



# PINNACLE VISTAS

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Friends and family enjoy dinner on the Green at last year's Round-Up.

## Food, Fun, Fellowship at the Fall Round-Up

Join your Pinnacle friends at the annual Fall Round-Up, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4.

Hosted by the Deacons of Pinnacle Presbyterian Church, it's an evening of food, fun, family and fellowship.

Please R.S.V.P. for the Round-Up by contacting the church office.

The cost of this event is \$6 per adult, \$2 per child/youth (ages 2-18).

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### The Good Samaritan: Seeing, Sharing, Bearing

Dear Friends,

Every once in a while, in my *Vistas* letter, I'll give an excerpt from a recent sermon or prayer offered in worship. This month I want to print the ending of my sermon from Aug. 30.

It was the second of two sermons on the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10: 25-38). (A man falls among thieves and is left for dead in a ditch. Religious folks pass him by, afraid to help. A foreigner stops to help.)

Here's a glimpse of what was said about all of this last month:

...Seeing. Sharing. Bearing. You can see the bearing in *how* the Samaritan helped. For rather than just giving momentary solace, or quick assistance, *he followed through*, beyond the initial crisis.

You heard it. He got down in the ditch, stopped the bleeding, treated the wounds with his own oil and wine. He put the man on top of his own donkey (like putting him in the backseat of the mini-van instead of waiting for the ambulance). And took him to an inn.

With no money, no identity, and no contacts, the wounded man had no evidence that he could pay *anyone* for his care. And so the Samaritan opened his own pocket.

Jesus has the Samaritan pay the keeper of the room enough so the man wouldn't be thrown out. And then pay him more: for food, more bandages, more oil and wine, a kind word perhaps. He asks for a promise that the innkeeper will continue to care for the man, and he leaves a promise that he will return and reimburse anything more that needs to be spent.



Dr. Wes Avram,  
senior pastor

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### Celebrate the Installation of Dr. Avram on Oct. 25

On Sunday morning, Oct. 25, Pinnacle will have one service, at 10 a.m., in order to welcome the Presbytery of the Grand Canyon and celebrate the Installation of the Rev. Dr. Wesley Avram as Pinnacle's second Senior Pastor.

Details on a special guest preacher, special music and other "specials" of the day will be coming. The Moderator of the Presbytery, Glyndon Morris, will lead the Installation.

#### ADULT STUDIES

### Sunday Classes Offer Broad Range of Topics

There is something for everyone this month in Adult Education. Our 11:15 a.m. Sunday morning class topics include:

Class	Leader	Date
Tibet Under China	Alan Stone	Oct. 4
Sanctuary Artwork	Sam Terry	Oct. 11
Planning for the Days Ahead	Bill Bennett	Oct. 18
Homelessness Initiative Update	David Smith	Oct. 25

### Weekday Opportunites for Adult Education

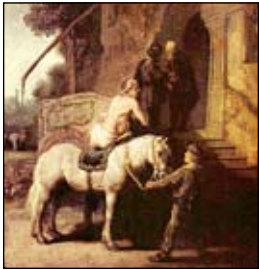
In addition to Sunday morning classes, the Adult Education program offers weekday classes. Here are the other studies beginning in October:

Class	Leader	Time/Day	Date
Career Transition Workshop	Chuck Johnston	7 p.m. Mondays/ Thursdays	Oct. 5
Legal Matters for Parents	Bill Bennett	6 p.m. Wednesday	Oct. 14
A Pipe Organ Encounter	Brent Hylton	7 p.m. Monday	Oct. 19
Get "the" Conversation Started	Rev. Kristin Willett	6:15 p.m. Wednesday	Oct. 21
Great Prayers of the Old Testament	Parris Richie	6:30 p.m. Thursdays	Oct. 22
Phantom Night	Brent Hylton	7 p.m. Friday	Oct. 30

For more information on these and other classes, please check the PPC Web site ([pinnaclepres.org](http://pinnaclepres.org)) or the Adult Education brochure.

And so hearing this story in Pittsburgh, in the 1980s, members of the Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church became painfully aware of the plight of children in families of unemployed steelworkers in their area. They gathered together and studied, prayed, imagined, and thought it through. Eventually, the church approached Highmark Blue Shield and shaped what they called the *Caring Program for Children*, designed to provide insurance for these children.

This program inspired what became Pennsylvania's Children's Health Insurance Program (called CHIP), which later became the model for national SCHIP legislation. All from one congregation hearing Jesus tell them who they are, loving its neighbors as it loved itself, sharing itself in relationship like the Samaritan, and bearing the weight over the long haul.



From Rembrandt's painting of the Good Samaritan

Isn't this, finally, what this parable teaches each one of us? That in Christ we are not rich and poor, strong and weak, somebodies and nobodies... we are *neighbors* — and not just in

a moment, but through the long work of love that changes us all?

It's the double movement of faith — *inward* and *outward*. The inward movement brings us to ourselves before God. It strips us of all the things that tell us who we are in the eyes of the world and calls us to tear down the walls we build around our hearts and accept the deep and abiding mercy we need, and let that mercy change us.

And the *outward* movement of our faith gives us courage to go beyond the restrictions on compassion that are still strong in our culture, and to go beyond those things that keep us from bearing one another's burdens, or binding one another's wounds, or making the world a little more the realm of heaven God would have for us. ...

Thanks for letting me share this. See you in church!

In faith,

## Get Up Close With Pinnacle's Pipe Organ

Join PPC Music Director and Organist Brent Hylton for an up-close and personal tour of Pinnacle's Richards, Fowkes pipe organ at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 19, in the Sanctuary.

Brent will not only lead the experience, including a “behind the scenes” look inside the organ chamber, but he will also demonstrate the power and majesty of this extraordinary instrument.

The Opus 14 organ has 3,364 pipes ranging in length from half-an-inch to 32 feet and was first played in public by Brent on Easter Sunday, March 27, 2005.

Join Brent to learn more about this magnificent instrument.

### Oct. 30 Marks the Return of the 'Phantom'

The whole family is invited to an evening of Halloween music beginning at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30, in the Sanctuary.

You'll be treated to selections from the Broadway “Phantom of the Opera” show performed by Pinnacle's soloists as well as a special appearance by the “Phantom of the Organ” playing all those scary tunes on the Richards, Fowkes organ.

Come if you dare!



**UPCOMING CONCERTS** Check out Pinnacle's Web site ([pinnaclepres.org](http://pinnaclepres.org)) for a listing of upcoming Pinnacle Concert Series and Time Out for the Arts events.



Matt Lucky and Ray Williams show off live Maine lobsters ready for the boil.

## Time Again for Amigos' Annual Lobster Boil

Calling all Amigos! It's that time of year again, time for the 10th annual Amigos Lobster Boil!

Join us at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30, at the Legend Trails Community Center, 34575 N. Legend Trails Parkway.

The Lobster Boil is a favorite on the Amigos calendar, where we have a chance to gather over great food and fellowship and welcome back many of our winter residents.

If you are new to the church, this is a wonderful opportunity to meet lots of new friends in a relaxed setting.

Make plans to join us for one-and-a-half-pound lobsters, corn on the cob, boiled potatoes, salad, dessert, and beer and wine. Cost is \$35 per person, or \$70 per couple.

Signups will be on the West Terrace on Sundays, Oct. 8 and 15.

For more information, contact Ray and Sally Williams at 480.585.1813 or John and Andrea Terhune at 480.595.5055.

## Dine Out, Share Your Review

Mark your calendars for the eagerly anticipated Amigos Restaurant Review: 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15.

Have dinner at the restaurant of your choice, then meet back at the Fellowship Hall at 8 p.m. for dessert and discussion.

We will have a list of restaurants and signup sheets on the West Terrace after service beginning in October.

For more information, call Carol Svedeen at 480.419.0348 or Beth Heisler at 480.471.7600.



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

## Children to Attend Worship on World Communion Sunday

World Communion Sunday is Oct. 4. All children will be in worship this Sunday to celebrate this worldwide event.

We invite you to join us this Sunday, and have communion with Christians all over the world.

Parents who would like to know more about communion and children are invited to join our senior pastor, Dr. Wes Avram, on the Green on Wednesday, Sept. 30, after our Club Wed! fellowship dinner for an informal question and answer opportunity.

## Oct. 18 Is Children's Sabbath

All children will be in worship at the 10 a.m. service on Sunday, Oct. 18, as we participate in the National Observance of Children's Sabbath.

We are inviting our elementary-aged children to assist with worship this day, and honor the gifts and talents they bring to our church. Information will be coming home in early October, and if you'd like to have your child participate, please save time from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, for rehearsal.

If you can assist with rehearsal, please contact Debbie Lisk at [dlisk@pinnaclepres.org](mailto:dlisk@pinnaclepres.org).

## Club 45 and Youth Group Head to the Organ Stop

Club 45 is off to a great start, and we can't wait to see you at our next event — a trip to the Organ Stop Pizza with the Youth Group — on Sunday, Oct. 18.

The details will be coming home via e-mail.

Please remember that Club 45 is open to all of our 4th and 5th grade students. If you'd like to be on the Club 45 e-mail list, please let Debbie know at [dlisk@pinnaclepres.org](mailto:dlisk@pinnaclepres.org).





**First, the First Day of Church School, Then Fun on the Green**

After the 10 a.m. worship service and Church School on Sunday, Sept. 13, Pinnacle Presbyterian Church celebrated the start of the Church School year with bouncy fun on the Green and crafts and a picnic lunch in the Fellowship Hall.



## Around 130 Attend Youth Kickoff

The Youth Groups are off to a great start. At this year's kickoff, around 130 youth, family members and volunteers gathered for fun, a potluck dinner and information about this year's Youth activities.

If you weren't able to make it, it's not too late to join us for Sunday night gatherings and other Youth events.

If you would like information about this year's Youth programs, contact Pastor Kristin at [kwillett@pinnaclepres.org](mailto:kwillett@pinnaclepres.org).



Youth and their families enjoy a delicious selection of dishes during the kickoff potluck dinner.

## The Youth Need Your Old Hangers for Rummage Sale



We are already getting ready for our next spring rummage sale.

Because of space limitations we can't take any donations until March, but we do need your help now. We need clothes hangers, lots of hangers.

If you have old hangers to donate, please drop them by the church office or the Youth Building.

## Help! The Pumpkins Are Coming!

On Saturday, Oct. 10, the Preschool playground will be transformed into a pumpkin patch!

The truck will arrive at noon and we need families, young and old, that are interested in helping unload over 1,000 pumpkins varying in size from itty-bitty to extra-large!

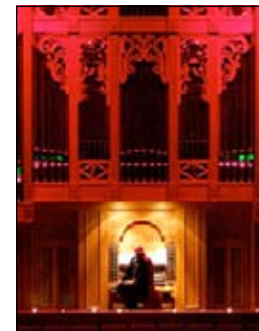


Everyone helps unload last year's pumpkins.

If you can help, bring your wheelbarrows or wagons to make the unloading easier.

The Pumpkin Patch will be open from Oct. 13-30 for you to purchase pumpkins.

## Celebrate PumpkinFest at Pinnacle on Oct. 30



The Phantom (our own Brent Hylton) performs haunting organ music.

Put on your costume and head over to the Green from 5:30-7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, for an evening of Halloween fun – pumpkins, costumes, games, sweets, treats, and more!

Please bring non-perishable items to share with a local food bank.

No RSVP is needed; just head on over!

At 7 p.m., families are invited to the Sanctuary to hear our Phantom Night. This spooktacular musical showcase will last about an hour as our own Brent Hylton (aka Mr. H) and Pinnacle Chancel Choir soloists perform.

Please join us for an evening full of fun, fellowship, and entertainment.

## Opening Event Encourages Us to 'See With the Eyes of the Heart'

Turbulent times buffet us, disrupting our hopes, aspirations and lives, leaving us feeling confused, inadequate, powerless, overwhelmed and often, frustrated and angry. The Presbyterian Church (USA) has responded by offering a message of hope for this fearful time by adopting The Social Creed for the 21st Century.

### THE DETAILS

"Seeing With the Eyes of the Heart," presented by Dr. Chris Iosso, will open the Pinnacle Theological Center's 2009-10 program at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, in the Chapel.

Dr. Chris Iosso will discuss the origins, development and meaning of the Creed in the inaugural presentation of the Pinnacle Theological Center's 2009-10 program at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, in the Chapel.

Iosso played an instrumental role in bringing the Social Creed to fruition as Coordinator of the Presbyterian Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy. Previously Iosso served as pastor of Scarborough Presbyterian Church

in Briarcliff, N.Y., from 1993 to 2005.

He has a bachelor's degree from Johns Hopkins University, an M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary and a Ph.D. from Union Theological Seminary. A prolific writer, he has been a frequent contributor to Church and Society magazine. Other publications include chapters in The Church's Public Role and Reformed Faith and Economics.

Iosso's presentation will help us appreciate how The Social Creed for the 21st Century can inspire us to see with the eyes of the heart as beautifully expressed by Archbishop Desmond Tutu: We seek to "see with the eyes of God – that is, to see with the eyes of the heart. The eyes of the heart are not concerned with appearances, but with essences, and as we cultivate these eyes, we are able to learn from our suffering and to see the world with more loving, forgiving, humble, generous eyes."



Dr. Chris Iosso

## Preschool Plans Monthly Parent Workshops

Pinnacle's preschool will be holding one workshop each month for parents of young children. We encourage you to join us along with other parents for a discussion that will be relevant to preschool topics.

This month's workshop is "CPR for Parents" and will be held from 9:15 a.m.-noon Thursday, Oct. 1, in Fellowship Hall, Room 4.

Every parent should know how and when to administer CPR. When performed correctly, CPR can save a child's life by restoring breathing and circulation until advanced life support can be given by health-care providers.

The class will be presented by Heart Savers Inc. and has a fee of \$25 per person.

Please call the preschool office at 480.585.9448 ext. 2 to sign up if interested in attending.

## Hiking Group to Focus on Treks for Novices

Grab your hiking boots and join the PPC Hiking Group for some fellowship on the trail.

This year, the hiking group is going to be geared to more novice hikers. Most of the hikes will be in the McDowell Sonoran

Preserve and will be about 3.5 miles.

The group will try to hike at least once a month, leaving the church at 8 or 8:30 Saturday morning depending on the weather.

Donna Mobley has been leading the hikes, but her knee may not allow her to do all of the hikes. We would love to have some volunteers help lead. Please call Donna at 480.513.0150 if you can help.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### Oct. 2

Jenna Englund  
Mimi Moyer  
ReiAnne Reese  
Isabella Weis

### Oct. 3

Michelle Gasparino  
Nathan Granger  
Karen Kraft  
Kendra Laurent  
Delaney Morris  
John Sutherland

### Oct. 4

Emma Frey  
Alyson Orescanin

### Oct. 5

Sophia Crisalli  
Lauren Kessler  
Phillip Smith

### Oct. 6

Peggy Griffith  
Mark Leinweber  
Paul Neel  
Susan Schroeder  
Karen Spessard

### Oct. 7

Lauren Hart  
J.J. Heid  
Calvin Schapira  
Carol Skewes

### Oct. 8

Tory Schafer

### Oct. 9

Robert Hildebrandt  
Jen Seabright

### Oct. 10

Catherine Bossard  
James Helt  
Norwood Pope  
Nancy Prenzno  
William Rooke

### Oct. 11

Donald Andrews  
Tina Brown  
Andrew DeRuiiter

### Oct. 12

Jill Brown

### Oct. 14

Chase Lauen  
Laura Roby  
Bruce Schrader  
Doris Van Benschoten

### Oct. 15

Denise Beghin  
Robert Froehlke  
Alan Stone

### Oct. 16

Jon Candelaria  
Olivia Chandler  
Diane Hall  
Cecelia Ralston

### Oct. 17

Ann Frein

### Oct. 18

Mary Mantle  
Michael McIntyre

### Oct. 19

Phil Beasley  
Becky Hilgers  
Margie Mobley  
Sandi Pearson

### Oct. 20

Glenn Hughes  
Joyce Pryor

### Oct. 21

Kathryn Babits  
William Niemann  
Carmen Peyer

### Oct. 22

Joyce Dolan  
Ron Keyser  
Cathryn Newman

Mary Walker

### Oct. 23

Mary Ann Biermeier  
Matthew Mancini  
Betty Lou Summers

### Oct. 24

Milton Heuston  
Susan Miller  
Will Pearson  
Sabrina Schapira

### Oct. 25

Bonnie Ballard  
Katie Leinweber  
Kyra Peck  
Heather Rittenhouse  
Sally Williams

### Oct. 26

Stephanie Jones  
Darryl Menard  
Sarah Robertson  
Al Johnson

### Oct. 27

Arti Casada  
Jeffrey Hayes  
Rachel LeClaire  
Iryna Reiss

### Oct. 28

Dale Balvin  
Christopher Cranford  
Danielle Quenzler

### Oct. 29

Lauren Harper

### Oct. 30

James Clarkin  
Marianne Mathews  
Gordon Pomp  
Emma Zeumer

### Oct. 31

Kaylee Manzeck  
Nancy Zinn

## Beatitudes Center Is Now Duet

Beatitudes Center DOAR has become Duet: Partners in Health & Aging.

The name Duet will also be used in place of our program names, including VICaP, Project GrandCare, Generations, and Nurse & Health Ministries Network. Our goal is to serve more people who need our help.

Why "Duet"? Everything we do comes down to one person helping another person — a "duet" of service.

We are deeply grateful that Pinnacle has partnered with Beatitudes Center DOAR and our VICaP program. Only our name has changed. We look forward to growing even stronger in service with your continued partnership.

## PET OF THE PARISH



**PETS' NAMES:** Sam (Lop) and Misty (Satin)

**ABOUT:** Sam and Misty are house rabbits. Sam is 5-years-old and blind in one eye due to a trauma before he was brought to Rabbit Rescue. Misty is 2 and loves to be brushed and petted. They groom each other every day and stand on their hind legs for their banana treat every morning.

**OWNERS:** Mary and Ed Albrektsen

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