

### Generations in Ministry

Journey to Bethlehem/Live Nativity enjoyed the help of many volunteers this year and again told the Birth of Jesus story to approximately 345 people as they drove through Piedmont Park Churches parking lot and listened Pastor Michael narrate the story on the radio.

This month the Adventurer Club made personalized Christmas Cards for a 6 year old girl who is dying from brain deterioration from an unknown cause. These cards will grace a wall in her home and remind her that others have not forgotten her and that neither has Jesus.

Over 25 Gift Cards or combination of Food Baskets / Gifts were delivered to people who needed a little boost at Christmas time this week. Thank you to all who donated. This Christmas ministry was coordinated by the Youth, as well as the Better Day Ministry.

The Better Day Ministry hosted a successful benefit fundraiser. A portion of funds raised will be used to help a specific Piedmont Park Family with some of their Medical Bills.

## Piedmont Park Community Seventh-day Adventist Church

### Welcome to Worship!

We pray that your encounter with God and His Family will renew your experience of joy and peace in your journey.

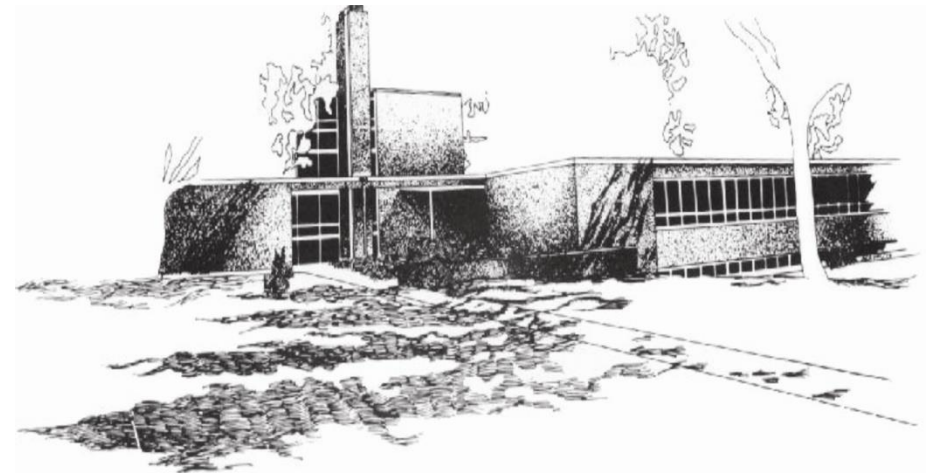
## *Praise for the Past* **Faith for the Future**



**“Let’s keep the ball rolling.  
Please keep the expansion  
project in your giving plan.”**

*Questions?  
Send an e-mail to Steve Duden  
at [steveduden@rocketmail.com](mailto:steveduden@rocketmail.com)*

**[www.faith4thefuture.com](http://www.faith4thefuture.com)**



### Vision Statement

We will, with God’s guidance, introduce individuals to Jesus Christ and support their growing relationship with Him in preparation for the Second Coming.

### Mission Statement

With God’s leading, we will create an atmosphere of Christian love and friendship, nurture spiritual growth and equip members for active involvement in ministry to our community and world.

### Church Office Information

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Facebook: [www.facebook.com/piedmontparksda](http://www.facebook.com/piedmontparksda)

## Adult Bible Study Classes

Superintendent: Ferlie Gaskin  
Musician: Anne Schenk  
Song Leaders: Melfa Day

- **Balcony Explorers:** Practical problem-solving through sharing Scripture and the Church Quarterly. Located in the Balcony. Bill Fitts and Assistants
- **Eclectic Journeymen:** Various Topics. The Montessori School Building. Peter Adams, Jeremy Middleton or Kim Hazelton
- **Searchers of the Word:** The Bible, Church Quarterly and the Spirit of Prophecy. Back left side of the Sanctuary. Oliver Williams or Guest teachers
- **Hearers of the Word:** Ask a Greeter for a hearing assistance device. Church Quarterly. Right front of Sanctuary. Richard Cotter, Alice Mihulka, Thomas Toews
- **As the Spirit Leads:** The Quarterly – Choir Loft. Virgil Carner and Leon Hill
- **Themes of Hope:** You are invited to visit or join! Guests are Welcome! Lite Breakfast. Church Quarterly. 9:30-10:40am. Kitchen end of the Fellowship Hall. Class Discussion Leader-Rotates: Renee, Jennifer, Eula, Cheryl, Scot & Manuela, or Ryan
- **Adult Sabbath School Class.** Front Left of Sanctuary. The Quarterly. Malcolm Gaskin & Sandra Schwabb
- **Karen SDA Sabbath School Class:** Room behind the Organ.
- **Young Adult Discussion Class:** South end of Fellowship Hall.

## Message of Encouragement

“Rise to more than mediocrity,  
with higher percentage integrity.

To do this, stick a little closer to Christianity:  
Surely this will help choice to avoid profanity  
protecting all that's good about human dignity,  
fraternity, maternity, productivity and longevity.

Don't you agree now that King Solomon, was  
truly wise when he avoided religiosity?

Putting aside all our tender niceties, gravities, and relativities

He concluded from his teachings in basic simplicity  
that everything done in life was about sheer vanity.

To understand this truth, bend we our hearts, in entirety  
with true humility, and sincerity knowing our potentialities,  
to Father God Almighty, our utmost to His Majesty.”

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<http://allpoetry.com/poem/11753554-On-this-side-of-Reality-by-MudCracker>

Join us in  
**10**  
days  
of **PRAYER**



**January 7-16**  
Piedmont Park SDA Church  
7pm in the Sanctuary

**January 17**  
Piedmont Park SDA Church  
7pm in the Fellowship Hall



Questions: Church Office at 402-489-1344  
[www.10daysofprayer.org](http://www.10daysofprayer.org)

# Peru Mission Trip

February 5-19, 2015



Come help us build one-day structures at our Mission Base in Pulcallpua. Approximate trip cost is \$2,500. For more information contact Virgil Carner (402) 310-1512 or Alan Peters (402) 499-7263

# EXERCISE CLASS



**Sundays - 9:00am**  
 (beginning January 11)  
**Cardio & Pilates**  
**CVA Multipurpose Room**  
**5240 Calvert Street**

*Piedmont Park Health Ministries will offer an exercise class on Sunday mornings beginning January 11 in the College View Academy multipurpose room.*

*The class will be led by Crystal Schaecher, Certified Personal Trainer, and will have 30 minutes of cardio and 30 minutes of Pilates/toning.*

*Cost is \$20 for 10 punch pass. The pass can be purchased at the first class or ahead of time by contacting the church office or Misty Wehling, 402-853-3165 or bmwehling@gmail.com*



In Concert  
**Matt & Josie Minikus**  
 January 17  
 6:30pm



Sponsored by  
 Piedmont Park Vespers  
 ppvespers@gmail.com  
 402-486-0629

December 27, 2014

Prelude

Call to Worship  
 “The First Noel” Hymn # 118  
 “Away in a Manager” Hymn # 124  
 Song Leaders: Crystal & Miles Schaecher

Prayer of Invitation Dr. Tom Toews

Music for Meditation “Mercies Anew“ Linda Johnson

Tithes and Offerings “Kansas-Nebraska Advance” Ryan Watson

Gift from the Heart “Peace Carol ”  
 Randall & Phyllis Nelson and Darrell & Tammi Daniel

Welcome & Announcements Ryan Watson

Lamb’s Offering for Peru / Children’s Story Beth Baker-Schwimmer

Song of Praise “Oh, Come All Ye Faithful”  
 Prayer Chorus “Silent Night – Verse One Only”  
 Song Leader: Beth Baker-Schwimmer  
 Musicians: Piedmont Bells and Tammy Adams

Church in Family Prayer Ryan Watson

Scripture Reading “Numbers 29:1-6” Pastor Andy Moseley

Hearing God’s Word “Happy New Year or Judgment is Coming”  
 Dr. Tom Toews

Celebration in Song “Draw Me Nearer” Hymn #306  
 Words on Screen  
 Song Leaders: Crystal & Miles Schaecher

Prayer of Blessing Dr. Tom Toews

Postlude

Organist: Tammy Adams Pianist: Sharyn Adams

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today's Bulletin**, the weekly Prayer and Praise & the Family Communiqué (extended announcements) are posted on the Piedmont Park website at [www.piedmontparksda.org](http://www.piedmontparksda.org) and click on Bulletin. And be sure to visit [www.facebook.com/piedmontparksda](http://www.facebook.com/piedmontparksda) for more!

**The deacon for the day is Steve Duden. The elder for the day is Ryan Watson.** They are happy to be of assistance to you or pray with you.

### Second Reading To Piedmont Park:

Megan Hoffmeyer from Spencer SDA Church, Spencer, IA

### Second Reading From Piedmont Park:

Ross and Kassy Eichele to Sunnyside Adventist Church, Portland, OR

Janice Grote to Holland SDA Church, Holland, NE

Ed and Debra Meelhuysen to Northside SDA Church, Lincoln, NE

Phillip Thompson to St. Louis West County SDA Church, Chesterfield, MO

**Adventurer, Eager Beaver and Little Lambs** will resume on Wednesday, January 7.

Questions? Jeanette Halfhill 402-405-6231

**Thank you to all who donated to, helped with, or who ate at La Paloma for Better Day Ministries fundraiser on December 9.** The public showed great faith and trust by making donations into an organization they are not familiar with. La Paloma donated 15% of all sales. We raised \$224.00 to use to help families in need within Piedmont Park Church and a limited number of community families as well. We thank you and God for the funds!

**Celebrate Recovery group: We will not be meeting on Thursday, January 1. We will resume on Thursday, January 8, 2015 at 6:30pm.** For further details please contact Pastor Andy 402-450-4390

**Health Ministries will offer an exercise class on Sunday mornings at 9:00am beginning January 11 in the College View Academy multipurpose room.** 5240 Calvert St. The class will be led by Crystal Schaecher, Certified Personal Trainer, and will have 30 minutes of cardio and 30 minutes of Pilates/toning. Cost is \$20 for 10 punch pass. The pass can be purchased at the first class or ahead of time by contacting the church office at [piedmontparksda@gmail.com](mailto:piedmontparksda@gmail.com) or Misty Wehling, Health Ministries Chair at 402-853-3165 or [bmwehling@gmail.com](mailto:bmwehling@gmail.com)

**Please join us for 2015 Ten Days of Prayer, from January 7-17 at 7:00pm.** The topic will be Experiencing the Fruit of the Spirit. We will meet in the Sanctuary January 7-16 and in the Fellowship Hall on January 17. Questions? Leon Hill 402-840-7998

**Matt & Josie Minikus will be in Concert here at Piedmont Park on January 17 at 6:30pm.** This is a free concert sponsored by Piedmont Park Vespers. Matt & Josie's music is a mellow, contemporary folk blend of guitar, piano and beautiful harmonies. Their goal for all of their music to lift Jesus up and to bring glory to God in a reverent and worshipful way. You can learn more about Matt & Josie by visiting their website at <http://www.mattandjosieminikus.com/> An offering will be taken for Matt & Josie's ministry. Contact Vanessa Schaecher, Vespers Chair at [ppvespers@gmail.com](mailto:ppvespers@gmail.com) or 402-486-0629 for more information.

**In order for donations to be received as 2014 donations, you need to do one of the following:**

1. Place the donation in today's (December 27) offering.
2. Mail the donation to the church with a check dated no later than December 31 and a postmark of no later than December 31
3. Make an on-line donation before midnight of December 31

Thank you so much for your support of Piedmont Park.SDA Church

Evelyn Cornforth, Treasurer

### Church Calendar

**Friday, December 26, 5:07pm - Sundown – We welcome the Sabbath day**

**Sabbath, December 27, 5:07pm – Sundown – We look forward to a blessed week**

9:20am-Adult Sabbath School Song Service

9:30am-Child & Youth Sabbath School Program and Study

9:40am-Adult Lesson Study

10:50am-Hearing God's Word: Dr. Tom Toews

**Wednesday, December 31**

No Prayer Meeting

**Friday, January 2, 5:11pm - Sundown – We welcome the Sabbath day**

**Sabbath, January 3, 5:11pm – Sundown – We look forward to a blessed week**

9:20am-Adult Sabbath School Song Service

9:30am-Child & Youth Sabbath School Program and Study

9:40am-Adult Lesson Study

10:50am-Hearing God's Word: Pastor Michael Halfhill

12:30pm-"Bring and Share" Potluck Dinner in the Fellowship Hall

6:00pm-Soup Supper & Guitar Vespers

**Wednesday, January 7 through Sabbath, January 17**

7:00pm-Ten Days of Prayer (7-16 in Sanctuary and 17 in Fellowship Hall)

**Wednesday, January 7**

6:30pm-Pathfinders, Adventurer, Eager Beaver, Little Lambs Clubs Meetings

**Thursday, January 8**

6:30pm – Celebrate Recovery

**Sunday, January 11**

9:00am-Exercise Class at 5240 Calvert Street-College View Academy Multipurpose Room

**Sabbath, January 17**

6:30pm-Matt & Josie Minikus in Concert

### Offering Calendar

12-27 Kansas-Nebraska Advance

01-03 Piedmont Park's Financial Needs

### Piedmont Park's Financial Weekly Report

**Our year-to-date church budget is \$5,718.24 in arrears.** It requires \$3,545.10 each week to fund our church's expenses and ministries. Thank you for remembering our regular expenses. Donations must be in by midnight on December 31 to be receipted as 2014.

Lambs Offering – Pathfinders \$117.99

Tithe & offerings may be donated online by going to [www.piedmontparksda.org](http://www.piedmontparksda.org), then click Online Giving.

Treasurer-Evelyn Cornforth 402-484-3004 [evcornf@gmail.com](mailto:evcornf@gmail.com)

### Stewardship and Ministry

A type of stewardship that many of us struggle with is time for devotion, contemplation and worship. Yet without these we may begin to struggle with other areas of stewardship. We may lose interest or not know what to get involved in.

God will help us know what to say yes to and what to say no to as we are close to Him and listen for His still small voice. Being finite, we experience limitation. God is infinite. He knows the end from the beginning. He can help us along our journey.

**Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it." Isaiah 30:21**