



## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE MASTER

### JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

#### SUNDAYS

10:30 a.m. in the PCM Sanctuary.

or online via livestream at:

[youtube.com/presbyterianchurchofthemaster](https://youtube.com/presbyterianchurchofthemaster)

### FEBRUARY AT A GLANCE

- FEBRUARY 3: Palestine Justice Network Event  
6:30p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
- FEBRUARY 9: Souper Bowl Sunday
- FEBRUARY 10: Rainbow House Serving, 4:30p.m.
- FEBRUARY 14: **Valentine's Day**
- FEBRUARY 17: President's Day  
Book Club Author & Book  
Discussion Event, 6:30p.m.

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends in Christ,

As a Matthew 25 Church, we are called to remember Jesus' words: "For I was hungry and you fed me; I was thirsty and you gave me drink." (Matt 25:35) If we wonder how we might possibly satisfy his hunger or quench his thirst, Jesus tells us "The truth is, every time you did this for the least of my [siblings], you did it for me." (v. 40) The practical work of feeding the hungry isn't just a charitable act; it's an act of act of discipleship and worship.

Recently, the youth of our congregation shared with us an invitation to participate in the work of feeding our neighbors. I hope you'll accept their invitation to join with you're the other members of your church family following worship on February 9th, as we gather in the Fellowship Hall for a friendly competition to see who can cook up the best bowl of soup! We encourage you to bring your own special recipe to submit for consideration. Even if you don't cook, we hope you'll bring your appetite, so that you can all enjoy this time of food and fellowship.

Regardless of who cooks and who eats, we hope that everyone will come ready to drop some money into the pots our youth will have to collect donations. The money we raise will support local feeding efforts. Our soup competition is one of the many, many youth-led collections that will be taking place as part of the national Souper Bowl of Caring.

Of course, the work of feeding our hungry siblings here in our community is going on everyday. One of the ongoing ways that we can support that work is by donating food to the church collection in support of the All Saints Food Pantry. In recent months we've collected hundreds of boxes of cereal and cans of soup on the garden mart table in the Commons. But now, we're actually going to make our collection an act of worship!

I urge you to keep looking for updated information from the Hunger Relief Action Team, which shares what food were focused on collecting each month. If you're able to do so, add this item to your own grocery list, and plan to pick up one, two, or a few the next time you go to the store. And the next Sunday, bring your items with you into worship. Let's make the work of feeding others an act of worshipping our God!

Grace & Peace,



Aaron



## STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE



The Stewardship and Finance Committee met on January 7, 2025, to review PCM's finances at the conclusion of 2024, as well as to make plans to meet our proposed budget for the church in 2025. It is usually a meeting filled with both hope and trepidation. YOU BLEW US AWAY!

On that frosty night, we rejoiced to learn that not only can we fund the needs of PCM going forward, based on your 2025 pledges, but we also were tasked with determining how to allocate especially generous funds given in December to shore up three areas of the 2025 budget.

Because of YOUR generosity, and after a lively discussion, we will be able to make three very unexpected allocations:

- able to make additional principal-only payments to our building fund in 2025!
- adding money to the Mission accumulating fund for yet-to-be-determined mission projects in 2025. This funding will result in more-than-a full tithe to that committee for the first time in years!
- and adding a substantial amount to the accumulating fund of Building and Grounds for those unexpected and unplanned expenses which seem to always occur in our aging building!

Thank you for paving the way forward into 2025 with your generosity. We are grateful!  
Stewardship and Finance Committee

## RAINBOW HOUSE

Rainbow House is a place for families to stay while their child is receiving care for days, weeks, or months at Children's Hospital. Every month, on the second Monday, the PCM Deacons provide a meal, conversation and support for the current residents and their other children who may be staying with them. You can provide support to this ministry by a financial contribution (designate for Rainbow House), by helping provide ingredients for the meal, or by helping prepare the meal around 4:30 pm. Specific ingredients, if needed that month, will be posted on the bulletin board nearest the bathrooms in the Commons Area and will include a due date.

Thank you for praying for the residents and their child/children, as well as your donations of time, money, and/or food.

## SUNDAY TREATS & COFFEE

Deacons are seeking help providing treats for Sunday morning coffee hour. If you'd like to help out please sign up on our bulletin board, or contact Marge Cox or Mary McClean. Items can be purchased or homemade. Thank you!

If you'd like to help conserve paper products, we invite you to bring a coffee mug from home.

## MONETARY GIFTS

Scan the QR code to give to PCM electronically from your phone!



## PCM IS BEING ECO-CONSCIOUS

### COMMUNICATION & OFFICE SUPPLIES

- **Paper Communication:** Using OneChurch to cut back on our paper communication. If you need a paper copy of the newsletter, statements, etc. please see the office.
- **Sign Ups:** Utilizing more digital Sign-Ups through OneChurch.
- **Paper Usage/Mailing:** Please be mindful of how much paper/toner you are using for PCM and personal use.
- **Supplies:** Notifying the office when supplies are running low. Double-checking what supplies we have before requesting or ordering more.

### EVENTS & STORAGE

- Members are welcome to bring their own mug or cup from home to use for Sunday coffee/drinks.
- Purchasing eco-friendly supplies such as plates, cups, etc. that can be recycled or composted.
- PCM is working towards de-cluttering and organizing our spaces that are not within the public eye. If your group or committee currently stores items/supplies on-site, the office will be working with you this year to clean-up and organize your space.
- We are working to have all spaces organized and items up off the floor to avoid tripping/fire hazards as well as infestations of bugs/critters.

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Feb. 2

Jeff Nelson  
Matt Wickham

Feb. 4

John Burg  
Lila Marsh  
Sue Skeans

Feb. 5

Abla Ahlijah  
Jerry Magner

Feb. 8

Rey Widhalm

Feb. 9

Zachary Kastrick

Feb. 13

Cole Widhalm  
Ian Collins

Feb. 15

Eric Bremers

Feb. 16

Rebecca Mattice

Feb. 17

Charlie Risling  
Dawn Dewey  
Frank Thompson

Jeanne Snell

Feb. 19

Chiok John

Feb. 22

Betty Johnson

Feb. 23

Nyachar Jock

Feb. 24

Kaley Carnahan

Feb. 25

John Fullerton

Rae Hale

Feb. 27

Lisa Cook

Feb. 28

Taban Jock

### LEND A HELPING HAND

Looking to be more involved and/or support PCM through acts of service? Here are some ways you can get involved:

- Be an office volunteer.
- Join a committee.
- Be an Usher, Worship Leader, Communion Server, and/or Greeter.
- Help with serving/clean-up of funeral luncheons.
- Be a Sunday School Teacher.
- Help during Spring/Fall clean up days.
- Help with setting up/taking down holiday decor.

If you are interested in any of these acts of service, reach out to the PCM Office!



## Souper Bowl of Caring: Tackling Hunger One Bowl at a Time

The Souper Bowl of Caring is a grassroots, youth-led initiative that transforms the popularity of one of America's biggest sports events, the Super Bowl, into a powerful movement to fight hunger and poverty. Founded in 1990, this nationwide organization mobilizes communities, particularly the youth, to support, volunteer at, and donate to, local food banks, shelters, and charitable organizations.

The concept is simple but impactful. Participants collect monetary and food donations around the time of the Super Bowl, encouraging others to give generously to help those in need. Churches, schools, civic groups, and sports teams often get involved, fostering a sense of unity and purpose. The funds and goods collected are donated directly to local charities chosen by the participants, ensuring that contributions benefit their own communities.

Since its inception, the Souper Bowl of Caring has raised four million dollars and donated countless cans of food helping over 2,000 charities, proving that small actions can lead to significant change. The movement not only addresses immediate needs but also raises awareness about hunger and poverty, inspiring ongoing community engagement.

By connecting a beloved cultural event with a meaningful cause, the Souper Bowl of Caring enables everyone to make a difference, one bowl at a time. Whether you're a sports fan or simply someone who wants to give back, this initiative is a touchdown for compassion and community spirit.

The PCM Youth plan to host a Soup Contest on Sunday, February 9th, following worship. Bring your favorite soup in a crock pot and we'll all vote for our favorites! The Youth will provide set-up, clean-up, drinks, crackers, and dessert. They will collect free will donations that will all go to local hunger relief efforts. The top 3 winners will receive prizes!

### BUILDING USE & RESERVATIONS

If you have a group or committee that meets regularly throughout the year, don't forget to fill out an updated building reservation form!

PCM has a VERY busy calendar with numerous PCM and non-PCM groups/committees that meet throughout the week - If you wish to reserve the church for an event, group, or meeting, please reach out to Becky for availability and potential costs of building use.

If you plan to leave your car in the parking lot during non-business hours or overnight, please let the office know so we can account for it and be aware that it is not a stranger's car or abandoned in our lot.

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## BULLETIN

If you are giving a Mission Witness, Children's Message, Peace Message, etc. during the Worship Service, please have any materials you may need for the Sanctuary screens (photos, video, etc.) to Becky Widhalm by the Monday BEFORE the service you are presenting at.

Thank you!

## VOICE

All items for the Voice must be submitted to Becky Widhalm by the 15th of each month. If items are sent after, it may not be included in the next month's issue. Thank you!

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