

PINNACLE VISTAS

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Get Ready for a Galactic Blast at VBS

Galactic Blast: A Cosmic Adventure Praising God is just around the corner.

Are you ready to take off with God? Please mark your calendars for the weeklong Vacation Bible School on June 7–11.

The registration form is avail-

able following the 10 a.m. worship service, in the office and on the PPC Web site's Children's page.

VBS will run from 9 a.m.-noon each day; the cost is \$40 per child. If you volunteer the week of VBS, the cost drops to \$10 per child. Fee

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MISSION AT PPC



PPC volunteers prepare food at Andre House.

Serve the Homeless at Andre House

If you're looking for a place to help those in need, please think about volunteering at Andre House. We get together with others in the community to help prepare and serve meals to the homeless.

Andre House serves approximately 550 meals a day. The commitment time is from 3-7 p.m. the second Tuesday and Thursday, and

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Singles to Enjoy Evening at Science Center

Join the PPC Mingles for Singles for a trip to the Arizona Science Center's Adults Night from 6-10 p.m. Friday, May 7.

General admission is free, and includes a lecture on "Antibiotic Resistance: What Happens When the Drugs Can't Kill the Bugs?"

We'll meet at 5:30 p.m. in the parking lot

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Summer Nears, But There's Still a Lot Going on at PPC

Dear friends,

As we enter May, we come close to the close of our core program year. But the church doesn't shut down by any means!

We're here all summer — worshipping together, reaching out, developing our mission efforts, planning for the fall, caring for each other, offering Vacation Bible School, taking summer mission trips for youth, offering the pastors some time of refreshment on vacations, paying the bills, and more.

This year, we'll add a summer choir on Sundays. We'll also offer some all-church "beat the heat" social events offered by our Children's Ministry Committee under Debbie Lisk's leadership. And more will come.

Keep engaged, and be sure to let us know if you have time to help out.

Before we get to the summer, however, we still have May! Much happening: teacher recognition, a family retreat to Tucson, Confirmation, High School Senior recognition, an opportunity to join the church, a special service of memory and thanksgiving in the Memorial Garden on the afternoon of May 30, and more. And this list is only about the Sundays.

We're a busy church. But as I like to tell our new member classes, our busyness best reflects our mission when there is a certain peace, even rest, at the center of it.

In our sanctuary we have water running over rocks at the foot of our cross, reminding us to pause, remember God's good creation, give ourselves to the waters of our baptism, let God's spirit grow in us nurtured by

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Dr. Wes Avram,
senior pastor

Search Continues for Associate Pastor

The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee has been meeting weekly since late February.

The committee is led by Kristin Stewart as Chair and John Rosenfeld as Vice Chair. The other members are Heather Black, Rory Collins, Margaret Ebert, Emma Frey, John King, Stacey Lampkin and Jim Matney.

The APNC has begun the search process to find candidates for an Associate Pastor of Families and Congregational Life. It has completed the Church Information Form, which outlines who we are and what we are looking for in a candidate. This is the first step in the search process.

The committee has sent the CIF to Session and the Committee on Ministry. After approval, the APNC can begin to reach out to potential candidates.

The APNC wishes to thank you for trusting it with this important responsibility.

The committee will keep you updated throughout the search and ask that you understand certain things must remain confidential to protect candidates privacy.

The APNC looks forward to reviewing candidate information and working through the interview process for Pinnacle Presbyterian's next Associate Pastor.

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both action and reflection, buzz and rest.

If you find yourself driving by on some afternoon you're out making your way in a rushed and busy world, ignore the clock and come on in. Park. Walk gently into the sanctuary, listen to the waters, pray, invite the Spirit to grow in you by those waters.

And if you're coming to one of the many activities or classes or meetings at the church? Come by a little early and do the same.

May these be both refreshing and productive days.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wes Avram".

First Quarter Financial Update

Thank you! Your generosity is fulfilling our mission in the desert. Mission commitments are being met, our faith is growing, education and music are thriving.

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL FIGURES

	Income	Expense	over/under
Actual	\$477,006	\$490,899	(\$13,893)
Budget	\$450,111	\$522,771	(\$72,660)

The Youth Rummage Sale raised an incredible \$13,850. Together with our children, we raised more than \$3,800 for Heifer International.

Your generous participation at services, music programs, petting zoos, meals, study, prayer and fellowship is growing our faith and community. Our talented staff is controlling expenses.

Please remember the needs of our church as you make summer plans and travel to cooler climates. Your financial support makes all of our activities, outreach and service possible.

We promise to be good stewards of our resources. See you in church!

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behind O'Donoghue's Irish Pub, at the southwest corner of Thompson Peak and Hayden roads, and carpool to the center.

For more information on the Science Center, visit azscience.org.

For Mingles information, contact Meredith Downing at 460.518.0789 or ppc.singles@cox.net.

Join PPC Singles for Brunch on May 23

PPC Mingles for Singles Monthly Brunch

On the fourth Sunday of the every month, PPC Mingles for Singles enjoys brunch at the Pinnacle Peak General Store, at the southwest corner of Pinnacle Peak and Pima roads. The next brunch will be May 23.

We will meet following the 10 a.m. worship service. Plan for approximately 11:30 a.m.

Come join us for great food and fellowship. For more information, contact Meredith Downing at 480.518.0789 or ppc.singles@cox.net.

Shelly Core to Serve as a Chaplain at Montlure

Montlure Presbyterian Church Camp is a beautiful place in the White Mountains of Arizona for all to find and grow in their faith in Jesus Christ. Weeklong camps are offered for those entering grades 4-12.

PPC's Shelly Core will be serving as Chaplain of the Junior 2 Camp from July 9-14.

Take a break from the heat and get closer to God in the mountains of Greer.

Partial scholarships are available through the Presbyterian's Educational Ministries Committee.

For more information and registration forms, go to montlure.org.



Shelly Core

ADULT STUDIES

Parabola Discussion Group

11:15 a.m. Sunday, May 23, Chapel Parlor

The Parabola discussion group led by Dave Ropp will meet at 11:15 a.m. Sunday, May 23, in the Chapel Parlor. Each issue of this quarterly journal explores one of the facets of human existence from the point of view of a variety of the world's religious and spiritual traditions, through the prism of story and symbol, myth, ritual and sacred teachings. Sign up for the Parabola discussion by contacting Dave at 480.585.0224.

The Thoughtful Christian

The Thoughtful Christian article for May "How Did Jesus' Death Save Us?" Jesus' death has been understood in a variety of ways by different people in different generations. Just how did his death put us right with God? This article is available at no cost in the Narthex of the Sanctuary and the Chapel.

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the fourth Sunday of the month.

Many of our regular volunteers go back to cooler climates during the summer months, so we are always in need of help.

If you would like to join us, please contact Lin Ogden at 480.262.8172 or linogden@aol.com or Stephanie Webster at 623.516.7687 or stephaniebwebster@yahoo.com.

includes the VBS experience, a barbeque dinner on Thursday, June 10, a T-shirt and a CD for each family.

You're invited to participate, volunteer, create, learn and have loads of fun. Our VBS is open to everyone, so if your child would like to bring a friend or two, please pass this information along.

For more information, please contact Debbie Lisk at 480.585.9448 ext. 203.

Become One of Our Galactic Blast Volunteers

Please consider serving our children during Vacation Bible School, a fun- and faith-filled week of activities, games, songs and praise.

Here are the openings that are available and waiting for you:

PRE-K CRAFT COORDINATOR: distribute supplies and work with pre-K teachers to assist children with their crafts.

RECREATION COORDINATOR: organize children into teams, teaching them the games they will play.

4S AND KINDERGARTEN CREW LEADERS: work in a team of two to three to lead your 12 pre-schoolers through their day at VBS. You'll be in the Preschool and the Church campus during the day, visiting the different stations and providing an outstanding experience for your little ones.

1ST-5TH GRADE CREW LEADERS: meet and greet your 12 students each day, and lead your team as you cruise through the different stations — crafts, recreation, BibleTime, Discovery Center and music — each day.

Snack assistants, craft assistants and science assistants are needed for each day.

Adults: We Need Your Help Preparing for VBS

If you've got some time to spare, we'd love your help preparing for Vacation Bible School.

We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall kitchen from 9:30-11:30 a.m. May 6, 13, 20 and 27; from 6:30-8:30 p.m. May 19; and 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. June 2 and 3.

No need to RSVP, just come on over. Childcare for kids 3 and under will be available in the Nursery on these days.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to:

Sue Larson on the death of her husband, **Ned**

Tom Finical on the death of his wife, **Jo**

To the **Redd family** on the death of their son and brother, **Connor**

PINNACLE YOUTH

Youth Mission Dinner Is May 14

Everyone is invited to an evening of fellowship and fun on May 14.

The high school youth are gearing up for their summer mission trip to the Olympic Peninsula in Washington. They want to share their plans and host an Northwest-inspired evening.

Tickets will be on sale after the 10 a.m. worship service in May. Watch the bulletin for details or contact Pastor Kristin.



Youths' Confirmation Journey Drawing to Close

Many of our 8th grade youth have embarked this semester on confirmation journey. That process will come to an end in May.

The confirmands present their statements of faith to the Session on Saturday, May 15, then are presented to the congregation during worship on Sunday, May 16.

Don't miss their affirmation before the congregation. Please keep them in your prayers as they finish their confirmation experience.

PPC Recognizes Graduating Seniors on May 23

On Sunday, May 23, PPC will be recognizing our graduating high school seniors during the 10 a.m. worship service.

If you are a graduating senior, please plan on attending the service and make sure to contact Pastor Kristin prior to RSVP and provide some basic information so that we can highlight you for the congregation.

You have been a blessing to our congregation, we would like to formally recognize you and give our blessing on your future.

Make Summer an Adventure This Year

No plans this summer? Well, don't fear, Adventure Camp is here at PPP.

Open to the community, this year's summer program will be nine sessions of various themes that run from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Thursday.

Children potty trained and 3 years of age by June 1 thru those entering Kindergarten will be grouped according to age in small class sizes, so reserve your spot early.

As an added bonus, spots reserved in advance will receive a discount.

Be sure to check your calendar before taking advantage of this great offer because there will be no refunds for weeks canceled or unattended. If changes are needed, weeks can be substituted depending on availability.

Payment for all sessions attended and a one-time registration fee is required with your registration form.

Adventure Camp Session Dates and Themes

Session 1	May 24-27	Ooey Goopy Good Times
Session 2	June 1-3	Let's Celebrate Summer
Session 3	June 14-17	Little Chef's Around the World
Session 4	June 21-24	The Great Outdoors Indoors
Session 5	June 28-July 1	Let the Good Times Roll
Session 6	July 12-15	Little Einsteins
Session 7	July 19-22	Escape to Adventureland
Session 8	July 26-29	Amazing Animals
Session 9	Aug. 2-5	Oceans in Motion

Registration forms with information regarding cost and a description of each session is available in the Preschool office or on the PPC Web site, pinnaclepres.org.

Questions? Please call the Preschool at 480.585.9448 ext. 2.

VISTAS CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOME Deadline for the Summer issue of *Pinnacle Vistas* is Monday, May 10. The next issue of Pinnacle Presbyterian Church's newsletter will be a combined June/July issue.

Summer Church School Begins June 6

Summer Church School will be starting Sunday, June 6, and we need your help to provide Church School to our children at the 10 a.m. worship service.

Lessons are complete, with all supplies included, and ready for you to review before each class. You only need to sign up for one or two Sundays.

We have two age groups: 3s, 4s and Kindergarten kids, and elementary-aged children. All classes meet in the Fellowship Hall. You're invited to spend an hour with the children of Pinnacle Presbyterian Church.

Sunday dates include: June 6, 13, 20 and 27, July 11, 18 and 25, and Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29. Please check if there is a Sunday you can help.

Please contact Debbie Lisk at 480.585.9448 to help out.

'Beat the Heat' With Summer Fun

Looking for ways to "Beat the Heat" this summer? PPC Summer Fellowship Fun is kicking off in June.

Events are on Thursday evenings, and include the Children's Museum (for PPC guests only), bowling, Laserquest, Pump-It-Up, roller skating, ice skating and more. Everyone at PPC is invited to participate.

Flyers will be available during the Coffee Hour following the 10 a.m. worship service throughout May.

2010 Church School Registration Begins

Now is the time to begin registering for the 2010 Church School year. Look for the registration form inserted in your *Pinnacle Vistas*.

We'll kick off our new church school year on Sunday, Sept. 12. Register as a volunteer or sign your kids up for classes.

Club 45 Plans Two Events in May

Club 45 will have two gatherings this month.

On May 2, we'll be hanging out with the Youth, getting a sneak peek at what the Junior and Senior High Youth Groups are all about.

On May 23, we'll be celebrating the end of the year with the Game Truck. Please join us for our final two events of the year.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 1

Lloyd Fox
James Mitchell
Allison Wiltfong

May 2

Nancy L. Heinonen
Andrew Helfert
Tucker Honing
James Pappas

May 3

Shelly Core
Harrison Hackbarth
Jennifer Smith

May 4

Nicholas DiFilippo
Kathleen Powell
Matthew Sidoti
Madeline Sobek

May 5

Jean Dodge

May 6

Michael Edwards
Carter Forrest
Nicolas Gropel
McKenna Hollander
Alyssa Lonergan
William Noyes
Kayli Preston
Benjamin Rugen
Stella Zamora

May 8

Andy Davis
Alex Horrell
Lena Milberger
Jordan Roberts
Cherie Weis

May 9

James Goulka
Cyrus Hobbi
Arlene Knight Kilgore

Anthony Matheson

May 10

Aiden Whittington
Lisa Woodside

May 11

Chip King
Jayna Prenzno
James Strohan

May 12

Jarrett Pille

May 13

Mary Beth Eichof
John Milberger
Len Zamora

May 14

George Decker
James DeWeese
Ruth Fox
Adam Stockett

May 15

Sue Frandson
J. D. Helms
John Terhune

May 16

Eleanor Frederiksen
Colby Heuser
Deborah Moore

May 17

Brittni DeMaagd
Nancy Froehlke
Sara Hayes
JeanEtte Hyatt
Carole Lauck
Kilee McCaleb

Hazel Ricketts

May 18

Ashley Biondo
Ned Miner
Christopher Noel
Patrick Nolan

May 19

Thomas Clarkin
Lilly Hackbarth
Nancy Holloran
Stefanie Lein
John Richard

May 20

James Davis
Amy Satterfield
Olivia Smith

May 21

Jo Anne Chamberlain
Willis Warner

May 22

Gary Fechtmeyer
Luke Lewis

May 23

Cory Zimmerman

May 24

Tracey Martin

May 25

Sabrina Ball
Kathleen Blomquist
Avery Gay
Carolyn Keyser

Please see
BIRTHDAYS
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NOT LISTED? We must not have your birthday on file. Please call 480.585.9448 or e-mail Carol Skewes at cskewes@pinnaclepres.org.

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Tomas McIntosh-Fletcher

Shirley Simandl
Robert Yarwood

May 26

Max Fechtmeyer
Dustin Johnson
Debbie Lisk
Alex Powell
Louisa Rasmussen
Barbara Reiter

May 27

Richard Alsager
Roger Decker
John Frabotta
Logan Myers
Blake Whittington

May 28

Parker Lauen
Diane Oeste

May 29

Linda Coughenour

Anna Hughes

Linda Jenkins
Judy Loken
Mary Lou Warner

May 30

Rebecca Cooke
Dillon Surmick
George Zajacek

May 31

Erik Heuser

PET OF THE PARISH



PET'S NAME: Aidra June

AGE: 8

BREED: Airedale Mix

ABOUT: Aidra is smart, athletic, loves car rides, and going everywhere her family goes. She knows all the standard tricks but her best one is her ability to catch bees and flies in mid-flight which she does often while playing in the backyard. Her absolute favorite events are birthday parties because she gets cake, ice cream, presents (which she opens herself) and tops it off with playing "pop the balloons."

OWNERS: Greg, Barb, Emma and Annie Frey

PPC ON THE WEB

Please visit PPC online for the calendars, activity listings and photos. Also listen to sermons online.

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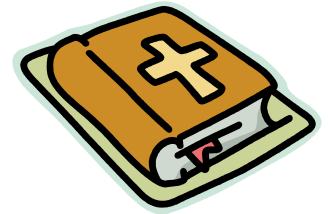
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Pinnacle Presbyterian Church Church School Registration



Mother's Name _____
Cell Phone _____
Home E-Mail _____
Home Address _____

Father's Name _____
Cell Phone _____
Home Phone _____
City, Zip _____

Child's Name _____
Nickname _____ Birthday _____
Church School Class or Grade _____
Medical Needs _____

Child's Name _____
Nickname _____ Birthday _____
Church School Class or Grade _____
Medical Needs _____

Child's Name _____
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Church School Class or Grade _____
Medical Needs _____

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Nickname _____ Birthday _____
Church School Class or Grade _____
Medical Needs _____

There are many ways you can be involved at 10:00 a.m.
Please check which opportunity you'd like to learn more about.

_____ **Nursery**

All children under three are welcome to join our nursery, staffed by volunteers and paid staff.
You can sign up for one Sunday or as many as you'd like!

_____ **3s, 4s, or Kdg Teacher** (please specify which age)

Team teach with a small group of children (usually 6-10) for 2 weeks/month

_____ **1st - 3rd Grade Shepherd** (please specify which grade)

Greet children after the Children's Message, and take them to their class; while there, provide support for the Rotation Teacher. You'll be with the kids 2 weeks/month

_____ **1st - 3rd Grade Rotation Teacher**

Teach one Church School lesson for 1st - 3rd graders - each week you'll teach for one grade level, for a total of 3 weeks. There are 10 lessons to choose from, whether cooking in the kitchen, telling stories, creating art, performing improv, studying geography, or playing games. There are four 3-week lessons, for a total of 12 times/year

_____ **4th & 5th Grade Teacher**

Teach 4th and 5th graders about the New Testament. This is a 2 year survey of the Bible, and this year the kids are learning about the New Testament. Teach approximately 3 weeks every other month.

Please return this form to the PPC church office, PPP office, or mail it to:
Pinnacle Presbyterian Church, Attn: Debbie Lisk, 25150 N Pima Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85255

Thank you for giving your time and talents to the children of PPC.
We wouldn't be able to offer our high quality programs without you!