



# PCPC LIFE

PALMA CEIA Presbyterian Church

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Advent 2022

## ADVENT CALENDAR

### **Sunday, November 27: 1st Sunday of Advent (Hope)**

**8:30 & 11am:** Traditional Services in the Sanctuary

**9am:** Connection Service in the Gym

**10-10:50am:** "Advent Wreaths, Ornaments, and Outreach" in WM202/204 for all ages\*

\*Middle School Formation X will shift to join this activity

**6pm:** Vespers Service

### **Wednesday, November 30**

**5-5:30pm:** Music & Movement

**5-5:45pm:** Children's Choir Rehearsals

**5:15-6:15pm:** Wednesday Night Dinner

**6-7:30pm:** Middle School Youth Group

**7:30-8:45pm:** High School Youth Group

**7-8:30pm:** Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, December 1**

**9am:** Presbyterian Women decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas

### **Saturday, December 3**

**10am-12pm:** Presbyterian Women's Christmas Coffee in Fellowship Hall

### **Sunday, December 4: 2nd Sunday of Advent (Peace)**

**8:30 & 11am:** Traditional Services in the Sanctuary (Junior & Joyful Noise Choirs Sing at 11)

**9am:** Connection Service in the Gym

**10-10:50am:** Faith & Fellowship Hour for Children

**10-10:50am:** Formation X for Middle Schoolers

**5:30-6pm:** Living Nativity

**7pm:** Women's Sunday Evening Bible Study

### **Wednesday, December 7**

**5-5:30pm:** Music & Movement

**5-5:45pm:** Children's Choir Rehearsals

**5:15-6:15pm:** Wednesday Night Dinner

**6:15-6:45pm:** Christmas "Ring and Sing" Bell Concert in the Sanctuary

**6-7:30pm:** Middle School Youth Group (White Elephant Christmas Party!)

**7:30-8:45pm:** High School Youth Group (White Elephant Christmas Party!)

**7-8:30pm:** Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### **Sunday, December 11: 3rd Sunday of Advent (Joy)**

**8:30 & 11am:** Traditional Services in the Sanctuary

**9am:** Connection Service in the Gym

**10am:** New Member Class in the Hospitality Room

**10-10:50am:** Formation X for Middle Schoolers

**10-12:30pm:** Rise Against Hunger (*Registration required*)

**6pm:** Vespers Service in the Chapel

### **Wednesday, December 14: Jolley Trolley Day!**

**5-5:45pm:** Children's Choir Rehearsals

**5:15-6:15pm:** Wednesday Night Dinner

**6-8pm:** Middle School & High School Youth Groups Combine for Jolley Trolley/Movie Night

**7-8:30pm:** Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### **Sunday, December 18: 4th Sunday of Advent (Love)**

**8:30 & 11am:** Traditional Services in the Sanctuary with brass

**9am:** Connection Service in the Gym

**8:30am-1:30pm:** Bloodmobile at PCPC

**10-10:50am:** Faith & Fellowship Hour for Children

**10-10:50am:** Formation X for Middle Schoolers

**7pm:** TOS Messiah Concert in the Sanctuary

### **Monday, December 19**

**7pm:** TOS Messiah Concert in the Sanctuary

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## ADVENT CALENDAR CONT.

**Wednesday, December 21**

**5:15-6:15pm:** Wednesday Night Dinner with Kenny Haelsig on the piano playing Christmas Pops!

**6:00pm:** Longest Night Service at Stable

**7-8:30pm:** Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Abridged!)

**Saturday, December 24: Christmas Eve**

**4:30pm:** Family Lessons & Carols Christmas Eve Service in Sanctuary (with Junior and Joyful Noise Choirs)

**6pm:** Family-Friendly Courtyard Service with Paper Bag Nativities and Live Animals

**7pm:** Contemporary Service in the Gym

**8 & 11pm:** Christmas Eve Candlelight Service in the Sanctuary

**Sunday, December 25: Christmas Day Sunday**

**11am:** Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

**Wednesday, December 28**

*Wednesday activities are on Christmas Break this week*

**Saturday, December 31: New Year's Eve**

**6pm:** New Year's Eve Service

**Sunday, January 1: New Year's Day**

**8:30 & 11am:** Traditional Services in the Sanctuary

**9am:** Connection Service in the Gym

**6pm:** Vespers Service

**Wednesday, January 4**

*Wednesday activities are on Christmas Break this week*

**Sunday, January 8: Epiphany & Sausage Sunday**

**8:30 & 11am:** Traditional Services in the Sanctuary

**9am:** Connection Service in the Gym

**10-10:50am:** Touch the Water for 1st graders & parent(s)

**10-10:50am:** Faith & Fellowship Hour for Children

**6pm:** Vespers Service

**Wednesday, January 11**

*All Wednesday Activities resume!*

## ADVENT: A SEASON OF HOPING, WAITING, AND PREPARING

BY REV. NICOLE PARTIN ABDNOUR

Beginning Sunday, November 27th you will notice changes in our worship spaces: the paraments (the word for the hangings on the pulpit, lectern and sometimes communion table) and pastor's stoles (the strip of fabric worn around the neck over the robe) become blue; and the advent wreath comes out. The following week you will notice poinsettias, wreaths, and a tree adorned with Chrismons (ornaments of Christian symbols). The reason is that Sunday will be the first Sunday in Advent, a season which begins our preparation for the birth of Jesus and marks the start of a new liturgical year for the Church.

Advent is the time in which the church, rejoicing in Christ's first coming, eagerly looks forward to Christ's coming again. This season in the church year lasts four weeks and is observed the four Sundays prior to Christmas.

The advent wreath often evokes questions as to its purpose and meaning. The wreath is round, with no beginning or end, testifying to the eternity of God's creation, and of God's love and care for people. The wreath is of evergreen, recalling that our faith, hope and love are always alive when they spring from God and God's Son. The candles represent the One who said, "I am the light of the world," and provide a countdown to Christmas.

As Christians, Christmas is more than one day. The Christmas Cycle begins the first Sunday of Advent, includes the twelve days of Christmas (yes, twelve days to celebrate the justice and peace that God brings into the world through Jesus Christ), and ends with Epiphany (January 6). On Christmas Day we celebrate the entrance of the Light into the world, and at Epiphany we celebrate the appearance of the Light to the world. Within our tradition this is demonstrated in remembering the coming of the magi (the three wise men).

PCPC has many worship, learning, service, and music opportunities to help you and your families prepare your hearts and minds to welcome and celebrate God's presence in the world. We hope you will join us. Have a blessed Christmas season.

## GRIEVING THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS

Led by Corinne Gaertner, M.S.W. and Bereavement Specialist, the presentation is provided through your Congregational Care Committee, and may be helpful for anyone grieving the death of a loved one, especially during the holiday season.

You can watch the presentation online at [www.palmaceia.org/events/grieving-through-the-holidays](http://www.palmaceia.org/events/grieving-through-the-holidays). You can also find it on Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church's YouTube Channel by searching "Grieving Through the Holidays."

*But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see--I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people."*

-Luke 2:10

## Music Notes....

**The Tampa Oratorio Singers Present  
Handel's "Messiah"  
at Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church  
Sunday, December 18 at 7:00 PM and  
Monday, December 19 at 7:00 PM**

The Tampa Oratorio Singers and members of The Palma Ceia Presbyterian Chancel Choir herald the holiday season with two performances of the Christmas portion of Handel's "Messiah."

This inspiring Christmas oratorio will be performed on Sunday, December 18 and Monday, December 19 at 7:00 pm. Featured vocalists include Susan Hellman Spatafora (soprano), Robyn Rocklein (mezzo-soprano), John Kaneklides (tenor), and Todd Donovan (bass).

Handel's *Messiah* has been in continuous performance since the day of its premiere. This enduring holiday tradition includes favorite choruses "For Unto Us a Child Is Born", "Glory to God in the Highest" and the triumphant "Hallelujah" chorus.

This much-loved masterpiece will be an uplifting experience, sharing a musical message of the nativity story, using Old Testament prophecies and narration from the New Testament. The concert concludes with congregational singing of "Joy to the World."

Seating is general admission, and a free-will offering will be accepted to support the Messiah performances. Doors open one hour prior to the performance. Free livestreaming of the concert will be made available on the PCPC and the TOS websites, thanks to the generous support of The Watkins Family Foundation.

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## **CHRISTMAS "RING AND SING" BELL CONCERT IN THE SANCTUARY WEDNESDAY, DEC. 7TH, 6:15-6:45PM**



The Trinity Bells and Junior Bells will ring a concert December 7th in the Sanctuary. It will include fun, favorite Christmas songs as well as our own Jeff Traster on tuba playing a special holiday favorite! Come one, come all!

## **WEDNESDAY DINNERS**

All are invited to join in the fellowship and good food every Wednesday. The meal is served in the Fellowship Hall from 5:15-6:15pm, with an outdoor seating option. No reservations are needed. The cost is \$5.00 a person, \$3.00 a child, or \$15.00 for a family, cash, on the honor system. See you at the table!

### **Upcoming Menus** *(subject to change)*

**November 30:** Lasagna

**December 7:** Beef Stroganoff

**December 14:** Chili/PBJ's

**December 21:** Stone Soup

**January 11:** Beef Stew

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## **A NOTE FROM THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT 2022 YEAR-END GIVING**

**All gifts to be credited to 2022 for IRS purposes must be received in the church office or postmarked no later than December 31.** Contact Kelley Fowler in the Finance Office with any questions at 813-253-6047 or [finance@palmaceia.org](mailto:finance@palmaceia.org).

**GIFTS OF STOCK: If you are planning to donate stock** to be credited during this 2022 year, please begin the process by early December and inform Kelley. Your broker does not always include your name in the transfer. Kelley can provide our broker's transfer details if needed.

**PLEDGE PAYMENTS: It's not too late to pledge** and help us finalize a budget for 2023. If you choose to pre-pay in 2022 any amount towards your pledge for next year's 2023 General Fund, please clearly indicate *2023GF* on a memo line or with a note.

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## **NEW MEMBERS CLASS DECEMBER 11TH AT 10AM**

PCPC's New Member Class is for anyone who has an interest in learning more about Palma Ceia Presbyterian, its ministries, and membership. Some people who attend this new members' class have a desire to become members of PCPC, and decide to join at the end of the class. Others attend the class simply as part of their exploration toward learning more about the ministries that PCPC has to offer individuals and families.

All are welcome in the Hospitality Room next to the chapel December 11th, and we look forward to seeing you. Email [receptionist@palmaceia.org](mailto:receptionist@palmaceia.org) if you have any questions or to let us know you plan to attend.

# CHILDREN & FAMILIES MINISTRY

## LIVING NATIVITY AT PCPC SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 5:30-6PM

You are invited to walk through a Living Nativity at PCPC Sunday, December 4th from 5:30-6pm. Experience the story of Christ's journey coming alive again this season of Advent! Please enter on foot through the handicapped lot.

We are still in need of a few volunteers. Head to [www.signupgenius.com/go/livingnativity](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/livingnativity) to see available slots.

## PLAY GROUPS ON THE PLAYGROUND

Twice a month, we open up the Palma Ceia Presbyterian playground for "Play Group!" This is simply a fun opportunity for children of any age to play and parents/caretakers to mingle. This is not just for preschool students — all are welcome! To receive reminders when future playgroups are happening, email Anna Shuford: [Anna@palmaceia.org](mailto:Anna@palmaceia.org).

### Upcoming Play Group Dates, all 4-5:30pm:

January 3, January 19, February 7, February 16,  
March 7, March 16, April 11, April 27, May 2, May 18

## TOUCH THE WATER FOR FIRST GRADERS AND THEIR PARENT(S)

**Sunday, Jan 8th, 10-10:50am**

**Westminster 2nd Floor and Chapel**

Remember your baptism and be thankful! Since your first grader likely does not remember this special moment in their life, we want to take the opportunity to celebrate it now that they are old enough to reflect on their entry into our family of faith.

Luther and Calvin also insisted that baptism be followed by ongoing instruction in the faith. In the Baptism service, the faith community promises to nurture and to guide the children's faith across their lives by replying in unison to the pastor, "Yes, we will."

This is what we are inviting first graders and parents to do on January 8th:

- Find a picture of the day they were baptized and bring it with you if you are able.
- Try to remember anything else about that day such as who else was present, did you gather for a meal, or what was the weather like.
- Arrive at Westminster 202 (large room) at 10am on Sunday, Jan 8th.
- Journey with your child through about six stations which remember Jesus' baptism, explore symbols of baptism, and reflect on your own baptism.
- Journey with us down to the Chapel for a brief baptism remembrance.

- Participate in laying hands on a child with the parent as a sign of promises made.
- Receive a baptism milestone for participating.

If you would like to join us for the "Touch the Water" experience, please email [allison@palmaceia.org](mailto:allison@palmaceia.org).

## FAITH AND FICTION

Faith and Fiction meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm in a hybrid fashion — in person in Room EM 310 and on Zoom. The group reads a wide range of fiction and (occasionally) non-fiction books, looking for evidence of faith in the lives of the characters. We are always looking for new folks to join us.

**December 20 Book:** Everything That Rises Must Converge by Flannery O'Connor

Our 2023 Book List will be released in mid-December! Stay tuned for the list on social media and [www.palmaceia.org](http://www.palmaceia.org).

## A NOTE ABOUT CUP FROM REV. ZACH GRANT, PASTOR OF BETHLEHEM INCLUSIVE CHURCH

We are grateful for the ways that God is lifting up the service and leadership of people with disabilities through Bethlehem Inclusive, but we are more grateful to not be alone in that work. All around us we can see more people shining a light on the gifts in this underserved population. CUP (Coffee Uniting People), by employing people with disabilities, is creating a platform by which they can engage their community in reciprocal relationships. This will be good for those they employ, but even better for our whole community. We feel great kinship with them in this work.

Learn More: <https://whatnowtampa.com/cup-to-become-tampas-first-cafe-staffed-by-baristas-with-special-needs>

## POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS

We are now taking orders for poinsettia dedications for \$8 per dedication. If you would like your dedication printed in the bulletin, the deadline for ordering is Tuesday, December 13. We will also keep an updated dedication list online. Call the Church Office or email [receptionist@palmaceia.org](mailto:receptionist@palmaceia.org) with your dedication & # of plants. You are welcome to mail in or drop off your payment to the Church Office.



# ADULT FAITH FORMATION

## GATHERING TOGETHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

We are in the home stretch of reading through the Bible as a congregation in 2022.

Here are the upcoming readings and class leaders:

11/27: Hebrews, led by Kem Toole

12/4: James, led by Mary Beth Hunt & Kem Toole

12/11: 1 & 2 Peter

12/18: 1, 2, & 3 Jude, led by Rev. Bill Hull

12/25: Break for Christmas Day!

1/1/23: Revelation, led by Rev. Will Wellman

To be added to the email list or for more information, email [diannawilliams@palmaceia.org](mailto:diannawilliams@palmaceia.org).

PCPC also has a podcast called *Gathering Together Around God's Word* to accompany our 2022 Bible read-through, featuring PCPC staff and special guests. Links to the podcast are on [www.palmaceia.org](http://www.palmaceia.org), or simply search "Gathering Together Around God's Word" on Apple Podcasts or Spotify.

Resources for children to read along are online at [www.kidspcpcbible.weebly.com](http://www.kidspcpcbible.weebly.com).

## THE BEL-MAR CLASS: LOVING ONE ANOTHER IN A COMPLICATED WORLD

Ongoing, Sundays at 10 on Zoom

The class examines the issue of what it means to follow the admonition of Jesus to love one another in a complicated world. The issue is examined based upon scripture in the context of the modern world. Drop-ins to this online class are always welcome. To join the class email list, contact [mpeacock@peacocklawfirm.com](mailto:mpeacock@peacocklawfirm.com).

## THE LECTIONARY PODCAST

Available weekly on Wednesdays

Four PCPC Bible scholars discuss the Gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday — Charles Willard, Sara Mickelson, Bill Hull, and Don Upton. It's like meeting them for coffee and Bible study and listening in! Podcasts are available by Wednesday each week on Apple Podcasts and Spotify — just search "Lectionary Call-In Podcast."

## FOLLOWERS OF THE WAY

Attend in person and/or watch

**Online Videos:** The pastors continue to meet every Mondays over Zoom to record their weekly discussions. These conversations are always available on YouTube and [www.palmaceia.org/events/followers-of-the-way](http://www.palmaceia.org/events/followers-of-the-way).

**In Person:** Followers of the Way meet for an in-person Bible Study each Monday in the Fellowship Hall. Gather at 11:30 for lunch or at 12 for just the Bible Study portion.

## MEN'S TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

This Bible study meets every other week on Tuesday mornings at 7:30am. We are currently meeting on Zoom. The group includes time for fellowship and study of the upcoming Sunday's text. For more information and to get on the email list, email [receptionist@palmaceia.org](mailto:receptionist@palmaceia.org).

## WEDNESDAY THEOLOGY BOOK GROUP

Meets Wednesdays, 12pm -1pm on Zoom

This weekly discussion group reads through a variety of theological and religious books picked out by the members. For more information and to get the Zoom link, email [diannawilliams@palmaceia.org](mailto:diannawilliams@palmaceia.org).

## WOMEN'S SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Women of all ages are invited to join together to discuss as a group the Gathering Together Around God's Word weekly readings. This study usually gathers every other Sunday at 7pm on Zoom for fellowship, prayer, and conversation on the lectionary text for the day. If you'd like to be placed on the study email list contact Pastor Nicole [nicole@palmaceia.org](mailto:nicole@palmaceia.org).

Upcoming Meetings: December 4, January 8, January 22, February 5, February 19, March 5, March 19, April 16, April 30.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: CHRISTMAS DECORATING & CHRISTMAS COFFEE

We will be decorating the Sanctuary and Chrismon Tree **Thursday, December 1st at 9am** and would appreciate all helping hands!

All women of the church are invited to attend the Presbyterian Women's return to an "in-person" Christmas Coffee, **Saturday, December 3rd 10am - noon** in Fellowship Hall. Members of PCPC's Presbyterian Women Bible studies will be providing light snacks. Feel free to drop in for seasonal fellowship; all are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Jan Gorrie, 813-334-5288 or [jan@ballardpartners.com](mailto:jan@ballardpartners.com).

*"Give attention to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching."*

1 Timothy 4:13

## YOUTH

**Youth Group** is on Wednesday evenings in the gym from 6-7:30pm for middle schoolers and from 7:30pm-8:45pm for high schoolers who meet in the Youth Great Room (Eastminster 206). **December 14th** will be the last Wednesday Youth Group before Christmas Break.

**Please Note:** *December 14th, middle school and high school youth groups will combine from 6-8 for a Jolley Trolley ride and a Movie Night.*

**Talking Pts.** meets every Monday evening from 7:30pm-8:30pm in Eastminster 204 (couch room) for our high schoolers. **December 12th** will be the last meeting before Christmas Break.

**Formation X** for middle schoolers meets every Sunday from 10:00am-10:45am in the Couch Room (Eastminster 204). **December 18th** will be the last meeting before Christmas Break.

**Please Note:** *Sunday, Nov. 27: Middle School Formation X will join an activity in WM202/204: "Advent Wreaths, Ornaments, and Outreach" from 10-10:50am.*

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## CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING 2022

**COLLECTED NOVEMBER 27 - DECEMBER 31**

Each year during the Advent and Christmas season, we turn our eyes to Bethlehem and celebrate the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ, our Savior. By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering, you honor this gift by providing resources to Beth-El Ministry, serving migrant farmworkers and the working poor right here in Hillsborough County. Your donation supports those folks helping put food on our tables all year long. Thank you.

You may give online at [www.palmaceia.org/giving](http://www.palmaceia.org/giving).

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## CHRISTMAS IN AFRICA

Christmas is a time of sharing the most precious gift you can give — the gift of your love. This gift is priceless.

One way you can do that, once again, is through Christmas in Africa. By giving a gift in honor of one you love, you are sharing hope with another far away. You can give a goat, a cow, a garden, school supplies, medical care, the assurance of safe delivery of one's child, and so much more.

Tables will be set up in the courtyard on Sundays, Nov. 27 - Dec. 18, for purchase of your life-giving gifts. Or you can order a gift online at [www.villagepartnersinternational.org](http://www.villagepartnersinternational.org).

Won't you consider a gift that continues to give to another, long after the gift is given? Thank you!



## KATE DONALDSON NAMED YOUTH DIRECTOR OF PCPC!

At its meeting October 11th, PCPC's Session, on the recommendation of its Personnel Committee, approved the promotion of Youth Intern, Kate Donaldson, to Youth Director.

Kate was born and raised in Tampa and graduated from USF in December of 2020. She has a bachelors degree in Religious Studies and in Communication, and currently attends Asbury Theological Seminary seeking a masters degree in Mental Health Counseling. Kate has been involved in our youth ministry program for 5 years, and remains excited to work with students in the community that is so familiar and near to her heart.

Kate will continue to work with Rev. Kenny Hubbell in Youth Ministry. Please join us in congratulating Kate on this good and happy news.

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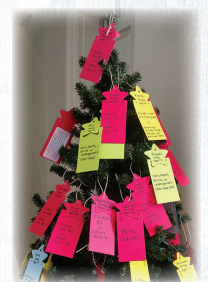
## DONATIONS

- Faith Café always NEEDS all types of gently used clothes! No item goes to waste and no donation is too small! Clean out your closets and dresser drawers and bring donations to the Church Office. Contact [stann@tampafamilylaw.com](mailto:stann@tampafamilylaw.com) with questions.
- We are ALWAYS collecting food donations for Beth-El, Faith Café, End 68 Hours, our Little Free Pantry, and clothing donations for Beth-El, Faith Café, Abe Brown Ministries, and the missions we serve, as well as items needed to set up home for Afghan Refugees. Just drop off items to the Church Office. Questions? Email Susan at [receptionist@palmaceia.org](mailto:receptionist@palmaceia.org).

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## THE GIVING TREE

Please support this year's Giving Tree by selecting a tag from one of the Christmas trees in the Fellowship Hall, the Narthex, or the gym. Guardian ad Litem, FED, Created, Beth-El, and the McClain home residents will be the recipients of your generosity this year.



You can also mail or drop off monetary donations/gift cards at the church office. We are also in need of large gift bags and tissue paper.

Please return gifts **unwrapped, with tag attached, to the church office by Sunday, December 11.**

Please contact Shannon Pierson at [spierson22@yahoo.com](mailto:spierson22@yahoo.com) or 813-731-1910 if you have any questions.

*Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.*

-Isaiah 12:2

## A "THANK YOU" FROM POLAND

*A Message Delivered by Marsha Rydberg*

Thank you for your support for the Ukrainian Refugee efforts being done by the faculty, staff, and students of EWST in Poland. Your generous gifts allowed the school to provide critical emergency support of medical supplies, clothing, and temporary housing for the refugees. They also hired a trained Ukrainian counselor to work with refugees to deal with trauma issues. All your special gifts went directly to the refugees with no administrative charge to cover the time spent by EWST staff and faculty.

Unfortunately, the war in Ukraine continues and the needs are still great. Many of the refugees are mothers with young children who left their husbands and fathers behind to fight. Many of these women have suffered physical trauma in addition to emotional stresses. Their needs are sometimes overwhelming. But our Lord can help them move forward in their lives.

EWST recently started a new academic year and launched other programs. Enrollment numbers are encouraging, with new students being admitted, including many Ukrainian students. They also are working to aid several Ukrainian theological schools as they try to find ways to continue their programs.

EWST is committed to use the Ukrainian relief gifts solely for those purposes. However, the strain on the school's resources has been great. Since the refugee situation is a long-term challenge, they ask that you consider making gifts to the general fund of the EWST educational center. That will allow EWST to continue all its vital programs, including continuing aid to refugees. Gifts for Ukrainian Relief and for EWST's general budget can be designated and directed to PCPC or:

Eddie Ferguson  
Biblical Theological Seminary of Poland  
2495 Barker Rd.  
Oxford, NC 27565

Please continue to pray for peace in Ukraine and for all who are suffering there as winter approaches. Pray for EWST to have wisdom, strength, and the resources necessary to carry on all their vital activities in the face of hardships in Poland due to inflation, energy shortages, and fatigue of their Polish team. Pray for the churches in Poland and in Ukraine as they carry on their mission to share the love of Jesus.

Thank you for your heart to care for those in need in Eastern Europe during this terrible war.

## WELCOME, ERIN LAGOR! NEW CHURCH BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR OF PALMA CEIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



At its August meeting, the Session of PCPC approved the Search Committee's recommendation of Erin Lagor as the new Church Business Administrator candidate.

Erin began her work at PCPC on October 17th.

Erin is a member of PCPC, serves on the Session, and works closely with the Children & Families Planning Team. Erin is a native of Tampa. She attended the University of Notre Dame, where she majored in Accountancy. She then obtained her Master of Accountancy in Accounting Information Systems from the University of South Florida. She is a licensed CPA and previously worked as a Tax Accountant at Brimmer, Burek & Keelan.

Erin is the mother of two children, Layla, age 9, and Christian, age 6, both of whom are active in PCPC's Children & Families programs.

We are grateful to Erin for taking this call to service, and we hope you will welcome her when you see her around campus. You can send her a welcoming email at [ErinLagor@palmacea.org](mailto:ErinLagor@palmacea.org).

PCPC welcomes baby #2 for Kenny and McKay Hubbell! David Bailey Hubbell ("Bailey") was born November 1. Congratulations, Hubbell Family!



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## PRAYER FOR ADVENT

*God of Expectation,  
fill us with your hope.  
We, your people, are fragile.  
Vulnerable.  
Weary from waiting.*

*We've been waiting Lord...*

*for test results,  
reconciliation,  
a break from Mother Nature,  
healing,  
for war and violence to cease,  
for so many things...*

*We've been waiting Lord.*

*Grant us the patience, the humility, the courage,  
to enter this Advent season with hopeful expectation.*

*May every shimmering light serve as a reminder...*

*we are not alone,  
we are loved,  
some things are worth waiting for.*

*Faithful God, thank you for waiting for us.*



**DONATE BLOOD** **BIG RED BUS AT PCPC**  
**SUNDAY, DEC. 18**  
**8:30AM-1:30PM**

YOU HAVE GREATER POWERS THAN YOU KNOW!

DONORS GET A WELLNESS CHECK & A GIFT CARD!

**SAVE THE DATES FOR SUMMER CAMPS 2023!**

**MUSICAMP:**  
for rising 2nd – rising 8th graders:  
May 30-June 4

**VBS**  
for Pre-K4-5th grade:  
June 5-9, 9am-12pm

**DISCIPLE NOW**  
for Middle Schoolers: June 5-9

Adults & youth, begin to consider now whether you can volunteer to help with VBS!