

CONNECTIONS

SEPTEMBER 11, 2026



It was 25 years ago today...

September 11, 2001, was an epochal day etched into our psyches: much like December 7, 1941; November 22, 1963; April 4, 1968. The singer-songwriter, Alan Jackson, eloquently recorded the mood of that day 25 years ago when he wrote, "Where Were You When The World Stopped Turning?" The song is just as poignant today because we all remember.

You may listen to it by [clicking here](#)

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FOR THE PCB CALENDAR



O God,

**As glass shattered, cement crumbled, and steel melted
in the inferno of heinous, senseless cruelty,
the heart of humanity screamed in anguish.**

**Yet, after the carnage,
something awakened in our hearts: compassion.**

**We cried for the plight of others
and were deeply affected
by the heroic sacrifice made on behalf of others.**

**On this anniversary of unbelievable sorrow,
comfort those who mourn,
and guide our hearts toward healing and hope.**

**Be our source of strength, healing, and comfort
as our wounds still bleed.**

**Remind us of the love of Christ,
love which leapt over cultural and ethnic boundaries
to feed the hungry,
seek the lost,
care for the least,
and bind up the hurts and sorrows of the world.**

**In memory of this tragic day,
we join hands and pray for your grace
to heal, unite, and empower us to serve with love.**

**Make us instruments and agents of such creation
to change evil into blessing.**

**Out of the death, smoke, and the rubble,
help us to be light to those
still walking in darkness and difficulty.**

Do not let our hopes be overcome by our fears.

Do not let our souls be crippled by despair.

Be our source of hope and guidance.

**Make of Your children,
no matter how we name You,
one human family,
bound together in the work of justice and peacemaking.**

**Make us one with the Light that shines in the darkness
and illumines a path toward understanding and reconciliation.**

In your most Holy and Beautiful names we pray.

Amen.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please offer prayers of support and encouragement for PCB members below and their families who are dealing with health issues and prayers of comfort and peace for those who have recently lost loved ones.

- The Lumsden family as they grieve the recent death of Penny Lumsden on September 5. The date and further details of a funeral service to be held at PCB will be announced at a later time.
- Owen Heath and his family who are grieving the loss of Owen's wife, Mary Heath, on August 31. Her obituary is found at <https://www.davenportfamily.com/obituaries/mary-heath>
- We note the passing of Margaret Berg on August 5. She and her husband Bruce joined the church in 2023. Her obituary is found at <https://www.davenportfamily.com/obituaries/margaret-berg>.
- We note the passing of Sally Hayward on August 2 in Naples Florida. She and her husband Tom were longtime members of PCB.
- Don Andler who has entered hospice care.
- Byron Johnson who is undergoing treatment for prostate cancer.
- Molly and Bob Stine as they grieve the death of Molly's father, Michael McGinnis, of Grand Rapids, Minnesota on August 3.
- Tom Long and his family during their time of grief following Linda's passing

Prayer requests should be sent to Sue Dechow at dechow.sue@gmail.com or call 614-316-8748



WORSHIP

MESSY CHURCH IS THIS SUNDAY



Every stage of life brings new uncertainties. This session will help you discover ways to remember you don't have to carry your worries alone.

Messy Church is a welcoming experience for children of all ages and their caregivers. Invite your grandchildren, neighbors, friends, and anyone else who would enjoy an evening of faith, fun, and a shared meal.

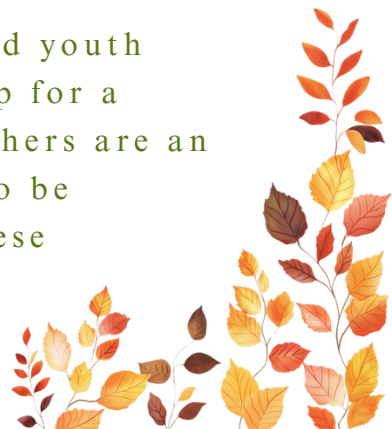
What to Expect

- Children (up to 5th grade) and caregivers will enjoy hands-on activities in Fellowship Hall.
- Youth in grades 6–8 will gather in the youth room for activities and discussion created especially for them.
- Everyone will come together for a time of celebration and a shared meal. This month we will enjoy a Taco Bar. After all, God provides many different things we need, just as there are many different toppings that help make a meal complete.

CELEBRATING OUR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION VOLUNTEERS THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH DURING WORSHIP



All CE team members, teachers, nursery attendants and youth leaders will be invited to come forward during worship for a special prayer of appreciation. These leaders and teachers are an integral part of the work of the Church and deserve to be celebrated. Please join us in saying “thank you” to these incredible volunteers.



SUMMER MUSIC

PCB Summer Music

During the summer months at PCB we are excited to include a variety of music leaders for worship. From PCB volunteers to guest musicians and classical to jazz, we look forward to enlivening worship with spirit-filled music making.

Sept.13 Vocal Octet

SANCTUARY CHOIR AND BELLS RETURN TO WORSHIP

The PCB music ensembles are returning this fall, and we invite you to be part of it! Sanctuary Choir and Bell Choir rehearse on Thursday evenings, and no previous experience is necessary.

Whether you have sung or rung for years or are simply interested in trying something new, there is a place for you.

The Sanctuary Choir returns to worship on **September 20**, singing outdoors in celebration of God's beauty with creation hymns and movements from Paul Winter's Missa Gaia.

The following Sunday, **September 27**, the choir moves back inside for a festive service featuring full organ and guest brass.

Come sing, ring, and help us begin a joyful new season of music together!



ADULT EDUCATION

Summer Sermon Series: The Disciples

Pastor David continues the series of sermons about the disciples. (“Who were these guys?”) The tentative schedule, subject to change, is the following:

September 13 The Other Disciples: Saints For The Rest Of Us

Please join us after the service in the Parlor for an interesting discussion led by Robert Reilly and others. Have some time for fellowship and coffee and maybe a donut hole and join us across the hall for this 30-minute session as we discover more about who were these people that Jesus called to be disciples.

GETTING TO KNOW OUR CHURCH

A new after-worship series begins on September 20th and continues on two more Sundays, during which a different part of our church will be featured:

On **September 20th**, Website Administrator, Andrew Luzwick will take us on a virtual tour and explain how to navigate our church’s newly remodeled website. Stay in Fellowship Hall after fellowship time to learn how to find the church information you need.

On **September 27th**, members of the church’s Mission Committee will inform us about the various organizations which are financially supported by our church’s donations. Join us in the Parlor to learn about how our church is helping to make a positive difference in the larger community and the world.

On **October 18th**, representatives from Stephen Ministry will be on hand to explain this wonderful resource which is available to church members and others in our community. Please join us in the Parlor to learn more about how this program provides support for individuals who need it.



ADULT EDUCATION

THEOLOGY ON ZOOM (TOZ)

Join us on Wednesday's at 7 PM

You can find more information on our website, [click here](#)

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Friday Morning Online Bible Study – Appreciate These Things

The Friday morning Bible study class meets online from 8:00 – 9:00 AM via Zoom.

Group members are now reading and discussing the book, *Appreciate These Things: Eight Ways of Cultivating Compassion* by Pastor Jill J. Duffield. Based on the apostle Paul's guidance in Philippians 4:8, Pastor Duffield explains how we can appreciate eight things that can reorient our hearts and minds to nurture compassion for ourselves, those in need, and those with whom we disagree.

We read one chapter each week.

Please join us by clicking: [Zoom Link](#)

Contact Curt Moore or George Steffen for more information.

FELLOWSHIP

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Men's Fellowship will meet at 6:30 pm on Thursday, **September 17**, at the home of Gil Semmen. Please RSVP to tomclong@yahoo.com by **Monday, September 14**.



MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

CROP WALK - OCTOBER 11



More information coming soon.
Mark your calendar, contact
Curt Moore -(847) 274-6690



Join us in bringing more than just deliveries — bring encouragement, kindness, and connection to families in our community!



Email Audrey at aud2sell@comcast.net for more information.



Our next Habitat For Humanity work dates are Saturdays, September 12th and 19th, 2026, from 8:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Interested in helping?

Email Audrey at aud2sell@comcast.net ahead of the Saturday you wish to work, and she will email you with location and task details.

Rich Barbour and Audrey Helminiak
Your Habitat For Humanity contacts



WEEKLY OCCURRENCES

Sunday @ 10 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sunday @ 11:15 a.m.	Adult Faith Formation Classes	Parlor
Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.	Theology on Zoom	Zoom
Thursday @ 1:30 p.m.	Worship Planning	Office
Friday @ 8:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study on Zoom	Zoom
Saturday @ 8:30 a.m.	AA	Choir Room

MONTHLY OCCURRENCES

2nd Sunday @ 11:15 a.m.	Deacons Meeting	Community Rm 1
2nd Monday @ 7:00 PM	Personnel	Parlor
4th Monday @ 7:00 p.m.	Session	Parlor
3rd Monday @ 6:30 p.m.	Leadership Nominations	Parlor
3rd Monday @ 6:30 p.m.	Membership Committee	Fellowship Hall
3rd Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m.	GTIF Bible Study	Zoom
2nd Thursday @ 4:30 p.m	Worship Committee	Parlor
2nd Thursday @ 6:00p.m.	Finance/Stewardship	Parlor
3rd Thursday @ 6:30 p.m.	Men's Fellowship	See Tom Long
1st & 3rd Tuesday @ 9:00 a.m.	Staff	Zoom
1st Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.	Hospitality & Fellowship	Zoom
2nd & 3rd Saturday	Habitat for Humanity	See A.Helminiak
Twice a month	Meals with Wheels	See A.Helminiak