



October 2024 Newsletter

Pinopolis Community Church

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Dear brothers, sisters & friends:



Pastor Jeff Roper

I am sitting at my desk pondering something that has increasingly troubled me for years, I feel I need to share my thoughts, not that I am a great thinker, or mover and shaker that can bring about great change. I hope the few that read these words will not just dismiss them with a shrugged, "I already know that!"

Let me begin with an image I am seeing in my reflections of a child who was asking for something in a store and the parent who was refusing to purchase the item, probably to help the child understand doing without as a character-building exercise. But in reality, I did not know the mind of the parent and am

simply guessing at the reasoning.

The strong-willed child crossed her little arms and blew out her cheeks in protest. When that failed the child started whining a little at the parent's persistent refusal. The child eventually resorted to holding her breath, which we all know will not really work because the body takes over at a point to force the child to take a breath.

At a point, however, the parent started to bribe the child, "If you don't get that item now, I will get you something even better that you would want even more later." I heard a wise disciplinarian once remark, "You don't bargain with a three-year-old! You tell them what is going to be." That is because the child obviously might think they know what is best, lacking the personal life experience of the parent. The parent, in loving fashion, will act in the best interest of the child. That is our trust and hope in our society.

However, we are often being told both in ways subtle and profound to trust political parties and countless media outlets as our loving and all-knowing parents. They are neither all-knowing, nor lovingly looking out for our best interests. They are not our parents. They are trying to pull us along in blind agreement with their causes.

Case in point: I am presently reading and seeing reports concerning the election campaigning process that is in full swing in our nation. Each side would have you believe they know what is best for you and that they have already won the election and simply want you to come along in agreement.

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Saturday, Oct. 5

ANNUAL
MEETING

Sunday, Oct. 13 at 6 pm



Saturday, Oct. 26

**Trustee of the Month:
Hunter Maggard**

(843) 934-9599

PCC Men host yard sale and breakfast on Nov. 9

As a fundraising and community outreach event, the PCC Men will participate in the Pinopolis Community Yard Sale on Saturday, Nov. 9. Setup will be in the Fellowship Hall and the outside grounds. Church members and friends are encouraged to contribute items for the PCC Men to sell and/or participate in the event. Items can be brought to the Fellowship Hall on Thursday before 7 pm or on Friday before 6 pm the two days before the event.



Tables will be available to rent in the Fellowship Hall for a minimum donation

of \$25 for the day and spaces outside for a \$15 minimum donation. Participants need to bring their own table and/or tent

as desired for an outside space.

PCC Men will not sell crafts or clothing. Participants who rent tables may sell items of their choice.

Breakfast will be available for a donation from 7 to 10 am.

The Fellowship Hall and grounds will be open for sales starting at 7:30 am..

PCC Men will accept cash or local checks. No credit cards, please.

More details to follow. Please let Lynn Smith, Gene Kodama, or CT Merece know if you have any questions.

Soup, Bake & Craft Sale set for November 23

The Pinopolis Christian Women will host their annual Soup, Bake and Craft Sale on Saturday, Nov. 23, from 10 am to 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Donations of soup, baked goods, and quart jars would be greatly appreciated. Any help on the day of the sale would be appreciated. Call Ann Matthews at (843) 899-3695 or Sarah Hare at (843) 899-5238.

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The media outlets (including social media), entertainers, sports figures, and other “talking heads” are sowing seeds of deception in an attempt to lead American voters to go with what they portray as the flow.

None of these snake oil salesmen love you. None have only your best interest in mind. Each has a personal agenda driven by hate, greed, love of power, or some other motive. So many seem to be trying to lead us away from faith in God. They will even try to tempt us when we resist with some promise of some future “prize” we will desire even more than our independent thinking and freedom to make our own informed choices. Our Christian values are at stake.

These would-be influencers have no power over us that we do not give them! As you consider how you will cast your vote this November, I urge you to pray and to seek God’ guidance. After all, God loves you so much he sent Christ into the world to die for your sins and to save you. That is the true prize! Christians are called to stand with and for Christ, even if it seems unpopular. My prayer is we will all be brave and proud enough of our heavenly citizenship to do that!

May God bless us all and may we ever seek His will!

<p><u>November</u></p> <p>3 All Saints Sunday</p> <p>9 PCC Men Yard Sale & Breakfast</p> <p>16 Youth Fundraiser</p> <p>23 Run for Thanks</p> <p>Soup, Bake & Craft Sale</p>		<p><u>December</u></p> <p>8 Cookies with Santa</p> <p>10-13 Angel Tree</p> <p>14 BLAST Christmas Play</p> <p>24 Christmas Eve Service</p>
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<p>3 Bob Leary</p> <p>4 David Whaley</p>		

HOMEMADE SOUP SALE

Saturday, Oct. 5, 2024

10 am-noon (or sold out!) Come early for best selection!

Pinopolis Community Church
Fellowship Hall
1833 Pinopolis Road
Pinopolis, SC

\$10 per quart
NO LIMIT!!
includes corn
muffins
take-out only

sponsored by : PCC Wednesday Women



Thank you for your donations to Epworth Children's Home for their Annual Workday Offering in September. We collected \$1,160 to send to Epworth Children's home. For more information about what Epworth does, go to epworthchildrenshome.org.

October is Camp Meeting Month at PCC

Fall is in the air, and October means Camp Meeting at PCC! For those who are new to PCC and are not familiar with Camp Meeting, the entire month of October we invite you to come casually dressed and enjoy each Sunday in worship as the Sanctuary is in its' Fall attire. In October, during worship, we will all experience fiery sermons by Pastor Jeff and LOTS of singing of the old hymns and songs from the Cokesbury Hymnal as well as music specials!!

As you all know, we serve Holy Communion the first Sunday of each month. You will want to be present on October 6 to witness and participate in a new communion experience! Be sure to invite all of your neighbors and friends to come along with you to our Camp Meeting Month.....you'll be so glad you came!!

Shoeboxes will be ready on Oct. 20



It's time again for Operation Christmas Child. Boxes will be available for pickup and filling on Sunday,

Oct. 20. Please sign in when picking up your boxes. Bring them back on or before Tuesday, Nov. 12. For more information, call Sarah Hare at (843) 899-5238.

PINOPOLIS COMMUNITY CHURCH

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY
OCT. 13, 2024

6:00 PM
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

ALL MEMBERS WHO ARE PRESENT
WILL BE VOTING ON OUR 2025 BUDGET,
PCC OFFICERS & COUNCIL MEMBERS

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BLAST NEWS



We are back in our Wednesday night routine and are loving it! It has been great seeing the youth back again after our summer break. As the Fall season comes, we have many events and special dates to remember. Our next event is Trunk or Treat. Come join us in decorating your vehicle or volunteering in the kitchen or at a game! We also have a fundraiser for the youth called "skeleton scriptures." This is a competition for the best decorated scene using skeletons that represents a scripture of the participants choosing. A black backdrop will be provided and participants can come decorate before trunk or treat begins. Trunk or treaters will then vote on their favorite scene and the winner will win a prize. Please see Jaclyn to purchase a spot!

During VBS we partnered with Keep Berkeley Beautiful and raised money for their awesome cause! We will continue to support them by participating in a drive at trunk or treat! Please bring towels, sheets and blankets you no longer want or need (we will have a bin for them). These items will be donated to the animal shelter. By donating these items you are helping our animal shelters and our recycling plants (textiles can jam machinery).

We also begin our Christmas play practice this month! October 6 is our first practice date. If you are interested in helping with the Christmas play, please let Jaclyn know! If you have a child that interested in being in the play, please be at the first practice at 5 p.m. If you cannot make it to the first practice please message Jaclyn so she can be sure to have a part for your child. Speaking parts are given at the first practice.

We are always in need of volunteers! If you are interested in helping with the BLAST groups on Wednesday nights, please reach out to Jaclyn Gatlin. We would greatly appreciate the help.

OUR MISSION: TO GROW YOUNG LIVES IN CHRIST; GUIDING THEM TO DISCIPLESHIP, EVANGELISM, AND FULFILLING GOD'S PURPOSE.

Upcoming Dates:

All Wednesday Meetings begin at 6 p.m. after the covered dish dinner.

10/6/2024: Christmas Play Practices begin every Sunday evening at 5 p.m.

10/26/2024: Trunk or Treat

11/16/2024: youth fundraiser

12/14/2024: Christmas Play

Youth Needs:

Volunteers for events and Wednesday Nights! Please call or text Jaclyn for more information!

Contact Info:

Youth Director- Jaclyn Gatlin

(843) 749-2137

blastyouth.pcc@gmail.com



Announcements for October

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

A small-group weekly Bible Study will meet on Tuesday mornings from Oct. 1-Nov. 12 from 8:30-10 am in the Viv Ingle Classroom. The book title is: *He Speaks to Me: Preparing to Hear from God* by Priscilla Shirer. The study draws life lessons from the account of God speaking to the boy Samuel in the beloved Bible story found in 1 Samuel 3. Book cost is \$17, payable to Georgette Jones.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

Wonderful Wednesdays continues through Nov. 20. The covered-dish meal begins at 5:30 pm. Bible Study begins at 6 pm. BLAST will also meet at 6 pm. Choir Practice begins at 7 pm.

WEDNESDAY WOMEN

Wednesday Women's Homemade Soup Fundraiser is Saturday, Oct. 5, from 10 am until noon (or until sold out!) in the Fellowship Hall. Come early for the best selection. Soup is \$10 per quart, including corn muffins. Take out only. Money raised from this sale will go to help others in our community.

TRUSTEES

Trustees will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 8, at 6:30 pm in the Viv Ingle Bible Classroom.

HOPE REPAIR

Hope Repair will meet on Saturday, Oct. 12, at 7 am at Pointe North Church.

EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR

Jack Benton's Eagle Scout Court of Honor will take place on Saturday, Oct. 12, at 3 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to Marcy in the church office by Oct. 4 if you would like to attend.

PCC MEN

PCC Men meet on Tuesday, Oct. 15, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline to submit information in the November 2024 newsletter is Thursday, Oct. 24.

CRUNCH BUNCH

Crunch Bunch will have its Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner on Thursday, Oct. 31, at noon in the Fellowship Hall. We will bake the turkey, dressing and gravy. We ask that all who attend bring your favorite holiday dishes to share. All are welcome to come and bring a friend.

ALABAMA THEATER TRIP

Those interested in attending the Alabama Theater for a show on Wednesday, Dec. 11, should contact Sarah Hare at (843) 899-5238. We will be leaving the church at 10 am. The show is \$35 plus dinner at Original Benjamin's is \$28.50, for a total of \$63.50 if attending both. We will take the bus, and some will drive their cars.

MONCK'S CORNER FARMERS MARKET

Sarah Hare, Georgie Ford and friends are selling baked goods at the Monck's Corner Farmers Market every Thursday through Oct. 31 from 3-7 pm behind Delta Pharmacy.

CUB SCOUTS & BOY SCOUTS

Cub Scout Pack 743 for ages 5-11 meets on Monday nights at 6:30 pm in the Education Building. For more information, contact Donna Lynes at (843) 696-2438. Boy Scout Troop 743 meets Monday nights at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall for boys ages 12-18. For information, please contact Chris Benton at (843) 754-6859.

The Boy Scouts are about to wrap up their annual popcorn sale fundraiser. To purchase popcorn, please see one of our scouts or contact Marcy in the church office.

GIRL SCOUTS

Girl Scout Troop 192 meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays 6 pm in the Seekers Classroom. Contact Brenda Butler at (843) 670-4855 for more info.

UPPER ROOM

Copies of the new September/October *The Upper Room* in both regular and large print are available in the Fellowship Hall and the church office. Past issues are available on a bottom shelf in the library. If you need a copy mailed to you, please contact the church office at (843) 761-8477.

VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL REPLICAS

The All that Heals—Vietnam Veterans Memorial Replica & Mobile Education Center will be open to the public Oct. 17-20 at the Dorchester Heritage Center at 964 Highway 78 in Ridgeway. It is a 3/4 scale replica of The Wall in Washington, D.C. It will be open 24-hours a day and is free to the public.

For more information, see the flyer on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall or go to dorchesterheritagecenter.com/

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