pray. He prayed for the people in Ethiopia who had a flood, some other people, and then for Mrs. Cowper’s hand. It actually brought tears to my eyes. I feel so blessed to be part of this school.

Marsha Cowper

DECEMBER SERMON TITLES

December 4

Pastor Chris Pritchett (9:00, 10:45 am)
 Nancy Pearson (AWAKE Service)
 Sermon Series: **“Is There Room For Jesus?”**
“Hope: A Present Confidence”
 Scripture: Luke 2:1-7; Micah 5:1-5

December 11

Pastor Jackson Clelland
 (9:00, 10:45 am & AWAKE Service)
 Sermon Series: **“Is There Room For Jesus?”**
“Joy: A Message That Brings Life”
 Scripture: Luke 1:26-38; Luke 1:46-55

December 18

Pastor Chris Pritchett (9:00, 10:45 am)
 Pastor Jackson Clelland (AWAKE Service)
 Sermon Series: **“Is There Room For Jesus?”**
“Love - An Unlikely Person”
 Scripture: Luke 2:8-20; Jeremiah 31:10-12

December 25

Pastor Jackson Clelland
 (9:00 & AWAKE Service)
 Sermon Series: **“Is There Room For Jesus?”**
“A Firecracker In Your Hand”
 Scripture: Luke 1:26-38



MANY THANKS to all who donated Christmas shoeboxes to Operation Christmas Child! We will delivered over 400 filled shoeboxes to the distribution site! Children all over the world will be blessed by your generous gifts and by the good news of the abundant life in Jesus Christ.



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM THE CHURCH LIBRARY

By Pril Worcester Kirkeby

WHAT'S IN A NAME? *Christ came to us as a baby, and Mary and Joseph called him Jesus, meaning "Help of Jehovah". But Jesus had many names - He said about Himself, "I am the Light of the World" (John 8:12). He also called Himself "The bread of life" (John 6:35). Others called Him Emanuel (God With Us), the Good Shepherd, God, Savior, Christ, the Son of God, the Son of Man, Lamb of God, Prince of Peace, and King of Kings. Jesus Christ is with us, the same yesterday, today, and forever ... let us celebrate His birth and God's gift to all generations.*

A FEW MODERN CHRISTMAS STORIES:

ADVENT GUIDE by Nancy Worth (263.91) Christians have observed Advent for a thousand years as a time of thoughtful preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth. Shows you how to make an advent wreath, and gives passages from the Bible for all four weeks and Christmas Eve.

TALES OF CHRISTMAS FROM NEAR AND FAR - Herbert Wernecke, Ed. Stories from fourteen foreign countries plus the United States. You may remember the one from France, The Cobbler and His Guest, which is so memorable.

A SIMPLE CHRISTMAS by Mike Huckabee. Former pastor and now broadcaster shares twelve stories from his past that celebrate the

true holiday spirit.

THE MITFORD SNOWMEN by Jan Karon. All the author's favorite Mitford characters have the Christmas spirit, and bring the joys of the season to fill your hearts.

WHEN MOTHER WAS ELEVEN-FOOT-FOUR by Jerry Camery-Hoggatt. A delightful Christmas memory of the author's mother who was struggling with poverty and depressed circumstances. Jerry and his brothers discover the true meaning of Christmas in trying to help their mother get through the holidays.

CLASSICS ABOUT JESUS FROM DEWEY DECIMAL 232:

PORTRAITS OF CHRIST by Henry Gariepy. Fifty-two studies of names and titles given to Jesus in both the O.T. and N.T. which contribute to an accurate portrait of His person and His purpose.

WHO IS THIS JESUS? by Michael Green. Jesus had an astonishing influence on the history of the world. The calendar changed with His birth. The legal system of the West owes its basis to His values. Twelve chapters of evidence show why we trust the Gospels about Jesus and His importance.

JESUS, CENTERPIECE OF SCRIPTURE by J. Vernon McGee. Widely acclaimed minister speaks to every Christian when he says, "The real test for any of us is what we think of Christ." Chapter 2 is "Christmas Is God Shining In".

WHEN GOD WAS MAN by J.B.Phillips. A little book with a big message about the unique

character of Jesus Christ, and that "light has come into the world".

SOME NEW DONATIONS:

TWO BOOKS ABOUT PAUL - PAUL, A MAN OF GRACE AND GRIT by Charles Swindoll, and **PAUL, A NOVEL** by Walter Wangerin, Jr. How did this cold-blooded murderer of God's saints become perhaps the greatest Christian leader ever known?

AFTER LONG SILENCE by Helen Fremont. A memoir of the author who was raised as a Roman Catholic, but found out as an adult while practicing law in Boston that her parents were Jewish - Holocaust survivors living invented lives.

THE JOURNAL OF PRESBYTERIAN HISTORY, seven issues from 2008-2011, published by the Presbyterian Historical Society. Vernon Diggs has shared these copies with us; they will be on the Bookcart in December for anyone interested in taking a few to read. The church library does not have a magazine collection, so these will not be catalogued.

NOTE FROM THE CHURCH LIBRARY COORDINATOR: *The study of the church library continues after the three-month survey of materials checked out July through September. A committee will be working to establish the purpose of all the books and videos in the adult collection with a full report to the Session in January 2012.*

Christmas Lights

By Don Thies, December 2010

Each year soon after Thanksgiving we put up our Christmas lights, It's a custom that for many people is an important seasonal rite. We string them on our porches and hang them from our eaves, We drape them in our bushes and wrap them around our trees.

But why? - What are we trying to create with all this illumination? Many don't know or have forgotten why we do this annual decoration. But Christians know these lights are to remind us of the birth of Jesus, He's the Light of the World, who came into our darkness to save us.

He came to shine God's light into our lives and homes and streets, He lived and died to bring us the light of justice, truth and peace. Jesus fought the battle over darkness, evil, sin, death for us - and won, So our lights shine to show the world God's victory through his Son.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| Dec 3 | Trevor Clegg |
| Dec 6 | Trevor Manes |
| Dec 7 | Logan Brake |
| Dec 10 | Kierstyn Busk |
| Dec 11 | Hannah Romo |
| Dec 17 | Isabella Kenton |
| Dec 28 | Jake Massengale |
| Dec 29 | Jack Simunic |



**Letter from Diamondhead
Community Church,
Diamondhead, Mississippi**

Greetings to Presbyterian Church of the Master!

Hope all is well with everyone at PCOM. I pray the Congregation goes on from strength to strength.

I have enclosed a photograph. I thought PCOM would be pleased to know our Youth Ministries Program received the first ever Diamond Award for best Youth Program in Diamondhead. This is the first time such awards have been given and we were nominated in competition with football programs, cheerleading programs, baseball programs, swimming programs, and so on. We now have about 70 in attendance at our Youth Program and it is gratifying to be recognized by the Diamondhead Community.

You may remember that after Katrina PCOM sent us a financial gift to help us get this program back on track and so in this respect PCOM shares the Diamond Award with us. Many people are doing great work here at DCC and are serving the Lord in strength, but we could not have progressed thus far without the help given by PCOM.

Please let everyone know of our award, but most of all our progress with this ministry and our gratitude to PCOM for their love and support.

God bless you too!

Chas and Elaine Jones
www.dhcommunitychurch.org

OPEN DOOR PRAYER GATHERING

**DOES GOD STILL ANSWER
PRAYER?**

Two opportunities to experience
GOD'S PEOPLE PRAYING
Tuesdays at 3PM and
Thursdays at 7PM
Room 204

**FOREST HOME
BOOSTERS**

Christmas Luncheon – Sold Out!

We are so excited that this year's Forest Home Boosters Christmas Luncheon is a sold out event. This month, in lieu of our monthly meeting we will celebrate our Savior's birth at the annual Christmas Luncheon on December 15th at Sarducci's in San Juan Capistrano.

This year, our focus is to support PCOM's youth and families with opportunities to experience the joy of spending time at Forest Home. Thanks to all of you who have purchased Entertainment Books and/or filled Pocket Change Cans to assist Forest Home Boosters to fund camperships and to support Forest Home.

In the New Year Forest Home Boosters continues to meet the 3rd Thursday of each month from September through May, at 9:30 a.m. in Classroom 2. We invite all ladies to join us for fellowship, Bible study and prayer.



Children's Ministry

BIG WEDNESDAY

is coming

December 7th!

Family Dinner and Christmas
Entertainment
Sponsored by Kid's Klub and Children's
Ministries

Join kids, teen, adults and our whole
PCOM family for Christmas Dinner!

Followed by a Christmas Showcase
featuring our very own
Kid's Praise Choir and our new Mission
Viejo Youth Choir

Wednesday, December 7, 2011
Dinner: 6:00pm in The Commons
Cost for dinner \$5 per adult/child

Please RSVP no later than December 4th
to the church office 582-2670



Orange, orange everywhere! At the *Kid's Klub Harvest Festival* in November. Mrs. Doyle asked everyone to dress "like a pumpkin" and we did! Fun was enjoyed by all, even Pastor Jackson who manned the "bobbing for donuts on a string" booth. Between the cake walk, the pie eating contest, face painting, bowling, golf, basketball and balloon face craft, there was fun and activity for all. Many thanks to all who made this event a smashing success... special thanks to Fran Doyle for her amazing, creative, enthusiastic leadership.

MINISTRIES



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM THE CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

By Pril Worcester Kirkeby

JOY TO THE WORLD, THE LORD IS COME!
The Children's Library has a wonderful collection of Christmas books and films on the 2nd floor of the Christian Education Building. Many of these cannot be found in a public library, so help yourselves and your little ones to have a more blessed Christmas season with these materials about Jesus' birth and the true meaning of Christmas.

SAMPLES OF CHRISTMAS BOOKS:
(Found near the checkout area)

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS, a pop-up picture story starting with the Angel Gabriel appearing to Mary and of course, ending with Jesus' birth in a manger. PreSch – 1st Gr.

AWAY IN A MANGER, a pop-up Christmas carol book. Sing the carol with your child while reading the book. PreSch – 1st Gr.

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, a pageant of lights and song. Board book for small children.

THE LITTLEST CHRISTMAS TREE, a tale of growing and becoming, as seen through the eyes of a little fir tree. On the back of the book, it says "A story for children ages 3 to 83"!

ROOM FOR A LITTLE ONE, a Christmas tale about "all are welcome because there's always room for a little one at the stable on Christmas Eve." Young readers can enjoy this book by themselves, or with a family member.

THE CHRISTMAS ANGEL, a tale about the angels who came down to Earth and welcomed the Son of God born in Bethlehem

at Christmas. For all ages of children.

SAMPLES OF CHRISTMAS FILMS: *(In the check-out area with the Christmas books)*

HOLIDAY DOUBLE FEATURE, A VeggieTales DVD: The Star of Christmas & The Toy That Saved Christmas. 94 min.
A WOWIE-BOZOWEE CHRISTMAS, full length DVD, animated film for all ages. Running time: 45 min.

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS, SuperBook Video Bible in VHS format. Exciting animation of the greatest Bible story ever! 22 min.

SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT, VHS, 60 min., A Christmas Classics film.

THE LITTLE DRUMMER BOY, VHS, 30 min. Animated original Christmas Classic series.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHILDREN'S LIBRARY: *You may contact Pril at pwkirkeby@cox.net Donations of children's library materials may be left at the church in the Children's Ministries Office.*

Women's Ministry

Annual Christmas Tea - Luncheon & Boutique
 Presented by the Women's Ministries of
 Presbyterian Church of the Master

"A Cup of Christmas Tea"

Enjoy
 a traditional
 English Christmas Tea

Saturday, December 3, 2011



On Saturday, December 3, 2011, PCOM Women's Ministries presents "A Cup of Christmas Tea" - Luncheon and Boutique. The special program will be a unique Scottish reading of "A Cup of Christmas Tea" and the Claddagh Irish Dancers will perform on stage. The Commons will be beautifully decorated for Christmas and guests will be seated at festive, tea-themed tables. The tea-luncheon will include scones with clotted cream and jam, petite sandwiches, dessert and plenty of hot tea.

The Boutique is free of charge and is open to the public from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. in the Christian Education Building and on the church patio. Over 30 vendors will offer a wide array of wonderful products from jewelry and clothing to hand-crafted gifts, quilted items, candles, food and much more. The Christmas Tea-Luncheon begins at 12:30 p.m. for registered guests who may also participate in the popular Silent Auction and Gift Basket Raffle...All proceeds will benefit PCOM Women's Ministries and Missions. We hope to see you there!

MEN'S MINISTRY

CAR RALLY

Our first motorized event is being planned and could be a great time for all of us PCOMers interested in showing surrounding communities our PCOM spirit, and to have visitors come to our beautiful campus to mix and mingle in a neutral and friendly environment

FAMILY AND FRIENDS CAMP FIRE AND CAMP OUT

This event will likely be scheduled in 2012 as soon as we determine a date that works and on interest of our camp fire crowd and overnight camping families.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Our usual Big Pancake Breakfast will be held Saturday, February 11th or 18th, 2012. More information will be coming on this informative and inspiring program plus good food and fellowship. Speaker and topic will be announced in this month.



MEN'S MINISTRY

2012 OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

MEN are getting involved!

The USMC School of Infantry at Camp Pendleton (SOI) worship services are being supported by a team from Men's Ministry on the first Sunday evening of each month. Our ministry includes a physical presence, prayer and the serving of approximately 1,800 cookies to the young Marines. Retired Navy Chaplain, Bob Warren, and his wife, Genece, began this ministry to Camp Pendleton in 2006 and we men are honored to serve in this small way. We now have a real grassroots program here and even more men committed at the Men's retreat October 29th to help provide 1,800 cookies and personal one on one Christian care giving at the SOI Sunday evening Worship with the School of Infantry Marines. Our PCOM commitment is for 1,800 cookies once per month (1st Sunday.) We need all ages of helpers because these Marines are quite young and they really enjoy talking to the younger men as much as they do the father-grandfather aged guys. This also is a good opportunity for fathers and sons to serve together in a small but impactful way. Contact Lyle Johnson, 742-2936 or lylejohnson1@cox.net for more details about our next trip to Camp Pendleton on the evening of December 4, 2011. You also can sign up to make 100 cookies for the first Sunday of any month in 2012.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND SAFE TRAVEL TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Thanks to God and His Blessings, your Men's Ministry Committee at Your Service

Contact Don Roberson, 949-279-1797 or Lyle Johnson, 949-742-2936 for more information on all Activities

CONNECT



Friday, December 9, 2011

6:00 PM

The Commons

Dinner catered and served by *Jolanda*

Choice of

Beef, Salmon or Turkey

includes hors d'oeuvres & dessert

Purchase tickets on patio

Sunday, Nov. 27 & Sunday, Dec. 4

Cost - \$20.00

Exciting entertainment by PCOM's own Mission Viejo Youth Choir (4th through 8th graders), Directed by DAVID WELLS

Old friends and newcomers, members, and non-members, are welcome. You may send a check to the church office to arrive by Tuesday December 6. (Please designate the entrée of your choice)

PATHFINDERS CLASS

A Bible-focused Christian education class for all ages

SUNDAYS: 10:30 a.m.

Sanctuary Building - Room 1

Nov. 27-Dec. 18: "Advent Study: The Journey" - This series will be facilitated by Don Thies and based on the DVD series "The Journey" by Adam Hamilton.
Dec. 25 & Jan. 1: No Class.

Join us!

DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Room 103

We will be studying Romans.

The class is open to all, and we would be happy to see new faces.

For more information contact **Ramona Holland, 829-6902.**

ANGEL TREE GIVING PROJECT

Come and join the Children's Ministries in brightening a child's Christmas this year! Come by the Angel trees on the patio and playground on November 27 and December 4 to choose a tag for a specific age child. Purchase a new gift for this child, and bring it back by December 11. We will be donating all gifts to South County Outreach for kids in our Orange County area. Contact nancy.pearson@mypcom.com for more info.

SOJOURNERS

Sunday Mornings

9:00 a.m.

Classroom 2

Rev. Dr. Dee Lilly

Reflections from the

C. S. Lewis Summer Institute

December 4 The Screwtape Letters
December 11 The Weight of Glory essays
December 18 A life changing seminar
Sojourners will not meet Christmas day.

SUPPORT



POINSETTIA SALES

will begin on November 27 and continue December 4 & 11th between services. Sign up on the patio or bring your check to the church office to donate one or more plants. The poinsettias are available after the last service on Christmas Day, or if donated will be taken to various assisted living facilities

SERVE

CHILDREN OF THE NATIONS
FOOD PACKAGING

Presbyterian Church of the Master partnered with Children of the Nations for our 4th Food Packaging Event on October 10 in the Commons. Nearly 20,000 nutritious meals were assembled by the enthusiastic and committed table teams. PCOM members of all ages measured and bagged meals that will be sent to the five countries served by COTN: Malawi, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Sierra Leon, and Uganda.

These nutritionally balanced, ready-to-cook meals consist of rice, protein-packed lentils, dehydrated vegetables, spices, and chicken powder. The meal packs, sealed in industrial-grade plastic bags, are waterproof and have a shelf life of seven years. Once in-country, cooks in the Children of the Nations feeding centers customize these basic meals with traditional flavors and spices, supplementing with meat when available.

Feeding tens of thousands of children daily is no small undertaking! And it is only made possible through the efforts of churches and volunteers like PCOM! Thanks to all who participated! Read more: www.COTNI.org



CHRISTMAS IS COMING

What Goes Up . . . Must Come Down

The decorating committee is looking for a few volunteers to set up Poinsettias on December 16 at 12:00 p.m. and to remove and re-pack decorations on Tuesday, December 27 at 9:00 a.m. . Please join us. Your help is greatly appreciated!



GROW

SHARING THE FAITH

Lessons by Daniel Foster, MD
(video and audio)

Consider these issues concerning our church:

- What does Christ want us to do?
Jesus said: "Be my witnesses." (Acts 1:8)
And I will make you fishers of men."
(Matthew 4:19)
- Where did God place us?

People living in our area are "highly disengaged" – 50% reporting they have no faith involvement.

- Our congregation has indicated that they would like:
 - To have greater local impact – reaching out, promoting ministries and making a difference to the community.
 - To receive training in some form of outreach, evangelism, or missions work
 - To personally contribute and make a difference in this church

If you are hoping to make a greater connection to the church's purpose but haven't discovered just how you can best contribute, please join us in this class focused on discipleship – aimed at growing our confidence and ability to:

- Assist in a greater understanding of Scripture, worship and mission.
 - Encourage questions about the faith.
 - Provide answers to faith questions.
- Thoughtfully respond to objections, concerns and misconceptions.
- Demonstrate the faith in everyday life.

Dr. Foster is internationally distinguished as a medical scientist, physician, educator and author. He served 16 years as the chairman of the Department of Internal Medicine, University of Texas Southwestern Medical School and three terms on the president's Council on Bioethics. He was named Great Teacher by the National Institutes of Health and for four years hosted a national television program for the Public Broadcasting System.

Dr. Foster's religious teaching record is equally impressive. For over thirty years he has taught an adult education class of over 300 members. Recordings of his lessons are distributed to subscribers world-wide. He has also been an invited key-note speaker at numerous regional and national religious conferences.

December 1, 2011 – 7:00 PM

(No Class in January 2012)

Please direct any questions to David Finley,
489-9333 or davidmfinley@gmail.com

DEACON'S CORNER

As 2011 draws to a close, I have been reflecting on God's goodness, especially in the Deacon ministry. Psalm 126:3 says "The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy." I am filled with joy as I consider God's work among our deacons, empowering them for love and service to our church family. Pastor Jackson, Pastor Chris, and Pastor Arleen have encouraged and supported our Board of Deacons and we feel their prayers. My fellow Deacons have been faithful in working on their care teams, ministering to individuals using their unique gifts and talents. They have often served behind the scenes and Jesus knows about their acts of love and kindness. I feel privileged to work beside them! Thank you Deacons! I also have a big "thank you!" to our Deacons at Large: these deacons have extended their unique services to help support our ministry and we are blessed with their experience and joyful attitudes. I am thankful for many of you in our church family who have unselfishly volunteered to be our partners in our Emergency Care and Home Care Teams: you have cooked meals, driven individuals to doctor appointments, visited the homebound members and called the sick. Thank you for sharing your love! I am very thankful for our support team in the office with Carol Marleau, Nancy Mitchell, Christine Flowers and especially to Sue Ashby, who is our contact person for all our care needs and she does a great job communicating with care the needs to the various teams.

The Board of Deacons and I would like to wish everyone a blessed Christmas as we celebrate Jesus' birth. May you be filled with joy as you consider the great things He has done for you!

Sandy Chao, Deacon Moderator

DEACON CARE TEAMS

- Retirement Care Team
- New Members Care Team
- Emergency Care Team
- Communion Care Team
- Prayer Care Team
- Hospital Care Team
- Home Care Team
- Courtyard Care Team



Challenging Loneliness

Does loneliness affect you? Do you think you could be the only one that feels that your social network and world overall is shrinking? Can loneliness increase chances of sleep disorders, diabetes, blood pressure, stress, or weakened immune systems? The answer to these questions is YES. Please read on for a little insight.

Social change in today's times can and does result in social isolation and the lack of people to talk to about things that are important to them and by recent estimate about half of Americans over the age of 45 fall into that group.

Why is loneliness so devastating?

- It can come upon us anytime and especially around dates of anniversaries, special occasions and holidays.
- Loneliness and depression can appear together
- Lonely people are equally affected regardless of race, gender, or education

Here are a few questions about people of faith overcoming loneliness:

- How can a Christian address his or her individual loneliness? Someone else's?
- Can we apply biblical examples of loneliness survivors and apply them to ourselves?
- How does God comfort the lonely?
- What emotion beats loneliness?

Seeking help from others can be challenging . . . Stephen Ministers are Church of the Master congregation members that are ready to help those who are suffering through loneliness, illness, personal loss, and unexpected life challenges by walking alongside as a trusted Christian friend. These Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, encourage you, pray with you, and provide one-to-one Christian care to help you, family members, or friends through the difficult times. We are here to help others with Christian love and God's help to bring gladness to your heart. Men are always matched with male Stephen Ministers and women are always matched with female Stephen Ministers. It's free and it can make a difference in your life. To learn more about Stephen Ministry care giver availability, or look into future Stephen Minister training please talk to one of our Stephen Leaders or referral coordinators, Jackie Kosewick, MFT. Womens Referrals Coordinator 581-7871 or Lyle Johnson Men's Referral Coordinator 742-2936.

Blessings from your Stephen Ministry Team

To My PCOM Family,

My family and I want to thank our wonderful church family for all the flowers, cards, love, support and prayers for Bill, and for me, through all the time of his illness and his passing. We are truly grateful.

Margie Williams

CARE COMMENTS

"Our scars are constant reminders of Christ's healing and redemptive love."

- Arleen Whitney, Pastoral Care

PRAYER CONCERNS

June Jones
 Jan Cramer
 Rosemany Bevrit
 Ruth Brumme
 Stella Ljungborg
 Richard Willeford
 Bill Gately
 Robert Allen
 Tom Ridgeway
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 Arlene LaSor
 Ella West
 Mike Neppl
 Patricia Johnson
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 Jean Trabert
 Wanda Gaebel
 The School of Infantry at Camp Pendleton

Please pray for relatives of our church family who are proudly serving in the military and in harm's way.

Bereaved: Brian Kenney & Family in the death of his wife, Shelley; Marilyn Foreman & Family in the death of her husband, Byron.

NOVEMBER PHOTOS



Kids Praise Choir



Kid's Klub Harvest Festival



Men's Ministry Retreat



Mission Viejo Youth Choir



Kid's Klub Harvest Festival



Men's Ministry Retreat

DECEMBER 2011

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|--|--|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | MOPS 1 Faith To Work – 7:00 p.m. – Rm. 1 Family to Family – 7:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m. – Gr. Rm | Sr. High LA Mini Trip through 12/4 2 | Women's Christmas Tea & Boutique 3 |
| COMMUNION 4 Arabic Bible Study & Fellowship – 6:15 p.m. – Rm. 1 Farewell Dessert for Brian Ong – 6:30 P.M. Disciple Bible Study – 7:00 p.m. – Rm. 103 | Stephen Ministry – 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. – Rm. 2 5 NAMI | Women's Morning Bible Study - 9:00 a.m. Buildings & Grounds 6 Mission Committee Elder/Deacon Training 7:00 p.m. Jr. High | BIG WEDNESDAY 7 Last Kid's Klub - 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Women's Choir – 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. – Rm. 1 Sr. High. | MOPS 8 Quilters Stephen Ministry – 7:00 p.m. – Rm. 2 Family to Family – 7:00 p.m. Adult Ministries – 7:00 p.m. – Rm. 103 | Master Mariners Christmas Banquet – 6:00 p.m. – The Commons 9 | 10 |
| Congregational Care 11 – 10:00 a.m. – Conf. Rm. Christmas Concert – 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. Disciple Bible Study – 7:00 p.m. – Rm. 103 | Master Plan Deadline 12 Preschool Board NAMI | Last BSF 13 Student Ministries - 7:00 p.m. – Conf. Rm Jr High | Women's Choir – 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. – Rm. 1 14 Sr. High. | Preschool Christmas Program 15 Finance – 7 a.m. – Conf Rm MOPS Forest Home Boosters – 9:30 a.m. – Rm. 2 Last Family to Family – 7:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m. – Gr. Rm. AWAKE Committee – 7:00 p.m. | 16 | 17 |
| Arabic Bible Study & Fellowship – 6:15 p.m. – Rm. 1 18 Disciple Bible Study – 7:00 p.m. – Rm. 103 | 19 | Women's Morning Bible Study - 9:00 a.m. 20 SESSION with Deacons Jr. High | 21 | 22 | Church Office Closed 23 | Christmas Eve 24 4:00 P.M. ~ Family Christmas Eve 5:30 p.m. ~ Christmas Eve in the Commons 7:30 p.m. ~ "Festival of Carols" with Choir, Soloists, Organ & Brass 9:30 p.m. ~ Candlelight Communion Service |
| MERRY CHRISTMAS 25 Children in Worship 9:00 A.M. – Blended Service - Sanctuary 10:45 a.m. – AWAKE – The Commons | Church Office Closed 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | Church Office Closed 30 | 31 |



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Sunday Worship Schedule

9:00 A.M.

Traditional Service with Choir - Sanctuary

- Child Care
- Nursery - to 2 yrs
- Adult Sunday School
- 2 yrs - 6th grade

10:45 A.M.

AWAKE: Alternative Worship Service - The Commons

Traditional Service with Choir - Sanctuary

- High School Program (Youth Room)
- Jr. High Program (Jr. High Room - upstairs)
- Senior High Program
- Child Care
- Nursery - 6th grade
- Adult Sunday School