

# December 2017

## PONDERINGS FROM THE PASTOR

*When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they reported all that God had done with them. But some believers who belonged to the sect of the Pharisees stood up and said, "It is necessary for them to be circumcised and ordered to keep the law of Moses." The apostles and the elders met together to consider this matter. After there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, "My brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that I should be the one through whom the Gentiles would hear the message of the good news and become believers... Now therefore why are you putting God to the test by placing on the neck of the disciples a yoke that neither our ancestors nor we have been able to bear?..." The whole assembly kept silence, and listened to Barnabas and Paul as they told of all the signs and wonders that God had done through them among the Gentiles.*

ACTS 15:4-12

The challenge of Presbyterianism is to live out our faith as exemplified by the early church. Early Christianity was a radical departure from both Jewish and Roman group practices due to its insistence on equality and communal transparency. Here in Acts 15, the famous Jerusalem Council shows how a major question over the role of gentile believers was openly decided in front of the entire faith community. For Christians in the Bible, transparency that invited every member – including women – to participate in decisions was a sign the church closely followed God. Examples like this are central to Presbyterian polity.

Presbyterian doctrines of openness and connection are crucial to the work before us as Park Presbyterian Church, because they are chief among our growing edges. It helps to recognize that open collaboration – highly valued among the under-represented Millennials we hope to attract once again – has not been the preferred structure for some time. Instead, we see the “silo model” a more common *modus operandi* going back many, many years (though no group operates entirely one way). In the Silo Model, independent groups form to carry out their own activities, with one, small group overseeing them but light (or no) interaction between the groups (see Figure 1). While PC USA Churches aren't designed to operate this way, systems theory suggests that when enough leaders prefer a certain management style, that style will dominate regardless of other factors. Given Park Church's history of major corporate leaders, it may be that certain preferences influenced how activities were managed and decisions were made, most likely without much aware-

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## FROM THE OFFICE

**EMAIL LIST**—Most of you should have received an email notification that you were added to the “Park Presbyterian Church Google Group,” and I thought I’d take the opportunity to clarify what this is. Because I was emailing a large group of people with the weekly update and other occasional church concerns, Gmail thought I was sending “spam,” would hold the email for 24 hours, and bounce all (or sometimes, only some) back to me—meaning that the emails I thought had been sent out were not sent. Gmail suggested creating a “Google group” as a workaround, which would let me email a large group of people. I therefore went through our “Congregation and Friends” email list and added them to our Google group. If you received an email notification, no action is required on your part. If you would like to be added to the Google group, or you are not receiving emails but should be, please let me know by calling (315-331-2255) or emailing (parkchurch110@gmail.com) the church.

**COMMUNICATION**—If you happen to be in the building or office, and you do things like sign for a package or open mail that I haven’t yet sorted that you know is for you, please leave me a note and let me know that you did so. Otherwise, I think I’m still waiting for the package, or think the mail has been lost or misplaced.

**FLOWERS**—Flowers aren’t just memorial flowers—they can be in honor of special days as well, such as birthdays and anniversaries. If you’d like to purchase flowers for yourself or loved ones to have displayed during the 10:00 a.m. worship service, please sign up on the form outside the office. The cost is \$25.00 per arrangement, or you are welcome to obtain your own

flowers.

**MEETING MINUTES FOR 2017**—Meeting minutes for all teams that are meeting regularly are kept in the “Meeting Minutes” binder in the office, on the counter. If you’re curious as to what teams are discussing, please feel free to come in and have a look. Minutes for Session, Presbyterian Women, and Deacons are also included in this binder.

**BUILDING USE FORMS**—Be sure to get a building use form to Property or me if you need to use the building for any special events. Also please be sure to include on the form when you plan to set up, so I know to block off that time on the schedule as well.

**THE ANNUAL REPORT**—Reports are due Monday, December 4. Please have them emailed or turn in a hard copy to me by then. Annual Reports will be available in the sanctuary beginning January 7th. The Annual Meeting will be Sunday, January 28.

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**—The office will be closed Monday, December 25th, and Tuesday, December 26th. Wednesday Workers will meet as scheduled on Wednesday, December 27th. The office will again be closed on Monday, January 1st, and will reopen on Tuesday, January 2nd. Please plan accordingly.

Thank you all, and have a wonderful 2018!

*Bethany*

## MITTEN & HAT TREE

The children of Newark need your help again this year. If you could find it in your heart, put mittens, hats, and scarves on the mitten tree. We do want to keep the children warm this year. Thank you.

DEBBIE COMPHER



ness of how that impacted church membership and spiritual growth.

The task before us is to move toward a Collaborative Model (Figure 2), which involves more communication across the entire congregation and includes members in deeper spiritual practices. The past decline in membership makes sense given the lack of relevance for those not included in decisions, as well as the relatively light involvement of Elders outside their spheres of interest (a rarity in the PC USA). This also helps explain how Park Church came to the point where a recent Session was mis-performing enough to be disbanded by the Presbytery. In our current Session study, we recently noted that “engagement” across the congregation is much lower than the national average – which is to be expected when membership hasn't included regular participation in decisions.



*Figure 1: Silo Model*



*Figure 2: Collaborative Model*

To address this change, Elders now discuss collaborative techniques and open processes as part of the requisite leadership training. We also engage in book studies together, which allow Elders to share strategies to increase inclusion and engage more members. This helps us move toward Presbyterian practices together, and seems to especially enthruse newer Elders, though Fran Guchone was enamored of new approaches as a way to encourage Christian devotion.

While we can't expect an overnight change as if a group can simply flip a switch (so it's not surprising when some still fail to publicize meetings or leave others out of discussions), there is agreement that collaborative leadership is a necessary goal for the congregation we love. For this change to take place, we need responses from those who are not Elders or Deacons – from you. When you hear a group is having an open meeting to hear your views, attend and take part. When you hear there is a “planning” or “organizational” meeting, do the same. Choose one or two Session meetings to attend, at least in part. And set aside the fourth Sunday each January for the Annual Meeting, when every member has both voice and vote. In the past, not all decisions were made at committee, Session, or Congregation level. Not all meetings were open or collaborative as the congregation invested their trust in perennial leaders. Today, many Elders want to hear from you (as do I), and it's very possible that your perspective will provide insights into how God leads us to our next place of shared faith. The new practices God calls us to enjoin do not take some huge effort or major mental gymnastics – they are as simple as we read about in Acts 15: show up, speak out, and listen. In my experience, if we engage in such practices in order to seek God, our efforts will be blessed.

*Pastor Kirk*

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John McCue
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Carol Rosenthal
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Stu Blodgett Jr.
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Roger Brennessel  
Sally Praino  
Jean Young
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Vern Coleman
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Dave Harris
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Verna Blondell  
Alicia Short
- 20  
Joe Burgess  
Ken Rowe
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Roger Johnson
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Christine Stephens
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Mary Cree
- 25  
Jonathan Taylor
- 27  
Larry Brown
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Sandi Marcano

## IN OUR PRAYERS...

**Prayers for healing and comfort:** Mallory's horse, Barb S—evaluation for tenure, Fred B—leading American Legion, Bonnie's friends in FL, Jackson Taylor—car accident, Dexter Benedict—lost business in fire, Taft Family, Linda & Fred Wood, George, those in Puerto Rico, that our congregation receives God's word and grows, thank you to veterans and safety of those who serve, shooting in TX church, Jeanne Lewis & family, the families of the accident victims in Marion, shootings, abused children & pets, refugees, military away from home during holidays, Weimer family, healing for Jeanne Salisbury

**Prayers for protection in service to our country:** Joe Burgess, Seth Burgess, Ryan Enos, David Kuperus, Tim Peck, Greg Seppeler

**Prayers for hope and encouragement to our mission partners and Presbyterian peacemakers:** Rev. Nadia Ayoub (Ukraine), Mision Sinai and Mision Monte Horeb (Mexico), Rev. Joan Stewart (WV)

**Prayers in thanks and celebration:** Kelly's sister's wedding, Ellie's mom—96, game night, our great abundance, for each day & hope for tomorrow, those who value God's word and look deeper, good health care & research, Karen W— together with sister Susan in church, PNC meeting weekly—please pray for them, veterans, AJ back in good health, Eileen—thankful grandson is okay, Browns— wonderful week in Portland with son & family, Debbie—nice dinner at Applebee's honoring veterans, those who serve, Happy Birthday Ellie!, book sale—many books sold, Lynn Weimer at rest, NAPA owner selling, Mallory's wonderful performances

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Longtime Park Church member **Harry Lewis** passed away on November 3rd at the age of 90. A graveside service was held in Clifton Springs on November 11th. Harry joined the church in 1939, and enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1945, serving in the Pacific during World War II. Upon completion of his service, Harry returned to Newark to complete his high school education, and was married at Park Church in 1947. Harry is survived by his wife **Jeanne**, daughters Judith (Tony) Blasczienski of Rickman, TN and Cheryl (James) Tears of Clifton Springs, brother **Gil** and sister-in-law **Mary**, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

It's a girl! Nora Catherine Marcano was born on Thanksgiving Day, weighing 8 lbs. 14 oz. Parents are Daniel and Rachael Marcano, and proud grandmother is **Sandi Marcano**. Congratulations to all!

Richard Groover, brother of **Dale Groover**, passed away on October 16th at his home in Canton, Pennsylvania, at the age of 78. Richard is survived by his wife Sheryl, children Amy, Todd, and Jon, and many siblings, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

**Jeanne Salisbury** is on the mend following a broken arm and surgery November 30th. Get well soon, Jeanne!

# CHURCH Life News

The Church Life team enjoyed being with all of you who were able to attend our November 3<sup>rd</sup> Potluck and Game Night, even though there was some confusion as to which date it was to occur! We still had a wonderful time and it was so nice to have Mary Jane and Ted Donnelly join us for their first time. Mary Jane made us a pot of delicious corn chowder that we greatly enjoyed. We look forward to them joining us again, as well as everyone else!

At this time, I'd like to thank the members of our Church Life Team for all of their hard work and support throughout the year. I appreciate their creative ideas and willingness to serve. My sincere appreciation goes out to Pastor Kirk Baker, Deb Compher, Bill Doebler, Ellie Foote, Stephanie Lang, Eileen Taylor, ET Trunick and Linda Werts. You are truly a pleasure to work with. Our team also thanks and recognizes all of you who have helped us with providing activities, grilling, setting up, or cleaning up after events. Your additional support lessens the load and helps events run more smoothly.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

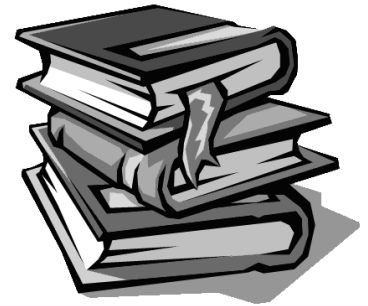
***Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Advent Family Night from 4:30-6:30 p.m.:*** We hope you and your family or guests will join us in the lounge to make decorations, decorate cookies and then the tree in the lounge, as we enter the Advent season. We always have a wonderful time and it is an opportunity to make closer connections with your Park Church members. Signup sheets have been posted for attending, and also for those who are able, to sign-up to bring a pot of soup or a dessert to share. We also suggest that you bring in sandwiches for your family, if desired. The Church Life team will supply the water, tea, coffee, and milk.

***Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, Adult Christmas Social at 6:30 p.m.:*** Back by popular demand, we will be gathering in the lounge to socialize and share some Christmas cheer. Hors d'oeuvres or a dessert, along with your favorite beverage to share, or monetary donations are appreciated. We will also have water, punch, mulled cider, tea, and coffee available. If you need a babysitter for your children and you sign them up at least a week prior to the event, our team will try to provide babysitters along with some activities and snacks on the third floor.

***Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, Potluck and Game Night at 5:30 p.m.:*** Dishes to share are welcome or monetary donations may be made to help cover the cost of paper products and beverages. Again, if you need a babysitter for your children and you sign them up at least a week prior to the event, our team will try to provide supervision along with some activities and snacks on the third floor.

Wishing you all the blessings of Christmas!

**CHERYL LOTZ**  
*Church Life Team Chair*



**Book Club** will be meeting **Tuesday, December 19th, at 7:00 p.m.** in the lounge. You are welcome to join us.

Reading & discussing  
*The Redbird*  
*Christmas*  
by Fannie Flagg

**Due to the CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY, the DEADLINE FOR JANUARY'S PARKview is FIRM.**

**Please have all SUBMISSIONS in BY MONDAY, DECEMBER 18TH.**



# CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

The Christmas Joy Offering celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ, the truly “incredible gift,” as well as the gifts of church leaders—past, present, and future.

In the second letter to the Corinthians, Paul talks of a generous gift that has been promised. As he sends folks ahead to make arrangements for this gift, he takes the opportunity to illuminate the impact of generosity. Paul grounds readers first in God's generosity, reminding us that God not only provides seed for sowing and bread food, but God goes further, partnering in human generosity both as source and as amplification. The gifts we give are from God, and they are multiplied and increased by God as we give. The result of the generous gift made by the Corinthians therefore has a compounding effect, enriching the Corinthians “in every way.” It results in impact to those whose need is met, and the ministry made possible by the gift—to the giver of the gift as well. It then overflows in thanksgiving to God and benefits the whole church as it inspires and testifies to the gracious work of God through Christ. It is that grace, then, that Paul describes as “incredible.”

Through the work of the Christmas Joy Offering, we seek the living of this truth: that God's generosity is the source, the support, and the outcome of our own. We give because God has freely given. We give to support the needs of our church leaders—past, present, and future – and God amplifies and extends those gifts through the ministry of those leaders. Their gifts of ministry extend and amplify as well, “overflowing” in thanksgiving to God, and the entire environment of generosity bears witness to God's grace, a truly incredible gift.

A church worker in a time of need receives the generosity of the church in the same way they have been generous in their service to it – then turns around and make a gift himself to help other church leaders in need. A student at Presbyterian Pan American School receives the generosity of the church and responds by dedicating his life to the serving the church. The work of the Offering is compounding generosity, with unending expansion and ceaseless increase.

In gratitude to God for the gift of Jesus, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) invites our congregation to join this celebration of God's presence with us by supporting those in need of help and hope.

The Christmas Joy Offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. \$1.1 million of gifts from 2016 are being used to provide critical financial support and grants for current and retired Presbyterian church works in their times of need. Housing supplements from the BOP helped more than 211 households remain in their homes, afford assisted living, or long-term care. Income supplements from the BOP helped nearly 291 households, assisting retired church workers and surviving spouses with the means to provide for themselves. Shared and Emergency Grants from the BOP helped more than 110 households facing times of great financial need or uncertainty due to unforeseen circumstances.

**DEBBIE COMPHER**  
*Mission Chair*

## Mexico Mission Update

**Mexico Mission Team's “buy a part” fundraiser** continues through December 17th. We have met the “match” for the Water Softener/Brine Tank. A heartfelt thank-you to that generous donor and to all who doubled their own donations by participating in the match opportunity. Another anonymous and most generous donor has purchased the Reverse Osmosis Unit with a donation of \$4,300. Your kindness and willingness to partner in this mission is greatly appreciated! Please accept our gracious thank-you! Funds raised so far are just under

\$10,000. Please see the bulletin board for parts remaining. Perhaps some may wish to purchase a part as an alternative Christmas gift this year.

**As always we appreciate** your prayerful as well as your financial support to bring clean drinking water to our brothers and sisters of Mision Sinai and their Limones community of 5,000.

**LINDA WERTS**

# December 2017

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Holiday Office Hours</i></p> <p> <b>MONDAY</b>      <i>December 25</i>      <b>CLOSED</b>  <b>Tuesday</b>      <i>December 26</i>      <b>CLOSED</b>  <b>Monday</b>      <i>January 1</i>      <b>CLOSED</b> </p>						1	2
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<p>"Blessings" Bags Due</p> <p>Advent Family Night 4:30 PM</p>	<p>Pastor Kirk out of office</p> <p>ANNUAL REPORTS DUE</p> <p>PW Bible Study Noon</p> <p>Adult Bell Choir 6:15 PM</p>	<p>Deacons 6:00 PM</p>	<p>Mission 10:00 AM</p> <p>Worship 6:00 PM</p>	<p>Family Promise Fundraising 7:00 PM</p>	<p>Christmas Bazaar 9:00 AM—3:00 PM</p> <p>Celtic Dinner 5:30 PM</p> <p>Dady Brothers 7:00 PM</p>	<p>Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign 9:00 AM—6:00 PM</p>	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
<p>"Sonrise" Worship 8:00 AM</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM</p> <p>New Member Sunday 10:00 AM</p> <p>Sunday School 10:30 AM</p> <p>New Member Reception 11:15 AM</p>	<p>POINSETTIA ORDERS DUE</p> <p>PW Luncheon Circle Noon</p> <p>Property 6:00 PM</p> <p>Adult Bell Choir 6:15 PM</p>	<p>Membership 3:00 PM</p> <p>Caroling with Newark Scouts @ Newark Manor 6:30 PM</p>	<p>Mexico Planning 1:00 PM</p>	<p>Bible Study 4:30 PM</p>			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
<p>"Buy a Part" fundraiser ends</p> <p>"Sonrise" Worship 8:00 AM</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM</p> <p>Family Worship 10:00 AM</p> <p>Sunday School 10:30 AM</p> <p>Deacon Coffee Hour 11:15 AM</p>	<p>PARKVIEW DEADLINE!</p> <p>PW Bible Study Noon</p> <p>Finance 5:30 PM</p> <p>Adult Bell Choir 6:15 PM</p> <p>Family Promise Board 7:00 PM</p>	<p>Christian Ed 5:00 PM</p> <p>Book Club 7:00 PM</p>	<p>Session 6:00 PM</p>	<p>Bible Study 4:30 PM</p>			
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30	
<p>FOR 12/24:</p> <p>"Sonrise" Worship 8:00 AM (2 Cents a Meal)</p> <p>Christmas Eve Worship 7:00 PM</p> <p>The 12/31 schedule is as usual, with 8am &amp; 10am worship</p>	<p>CHRISTMAS DAY (office closed)</p>	<p>(office closed)</p>	<p>Wednesday Workers 11:30 AM</p>	<p>Bible Study 4:30 PM</p>			

# Financial Stewardship Leadership Needed

## THANK You!

I would like to thank all the people who have made my first year as Mission chair go smoothly. Linda Werts, Pastor Kirk Baker, Paul Salisbury, Jeanne Salisbury, Bill & Karen Doebler, Ellie Foote, ET Trunick, Sandi Marcano, and all of the rest of the people who have made all of our Mission work possible. I would like to wish everyone A happy holiday season.

DEBBIE COMPHER

Since I arrived at Park Church, Financial Stewardship has been an area of strong need. Scott Blondell and I threw together a hasty letter campaign that first year, then Paul Salisbury also stepped up to help. This year we had a short list of people who were willing to help with a campaign, but we still lack a chair to convene meetings and present campaign options.

One note about serving as a Team Chair: good Chairs actually do little hands-on work. Good chairs encourage others to be involved, identify tasks and assign them to willing volunteers, and coordinate the accomplishment of those tasks, but do very little front-line work themselves. As we seek formal leaders, we can keep this in mind: good leaders involve others and allow them to carry out most, if not all, of the actual work.

That is definitely the leader we need for Financial Stewardship, since all forms of stewardship are a privilege and a blessing to pursue. For three years, no one has been willing to lead a small group of dedicated people in this crucial aspect of spiritual devotion; would you please prayerfully consider serving God in this way? If it's not the right fit for you, would you consider speaking with someone else you suspect would be good in this role? Again, we are looking for someone who is good at encouraging others to become engaged. Thank you!

*Pastor Kirk*

## 2017 Poinsettia Order Form

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ plants.

In memory /honor of (please circle one):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ please deliver my plant(s) to a shut-in      \_\_\_\_ I will pick up my plant(s) after 12/24.

Reminder: orders are due to the office by Monday, December 11th, for pick up following the Christmas Eve service



**\$6 per plant**



## Privileged to Serve

As the Nominating Team completes its work, it seems helpful to focus on the *spirituality* of the two major leadership roles in the PC USA: Deacon and Elder. Many people are concerned about the time commitment, which is a good thing – the time commitment is high and I suspect should be higher than it has been in the past here. But time commitment is not the major consideration: *spiritual development* is the main consideration. Serving God as a Deacon or an Elder is hard work due to the level of spiritual engagement. Deacons are responsible for the spiritual care of those who are in extra need due to health or other concerns; Elders are responsible for the spiritual welfare of every church member. Those roles require energy, thoughtfulness, a willingness to listen, and regular prayer. When these things are brought to the roles, the time spent seems coincidental.

The “open secret” about these roles is that when they are approached spiritually rather than as an administrative “task,” they lead to profound spiritual growth. Too often they can be approached as “job positions” with a duties list rather than the discerning, reflective opportunities they truly are. Approached faithfully, there are no roles more suited to increasing depth of faith and mature discipleship than serving as Deacon or Elder. I hope more people will consider these roles by asking this central question: *Is this my time to serve Christ in this way?* As long as Christ is both focus and guide, the “work” of Deacon or Elder will be extremely rewarding.



*Pastor Kirk*

*Pastor Kirk*

## Do You Like Tech?

We've incorporated new technology into everything from Sunday Worship to financial procedures over the last two years. When technology is applied properly, productivity increases and younger families feel more comfortable with their church home. As we continue to expand our uses of computers, audio, and video, the opportunities for techies to support the spiritual lives of the congregation also increase. If you are a “tech junkie” or would like to know more about how tech supports the life of our faith community, please speak with Pastor Kirk or Scott Blondell about how you might become more involved.

## Pastor Nominating Update

We currently have reviewed 185 applications and have conducted interview and are meeting once a week. In the meantime, the PNC continues to receive PIFs and process them. While the PNC is not able to share any specifics with anyone outside the PNC and Rev. Ellen Donnan, the Committee on Ministry liaison, the congregation needs to share any questions or concerns they might have with the members of the PNC directly. At least one member of the PNC will be around after worship each week so that you can ask questions. They will answer to the best of the ability, given the parameters of confidentiality they must maintain.

The congregation can aid the process by praying daily for the person whom God has chosen to be the next pastor for the Park Presbyterian Church. Know that the PNC is working diligently on your behalf.

### THE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

**Stephanie Lang—chair, Paul Salisbury, Ken Rowe, Natalie Lemmon, Bob Hanson, Christine Stephens, and Gil Burgess; the Rev. Ellen Donnan—COM liaison**

# Advent at Park

*Saturday, December 2*  
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR, 9 A.M.—3 P.M.  
CELTIC DINNER, 5:30 P.M.  
COMM. TREE LIGHTING, 6:00 P.M.  
THE DADY BROTHERS, 7:00 P.M.

*Sunday, December 3*  
“BLESSINGS” BAGS DUE  
ADVENT FAMILY NIGHT, 4:00 P.M.

*Monday, December 11*  
POINSETTIA ORDERS DUE  
PW LUNCHEON CIRCLE, NOON

*Tuesday, December 12*  
CAROLING WITH NEWARK  
SCOUTING, 6:30 P.M.  
@NEWARK MANOR

*Please note that there will be one morning service on December 24th at 8:00 a.m. in the chapel. There will be no 10:00 a.m. service that day. The Christmas Eve candlelight service will be held that evening at 7:00 p.m.*



*Friday, December 15*  
ADULT SOCIAL, 6:30 P.M.

*Sunday, December 17*  
DEACON COFFEE HOUR, 11:15 A.M.

*Sunday, December 24*  
“SONRISE” WORSHIP, 8:00 A.M.  
CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP, 7:30 P.M.

*Monday, December 25*  
COMM. CHRISTMAS MEAL, 1:00 P.M.  
@ FIRST UNITED METHODIST  
301 SOUTH MAIN ST., NEWARK

## SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

Thank you to all who have volunteered to ring the bell for the red kettles at Walmart . Your efforts will allow 90% of the money raised to remain here in Newark to help those in need in our community. It is wonderful to feel your warm hearts and concern for those around us. Saturday, Dec.9 is a day when many of us will ring in one hour shifts.

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| 9:00—10:00 a.m.       | Natalie Lemmon (R), John & Linda Donaldson, Bonnie Bertino (L) |
| 10:00—11:00 a.m.      | Ginny Bodine (R), Gwen Mix (L)                                 |
| 11:00 a.m.—12:00 Noon | Debbie Compher & Ellie Foote (R), Judy Ranieri (L)             |
| 12:00 Noon—1:00 p.m.  | Newark High School (R), Christine Stephens (L)                 |
| 1:00—2:00 p.m.        | Newark High School (R), Linda Wood & Sharon Anderson (L)       |
| 2:00—3:00 p.m.        | Newark High School (R), Phyllis Wagner and Debbie Compher (L)  |
| 3:00—4:00 p.m.        | Newark High School (R), Debbie Compher (L)                     |
| 4:00—5:00 p.m.        | Newark High School (R), Sue Bouwens (L)                        |
| 5:00—6:00 p.m.        | Newark High School (R), Scott Blondell (L)                     |

Others of you have chosen other time slots during the month and I will be reminding you of those dates and times. If you would like to view the full schedule please visit [bit.ly/newarkredkettles2017](http://bit.ly/newarkredkettles2017).

ANNE ROGERS

# Presbyterian Women

**The Luncheon Circle** will gather for its December Luncheon on Monday, December 11th at noon in the lounge. All women of the church are invited to gather for fellowship, conversation and brief devotion. Hostesses Christine Stephens and Mary Cree invite you to bring your own table service and a dish to share or make a \$2 donation toward the meal. Dessert and beverage will be provided. There will be a few business items to discuss. Reservations are not necessary but always appreciated. Please let one of the hostesses know if we count on your presence.

**The Quilters Circle** Please contact Karen Watson or Holly Burgess if you are interested in participating.

**The Bible Study** continues on the 1st and 3rd Mondays at Noon with Christine Stephens as leader.

**Shop our Christmas Bazaar on December 2nd from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Enjoy a Celtic Evening with dinner at 5:30 p.m.** (tickets must be purchased in advance!) **and The Dady Brothers in concert at 7:00 p.m. Tickets in advance \$5, at the door \$8, 18 and under free.** This is one of our biggest fundraisers and the proceeds are shared equally between Presbyterian Women and Park's General Fund.

**Thank you to all who "Shared Your Blessings"** by providing a Christmas for the hungry in Newark. We provided 30 meals to the Food Closet.

**Presbyterian Women in the Congregation exists** to build community, affirm women's call to leadership, work for peace and justice, support the mission of the church, raise concerns and channel information to and from Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery. Leadership opportunities and program meetings are open to all women of the church. A new 3-year term of leadership will begin in January 2018. A slate of officers has been presented to the Coordinating Team: Vice Moderator-Mary Cree, Secretary-Pat Hart, Treasurer-Jeanne Salisbury, Corresponding Secretary-Gwen Mix, and Celebration Giving-Deb Compher. The Moderator position is open, as I have offered to step down. As I view the women here at Park Church I see many who have the gifts and talents to step in to this leadership role. If you feel a calling to consider serving mission and ministry in this way please speak with me or with those on a Search Committee: Cheryl Lotz, Ellie Foote, or Natalie Lemmon.

**The Kitchen Renovation Conversations** continue with the proposed kitchen design by L. A. Johnson Kitchens presented for discussion with Property at its November meeting. We look forward to a joint meeting early in 2018.

LINDA WERTS  
*PW Moderator*

## PASTOR KIRK AWAY DECEMBER 3RD—7TH

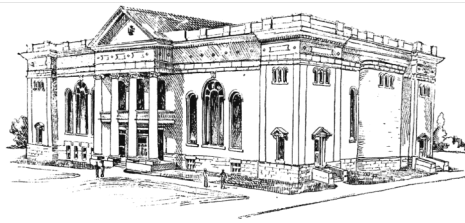
My son, Christian, is moving into his new apartment on December 1<sup>st</sup>. I will travel down to the Boston area to help him, then take some of my unused vacation time before Advent becomes too busy. Please remember, when I am unavailable on vacation, you should call the office during regular hours, or the Stated Clerk after hours, with any critical needs; I always give them the On-call Pastor information before I leave. Since I'll be near by this time, I'll still be on call for crisis care, so please do call me if you have a critical need. And Happy Advent!

*Pastor Kirk*

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## SCHEDULE OF VOLUNTEERS FOR DECEMBER

### **Liturgists:**

3rd—Holly Burgess  
10th—Paul Salisbury  
17th—Karen Watson  
24th—Scott Blondell (7 p.m.)  
31st—Jeanne Salisbury

### **Worship Tech:**

3rd—Larry Brown  
10th—Scott Blondell  
17th—John Donaldson  
24th—John Donaldson (7 p.m.)  
31st—Larry Brown

### **Counters:**

3rd—Karen Doebler & Thurlow Hammond  
10th—Sandi Marcano & Stu Blodgett  
17th—Debbie Compher & Dale Groover  
24th—Susie Earl & Paul Salisbury (8 a.m.)  
31st—Debbie Compher & Henry Stephens

### **Greeters & Ushers:**

3rd—Dick & Judy Leone  
10th—Russ & Karen Watson  
17th—Laura Kelley & family  
24th—Ed & Cheryl Lotz (7 p.m.)  
31st—Thurlow & Bonnie Hammond

### **Chairlift Operators**

3rd—Scott Briggs  
10th—Rob Byers  
17th—Curt Richardson  
24th—David Harris (7 p.m.)  
31st—Scott Briggs

**Greeters/Offering Collection:** Holly Burgess

**Coffee Hour:** Mary Cree

**Flower Delivery:** Mary Cree

**Communion Servers:** Deb Compher

**Liturgists:** Jeanne Salisbury

*If you are responsible for scheduling, please have all names to the office by the Parkview deadline.*