

### Prayer and Praise

**Little Boy to Mommy during evening Prayers: "If God is way up there, should I pray a little louder?"**

God implores us not pray as the heathen does, using vain repetition, but to trust that God hears us the very first time we ask & that He understands the very groaning of our hearts.

Let our prayers be simple, honest, respectful, hopeful. Yet, let us know that in this world, God cannot always give us what we want but that He does promise to work all things together for good for those that love Him.

Please remember two families who lost loved ones recently, The Biggerstaffs and the Opps. We pray for God's comfort and strength during their time of loss. Please remember all those who have lost loved ones especially during this Holiday Season.

## **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**



*Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support of Piedmont Park's expansion project!*

*Questions to Steve Duden  
steveduden@rocketmail.com*

**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: Leon Hill

Musician: Betty Hill

Song Leaders: Beth Baker Schwimmer & Adam Schwimmer

- **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

*By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. John 13:35*

If we would be true lights in the world, we must manifest the loving, compassionate spirit of Christ. To love as Christ loved means that we must practice self-control. It means that we must show unselfishness at all times and in all places. It means that we must scatter round us kind words and pleasant looks. These cost the giver nothing, but they leave behind a precious fragrance. Their influence for good cannot be estimated. Not only to the receiver, but to the giver, they are a blessing; for they react upon him. Genuine love is a precious attribute of heavenly origin, which increases in fragrance in proportion as it is dispensed to others.

God desires His children to remember that in order to glorify Him, they must bestow their affection on those who need it most. None with whom we come in contact are to be neglected. No selfishness in look, word, or deed is to be manifested to our fellow beings, whatever their position, whether they be high or low, rich or poor. The love that gives kind words to only a few, while others are treated with coldness and indifference is not love, but selfishness. It will not in any way work for the good of souls or the glory of God. We are not to confine our love to one or two objects.

Those who gather the sunshine of Christ's righteousness, and refuse to let it shine into the lives of others, will soon lose the sweet, bright rays of heavenly grace, selfishly reserved to be lavished upon a few. . . . Self should not be allowed to gather to itself a select few, giving nothing to those who need help the most. Our love is not to be sealed up for special ones. Break the bottle, and the fragrance will fill the house.

From Devotional: *Our Father Cares*, p. 44, 45.

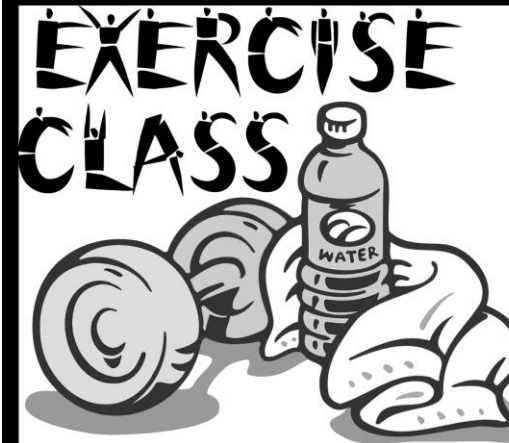
# Peru Mission Trip

## February 5-19, 2015



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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



**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](mailto:bmwehling@gmail.com)**



December 20, 2014



Piedmont Park's  
**Annual Christmas Eve Program**



Every year Piedmont Park's Annual **Christmas Eve Program** is a special time of worship and celebration.

Plan now to attend this special program on **December 24** at **6:00pm** in the **Sanctuary** as we celebrate the birth of our Savior! **We hope to see you there!**

Questions:  
Crystal Schaecher - sing4yahweh@yahoo.com

Prelude

Call to Worship

"There's a Song in the Air"

Hymn #120

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

Hymn #127

Song Leaders:

Linda Johnson, Manuela Coppock, Angela, Mikayla & Christian

Prayer of Invitation

Pastor Michael Halfhill

Music for Meditation

"Happy Birthday, Jesus!"

Kindergarten SS Class

Tithes and Offerings

"Piedmont Park SDA Church's Financial Needs"

Dale Day

Gift from the Heart

"Get Up and Go"

Primary SS Class

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Michael Halfhill

Baby Dedication

Elizabeth "Libby" Moutray

Pastor Michael Halfhill

Lamb's Offering for Pathfinders / Children's Story

Beth Baker-Schwimmer

Musical Praise

"Do You Hear What I Hear?"

Junior SS Class

Church in Family Prayer

Student Pastor Seth Gaskin

Scripture Reading

"Genesis 28:10-12"

Trystin Sommers

Hearing God's Word

"An Angel Came Down"

Pastor Michael Halfhill

Celebration in Song

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

Hymn #122

Words on Screen

Song Leaders:

Linda Johnson, Manuela Coppock, Angela, Mikayla & Christian

Prayer of Blessing

Pastor Michael Halfhill

Postlude

Organist: Ashley Unterseher

Pianist: Kristen Unterseher

Collecting the Offering:

Earliten and Youth SS Classes



**CAROLING**  
**December 21**

3pm to 5:30pm

We will meet in fellowship hall about **2:45pm** and walk over to Bryan Hospital for caroling!

Soup dinner to follow for those who participate. Bring soup, sandwiches and goodies to share

**\*\*Those who are experiencing cold and flu symptoms please join us next year\*\***

Please RSVP to Melissa Young  
402-646-2036 (lv msg)

Sponsored by the  
6 Families with Special Needs Ministry

**Soup Supper  
& Guitar Vespers**



**January 3 at 6pm**

(continuing on 1st Sabbath of each month April 2015)

We will have supper, then finish off with a vespers sing-a-long to end Sabbath.

Bring:

\*Your favorite soup, breads, toppings, fresh fruits & veggies, etc.

\*Guitars and any other musical instruments

\*Your voice

Sponsored by Piedmont's Social Committee

Hosts: Darrell & Tammi Daniel

dtdaniel@aol.com



## 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 Mark Snyder. The elder for the day is Leon Hill.** They are happy to be of assistance to you or pray with you.

### **First Reading To Piedmont Park:**

Megan Hoffmeyer from Spencer SDA Church, Spencer, IA

### **First 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 not be meeting on December 24 and will resume on Wednesday, January 7. Questions? Jeanette Halfhill 402-405-6231

**Today we celebrate a Baby Dedication** for Elizabeth "Libby" Moutray, infant daughter of Brad and Missy Moutray. Libby joins brother Ben.

**Peru Projects Mission trip participants need 7 or 8 extra suitcases of medium to large size** to pack felts and personal belongings of the Eben Espinosa family that they left here recently. If you have usable suit case you are willing to donate, please bring it to church and leave in the fellowship hall during December. Virgil Carner, President of Peru Projects

**If you would like to give to help supply Christmas food baskets please place your offering in a tithe envelope and mark it C. Baskets.** Contact: Pastor Andy Moseley 402-450-4390

### **Special Events at Piedmont Park in December:**

December 24 - Candlelight Christmas Eve Program

December 27 - Dr. Tom Toews preaching

**Celebrate Recovery group: We will not be meeting on Thursday, December 25 or Thursday, January 1. We will resume on Thursday, January 8, 2015 at 6:30pm.** The Celebrate Recovery group invites all who wish to join us for popcorn, pizza, cookies and a Christmas movie in the youth room on Saturday, December 20 at 6pm. For further details please contact Pastor Andy 402-450-4390

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**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.

**Please join us for 2015 Ten Days of Prayer, from January 7-17, 2015.** The topic will be Experiencing the Fruit of the Spirit. Questions? Leon Hill 402-840-7998

## Church Calendar

**Friday, December 19, 5:03pm – Sundown – We welcome the Sabbath day**

**Sabbath, December 20, 5:03pm – 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 – Christmas Church Service with our Children's Divisions

12:30pm-All Church "Bring and Share" Potluck after Worship Service

**Monday, December 22**

1:00pm-Daytime Prayer Meeting – Junior Room

**Wednesday, December 24**

6:00pm-Christmas Eve Candlelight Program

No Evening Prayer Meeting Tonight – Resumes Wednesday, January 7

**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

**Monday, December 29**

No Daytime Prayer Meeting - Resume Date to be Arranged

**Wednesday, December 31**

No Prayer Meeting Tonight...Resumes Wednesday, January 7, 7:00pm

**Sabbath, January 3**

6:00pm – Soup Supper & Guitar Vespers

**Thursday, January 8**

6:30pm – Celebrate Recovery resumes

## Offering Calendar

12-20 Piedmont Park Church's Financial Needs

12-27 Kansas-Nebraska Advance

### **Piedmont Park's Financial Weekly Report**

**Our year-to-date church budget is \$4,322.48 in arrears.** It requires \$3,545.10 each week to fund our church's expenses and ministries. Thank you for remembering our regular expenses.

Lambs Offering – Peru \$154.30

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

We, as a Church, have been very busy over this fall and winter season. Thank you for helping create, fund and staff Vacation Bible School in July, Light Up the Dark in October, and Journey to Bethlehem/Live Nativity in December.

Together the Church has slowly found its way out of a large church budget deficit in the last weeks. Regular giving helps our church pay its bills on time, and support our chosen ministries. We thank you for your continued giving.

We want to express genuine gratitude for working together as church members for the mission God has given us here in the Lincoln Community.