

# September 2018

# Newsletter

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Peace Covenant Presbyterian Church Key West



## Pastor's Message

I'm trying to figure out what to say here that I won't be saying in my final sermon with you entitled "Last Words". I guess you

could call this my "Next To Last Words."

The first words then, in this, should be "thank you." Karen and I want to thank you for the honor and privilege of having served you over these nearly ten years now. We were excited when we saw that Peace Covenant in Key West, FL was looking for a pastor, and everything about our introductory visit, interview, and eventual calling seemed to confirm that this was God at work in our lives and in the life of the church. So, we thank God as well for the opportunity of having ministered among you.

The next words should also be words of appreciation to the elders, members, staff, and friends of PCPC with whom we have enjoyed working and serving over these years. Ours is a dedicated group of people and we very much appreciate the effort that all of you make in ministering as the Church of Jesus Christ in this place. Thank you for all you do, and all you will continue to do to make this place a shining example of what the Kingdom of God can look like in this community.

Your work and devotion to PCPC means that the future is bright! Despite all of the challenges facing the Church in this day and age, I believe with your devotion and dedication, and with the help of the next pastor who comes to serve with you, PCPC will continue its fine tradition of great, inclusive, welcoming, and serving ministry in KW and beyond! This is an exciting time in the life of this church, and all of you have a part to play. Do your best – and wonderful things will continue to happen in this congregation, and, through you, in this community.

Please be as welcoming and supportive of the next pastor as you have been of us. Our time here is coming to an end, let it end with our leaving. The person who comes to serve you, their spouse and children, whomever, how many ever of them there are, will need your love, friendship, support and commitment. Help them assimilate into the community. Show them the ropes. Help them explore what KW is all about. Follow where they will lead, and lead with them where God would have this church go.

To those of you who are here in KW, local, full time, do everything you can to help this place grow! Help PCPC grow in spirit, in numbers, in prayer, financially, in service to others, in devotion to God, and in love for one another. To those of you who are seasonal friends and visitors, please keep worshipping here whenever you are in town, and always be praying for and supporting this congregation, your home away from home. To those of you who have moved away, but still love this place, please continue your prayers and support for those who loved you when you were here, as you did them. The "tie that binds" is never really broken.

Finally, our leaving PCPC brings to a close my fulltime service as a minister of Jesus Christ in the Presbyterian Church USA. I was ordained thirty-five years ago, and before that served as a Youth Minister, Seminary Intern, and Supply Pastor. Forty-one years in all! It has been a wonderful life, and we are proud to have shared a portion of that time with you. Thank you to all who have allowed us into your lives – the good times and the hard times. We hope we have made a difference, and we wish you Godspeed!

God bless,

Larry and Karen



**Everyone is invited**

To Pastor Schenk’s Retirement Reception Sunday September 9, 2018 1:30—3 pm at The Margaritaville Resort 245 Front Street Key West. Light snacks will be served and a cash bar will be available. Some limited free parking is available in the parking garage adjacent to the hotel, however carpooling is strongly encouraged. Bring your parking receipt with you to the party to be validated.

**Please RSVP** by email to [peacecovenantkeywest@gmail.com](mailto:peacecovenantkeywest@gmail.com) or by calling the church office at 305-294-1223.

We look forward to seeing you .



**Bell Choir practice will begin Thursday September 27 at 5:30 pm and continue every Thursday.**

**New members are encouraged and welcome!!!!**



**The Community in Prayer**

**Please keep the following in your prayers:**

***Church Family:*** We pray for our Session; John Lyon;

***Our Missionaries:*** (see back cover for their e-mail addresses)

Rev. James and Jodi McGill – Niger

Rev. Dan and Elizabeth Turk – Madagascar

***Our Extended Church Family:*** William Daniel Sweeting (cancer) Ray Howell; Les Steele (heart); Bill Miller’s sister in law Sandy (pain management); Kim Engles (cancer); Joe Carr & Claude Ream’s friend David Chiles (stroke); Joe Carr’s nephew, Kevin Clark (heart surgery); Jacquie Greis’s sister Monique (breast cancer); Daniella Ortueta (health concerns); Diana Jones’ father, James Smith; Greg Jones’ father, Bill. Also, we pray for the churches and leaders of our presbytery, synod, and our denomination.

***Global Concerns:*** Pray for peace and harmony for the world and it’s leaders.

***Local Concerns:*** Our homeless people; the military personnel and their families; our city and county officials and citizens in the midst of change and challenge.

**Prayer List**

In an effort to keep our prayer list as up-to-date as possible, please let us know when to add new names and concerns; and when it is appropriate to remove someone’s name or concern.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF THE SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY BABIES!!! We are all thinking of you on your special day!!

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| 9/8 Joe Carr      | 9/11 Miguel Menendez |
| 9/9 Emily Counts  | 9/11 Larry Schenk    |
| 9/9 Callie Harris | 9/14 John Borgens    |
| 9/10 Betty Renzi  | 9/29 Jack Musfeldt   |

# OUR CHURCH'S FINANCIAL HEALTH



## Worship Service Time

Please remember that the morning worship service will begin at 11 am this Sunday September 2. Adult Sunday School will resume at 10 am .

Total Budgeted Income YTD	\$12,477
Total Actual Receipts YTD	\$140,375
% of Budget	<b>112%</b>
Total Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$141,230
Total Actual Expenses YTD	\$147,431
% of Budget	<b>104%</b>
Total Pledged Year-To-Date	\$73,445
Total Received Year-To-Date	\$76,612
Surplus	\$3,167
% Received	<b>104.3%</b>
Average Weekly Attendance in August	38



Wesley House is offering Foster/Adoptive Training Classes beginning September 19th. Call Megan Burgess at 305-809-5020 for more information.



### Message from the Stewardship Committee

Thanks to our generous members and contributors, we have been successful in managing our 2018 expenses and absorbing several significant expenses from repairs and maintenance. We are on target or the year assuming that pledges and contributions are paid as promised.

We are in our generally slow summer season, so this would be a great time to ensure your pledges are up-to-date and that you're perhaps adding an extra offering when able. Every additional offering makes it easier for us to balance our expenses with our income. Your offerings and pledges will help us cover anticipated expenses over the rest of the summer without having to dip into our investment accounts.

Beginning in September all church committees, along with the Session, will begin the budgeting and planning process for 2019. Please be in prayer for those involved in this important aspect of the church's future. The coming year will offer new challenges and possibilities as we seek a new pastor.

Please also begin praying about where and how God may be leading you to give of your time and resources in 2019.

Copies of Financial Reports are available by calling our Church Office at 305.294.1233 or sending an email to [pcpckw@bellsouth.net](mailto:pcpckw@bellsouth.net)



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
10 am Adult Sunday School 11 am Worship Communion Sunday	Labor Day  <i>(Office closed)</i>	1:00 PM Member Care Committee Meeting 5:30 PM Worship Committee Meeting	6:00 pm Choir Practice			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
10 am Adult Sunday School 11 am Worship 1:30—3 pm Schenk Retirement Reception			6:00 pm Choir Practice			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
10 am Adult Sunday School 11 am Worship			6:00 pm Choir Practice			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
10 am Adult Sunday School 11 am Worship <i>2¢ a meal &amp; food collections</i>		5:30 pm Session Meeting	6:00 pm Choir Practice	5:30 pm Bell Choir Practice		
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