



PINNACLE VISTAS

The Newsletter for Pinnacle Presbyterian Church, Scottsdale, Ariz. • June-July 2011



An evening of bowling is in store on Thursday, July 7.

PPC's Beat the Heat Returns

Looking for a break from the summer heat — or at least to forget about it for a while? Then head over to one of PPC's Beat the Heat events.

Join us for fun and fellowship on Thursday evenings (starting around 6:30) throughout the summer.

Here's a quick outline of events planned:

JUNE 16 Ice Cream Social and Book Exchange in the Fellowship Hall. Bring books to swap with others, enjoy a poetry reading or book reading (for kids), and cool off with a scoop or two of cold ice cream.

JUNE 23 Pump It Up, the bouncy place. We'll

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Guest Preachers Set for June, July

Several Sundays in June and July, the PPC pulpit will be filled by a guest preacher.

Meet those guest preachers:

DR. TERRY SWICEGO-

OD, ON JUNE 19 Terry, a native of Winston-Salem, N.C., was educated at Pfeiffer College, Drew Theological School and Princeton Theological Seminary. Most recently he was interim senior pastor at the Village Presbyterian Church in Northbrook, Ill. Terry is married to the former Barbara Hopson, also a native of Winston-Salem, and they have

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OUR CHURCH FAMILY

BIRTHS

The congregation celebrates the birth of:

Lily Grace Lewis, child of **Heather and Andrew Lewis**, on April 6

BAPTISMS

The congregation celebrates the baptism of:

Ryan James DeRuiter, child of **Alison and Kevin DeRuiter**

Charles Robert and Henry Clarkson Collins, children of **Kaprice and Rory Collins**

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to:

Madge March on the death of her husband, **Robert March**

Barbara Reiter on the death of her mother, **Ruth Costin**

Leslie Mann, on the death of his wife, **Virginia**

MARRIAGES

The congregation celebrates the marriage of:

Marian Wierman and Tom Finical

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meet for 90 minutes of bouncing, jumping and overall fun at Pump It Up on Bahia Drive in Scottsdale.

JUNE 30 Movie Night at PPC. Bring your pillow, blankets and chairs. We'll provide the popcorn, popsicles and a movie.

JULY 7 Bowling at 29th and Bell. We'll have several lanes reserved (gutter guards optional). You can bring the strikes and spares!

JULY 14 PPC Talent Show. Calling all performers — professional, amateur, or just “singers in the shower” — to share your skills and talents on the stage in Fellowship Hall. We'll gather for an evening of true entertainment — provided by you.

JULY 21 Laserquest. Pile in the car and head over to 35th Avenue and Peoria for an evening of laser tag. While this is immensely popular with our teens, it's great fun for everyone.

JULY 28 Family Friendly Hike at a location to be determined. Plan on packing cold water, wearing sturdy shoes and taking in God's beautiful creation that's all around us.

Watch for more complete details in PPC's weekly eBlasts, the Sunday bulletin and our website, pinnaclepres.org.

TRACINGS: A LETTER FROM THE SENIOR PASTOR Dr. Wesley Avram's monthly letter will return next issue.

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Swicegood



Barnes



Core



Hegeman

two grown children and, he adds, “four beautiful grandchildren.” Terry is an avid golfer, hiker, and mountaineer.

REV. CRAIG BARNES, ON JUNE 12 Craig was raised on Long Island, N.Y. After graduating from King's College and Princeton Seminary, he received a Ph.D. in the History of Christianity from the University of Chicago. He is the Robert Meneilly Professor of Pastoral Ministry at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He is also pastor of the Shadyside Presbyterian Church. Craig is the author of several books and articles that center on the struggle of contemporary people making sense of God's grace. He is married to Dawne Hess Barnes. They have three children and a hairy dog named Esau.

SHELLY CORE, ON JULY 3 Shelly has served as Director of Children's Ministries, Elder, Treasurer and Chair of Adult Education at Pinnacle and was Chair of the Presbytery's Educational Ministries Committee. She currently serves as a Trustee to the PPC Foundation, a member of the Finance Committee and Vice Chair of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry. She was elected to the Presbyterian Cooperative Committee, the national committee responsible for writing and administering ordination exams. She will be a Certified Associate Christian Educator once she is employed in that field. Shelly and her husband, Scott, have been married for 16 years.

REV. MICHAEL HEGEMAN, ON JULY 24 Michael holds a Ph.D. in Homiletics and New Testament Studies from Princeton Theological Seminary where he taught Speech and Preaching courses for 10 years. An Arizona resident since 1978, Michael has worked and taught in China and Israel/Palestine and is a composer of choral music. Currently he teaches courses in the Humanities and Christianity at his alma mater, Grand Canyon University and frequently lectures on diverse topics dealing with faith and religion.

Summer Choir Coming in August

Beginning on Sunday, Aug. 7, PPC will once again be offering a chance for all to join the summer choir.

The choir will meet at 9 a.m. Sundays in the choir rehearsal room and prepare music for worship. The music selected will be easy to learn plus you do not have to wear choir robes.

We will sing all of the Sundays in August and the Labor Day weekend in September.

It is not necessary to audition or even let our Music Director, Brent Hylton know you are coming; just show up on Sunday morning beginning Aug. 7.

2011-12 Pinnacle Concert Series Releases Lineup

Here's a sneak peek at the next season of the Pinnacle Concert Series:

- Phoenix Symphony
- Arizona Chamber Orchestra
- Christopher Houlihan, organist
- Orpheus Male Chorus of Phoenix
- Watoto Children's Chorus
- Anderson & Roe, duo pianists
- Guy Lombardo's Royal Canadians With Al Pierson
- Mexico's Three Tenors
- In The Mood
- Pinnacle Chancel Choir

Watch for dates and details in the coming months.



Photo by Brett Cline

Anderson & Roe



Mexico's Three Tenors

VISTAS DEADLINE IS JULY 10 Have something to submit to the next issue of Pinnacle Vistas? Deadline for the August issue is Sunday, July 10.



Trish Thomas, who runs the dock at Desert Sun Moving, stands with some of the boxes of clothes being sent to Alabama.

Clothes Go to Alabama for Tornado Relief

We asked. You responded. Over 50 boxes of clothing have been gathered and on their way to the Alabama tornado victims.

Phyllis James and Jim Enke spearheaded the drive, and Desert Sun Moving (Wheaton Moving) graciously agreed to ship the donations free of charge.

Phyllis' brother, Solon James, who lives in the tornado-ravaged area, requested the aid. He and his buddies will deliver the clothes to areas near Birmingham that might not otherwise have access to distributions.

Reports of the devastation say an area a mile wide and almost 300 miles long is just gone.

Thank you for your quick response. As of now, we have all that we can effectively use.

KEEP PPC IN YOUR SUMMER PLANS Please remember the needs of our church as you make summer plans and travel to cooler climates. Your financial support make our activities, outreach and service possible.



Among the PPC volunteers who worked on the Habitat project this spring were (from left) Mike Lauck, Doug Brown, Steve Tepley, and Carl and Parris Richie.

Meet the New Owners

The Habitat for Humanity house for this spring is complete.

LaShawn Fortune and her family are thrilled to be living on Dakota Street in Chandler. This is the fourth house she has worked on and is definitely a “hands-on” owner.



LaShawn Fortune and her family have moved into the Habitat house in Chandler.

Many thanks to all of you who helped make this happen. (Over 500 “person hours” were contributed.)

Andre House Needs Our Help More Than Ever

As many of you know, many of our members leave the Valley during the summer months. However, our commitment to Andre House does not go away.

We have fewer slots, but we still need volunteers.

PPC members serve on the second Tuesday, second Thursday and fourth Sunday of each month. The summer dates are June 9, 14 and 26, July 12, 14 and 24, and Aug. 9, 11 and 28.

If you and your children (must be 14 or older) wish to volunteer on any of the above dates, it would be a great help as we sometimes scramble to fill our slots.

Also please keep in mind that the homeless need lots of water during the hot summer months, and we will gladly accept cases of bottled water to take to Andre House. Please leave the water by the red wagons at the sanctuary doors any time during the next few months.

Andre House is an important mission that PPC has been involved with for over 10 years. If you’ve ever thought about participating, come join us this summer. We would love to have you.

For more information, contact Lin Ogden at linogden@aol.com or Stephanie Webster at stephaniebwebster@yahoo.com.

Emergency Fund Available for Those in Need

Did you know that PPC has an Emergency Assistance Fund for helping people who are experiencing financial need?

Common forms of assistance requested by applicants include utility bills or supplemental housing costs.

Assistance is available to members and non-members and is administered by the Pastoral staff.

Need for assistance this year has been high. For more information or to help out with this effort, contact the church office.



Confirmation Class Joins Church

Pinnacle welcomed the 2011 Confirmation Class into membership on Sunday, May 15.

The Confirmation Class met most Wednesday evenings this spring deepening their understanding of the Christian Faith and what it means to be a member of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

During the program, they had a member of the church walk along side them as a mentor.

Please welcome our new members. (Emily Powell was unable to participate in the ceremony on Confirmation Sunday. She will be confirmed at a later date. Her mentor was Judy Durocher.)



Emily Armstrong,
with mentor Shelly Core



Brad Beasley,
with mentor Rory Collins



Justin Blakenship,
with mentor Billy Lampkin



Alec Bright,
with mentor Greg Barber



Alex Cabrera,
with mentor Jen McCabe



Annie Clearwater,
with mentor Sarah Zamora



Nicole Englund,
with mentor Kimberly Bianco



Parker Espe,
with mentor J.D. Ball



Rachel Evans,
with mentor Barb Frey



Jonathan Harris,
with mentor Megan Hackbarth



Justin Laurent,
with mentor Sally Williams



Taylor Mann,
with mentor Angie Heuser



Dylan McCabe,
with mentor Beth Cabrera



Ted McNally,
with mentor Curt Stewart



Kevin Prenzo,
with mentor Sean England

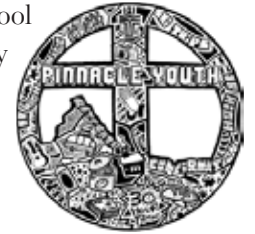


Katherine Rosenfeld,
with mentor Kristin Stewart

Big Plans for Youth This Summer

While the Youth Group and Teen Church School will not meet during June or July, there's still plenty of activities slated for the Youth this summer.

To receive emails about the activities offered for our teens, please email Pastor Willett at kwillett@pinnaclepres.org.



Here's what's coming up:

MISSION TRIP Our High School Mission Trip is June 12-18. Nearly two dozen of our High School students along with their leaders will head to Fresno, Calif., for a week to work with refugees. Please keep the team in your prayers.



Last year's Mission Trip took Senior Highers to Forks, Wash. This year, the Youth will travel to Fresno, Calif.

JUNIOR HIGH SWIM PARTY On June 22, the Middle Schoolers (incoming 6th through 8th grade) are having a pool party. We will play wild water games beginning at 7 p.m. Watch your email for details about location.

SENIOR HIGH SWIM PARTY The High Schoolers will spend an evening cooling off on June 25. Watch your inbox for more details.

TEEN WET 'N' WILD DAY All 6th graders through high school seniors will head over to Wet 'N' Wild for a day of water park fun on July 27. The cost is \$20 per youth, plus money for food. We will need parent volunteers to help drive. Please RSVP to Pastor Willett by July 18. We will meet at the church at 8:30 a.m. and return at 4 p.m.

FALL KICKOFF Our teen ministry kickoff will be Sept. 18. Mark your calendars. Youth Group will resume in August with casual group-building activities. Parents of teens will receive a mailer over the summer with more details.

Applications Being Taken for Student Assistance

Applications are now available for funds from the newly established Student Assistance Fund.

Interested students who have been accepted into or are attending an accredited post-secondary school program should request application forms from the Church Office at 480.585.9448 or cskewes@pinnaclepres.org.

The Fund will provide two annual grants not to exceed \$500 each.

Applicants must live in Arizona and be a member of Pinnacle Presbyterian Church. They must show community involvement and demonstrate financial need.

Completed applications should be returned to the Church Office by July 15.

A committee consisting of Chair Judi Blankenbaker, Brandon Willett and Sue Larson will review applications and make final decisions on the awarding of these grants.

The initial grant of nearly \$10,000 to the Student Assistance Fund came from monies received from the Memorial Fund honoring Ned Larson. The Pinnacle Presbyterian Church Foundation will manage the Fund and its assets.

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HOLY WEEK From Palm Sunday (above) to the Easter Egg-stravaganza (right) to Easter worship (below), Pinnacle celebrated Holy Week in late April. See more photos from these and other events at pinnaclepres.org.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY**June 2**

John Beghin
Sarah DeWeese
Karter Hirsch
Dominic Mancini
Brice Reason
Kiah Reason

June 4

Felicia Kurz
Dylan Waugaman

June 5

Phyllis Johnson

June 6

Lisako Inoue
Kate Rosenbaum

June 7

Trevor Balvin
Austin Jones
Joanne Shellie

June 8

Marilyn Hargitt

June 9

Marlene Sawottke

June 11

Jennifer Franklin
Tom Hampton
Emma Rodriguez
Elizabeth Wilson

June 12

Georgia Cranford
William Hackbarth
Danilo Orescanin II
David Sobek

June 13

Mark Cline
David Fitzgerald
Matthew Noel
Kevin Prenzo

June 14

Alice Gerald
Casey Reason

June 16

Brielle Hilgers
Drake Kress
Logan Lewis
Connie Thompson

June 17

Peggy Gurler
Dean Hutton
Matthew Shell

June 18

Steve Bonniwell
Matthew Dahlby
Cap Dean
Barbara Heidbreder
Greg Mantle
Merrill Turley
Sarah Zamora

June 19

Michele Drummond
Taylor Fairbanks
Benjamin Sidoti
Andrea Terhune
Estelle Wade

June 20

Nicholas Bianco
Jen McCabe

June 21

Kourtney O'Connor
Isabella Rusy

June 22

Paul Franklin

June 23

Ryan Giles
Andrew Stone

June 24

Beatrice Clubb
Meredyth Corbett
Scott Forrest
Kelly Nolan
Kolton O'Connor

June 25

Carol Bower
Richard Heisler
Penelope Holland

June 26

Steve Esposito
Lauren Henry
Mary Lou Mercer
Donna Mobley
Carolyn Reid

June 27

Beth Farhart
Haylie Lauen
Kailin Silbert

June 28

Elizabeth Borsos
Brook Davis
Brad Gazaway
Kaye Morris
Cameron Wright

June 29

Emily Cabrera
Amelia Decker
Nancy Grieb

Not listed?

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY (CONTINUED)**July 1**

Kenadie Manzeck

July 2

Roxanna Hobbi

July 3

Averi Mancini
Tracy Rhodes

July 4

Chuck Pasco
Henry Wessel

July 5

Chris Barber
James Beasley
Monique Reindersma
John Thompson

July 6

Tyler Casas

July 7

Keith Reese

July 8

Kari A Martin
Marilyn Onstott
Trey Yarwood

July 9

Anita Baudler
Rick Hess
Richard Kurz

July 10

Harriet Clarke
J. Alan Cramer
Laura Handy-Oldham
Allie Murray
Emily Vedder

July 11

Emily Fitzgerald
Carl Richie
Julia Weis

July 12

Ashley Beasley

Marina Martin
Megan McKnight

July 13

Caitlin Bussey
Nolan Edwards

July 14

Rick Blomquist
William Hall

July 15

Anton Decker

July 16

Sarah Beghin
Beverly Everist
David Harris
Billy Lampkin
Thea Niemann
Kristin Stewart
Paul Wise

July 17

Ann Goulka
John Griffith
Lisa Helt
Sue Klinefelter
Kay Lyon
Jim Yeakley

July 18

Joseph Sidoti
Robert Smith

July 19

Zack Hobbi
Terri Hollander

July 20

Marvin Bower
Emerson Collins
Brent Hylton
Kellan Pattison

July 21

Jeanne Kress
Janet Macfarlane
Tom Martin
Mary Pickett

July 22

Sara Crosby-Hartman
Joann Holloway
Mollie Hughes
Yuko Inoue
Madge March

July 23

Carie Frabotta
Ethan Vorhauer

July 24

Maria Biggs
Jason Bush
Mackenzie Kaul
Tom Simpson

July 25

Margaret Corcoran-Smith
Megan McIntyre
Johnny Rosenfeld
Nancy Waugaman

July 26

Richard Harrer
Karen Holliday
Bill Robertson

July 27

Jane Barber
Elizabeth Cabrera
Brian Pomp
Fletcher Rich
Allison Rugen
Katy Schafer
Peter Vedder

July 28

Sharon Daetwyler

July 29

James Enke
Nicole Quenzler

July 30

Christine Globokar
David Stingley

July 31

Stephanie Hampton