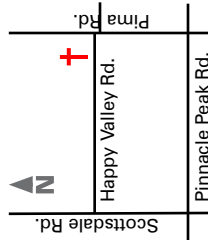


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## WORSHIP TIMES

**THREE WORSHIP SERVICES** Summer is almost over and that means Pinnacle Presbyterian will be returning to three Sunday worship services, beginning Sept. 16.

The 7:30 a.m. worship will be held in the Chapel; the 9:30 and 11 a.m. worship services will be in the Sanctuary. Church school for children is held during the 9:30 a.m. service.



You'll see new speakers in the Sanctuary, including the one on the wall behind Rev. Mac Schafer.

## CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

The new speaker system and acoustical treatments were in place in the Sanctuary on Sunday, Aug. 12. Comments overheard after the worship service have been positive.

Our sincerest thanks to all for your patience throughout this long process, and to those who have contributed and pledged financial support for this improvement.

Please contact Lea Collins, Business Administrator at 480.585.9448 ext. 206 or [lcollins@pinnaclepres.org](mailto:lcollins@pinnaclepres.org) to share any comments or questions regarding the new system.

*"Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard."* – Psalm 66:8

## ALSO...

**PASTOR'S LETTER**  
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Dear Friends and Members of Pinnacle,

The past few months of our time together as a congregation have been filled with thanking the Corbett family for their ministry and saying goodbye. It has been a time of wondering what will happen next in the life of Pinnacle Presbyterian Church. In the midst of this mixture of emotion I found myself reading over the transition of Israelite leadership from Moses to Joshua in the Old Testament. It is interesting how much we can benefit from the insights of these scriptures:



Rev. Mac Schafer

**1. AT THE END OF DEUTERONOMY,** “The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab 30 days.” The Israelites took time to grieve the loss of their leader. In our case, it is totally acceptable to take time to remember where we’ve come from as a congregation and to think about all Dr. Corbett has meant to us. Change can be difficult and it is okay to miss the leader we have walked with in faith for so many years.

**2. AT THE BEGINNING OF THE BOOK OF JOSHUA,** God is the one who picks a new leader for the Israelites. Sometimes when we are uncertain of the future we want to grab control instead of trusting God with the future. Pinnacle will go through an interim period where we will prayerfully study what our mission will be in the future, then search for a new pastor. We will be between permanent pastors for a little while, and we need to trust that God will provide the right minister when the time comes. We are called to trust God and we have a wonderful Staff and Session that will lead us through this time of transition.

**3. FINALLY,** at the beginning of the Book of Joshua, God says to Joshua over and over, “Be strong and courageous.” God is calling us as a community and as individuals at Pinnacle to be “strong and courageous” during this time of transition. You are an extraordinarily gifted commu-

Please see **LETTER** on page 4

## CHANGES AHEAD FOR MEN’S BREAKFAST

With Dr. Corbett’s departure, Rev. Fran Park will be coordinating the discussions for the Men’s Fellowship Breakfast. Also, the meeting day is changing to Wednesdays.

With the Middle East so much in the news, the group will be looking at *From Beirut to Jerusalem*, a book by Thomas Friedman. The book came out of his reporting for the *New York Times* from the Middle East. He has a very interesting perspective since he is Jewish but does not fully agree with that general position.

When Rev. Park and his wife, Sue, visited Israel last year with the Jewish Federation of Phoenix, this book was recommended reading to prepare them for the adventure. Rev. Park says it is a valid interpretation of what are some of the pervading causes and some of the continuing issues related to the complexity of Middle Eastern politics and diplomacy.

The book is in paperback and sells for \$12. Copies may be picked up at the church office.

The fellowship’s first meeting for the new Fall term will be *Wednesday*, Sept. 5, and the location remains the Classic Residence, 7501 E. Thompson Peak Parkway. The fellowship will meet at 7:30 a.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

## VISTAS CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOME

To make it easy for you to let others know what’s going on with your group or organization, there are two ways to submit articles to *Vistas*.

Send in your contribution through the church Web site, [www.pinnaclepres.org/vistas/contribute.html](http://www.pinnaclepres.org/vistas/contribute.html), or e-mail your article to [Pinnacle.Vistas@gmail.com](mailto:Pinnacle.Vistas@gmail.com).



## COME JOIN US

**NEW CONNECTION CLASS** We invite you to make the PPC congregation your place of worship; a place where you will find hope, love, support and a deepening of your spiritual life. The next New Connection Class for new members will be begin with refreshments at 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 30, in the Chapel Conference Room.

**PPC BIDS FAREWELL TO THE CORBETTS**



**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP:** Charter members recalled the early days of the church at the Aug. 12 farewell; gifts presented to the Corbetts; cover of the scrapbooks given to the Corbetts; and farewell handshakes.

**STAY IN TOUCH** The Corbetts will be at home at 1906 McKinley St., Honolulu, HI 96822. You can e-mail them at corbettlw@aol.com.



Lauren Leinweber, Emily Mitchell and Julia LeClaire at the 2007 Triennium.

**THREE PPC YOUTH ATTEND TRIENNIUM**

Three Pinnacle youth — Lauren Leinweber, Julia LeClaire and Emily Mitchell — attended the Presbyterian Youth Triennium in July.

Every three years the Presbyterian Church (USA), Cumberland Presbyterian Church and Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America gather together thousands of young people for worship, Bible Study and recreation at the Presbyterian Youth Triennium, otherwise known as PYT.

The 2007 Triennium was held July 17-22 at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind. Lauren, Julia and Emily say they had a wonderful time.

“The part of Triennium that stuck with me the most.” Lauren says, “was definitely the energy that seemed to travel among the group of campers, counselors and speakers. During worship there was such an amazing sense of excitement. Everyone was thrilled to be there and worship together. Especially during the praise songs, everyone seemed to be giving themselves to the Lord through their energy and exhilaration. I loved this aspect of Triennium because it helped me to realize and express my feelings and prayers.”

All of the girls are excited about sharing their experiences with you. Feel free to ask them about the Triennium, and watch the church Web site for more photos and reflections.

## ON THE WEB

Don't forget to visit us online for the latest information about Pinnacle Presbyterian Church. You'll find regularly updated calendars, activity listings and photos of events.



### ITUNES PODCAST

Now you can log onto the iTunes Music Store and subscribe to the free PPC Sermon Podcast to have them automatically downloaded to your computer or iPod. Search for "Pinnacle Presbyterian."

**VISTAS ONLINE** Also, you can download PDF versions of this and previous issues of *Pinnacle Vistas*. Print them or e-mail them to share with your friends and family.

Find out more about all of this by going to [pinnaclepres.org](http://pinnaclepres.org).

## PICNIC CELEBRATES FALL CHURCH SCHOOL

We are having our last single service Sunday, Sept. 9, so that everyone can join us for a picnic at 11 a.m. Kids can enjoy snow cones, face painting, bouncers, and arts and crafts.

For families going to the Diamondbacks game that afternoon, stop by for lunch before heading down to the ballpark. No RSVP is needed, but we are looking for volunteers to bring side dishes, donate drinks, and help with the event. Please call Becca Hamilton at 480.473.7558 for more information or to volunteer.

**GET THE EARLY SCOOP** Here's what's happening in September church school:

Three- and 4-year-olds will learn about creation and how God made the world.

Kindergarteners find out that God made us special and wants us to care for our world.

First-4th graders will learn about King David.

Fifth-6th graders begin a journey through the Old Testament by meeting Abraham and Sarah.

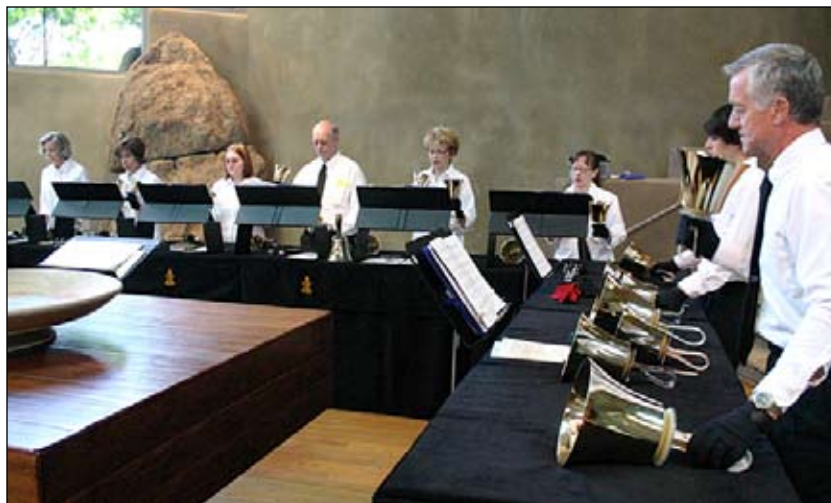
### LETTER From page 2

nity of people and you are needed here at Pinnacle during these days ahead. Now is the time to use your gifts in strong and courageous ways to get the congregation through transition.

*'I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.'* - Joshua 1:9

In faith we move forward as a people of God....

— Mac



The Pinnacle Pealers perform during a worship service in the spring.

## JOIN IN AND MAKE SOME MUSIC STARTING THIS FALL

Whether you're a child, youth or adult, Pinnacle has a music program for you.

The Chancel Choir, the adult choir which performs during Sunday worship services, begins another season with its annual fall retreat from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8.

If you are interested in joining the choir, this would be a perfect opportunity. Contact Brent Hylton at the church for more details.

The Pinnacle Pealers, the adult handbell choir, begins its season in early September. If you're interested in ringing with a wonderful group of adults, contact Marilyn Hylton at the church.

For children and youth, Club Wed! begins on Wednesday, Sept. 12. If you are interested in any of the children or youth singing or ringing choirs, please contact the Hyltons at the church.

## REGISTRATION

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT MUSIC

Registration for Club Wed! is now underway. Please fill out a registration form and bring it or mail it to the church office.

All those participating in singing or ringing musical ensembles need to register. Club Wed! begins Wednesday, Sept. 12th.

Registration forms may be downloaded from the Events page on the church Web site, [pinnaclepres.org](http://pinnaclepres.org), or contact the church office.

## GRAB YOUR MUG 'N MUFFIN

Come have a cup of coffee and a devotional lesson with other moms of young children. Mug 'n Muffin starts its third year on a new day – *Wednesday* – starting Sept. 5, in Room 2 of Fellowship Hall.

This group meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Childcare is provided in the sanctuary nursery so you can enjoy a little time alone.

Give yourself a much needed break and join other moms while enriching your Christian faith and sharing joys and concerns of everyday life.

Mug 'n Muffin starts at 9:30 a.m. and finishes around 11:15. Please call Katy Schafer, M.Div., with any questions, 480.513.0942.



## INSTALLATION SET FOR SEPT. 23

Our new Associate Pastor, Kristin Willett, will be ordained and installed on Sept. 23.

The service will take place at 3 p.m. in the Sanctuary, with a reception afterwards in the Fellowship Hall.

Pastors and Elders from around the Valley will be participating in this service, and we invite you all to attend.



Kristin Willett

## YOUTH KICKS OFF YEAR WITH DINNER

The Junior and Senior High Kick-off will be from 5-7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9.

All 7th-12th graders and their families are invited to dinner and to learn more about the Youth programs and events that will be offered at Pinnacle during this upcoming academic year.

Additional information and registration materials will be sent out. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Kristin Willett at the church office, 480.585.9448. We hope to see you there.



Youth at last year's "Tacky Prom."

## NEW MEETING TIMES FOR YOUTH GROUPS

The Junior and Senior High Youth Groups will be meeting at different times this year.

Junior High will meet from 5:30-7:15 p.m., and Senior High will meet from 6:30-8:15. The groups will have separate discussion and game times, but join together for dinner and fellowship.

The first youth group meeting will be Sunday, Sept. 16.

### FOR SENIORS

#### SAGE RESUMES

Senior Adults Gaining Enrichment, or SAGE, resumes on Wednesday, Sept. 5, with our continued look at the Prophets. Isaiah is our current topic.

Join us in the Chapel Conference Room from noon to 1:30 p.m. for some food (\$5), fun and fellowship (free), as well as Bible Study (priceless).

#### PPC NURSERY OPENS SEPARATE INFANT ROOM

Starting Sunday, Sept. 9, our childcare facilities will include an infant only room.

It will be located in the portion of the Cry Room that has access to the nursery hallway. This will provide a safer environment for our infants and toddlers.

Sign-in procedures and access to the pagers will remain the same.

Please contact Liz Giovanoni, Childcare Supervisor, or Shelly Core, Director of Children's Ministries, if you have any questions or concerns.

## PPC FAMILIES MAKE A SPLASH



Pinnacle kids gathered on the Green on Aug. 7 for a bit of watery relief from the heat. They played Biblical-based water games, then enjoyed ice cream as they dried off. Look for more events for children, youth and families elsewhere in this month's *Vistas*.



## FALL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

### DVD RELIGION LECTURES NOW AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY

This spring a wonderful gift was made to our church library: 13 DVD courses having to do with religious studies from The Teaching Company. Courses include: Great World Religions, The Old Testament, The New Testament, Luther: Gospel Law & Reformation and more. Check out this collection next time you're in the Chapel Conference Room.

### FIND YOUR JOY BY IDENTIFYING YOUR GIFTS

**AND PASSIONS** In each of us is a joyful, authentic "Self" waiting to be released. Part of finding this person is to identify and understand our God-given gifts and passions. This four-week seminar will help you find your gifts and passions through what is taught, discussed and some simple tests.

Instructing will be Rod Houston, who introduced the gifts program to 150 people in 15 classes in his previous church. He promises lively discussion and lots of fun in the journey to finding your joy. The class meets at 11 a.m. Sundays, Sept. 23 and 30, and Oct. 7 and 14, in Fellowship Hall Room 1.

**MIDDLE EAST DISCUSSION GROUP** Moslems, Jews and Christians lived peacefully for centuries in the land of Palestine. Today, an eight-meter-tall wall separates communities as a physical reminder of broken relationships. Spray-painted on the wall are the words from John 11: 35: "Jesus wept." Over the next nine months, this discussion group will read several books that offer great insight into the current situation. The first book will be *The Lemon Tree: An Arab, A Jew and The Heart of The Middle East* by Sandy Tolan. The group meets the third Thursday of each month beginning at 7 p.m. Sept. 20, in Fellowship Hall Room 1.



**FAMILY AS FORMING CENTER** Here is a four-week opportunity for parents to explore and share the role of "Family" in spiritual formation. The class meets four Wednesday evenings, 6-7 p.m., beginning Sept. 26. Facilitated by Karen Spessard, it will use the book *Family the Forming Center*, by Marjorie Thompson, for discovery and discussion of forming a sacred shelter within the context of family life.

### REGISTRATION

Sign up for any of the classes by calling the church office or visiting a table on the West Terrace on Sundays.