



# PINNACLE VISTAS

The Newsletter for Pinnacle Presbyterian Church, Scottsdale, Ariz. • June-July 2010

## Youth Head to Washington on Mission Trip

Twenty-eight youth and seven adult leaders from PPC will journey to the Olympic Peninsula of Washington for a mission trip.

They will spend June 13-20 in Forks, Wash., sleeping on the floor of a local church and showering at the high school. During their stay

they will hold a Vacation Bible School for children of migrant workers, work in nonprofit organizations that provide essentials for low income families and those with disabilities, and volunteer at the Olympic National Park.

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## Haiti Initiative Update: PPC Partners to Aid Pastor Luc

PPC is one of eight churches and organizations currently part of the consortium "Harmony Partners for Haiti" whose purpose is to facilitate support of Pastor Luc and Harmony Ministries including rebuilding and maintaining facilities and programs of the ministries' churches, schools and clinics.

Roy Gust and Mark Leinweber represented PPC at meetings of the consortium members



On Easter, 54 people were baptized in the immersion font beside the ruins of the church in Port-au-Prince.

and interested parties in New Jersey on April 28 and 29.

Our church and other participants are providing funds

monthly for food distribution to the Harmony Ministries congregations, pay-

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## Tracings

A Letter from the Senior Pastor

### A Thought for Summer: Generosity

Dear friends,

A thought here from the sermon in my series on what have been called the *Seven Deadly Sins*. It's about *generosity*, as one remedy for greed. I offer it as a thought with which to go into summer. I offer it because I see generosity of spirit in our congregation every day. *Generosity.*

*A generous heart is a heart that grows, opens, thinks not just about what it has, but why it has. It's a heart that can find the right balance between having and giving.*

*A generous heart sheds greed, and it responds to the demands of compassion and justice all around.*

*So many of you know this already, for you have generous hearts. I know that about you. I see it.*

*Find the generous spirit inside you, and nurture it. Let it thrive in confidence. Let it find faith in the future. And let it be a remedy for the greed that can so easily creep toward us without our seeing.*

*For in the end, we own nothing. We've sold it all to God to get ourselves back in return, and so everything we have is a trust to put to use for God's purposes — God's purposes for ourselves and for others; God's purposes for strangers. We're stewards, not owners.*

Peace of Christ,



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Forks is a small lumber community about four hours from Seattle where one-fifth of the population falls under the poverty line. Our hope is to expose our teens to the realities and challenges of rural life, then show them how to help address those needs.

Please keep our group in your prayers as we make our journey.



Dr. Wes Avram,  
senior pastor

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ment for a doctor and medical supplies, and support of Pastor Luc's family.

PPC has agreed to take the lead in working with Pastor Luc and his construction engineer in Port-au-Prince to provide architectural services in

designing and providing renderings of the proposed sanctuary in Port-au-Prince. Mike Edwards, Saki Reindersma and John Rosenfeld have volunteered to work with Mark Leinweber.

Discussions have taken place regarding appropriate building materials for earthquake and hurricane resistance, costs, transport to Haiti, etc. Pastor Luc has outlined his needs for the buildings in Port-au-Prince as well as Leogone and Lasalle. Whenever possible, work on rebuilding will be done by hiring people from local congregations.

Currently, church services are held at Port-au-Prince on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday morning and evening under a makeshift tent in the courtyard of the church property, with 1,000 to 1,200 attending.

School is also held under the tent for 150 children. A doctor operates a medical clinic four days a week, along with a nurse and lab technician.

Since the earthquake over 400 people have joined Pastor Luc's churches; 54 people were baptized on Easter Sunday.

Buildings are marked for tear down, repair or safe for occupancy, but getting buildings torn down and rubble removed is slow. USAID is paying unemployed Haitians to do clean-up work and is providing effective assistance, but the task is enormous. Some faith-based groups are providing food distribution.

Our support, both spiritual and financial, is essential to Harmony Ministries. If you'd like to learn more or provide support, please contact Roy Gust, Jan Loichle or the church office.



A concrete pad is all that remains of the Haiti Ministries church in Port-au-Prince.

## Singles Trip to MIM Rescheduled

The visit to the Musical Instrument Museum by the Mingles for Singles, PPC's group for adult singles, has been rescheduled for Sept. 18.

We have scheduled a 1 p.m. tour; with a group of 10 or more, we receive a 10-percent discount off the regular admission of \$15 for adults and \$13 for seniors 65 years and older.

Afterward, we will head to Desert Ridge for a Dutch-treat dinner.

To RSVP or for more information on Mingles for Singles, please contact Meredith Downing at 480.518.0789 or [ppc.singles@cox.net](mailto:ppc.singles@cox.net).

## Join PPC Singles for Brunch on June 27

Mingles for Singles will gather for brunch June 27 at the Pinnacle Peak General Store, at the southwest corner of Pinnacle Peak and Pima roads. We will meet following the 10 a.m. worship service. Plan for approximately 11:30 a.m.

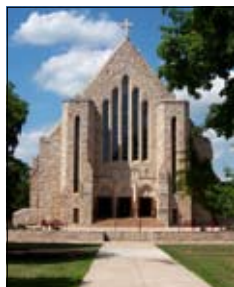
Come join us for great food and fellowship. For more information, contact Meredith Downing at 480.518.0789 or [ppc.singles@cox.net](mailto:ppc.singles@cox.net).

## PPC Singers to Attend St. Olaf Choir Camp

Eight eager elementary kids from the Pinnacle choral program are anxiously awaiting the St. Olaf Choir Camp, July 18-23.

These young choristers will work with St. Olaf faculty on the Northfield, Minn., campus for a week of singing, music theory, Bible study, physical education and socializing with kids from across the country.

This experience occurs every other year at St. Olaf. Helped in part by financial support from the Chancel Choir, eight choristers, three chaperones and their choir leader, Kira Rugen, will be spending a great week on the campus of St. Olaf College. Our blessings go with them.



St. Olaf College's Boe Memorial Chapel

## Youth Ministry to Kick Off Fall on Aug. 22

The Youth Ministry kickoff will be at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 22.

This is for all incoming 6th graders through high school seniors and their families. We will play games and enjoy fellowship.

In addition there will be an information time for parents to learn what the year has in store.

This year we will be doing a potluck so watch the August issue of *Vistas* for details.

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

## VBS Takes Off With Galactic Blast

From June 7-11, PPC's annual Vacation Bible School will voyage into outer space to praise God with Galactic Blast.

Through daily missions, kids will see space like never before, gain a new perspective on our planet Earth and learn easy "green" earth tips they can practice at home.

This cosmic combination of faith and fun will have your cadets developing a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

For more information, contact the church office at 480.585.9448.

This year's VBS mission efforts will benefit the Vista Del Camino Backpack Drive.

## Vista del Camino Backpack Drive Starts

This year's Vista del Camino Backpack drive starts on June 6 and continues until Aug. 1.

Your generous donations of gently used and new backpacks as well school supplies will help needy children across the Valley have what they need to learn and be successful in school. Items can be left in the containers in the upper level of the sanctuary next to each door.



## 2010 CONFIRMATION CLASS

On Sunday, May 16, the 2010 Confirmation Class was welcomed into the church during the 10 a.m. worship service.

The class had met most Wednesday evenings since January deepening their understanding of what it means to be a Christian and a member of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

They studied lessons on God, Jesus, the Bible, being Presbyterian, the Reformation, other Christian traditions, worship and more.

The students completed two mission projects, attended another church or religious service, reviewed two sermons and discussed topics of faith at home with their parents.

To further process and integrate what they experienced and learned over the past months, they composed a personal Statement of Faith.

During all of this, the students had a member of the church walk along side them as a mentor.



Andrew Avram,  
mentor Rory Collins



Austin Drummond,  
mentor Phil Beasley



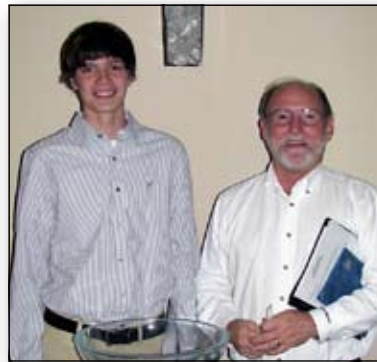
Kate Fantetti,  
mentor Barb Reiter



Logan Forsythe,  
mentor Mike Noel



Annie Frey,  
mentor Lauren Leinweber



Parker Greene,  
mentor Mark Leinweber



Kathryn Hamilton,  
mentor Molly Rosenbaum



Mollie Hughes,  
mentor Tanya Rosenfeld



Molly Lampkin,  
mentor Brandon Willett



Parker Lauen,  
mentor Aaron Slegers



Madeline Sobek,  
mentor Jacque Olmert



Dylan Waugaman,  
mentor Greg Frey

## PPC Sets Up New Brokerage Account for Stock Donations

Pinnacle Presbyterian Church has established a new brokerage account at Charles Schwab & Co. Inc. for accepting charitable donations of stock to the church. This account will simplify and greatly reduce the cost of these transactions.

For information on our new account and stock transfer instructions, please contact Lea Reinke, Business Administrator, at 480.585.9448 ext. 206 or [lreinke@pinnaclepres.org](mailto:lreinke@pinnaclepres.org).

### MUSIC AT PPC

## Club Wed! Celebrates at Awards Dinner

On Wednesday, May 5, Club Wed! concluded its year with the annual Awards Dinner — the church's version of the "Academy Awards."

The Children's and Music Ministries each year award certificates and medals to the participants of the



PPC Director of Music Brent Hylton, right, hands out awards to Club Wed! participants.

Club Wed! program. Fellowship Hall was filled to the brim with parents, grandparents and kids ranging from age 4 through sixth grade eagerly awaiting to be recognized.

Congratulations to all who participated this year.

## Join the Summer Choir Beginning August

Beginning at Aug. 1, you are invited to join a "summer choir" for the worship service. A rehearsal beginning at 9 a.m. will prepare you for the 10 a.m. service.

The music sung will be manageable for all — no matter your musical talent. Join us in the rehearsal room beginning Sunday, Aug. 1, and each Sunday throughout August for an exciting musical adventure.

### OUR CHURCH FAMILY

#### SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to:

The family of **Hazel Smith**

The **Belluomini family** on the death of Brian's brother, **David Belluomini**

### ADULT EDUCATION

## What They Saw: Sunday Morning Bible Study Runs Through June

Sometimes the stories of the Bible become so familiar to us that we begin to miss their subtle nuances.

What They Saw, a four-session Bible study offers a playful and imaginative twist on some of the most beloved stories of the Bible by presenting them through the perspective of another biblical character present at the time.

Please join Shelly Core in the Office Conference Room at 11:15 a.m. each Sunday in June to imagine what it must have been like to witness numerous events in the Bible through the eyes of Bilhah, Miriam, Martha and Andrew.

Pick up a copy of the stories in the narthex of the Sanctuary or Chapel to read before class.

Each week is independent of the others so join us for one or for all.

## Thoughtful Christian Looks at 'Importance of Context'

The Thoughtful Christian article for July is "The Importance of Context."

We read the Bible because we believe that God can give meaning and direction to our lives through its words. However, it is no easy task to read and understand the Bible because there are real differences between the biblical context and our contemporary context.

Contextual issues — language, literary styles, history and culture — are essential to keep in mind as we read a Bible passage and search for meaning.

The article is available free in the narthex of the Sanctuary and Chapel.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### June 2

John Beghin  
Sarah DeWeese  
Karter Hirsch  
Dominic Mancini  
John Woodside

### June 4

Felicia Kurz  
Dylan Waugaman

### 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 Prenzno

### June 14

Alice Gerald

### 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

Taylor Fairbanks  
Benjamin Sidoti  
Andrea Terhune  
Estelle Wade

### June 20

Nicholas Bianco

### 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

Haylie Lauen  
Kailin Silbert

### June 28

Elizabeth Borsos  
Brook Davis  
Kaye Morris  
Cameron Wright

### June 29

Emily Cabrera  
Amelia Decker

### June 30

William Rasmussen

### July 1

Kenadie Manzeck

### July 2

Roxanna Hobbi

### July 3

Averi Mancini  
Tracy Rhodes

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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.

## BIRTHDAYS From previous page

### July 4

Chuck Pascu  
Henry Wessel

### July 5

Chris Barber  
James Beasley  
Monique Reindersma  
John Thompson

### July 6

Tyler Casas

### July 7

Keith Reese

### July 8

Marilyn Onstott  
Trey Yarwood

### July 9

Anita Baudler  
Rick Hess  
Richard Kurz

### July 10

Harriet Clarke  
J. Alan Cramer  
Allie Murray  
Emily Vedder

### July 11

Emily Fitzgerald  
Carl Richie Jr.  
Julia Weis

### July 12

Ashley Beasley  
Marina Martin

### July 13

Nolan Edwards

### July 14

Sara Beresford

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

Luke Chandler  
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

### July 22

Sara Crosby-Hartman

Mollie Hughes  
Yuko Inoue  
Madge March

### July 23

Carie Frabotta  
Ethan Vorhauer

### July 24

Maria Biggs  
Jason Bush  
Mackenzie Kaul

### July 25

Megan McIntyre  
Johnny Rosenfeld  
Nancy Waugaman

### July 26

Mary Albrektsen  
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

Nicole Quenzler

### July 30

David Stingley

### July 31

Stephanie Hampton

**VISTAS CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOME** Deadline for the August issue of *Pinnacle Vistas* is Saturday, July 10.