

MARCH 2018

PONDERINGS FROM THE PASTOR

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

PHILIPPIANS 4:8-10

By now many have heard that the Pastor Nominating Committee decided not to call me as the pastor for Park Presbyterian Church. To make their continuing work easier, I have removed my name from consideration as a candidate for future ministry, and will instead soon answer a pastoral call at another church, in a different Presbytery.

To all those who remained involved with Park Church since I arrived at the tail end of 2013, let us acknowledge that we have been through a great deal together. It took great faith and no small amount of endurance to weather the storms of 2012 and 2013. As we discussed, God calls us to see through difficult processes in spiritual commitment to each other, and I highly praise all who were able to walk that difficult road. Your devotion brought your spiritual community to a better place. Today, Park Church is known in Newark and beyond as a people who actively serve and help others. The goal the congregation set in 2016 – to “shine Christ's light to the community” – is in many ways already realized. That is quite a change from the “house divided” of 2013, and the change was swift and organic, arising out of members' own spiritual inclinations.

This became possible because people started caring for each other inside the church first. Our time of historical remembering showed a trend towards acceptance of different views and less strict adherence to theological uniformity starting in the 1960s. That trend accelerated as we worked on reconciliation and new ministries. The warmth that was always here, always present among you, became more clearly expressed and more easily seen by others.

In the last two years, the Session has focused more intentionally upon leadership

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Presbyterian Women

The **Presbyterian Women's Luncheon Circle** will meet Monday, March 12 at noon in the lounge. Bring a dish to share (or \$2 for the basket!) and join us for a short devotion, some interesting information, and a lot of fun fellowship! Hostesses Christine Stephens and Linda Werts 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!

Our next **Park Church PW Coordinating Team meeting** will be just before the luncheon **March 12 at 9:30 a.m.** in the lounge. Be a part of the planning that goes into an active Presbyterian Women group!

A big thank-you to all who baked, donated, and worked our **Valentine's Bake Sale**. We raised \$114 for the missions we support. Team leader Ellie Foote is planning the **next Bake Sale, Sunday, March 25**, with an **Easter theme**. Please let her know you'll be contributing to our goodies and if you can help the day of the sale. Items may be dropped off in the lounge, **Saturday, 3/24/18, 10 a.m.—noon**, or by **9:30 a.m. Sunday morning**. Please package your goods appropriately to sell. (If you have a request for a specific baked good, let Ellie know and she may be able to find a willing baker!)

The Quilters' Circle continues to meet on Thursday nights, weather permitting. Please call/text Karen Watson (585-261-2193) to confirm the time, or for more information.

The PW Bible Study meets the first & third Mondays at noon in the lounge. No advance preparation is required, but reading through the lesson before class will give you more time to digest the material. Join us for an hour of Hebrews scripture and discussion. Christine Stephens leads our study.

PW is offering a scholarship to cover the registration fee (\$425) for first-time goers to the **Presbyterian**

Women Churchwide Gathering in Louisville, KY, August 2-5, 2018. Additional expenses incurred by participants are transportation, hotel, and some meals. At the Gathering you will be spiritually nurtured by amazing speakers and inspirational music from around the globe. We have several PW sisters from the Presbytery attending this year's gathering. Ask Mary Cree, Deb Compher, or Linda Werts for more information or go online: www.presbyterianwomen.org.

PW's Annual Rummage Sale will be April 19-21. **Donations to Rummage Sale** will be accepted in the basement starting **Monday, March 26**, during regular office hours. We are also hoping to have some Saturday morning drop-off times March 31, April 7, and April 14 from 9-noon—call Mary Cree to confirm we're open. 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. *Let the closet clean-outs begin!*

The next **Rummage Sale Meeting** will be **Monday, March 5 at 10:30** in the lounge. We will be planning our pricing strategy, our "store" layout, and our signage. Your ideas are welcomed and appreciated! If you can't make the meeting but want to be updated on Rummage Sale plans, let our Team Leader Natalie Lemmon know, or Mary Cree, or Deb Compher.

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



Book Sale—MARCH 9TH!

There will be a half price book sale at our church in the Book Nook in the basement on March 9 from 9:30-2:00. Prices never rise. They will be our usual sale prices of \$.50 hard cover, \$.25 soft covers, and \$2.00 a bag any kind. All sales go to support the food closet.

Recently, we have been blessed by many donations of books so our inventory is new and different. You will find many different kinds of reads. Children's books are free. Our pledge to the property committee is to stay within the confines of the book nook alcove with our book shelves and collection. If you have a large amount of books to donate please contact Karen and Bill Doeblor, Ginny Bodine, or Anne Rogers so we can make arrangements to incorporate all or part of your book collection. Please bring clean, gently used books as they are the ones that sell. We are not able to sell yearbooks, story collections or old text books.

Thank you to all our donators and buyers. Folks are blessed by each donation to the food closet from our book sale.

**In His service,
GINNY BODINE AND ANNE ROGERS**

**Book Club will next
meet Tuesday, March
20th, at 7:00 p.m.** in the
church lounge. We will be
reading *The Story of Edgar
Sawtelle* by David
Wroblewski.

“A stunning first novel...a
ranging story that is part
coming of age, part mys-
tery and part tragedy on
the order of Hamlet... He
carries the reader, with au-
thority and confidence, on
a thought-provoking
ride.”—**Newsweek**

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befitting a 21st-century church. It has been a long conversation, but in the past several months old modes of leadership have been gradually released by the entire Session, and discussions of the leadership skills and approaches that work effectively today are taking form. I am hopeful that God will continue this work long after I am gone, which should benefit the whole church. Collaborative, deliberative, intentional leadership does not seem to be clearly defined among the whole church yet, and popularizing a shared understanding of leadership may take time simply because it is new.

As with all things, you do not continue that conversation – or the work that forming new leadership norms will entail – alone. *Emmanuel*, “God-with-us,” walks beside you as that journey continues. Most of the healing that we accomplished together in our first two years

*Peace be to the whole community,
and love with faith, from God the
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
Grace be with all who have an undy-
ing love for our Lord Jesus Christ.*

EPHESIANS 6:23-24

took place as people realized: God never “left the building,” and most certainly never left the *people* who actually comprise Park Presbyterian Church. God was here, and is here, and will remain here, for hundreds of years

to come - “lo, even unto the close of the age” (Matt. 28:20). God sets a standard of servant-leadership in Christ that illuminates the path ahead. So in the end, the “work” involved is less about what *you* do, and all about how you follow God. Since you have already proven your ability to do this during times of strain and discontent, you will no doubt bring this next good step, in a more comfortable context, into fruition. And may you be blessed in the doing.

Thank you for the privilege of ministering with and among you; you are ever in my prayers.

Pastor Kirk

PW Bake Sale

I would like to let you know that Presbyterian Women did just fine on our bake food sale on February 11th. We made about \$115.00. Good job to all of you bakers.

I hope that we can make the next bake food sale even better. Also thanks to Gwen Mix for helping me out.

If anyone would like to help me out on the next one please let me know.

Elsbeth Foote

Recognition and Farewells to Pastor Kirk

Please join us to say farewell to Pastor Kirk and Jen Baker on Sunday, March 4 during the 10:00 a.m. worship service, followed by a light luncheon in the lounge, hosted by the deacons.

We have been blessed to have Pastor Kirk's guidance, pastoring, and spiritual nurture over these past four years. Parting is never easy... We send our love, prayers and well wishes with Kirk and Jen as they continue their journey in a new ministry.

All are also invited to a Community-Wide Farewell dinner on Friday, April 6, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Newark American Legion, 200 East Union St. Please contact the church at (315) 331-2255 or park-church110@gmail.com for reservations no later than Friday, March 30. The \$15 dinner, payable at the door, will include a full-course buffet, featuring Chicken French. For more information, please contact the office.

Park Church Family

FROM THE Mexico Mission Team

We have all arrived to our homes where new days are beginning which will bring significant changes shortly here at Park. But we are reflecting and reminiscing over this year's successful accomplishments in Mexico which could not have come to be without the vision for mission which Pastor Kirk has instilled in the hearts of many. With God's presence, prayers from those who remained at home, financial support from so many and an entire team of fourteen we can now say clean and pure water is flowing at the LWW "Purificadora Itzae" (Purified Water Plant "Gift of God") at Mision Sinai in Limones and at the Escuela Primaria "18 de Marzo" (Primary School "18th of March") in Ticuch!



Our team included: Ken Allen, Pastor Kirk Baker, Jim Beale, Pastor Bob Edmunds, Sandi Marciano, Jeanette Reed, Curt Richardson, Jeanne Salisbury, Paul Salisbury, Kurt Werts, Linda Werts, Doug Depies, Adryana Cano, and NaDene Sorensen. Thank you to each and everyone for the contributions you made to this year's mission trip and for strengthening the relationships with Presbyterian brothers and sisters at Sinai and our Rotarian colleagues in Chetumal and Valladolid. It has been my joy and privilege to lead the team and to count on members' support and enthusiasm each day. Please look for a lengthier report and photos to be included in next month's Parkview.

LINDA WERTS



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

IN OUR PRAYERS...

Prayers for healing and comfort: train crash—for wounded, the family of Lewis Donaldson, Emily Schultz—minor car accident, student that Pastor Flaherty rents to—suffering from anorexia, Julie Blodgett's sister Anne Dickey—cancer diagnosis, Kelly Witter—2nd round of chemo for cancer, Donna R's friend Tracy at Parkland—for all those affected, earthquake in Oaxaca, Marge Cseplo—unable to attend anymore, people at Parkland and families who lost children, support for those who fix things when things break down, those in Syria, Ann Peck—health concerns

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: Stu—glad to see mother here, Mary G—Olivia had appendicitis & doing well after surgery, Walt D's hip surgery—doing well, Ken R—small accident but improving, Christine S—wonderful cruise despite illnesses, Mallory playing @ Hochstein, time with Aiden, Ginny's grandson Nathan—avoided flu, Douglas Groover—three vertebrae fused, Cheryl—thanks Scouts for coming, Scout Sunday, PW Bake Sale, child born at 28 weeks is doing well, Cheryl—that the weather is better for potluck & game night!, Pastor Flaherty glad to be here & preaching again during retirement, 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, Lent means "spring," Anne's time with grandchildren & well-being of son and daughter-in-law, for pets of church, ministry & mission focus of Park Church, for Jamie Harris, for helpful people at Park—esp. Paul S & ET's help with books, Ginny thankful to work with Anne and for the book sale

CHURCH Family News

Mary Holloway, mother of **Alyson Holloway**, passed away on February 6th at the age of 82. At her request, there were no services. Mary is survived by Alyson and granddaughter Amanda.

Watch the roads! **Elizabeth Lang** passed her driver's test. Congratulations, Elizabeth!

Lewis Donaldson, brother of **John Donaldson**, passed away on February 5th at the age of 67.

Frank All is continuing to do well fol-

lowing surgery on February 13th. Get well soon, Frank!

Christine Stephens' father William Bender passed away peacefully in Pittsburgh on February 17th at the age of 90. He was predeceased by wife Rita and daughter Stephanie Rose. Burial was celebrated on Friday, February 23rd at the Church of the Assumption in Bellvue, PA.

If you have news you would like shared, please contact the church office at 331-2255 or parkchurch110@gmail.com

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Alyson Holloway

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Gil Burgess
Eugenia Mullie

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Karen Watson

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Jerry Reed, Jr.
Craig Stell

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Bill Doebler

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Eileen Taylor

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Sharon Anderson

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Holly Burgess

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Jack Hart

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Jim Fagner
Wayne Smith

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Nancy Heidrick

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Tracy Crosby

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Sherry Kearns

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Seth Burgess

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Jeanne Salisbury

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Cadi Finewood

MORE ON LEADERSHIP

Collaborative leadership can take several forms, but it may be most helpful to view this form of church service as an “outlook” or an “approach to church” rather than specific actions. As collaborative norms take hold, there is often an acceleration of change toward inclusion that makes the change itself self-perpetuating. One of the chief advantages of collaborative approaches is the way more and more people become drawn to the matter at hand, sometimes resulting in a need to create new roles just so those who want to be involved can take part. We have seen that happen here and there; odds are that trend will continue and grow.

The change also accelerates because there can be initial obstacles to overcome. A common one is past lack of collaboration means leaders are accustomed to working with minimal input from others, so the infrastructure for change may not be in place (that is, lack of collaboration creates broken links that make it difficult to initiate collaboration). The common solution to this issue is repeated, consistent use of inclusive approaches, which in churches means things like open announcements of meeting times, notifications of events to all interested (including those who rarely, if ever, show up) and personal invitations to take part. It's important that people persist in these practices, since it takes time for new practices to take hold.

A particular tendency that still pops up at Park Church is to agree in principle to collaborative leadership, but then select leaders who are widely known to be exclusionary anyway, simply because “I like them.” Obviously, church leadership should never be a popularity contest nor a way to get our friends in the door. Fortunately, Presbyterian structure provides a way to counter this habit: congregational meetings. It can be a sign of

health when church members ask questions about nominees put forward and offer nominees from the floor; it may be a sign of something unhealthy when those who don't exhibit servant leadership are elected just to “avoid confrontation.” When a faith community is moving away from standards that don't work and towards standards like Christian integrity, truthfulness,

Collaborative leadership is all about inclusion; and we are meant to include others because God first included us.

and inclusion, discussing specific nominees can help move the whole church forward. In this way, we see that the definition of Christian Leadership depends upon the whole membership, not the Nominating Committee. In the end, asserting that someone is not a good fit for a position such as Elder is not an insult to a mature Christian, but an acceptance of the truth that each member is responsible for the spiritual direction of Park Presbyterian Church, and that responsibility often comes to the fore during congregational meetings.

I will be praying that Park Presbyterian Church continues to explore the specific form of collaborative leadership people will find effective and helpful. Today, that is a critical value for involving young families, as younger adults were introduced to collaborative learning starting in elementary school. But more importantly, God leads the way to these leadership values that honor our Lord. When we didn't want to work together with God, God came to us as Jesus. And when we failed to follow or understand Who Jesus was and what He means to us, Jesus took up the Cross, and then rose again, forever imprinting within us the meaning of God's love. Collaborative leadership is all about inclusion; and we are meant to include others because God first included us.

Pastor Kirk

MARCH 2018

SUNDAY

MONDAY


TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

<div></div> <p>Please keep your eyes and ears open for an announcement regarding Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Resurrection Sunday Sunrise services.</p>				1	2	3
				Adult Bible Study 4:30 PM		
				FP Fundraising 6:00 PM		
				Lenten Book Study Forgiveness 6:00 PM	Lenten Luncheon @FUMC Rev. Kirk Baker Noon	TIC's Kids' Clothing Closet Sort-through 9:00 AM-Noon @Woodlane Church
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A MONTHLY Devotion

IS YOUR ABILITY TO SEE GOD BLINDED?

"Lift up your eyes on high, and see who has created these things..."

ISAIAH 40:26

The people of God in Isaiah's time had blinded their minds' ability to see God by looking on the face of idols. But Isaiah made them look up at the heavens; that is, he made them begin to use their power to think and to visualize correctly. If we are children of God, we have a tremendous treasure in nature and will realize that it is holy and sacred. We will see God reaching out to us in every wind that blows, every sunrise and sunset, every cloud in the sky, every flower that blooms, and every leaf that fades, if we will only begin to use our blinded thinking to visualize it.

The real test of spiritual focus is being able to bring your mind and thoughts under control. Is your mind focused on the face of an idol? Is the idol yourself? Is it your work? Is it your idea of what a servant should be, or maybe your experience of salvation and sanctification? If so, then your ability to see God is blinded. You will be powerless when faced with difficulties and will be forced to endure in darkness. If your power to

see has been blinded, don't look back on your own experiences, but look to God. It is God you need. Go beyond yourself and away from the faces of your idols and away from everything else that has been blinding your thinking. Wake up and accept the ridicule that Isaiah gave to his people, and deliberately turn your thoughts and your eyes to God.

One of the reasons for our sense of futility in prayer is that we have lost our power to visualize. We can no longer even imagine putting ourselves deliberately before God. It is actually more important to be broken bread and poured-out wine in the area of intercession than in our personal contact with others. The power of visualization is what God gives a saint so that he can go beyond himself and be firmly placed into relationships he never before experienced.

OSWALD CHAMBERS

2018 Easter Lilies

\$7/lily

Enclosed is my check/cash 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 April 1

all orders are due to the office by or on March 26th





SOME OF THE THANK-YOUS

I know I will leave some off this list, yet must try to say some of the thank-yous that are so richly deserved as I write my last articles for the *Parkview*. Instead of names, I am sharing events, but am bound to miss even some of the really big ones. Please understand that I appreciate all who have served and helped during my years here, that “the spirit is willing, but the memory is weak!”

To those few who volunteered to help back in late 2013 when I first arrived, thank you. I don't know how the church would have survived without you.

To those who engaged in hard conversations to help move forward the Christian work of reconciliation, thank you. You exemplify the strength and depth of Christian character.

To those who carried out hidden work, in the building and on the building, in all kinds of weather and in different contexts, thank you. You have made this a place where people come to connect with God.

To those who help prepare for, assist with, and facilitate worship, thank you. You have made the Park Church chapel and sanctuary places where people have been moved by God.

To those who intentionally welcome strangers who come through the church doors, thank you. You have shown the beautiful face of Jesus is the face of Park Presbyterian Church.

To those who helped create and carry out new ministries, thank you. You have helped many, and have helped the whole congregation realize one purpose of a Christian church.

To those who instituted, conducted, and support various missions, thank you. You have revealed the character of God to the world.

To those who established, ran, and welcomed others to fellowship and social events, thank you. You have shown many what it means to be a spiritual family.

To those who have labored at paperwork, forms, grant

applications, and publications, thank you. You have provided the infrastructure for the work of God.

To those who have spent time and energy to teach and nurture church children of all ages, thank you. You have exemplified the care of Christ.

To those who have visited, ministered to, and mourned with the sick and bereft, thank you. You have physically manifested God's mercy.

To those who have organized and engaged in studies, discussions, and lifelong learning, thank you. You have proven that our spirits will grow our whole lives long.

To those who showed small kindnesses to me and to others, from carried foods and coffees to gifts, cards, and hugs, thank you. You have affirmed the rightness of our spiritual relationship.

To those who engaged in hard conversations, some of which lasted for hours, to address the congregation's needs or to make difficult decisions or to start something brand-new, thank you. Your discernment helped us all move closer to the Spirit.

To those who shared easy conversation, who told their jokes (and pretended to laugh at mine), thank you. Your fellowship brought joy to my days.

To those who devoted their material resources to the spiritual life of the people here, thank you. Your gifts to God helped make all these other things possible.

To those who always understood and understand now, we do not come to a church building but commit to a church people, we do not go to worship to see a pastor but make ourselves part of Worship to meet the risen Christ, thank you. Your faith is an inspiration to me and to all.

To those who have shared Christian love with me and with others here, thank you. You have created a small corner of God's Kingdom.

**Yours in Christ,
Pastor Kirk**

Scouting at Park Church

The Scouting program at Park Presbyterian Church is more than just an activity for our youth to learn about the outdoors.

Scouting provides fun, fellowship, and hands-on training to youth members of our congregation as well as youth in our community. It is a year-round program pursuing the three specific aims of 1) character development, 2) citizenship training, and 3) personal fitness.

A fundamental tenet of Scouting is centered on God and is found in the organization's Declaration of Religious Principle. The national bylaws state:

"The Boy Scouts of America maintains that no member can grow into the best kind of citizen without recognizing an obligation to God."

From the Scout Oath and Scout Law to the individual Duty to God requirements at each stage of advancement through the Scouting program, youth and their families are presented a framework for life that first stands before God, and then works on how to live in a way that honors God's blessings and serves others.

To learn more about Cub Scout Pack 138, Boy Scout Troop 138, and Venturing Crew 138—all chartered through Park Presbyterian Church—take a look inside the 2017 Annual Report to the Congregation.

SETH BURGESS

Chartered Organization Representative

One Great Hour of Sharing

HAVE YOU EVER taught a child to fold their fingers inside their hands and say the rhyme, "here is the church, here is the steeple, open the doors and see all the people?" The wiggling fingers teach children, and adults, too, that the church is not the building, the steeples, windows, or structure, but the people gathering to worship God.

There's something else in the children's rhyme. As the child breaks open their hands to reveal the people, they move their fingers back and forth, often as fast as they can. This simple move reminds us that the church is the energy and actions that share the love of Christ.

When a disaster strikes, people give, volunteer, and pray so that those impacted receive help and hope, THIS IS CHURCH.

When poverty and violence cause hunger and people join together to respond to the need and address its root causes, THIS IS CHURCH.

When injustice falls on those who are vulnerable and people join hands with one another and lift their voices against the interests of power, THIS IS CHURCH.

The church is the Holy Spirit's transforming power emanating into the world sharing the compassion, justice, love, and peace of Christ. Presbyterians join the movement of the Spirit into every corner of the Earth - and in this season, through our church-wide OHE GREAT HOUR SHARING.

WE SHARE—and church happens with women who were once trafficked for domestic labor and now own their own cooperative business.

WE SHARE—and church happens with people through land rights training and improvements to farming methods.

WE SHARE—and church happens with those whose homes have been washed away by flood. as the arms of comfort wrap around them, and hands pick up shovels to assist.

So we can help as many people as possible, please give from your heart. Thank you.

DEBBIE COMPHER

Mission Chair

CHURCH Life News

Our February 4th Girl and Boy Scout Sunday Continental Breakfast was well attended by the scouts and their leaders before the church service and then again afterwards. It was nice for the congregation to have time to chat with them and then participate in our Sunday service. The scouts did a wonderful job and we appreciate their leaders for the important role that they play in shaping the lives of children in a positive way.

Park Church's February Potluck and Game Night was attended by smaller group of us who shared a delicious meal of vegetable lasagna, meatballs, salads, and corn muffins. We then played either Trouble or Uno at the large table and were served ice cream by Deb Compher. Everyone enjoyed relaxing and spending time together and look forward to next month's gathering.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Palm Cross/Crafts/Potluck Event on Friday, March 23rd at 5:30: Everyone is invited to meet for a potluck in the lounge and we will plan to eat as soon as possible. After the meal, we will be making the crosses for Palm Sunday and also have crafts for the children and "kids at heart" to make. We graciously accept dishes to share with the group, or you may consider making a small monetary donation to help cover expenses. We hope you will join us as we prepare for Palm Sunday and enjoy an evening spent together.

Our next Church Life Team meeting will be held on Monday, March 5th, in the church lounge at 4:00 pm. We invite anyone who is interested to join us.

CHERYL LOTZ
Church Life Team Chair



FROM THE OFFICE

In the days moving forward, there are a few things that you can do to ensure things continue to run smoothly—

Please keep me informed of all meetings. This will ensure that the meetings make it into the *Parkview*, in the bulletin, and in our online calendar. It will also make sure we're not double-booking spaces.

Please remember to fill out a building use form for all events. If it's a team meeting no need to fill out a form (but still let me know), but especially for non-church groups (Family Promise, Scouts, TIC, etc.), *please* make sure a building use form is filled out. Again, this helps to make sure we have space available for everyone. Building use forms are available in the office, or on our website (parkpresbyterian.org).

If your group is meeting at the church after 5:00 p.m., or you need access to the building during the lunch hour, **please make sure to have your keycard with you, or get a loaner keycard ahead of time from the office.** Please do not plan on the building being unlocked already after 5:00 p.m.

If your group is the last to leave, **please ensure that all doors are closed and locked, and all lights turned off before you go.**

Thank you all! And please remember, I am a phone call (331-2255) or an email (parkchurch110@gmail.com) away if you have any questions.

Bethany

HOUSING INFORMATION FROM MISSION

WOLCOTT MEADOWS APARTMENTS 1, is a forty unit, federally subsidized, family housing complex, located in the Village of Wolcott, New York. Individuals 18 years or older are eligible to apply. While we are currently at 100% occupancy, they do maintain a waiting list to contact future prospective residents. Income restrictions apply and rental assistance may be available.

WOLCOTT MEADOWS APARTMENT 11, is a thirty unit, federally subsidized, elderly housing complex, located in the Village of Wolcott, New York. Individuals

sixty-two years of age or older and disabled individuals of any age are eligible to apply. While they are currently at 100% occupancy, they do maintain a waiting list to contact future prospective residents. Certain income restrictions apply.

If you know of someone who is interested let me know, and I can give you an application.

DEBBIE COMPHER
Mission Chair



The PW Rummage Sale dates are set for April 19-21. Collection of donations will begin on Monday, March 26th. Organizing will take place on Monday, April 2nd, from 9:00 a.m. until Noon, and sorting & pricing will continue April 3—April 18 from 9:00 a.m. until Noon. Help is needed setting up, taking down, marking, and working during the sale.

Please mark your calendar! Contact team leader Natalie Lemmon for more information, or the office at (315) 331-2255.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

FROM THE MISSION TEAM

The Vestry at Zion Episcopal Church in Palmyra is proceeding with the plan to use their empty rectory as an outreach to serve the needy residents of western Wayne county.

They cannot do this project by themselves, and therefore are asking for your help in this worthwhile mission. The Board of Directors at Hope House in Webster are going to be their mentors and guide in getting things going.

They need to plan and get the house ready to open. They are looking for volunteers to build clothes racks and shelves for household goods, to sort the clothing and organize the clothing on the racks, to be caring counselors/listeners, and to man the house when it is open for the people in need to come. Hope House will be conducting training session this Spring for all those who volunteer.

They plan to contact a local pharmacy, gas & service station, and grocery store so that they can provide emergency vouchers for assistance if necessary for food, gas, and medications.

If you have a desire to assist in any way to this ministry, you can contact the church at (315) 597-9236 or email zionoffice@rochester.rr.com.

DEBBIE COMPHER
Mission Chair



***A Sunday School
Breakfast will be held
on Sunday, March
4th, at 9:00 a.m.***

*It will be a social event,
as well as a “meet and
greet” to get to know
our new Christian Ed
coordinator, Angela.*

TIC'S CHILDREN'S CLOTHING CLOSET

On February 18th, Sarah Humphrey presented during a “Minute for Mission” about Common Threads, a TIC-sponsored children's clothing closet right here in Newark. Common Threads serves anyone with a self-declared need, from anywhere in the area and held a very successful “pop-up boutique” last August, during which 100 bags of clothing and over 30 coats were distributed to children in need.

Since that event, Common Threads has secured a location at Woodlane Community Church, and has held two fundraisers—a painting party, and a clothing party. There is a third planned fundraiser for April that is a “vendor sale,” similar to what has been done in the past for the Newark Food Closet. Proceeds raised from all fundraising will go towards the purchase of clothing

racks, hangers, bags, and other miscellaneous items.

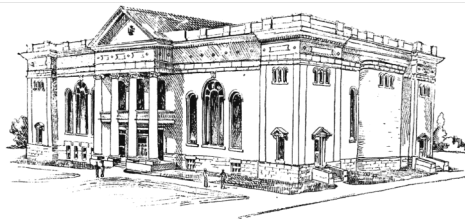
At this time, Common Threads is looking for volunteers to help sort through the generous donations of clothing we have received, and to help “man the shop” once we are open. We will be sorting and hanging clothing on Saturday, March 3, from 9:00 a.m.—Noon in the basement of Woodlane Church (side entrance). If you are interested in helping at all, or would like more information, please contact Sarah (shumphrey8008@gmail.com) or the Park Church office (parkchurch110@gmail.com, or 331-2255. We have an anticipated opening date of March 17th.

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SCHEDULE OF VOLUNTEERS FOR MARCH

Liturgists:

4th—
11th—
18th—
25th—

Worship Tech:

4th—Larry Brown
11th—Larry Brown
18th—John Donaldson
25th—Scott Blondell

Counters:

4th—Thurlow Hammond & Susie Earl
11th—Henry Stephens & Stu Blodgett
18th—Sandi Marciano & Paul Salisbury
25th—Debbie Compher & Dale Groover

Greeters & Ushers:

4th—Thurlow & Bonnie Hammond
11th—Linda Werts & Sharon Anderson
18th—Karen Watson
25th—Anne Ross

Chairlift Operators

4th—Rob Byers
11th—Scott Briggs
18th—Curt Richardson
25th—David Harris

Greeters/Offering Collection: Sandi Marciano

Coffee Hour: Karen Watson

Flower Delivery: Sandi Marciano

Communion Servers: Jeanne Salisbury

Liturgists: Bob Hanson

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