THE PARKVIEW The Park Presbyterian Church Newsletter

April 2018

Ponderings from the Presbytery

On Sunday, March 11, the co-chairs of the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry (COM), Rev. AJ Tierson and Rev. Ellen Donnan, met with the congregation to answer questions about what comes next for Park Presbyterian Church. The following is a brief recap of that meeting:

The PNC: Per Kirk's insistence that the process to search for a called/installed pastor be taken seriously, the PNC has looked at and read (some of which are 8-10 pages long) over 200 Personal Information Forms, including Kirk's. What the PNC discovered, as they have been learning how to discern God's call for Park Church's next pastor, is that there are many very gifted and talented pastors looking for a call at this time. While Kirk is very gifted and talented and did nothing wrong to dissuade the PNC from extending a call to him, other people have different skill sets that will take Park Church even farther down the path that the congregation said they wanted to go. The PNC has had 3 or 4 on site interviews, listening to these folks preach at what is called a neutral pulpit, and COM has interviewed these folks. Currently, they are seriously in conversation with 2 very strong candidates, while they continue to look at more PIF's (Personal Information Forms). This has been difficult, very difficult, for the PNC as well as the congregation. Ellen assured the folks at the meeting that she had had many conversations with Kirk about continuing down this path because often God's will for something or someone is not the same as what we think. Kirk consistently affirmed that he wanted the PNC to proceed in discerning whom God wanted to be Park Church's next pastor.

Now that Kirk has left Park Church, the role he plays with the members and friends of the congregation has changed. He is no longer your pastor with pastoral duties which he is responsible for. Therefore, it is no longer appropriate for you to discuss what happens at Park Church with him, invite him to do weddings or funerals for you, or do any other pastoral care for you. It is appropriate for you to talk to him when you see him, as you would with any friend. Conversations with him about your families and what is happening in your life are certainly ok-everything EXCEPT what is happening at Park Church.

Tim Johnson has also had a role change. He is no longer in the role of parish associate for the congregation, which means he is no longer part of the pastoral care

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Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian Women's Luncheon Circle will meet Monday, April 9 at noon in the lounge. Bring a dish to share (or \$2 for the basket!) and join us for enjoyable fellowship. We will be assembling Church World Service Health Kits and your donations are appreciated. Bring a complete kit or some of the following items: hand towel measuring approximately 15" x 28" to 16" x 32" (no fingertip, bath, dish towel or micro-fiber), washcloth, wide-tooth comb, fingernail or toenail clipper, bath-size bar of soap in the wrapper, toothbrush in the package, ten standard size Band-Aids. Hostesses Ellie Foote and Cheryl Lotz will provide beverage and dessert. If you can let our hostesses know to expect you, it will help them to plan. Hope you can join us!

Mark your calendar for the Presbyterian Women of the Geneva Presbytery Spring Gathering, 9:30AM Monday, May 7th in Watkins Glen. Let's fill up a car or two with our PW sisters and enjoy fellowship with our counterparts around the presbytery. Virginia Champlin of Geneva will deliver a fascinating message about her PW Global Exchange trip to Indonesia last September. The "exchange" part of this program is because this summer when the Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women is held in Louisville, KY (August 2-5), a group of PW women from Indonesia will be in attendance. It's not too late to register for the once-every-three-years Churchwide Gathering. A scholarship is available for first-time goers from our Park Church PW. Speak to Mary Cree, Deb Compher, or Linda Werts for more information, or look on-line at: www.presbyterianwomen.org/ gathering.

The Quilters' Circle meets on Thursday evenings at the church, usually 6:30-8:00pm. All kinds of needlecrafters are encouraged to join us. Work on a group project or bring your own personal project. Contact Karen Watson or Holly Burgess (via the church office) to confirm the time, or for more information. The PW Bible Study meets the first & third Mondays, at a new time—3:30pm in the lounge. We will not be meeting April 2^{nd} but will resume April 16. We recently finished Lesson 6 (of nine lessons). We discussed the joys and heartaches of human living and how we can experience both simultaneously. Through it all, God is with us and we, as a church family, are here for each other. There's still time to join us before we finish our study in Hebrews. We are so blessed to have Christine Stephens lead our study.

The Annual Rummage Sale will be open to the public April 19-21, but Sunday, April 15 after the 10:00 o'clock service, our congregation will get an early preview.

Donations to Rummage Sale have already started so time to tell friends and neighbors we will accept their clean and in good condition "rummage." Please carry your items to the basement during normal office hours. New this year . . .Saturday morning drop-off March 31, April 7, and April 14 from 9-noon. Come to the Church Street basement door. If you need us to pick up your donations, leave a message with the church office and we'll call you back to schedule a convenient time.

We sure hope you'll consider donating a few (or many!) hours to help make this PW fundraiser successful. We will be meeting Monday-Friday mornings, 9:00 a.m.noon until the sale dates—sorting, organizing & pricing. Contact **Team Leader Natalie Lemmon**, or Mary Cree & Deb Compher for more information.

Thank you for your support of Presbyterian Women and our purpose to nurture our faith, support the mission of the church worldwide, work for justice and peace, and build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the PC(USA) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

Deb Compher & Mary Cree Your PW Co-Moderators

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team for Park Church. His role, just as Kirk's, is that of friend. When you see him, you can discuss anything with him as a friend would, but it is inappropriate for him to be asked by you to offer pastoral care or be contacted for weddings, funerals, hospital calls, etc. or for him to give his opinion on what is happening at Park.

<u>Who will do pastoral care for you?</u> After much prayer on the part of AJ and Ellen, they discerned that Ellen's gifts and talents in calming an anxious congregation down would benefit you. If you have any need for a pastor, you can contact her by email at ecarroll8@rochester.rr.com or the church office at (315) 331-2255 and Bethany will put you in touch. She will be moderating the session, serving as head of staff, making pastoral visits, and other things negotiated by the session, including attending team meetings and being available in the office two days a week (to be determined yet).

<u>Leadership roles</u>: The session and deacons are your leaders and will continue to do so on your behalf.

REV. ELLEN DONNAN & REV. AJ TIERSON Co-Chairs, Presbytery of Geneva Committee on Ministry

Newark CROP Walk

The **Mabel Hommer Memorial Newark CROP Walk** will be held on Saturday, May 5th. Registration begins at 8:30 at Park Presbyterian Church.

The CROP Walk raises money to help stop hunger and poverty here in our community and around the world, through self-help initiatives. A portion (25%) of the funds goes to support hunger fighting work and local agencies including the Free Lunch Program, Home Meal Service, Newark Food Closet and Blessings in a Backpack. It is an opportunity for our congregation to come together with others in the community to assist in this important cause. Last year, the community collected \$6700 in donations. A large portion of that money was collected by our church alone - \$2508. We have set a goal of \$2800 to be collected by our Park Presbyterian Church walkers this year and \$6800 for the community total.



We are in need of walkers who would like to walk 1, 3 or 6 miles **OR** a donation to sponsor a walker. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Karen Cameron, (315-462-6853). Thank you for your support.

KAREN CAMERON



Photos for Updated Directory

A camera will be set up to take pictures of members during the first four Sundays of April (Apr 1, Apr 8, Apr 15, and Apr 22) – Please take a moment and have your picture taken. The pictures will be used by the Membership Team working with our Office Administrative Assistant, Bethany Comella to publish an updated Church Directory. The existing directory is out-of-date!! If you are unable to sit in front of the camera on one of these dates, please contact a member of the Membership team to make other arrangements.



Kitchen Renovation Update

The "kitchen renovation committee" was invited to meet with Session members and the finance team at the beginning of the March 21st meeting. Conversation with all was positive and helpful and open to the possibility of connected capital improvements which may be linked to this possible project. With that in mind, all present favored postponing any decisions to move forward with fundraising and other plans until such time as the Property Team would be able to explore our current and proposed drainage and plumbing considerations. It was agreed that Scott Blondell would report back with findings at the April Session meeting and the proposal would then be revisited. In the meantime, a Presbytery of Geneva Hunger Grant application has been submitted.

LINDA WERTS

FROM THE STEWARDSHIP TEAM Whoever trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf." PROVERBS 11:28

WHAT IS PER CAPITA?

It is a way Presbyterians share equally, responsibly, and interdependently in the costs of governing the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), no matter the size of their churches. *Per Capita* contributions are requested from every congregation based on each church's total active membership. The 2018 year per capita to be paid on behalf of each Park Presbyterian Church member is determined as shown in the image above. The Session asks that *per capita*, \$50.00 per member, be paid in addition to one's pledge amount.

2018 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN REPORT

To date, we have received 83 2018 pledges totaling \$114,256.83. This is a 17% increase in pledging units, and a 14% increase in pledged amount.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Weekly or monthly offering envelopes are available for the 2018 year. Please leave a note or message with the church office if you wish to obtain offering envelopes. Offering envelopes provide an excellent giving reminder!





Thursday, April 19 9:00 AM-6:00 PM Friday, April 20 9:00 AM-5:00 PM "Bag Day" Saturday, April 21 9:00 AM-Noon

Park Presbyterian Church IIO Maple Court Newark, NY 14513 (315) 331-2255



Please use the Church Street entrance!



www.parkpresbyterian.org

Presbyterian Women's 2018 Rummage Sale

Thursday April 19th 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Friday, April 20th 9:00am-5:00pm Saturday, April 21st 9:00am-Noon

The Sale will be open to Church Members on Sunday, April 15th after worship

Donations Accepted

beginning Monday, March 26 For pick-up, contact the office at 331-2255

Sorting & Pricing

April 2-April 18 The Church St. door will be unlocked 9:00 a.m.-Noon. After Noon, please contact the office

2018 Team Leader

Natalie Lemmon (315) 573-4423

Please (Inderstand

that due to limited space, we are NOT able to accept: Christmas trees, furniture, car seats, TV's, or large appliances. Small electronic/electric equipment in good working order is welcome.

All hands welcome!

Many hands will make light work ...

Please sign up to help an hour or more for any of the following:

<u>Organizing</u> ~ Monday, April 2 from 9am - Noon <u>Sorting & pricing</u> ~ Tues. April 3 - Weds. April 18 from 9-Noon <u>Sale Days</u> workers, cashiers, baggers ~ Thursday, April 19 from 8am - 6pm Friday, April 20 from 8am - 5pm Saturday, April 21 from 8am - Noon

April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 EASTER SUNDAY COMMUNION	2	3	4	5	6	7
"Sonrise" Worship 8:00 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM Family Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Coffee Hour 11:15 AM	OFFICE CLOSED Adult Bell Choir 6:15 PM		Mission Team 10:30 AM Worship Team 6:00 PM	Adult Bible Study 4:30 PM FP Fundraising 6:00 PM Quilters' Circle 6:30-8:00 PM		
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15	16 PARKVIEW DUE!	17	18	19	20	21
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Rummage Preview 11:15 AM	Adult Bell Choir 6:15 PM	Book Club 7:00 PM	Session 6:00 PM	Quilters' Circle 6:30-8:00 PM	Rummage Sale 9:00 AM—5:00 PM	" Bag Day " 9:00 AM—Noon
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6 Barb Brunner Carolyn Eckrich Rod Faro

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10 Tim Faro Briana Burgess

11 Barb Marquette

12 Martha Anderson

13 Forrest Blondell

16 Kay Groover

17 Grace Blondell Sandy Casselman

18 Bill Shay

25 Dorothy Ehrhardt Cari Taylor

27 Ruth Bush

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Dan Brennessel Bella Humphrey Matthew Schultz

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Cathy Brennessel



In Our Prayers...

Prayers for healing and comfort: Pam Dickey—cancer, Kelly Witter—chemo, Donna R's friend Tracy at Parkland, Marge Cseplo, people at Parkland, those in Syria, Ann Peck, Park Church, Cindy B's neighbor Barb—organ transplant, those affected negatively by storm, those suffering from flu, Jen's adaptation to changes, safe travel to Philadelphia, Elizabeth Lang, those traveling during Spring Break, the Pastor Nominating Committee

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 (Greece), Mision Sinai and Mision Monte Horeb (Mexico), Rev. Joan Stewart (WV)

Prayers in thanks and celebration: Emily Lang & varsity girls bowling team made states, Eileen's Marion grandchildren did well in track, Eileen's grandchild accepted to Clarkson, Limones water mission & team home, for Kirk's ministry, Bonnie's birthday, Anne's time with grandchildren & well-being of son and daughter-in-law, ministry & mission focus of Park Church, for Jamie Harris, for helpful people at Park—esp. Paul S & ET's help with books, Frank All doing very well, Newark HS musical—wonderful!, thanks for bringing Kirk & for new ministries, Linda & Barb with us today, Mary's pain under better control, Barb S's gifts & ministry, for Kirk's helping with death of family, Jen—thanks to congregation for support & welcome, thank God for care in hatred, Peter M—for God getting through 12 hours of surgery, thanks to Sarah, Larry, & many others who helped w/worship, Sandi's time with family in Vermont

Scott Blondell (2018) Cheryl Lotz (2018) Dale Groover (2018)

ELDERS

FI DFRS

Bob Hanson (2019) Ken Rowe (2019) Debbie Compher (2019)

Cari Taylor (2020) Emily Schultz (2020)

DEACONS

Park Church Leadership

Elizabeth Lang (2018) Holly Burgess (2018) Mary Cree (2018) Sandi Marcano (2018)

McKenna Briggs (2019) Anne Ross (2019) Karen Watson (2019)

Fred Barker (2020) Judy Leone (2020) PAGE 9



BOOK Sale News



In order to keep our book nook opened for Spring & Summer sales, I am in need of help. Carrying books downstairs using a cane has become a problem for me so I need volunteers to carry books from the upstairs bin to the book nook and help shelving the books. I am also adding a bin under the table in the book nook so you may carry your own donations down.

Thank you in advance,

KAREN DOEBLER

May is Membership Awareness Month!

At the request of the Membership Team, the Session has designated the Month of May as **Membership Awareness Month.** Highlighting "church membership" in May will:

- increase awareness by members for inviting newcomers into Church Life and Faith
- prepare members for a new method of accompanying newcomers into Church Life and Faith
- celebrate persons who have been members at Park Church for 50+ years.
- invite regular worship attendees to wear their name tags during the month of May.
- provide group discussion following Worship on Sunday, May 20th, led by Presbytery Transitional Leader Linda Badger-Becker, on exploring deeper commitment by church members to Christ and his church, for receiving new members, and ministering to worship visitors.



COMPANIONS, BOOK FOR MEMBERSHIP AWARENESS MONTH

Mary Ault Wasserman, author

"Companions offers a winsome, practical, and principled process to involve the entire congregation in befriending potential new members." Wasserman's book shifts the conversation away from quantity to a faith-based relational experience that nurtures the individual and creates a foundation for growing Christian disciples.

Contact Paul Salisbury for a copy or purchase on-line.



A Monthly Devotion

IS YOUR MIND STAYED ON GOD?

"You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You."

ISAIAH 26:3

Is your mind stayed on God or is it starved? Starvation of the mind, caused by neglect, is one of the chief sources of exhaustion and weakness in a servant's life. If you have never used your mind to place yourself before God, begin to do it now. There is no reason to wait for God to come to you. You must turn your thoughts and your eyes away from the face of idols and look to Him and be saved (see Isaiah 45:22).

Your mind is the greatest gift God has given you and it ought to be devoted entirely to Him. You should seek to be "bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ..." (2 Corinthians 10:5). This will be one of the greatest assets of your faith when a time of trial comes, because then your faith and the Spirit of God will work together. When you have thoughts and ideas that are worthy of credit to God, learn to compare and associate them with all that happens in nature-the rising and the setting of the sun, the shining of the moon and the stars, and the changing of the seasons. You will begin to see that your thoughts are from God as well, and your mind will no longer be at the mercy of your impulsive thinking, but will always be used in service to God.

"We have sinned with our father ... [and] ... did not remember..." (Psalm 106:6-7). Then prod your memory and wake up immediately. Don't say to yourself, "But God is not talking to me right now." He ought to be. Remember whose you are and whom you serve. Encourage yourself to remember, and your affection for God will increase tenfold. Your mind will no longer be starved, but will be quick and enthusiastic, and your hope will be inexpressibly bright.

OSWALD CHAMBERS

Church Life News

Please consider joining our team for the following us and we will provide babysitting and activities for scheduled events in the church lounge:

Friday, May 18th at 5:30

Participants gather at 5:30 and we plan to eat at 6:00. We appreciate dishes to pass or small monetary donations that are used for purchasing paper products and beverages. You are welcome to join us for dinner, socialize, and then play card, board, or other games with us, if you wish. Your children are welcome to eat with

them, if we are made aware, at least a week in advance.

Potlucks and Game Nights; Friday, April 13th and Our next team meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 9th at 4:00 in the church lounge. We welcome you to join us or share your thoughts with any team member, (Bill Doebler, Ellie Foote, Eileen Taylor, ET Trunick, or Linda Werts), if you have new ideas for us to consider.

> CHERYL LOTZ Church Life Team Leader

DONATE YOUR TIME TO DONATE LIFE



Keynote Speaker: Scott Hetsko WHAM Channel 13

APRIL 9, 2018 5 - 7 PM

Finger Lakes BOCES Conference Center 131 Drumlin Court Newark, NY

Appetizers and refreshments will be available

Seating is limited to 250 people

Free Admission



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Schedule of Volunteers for April

Liturgists:

1st—Šarah Humphrey 8th—Linda Werts 15th—Natalie Lemmon 22nd— 29th—

Worship Tech:

1st—Scott Blondell 8th—Larry Brown 15th—John Donaldson 22nd—Scott Blondell 29th—Larry Brown

Counters:

1st—Deb Compher & Dale Groover 8th—Thurlow Hammond & Karen Doebler 15th—Deb Compher & Stu Blodgett 22nd—Paul Salisbury & Dale Groover 29th—Henry Stephens & Sandi Marcano

Greeters & Ushers:

1st—The Briggs Family 8th—Eileen Taylor & Anne Ross 15th—Laura Kelley & Family 22nd—Thurlow & Bonnie Hammond 29th—Gwen Mix & Ellie Foote

Chairlift Operators

1st—Rob Byers 8th—Scott Briggs 15th—Curt Richardson 22nd—Henry Stephens 29th—Debbie Compher

Greeters/Offering Collection: McKenna Briggs Coffee Hour: Mary Cree & Karen Watson Flower Delivery: Judy Leone Communion Servers: Sarah Humphrey

Liturgists: Natalie Lemmon

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