

# November 2019

## FROM THE PASTOR

*"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."* -1 Peter 4:10

Fall has quickly rushed in. The leaves are beginning to drop and the cooler temperatures are starting to be the norm rather than the exception. Thanksgiving will be here before we know it!

November has been typically known as stewardship time at Park Church. It's the time of year when we evaluate how we did on the previous years budget and to begin finalizing the budget for our next upcoming fiscal year. Stewardship Sunday will be on November 17<sup>th</sup>. We hope that all pledging cards will be turned in by December 1<sup>st</sup> (for those who need more time) so that the finance committee can finalize their budget and projections.

Most times when we hear the word stewardship we think of money, but stewardship also includes our giving of time and talents to the church. While it's obvious that the church needs income to sustain itself, it cannot survive without the offering of our time and talents. *We encourage each of you to discern and pray over how you will contribute both financially and with your gifts in the next year.*

Time and talents is a huge portion of what makes the church survive and thrive throughout the year. Recently I was thinking about how time and talents are used at Park Church. Have you ever considered what it takes to make a worship service happen? Each week 15-20 people offer their gifts by preparing a sermon, creating a bulletin and PowerPoint, playing the organ, singing in the choir, greeting and ushering, counting the collection, running the sound and preparing the sanctuary. That's each week for a one-hour service! And what about the dinners that we do? How many people show up to lend a hand by cooking, serving and cleaning up? I think we had at least 25 show up this year. The church family life team is consistently planning activities to create special times of fellowship each month throughout the year. The deacons are our behind the

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The chapel is now open during church office hours (Monday –Friday 9AM-12:30PM and 1:30PM-4PM) Please feel free to come in and pray, ask for someone to pray with you, or simply sit and meditate or read in a quiet space.

Mark your calendars now for the **“Blue Christmas; Wholeness and Healing Service,”** December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. More details will be available in our December newsletter!

Keep an eye out for weekly e-mails for the church office. Not on the e-mail list? Send an e-mail to park-church110@gmail.com and ask J. to add you to the mailing list.

# Presbyterian Women

## *Presbyterian Women*

The Presbyterian **Women’s Luncheon Circle** will meet **Monday, November 11 at noon**, in the downstairs dining room. Bring something to share at the table (or \$2 for the basket!) and join us for a brief devotional, prayer and enjoyable fellowship. Hostesses Gwen Mix and Natalie Lemmon will provide beverage and dessert. **Matty Crespo, from the Newark Food Closet**, will join us and give a short presentation. We will also be collecting food donations for the Newark Food Closet—please bring a can or two to add to the “Little Red Wagon”.

Monthly luncheons are a great way to get to know our ladies at church! We enjoy our time together. We look forward to having you join us!

Mark your calendar for our **next CT meeting, Nov 11**, following the luncheon.

We will be planning the PW calendar for 2020 and would love your input!

The **2019-2020 PW Bible Study *Love Carved in Stone*** will meet on **Wednesdays, November 6 & 20, at noon**. Christine Stephens is leading this study. This is a friendly, welcoming group who wants you to know that no prior Bible Study experience is required! Lessons are read aloud and then discussed. Study books are \$10 and may be purchased online at [www.presbyterianwomen.org](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org), or leave a message in the church office for Chris that you need a book.

Thank you so much for supporting our October Bake Sale. Our next **PW Bake Sale will be Sunday, December 8** after the worship service. As always, we thank you in advance for your generous contributions (baked and otherwise) to our sale. Ellie Foote is our team leader for Bake Sales, so for more information, or to offer your help, please speak to Ellie.

While you are baking for the Bake Sale, consider making an extra 2 dozen cookies/candies for our **Cookie Exchange at our December 9 PW luncheon!**

**PW is trying something new in November!** In an effort to be more welcoming and available to women in our community, we are hosting a **Women’s Morning Tea**, with cakes and crafts, on **Saturday, November 2, from 9-11am**. This is a no-charge event, but we are requesting reservations. Our desire is to offer Christian friendship to women in our community in a fun, relaxed way. We are hoping this will become a seasonal special event and help make our church a comfortable place for new friends. Team leaders are Natalie Lemmon and Sue Rowe. They can answer any questions you may have and will be extra pleased if you can help with this event. At the time of printing this issue of the Parkview, the deadline for reservations will have passed. Please check with Sue ASAP to see if there is space available for you to attend. Sue’s cell for texts: 845-791-0389, or [srowe918@gmail.com](mailto:srowe918@gmail.com).

In support of the PC(USA) Matthew 25 Initiative, PW has added a **food drive** to our monthly luncheons, to benefit the Newark Food Closet. Of course, dona-

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tions can be made anytime the church is open to the “Little Red Wagon”. Suggested items are canned corn, peas, carrots, applesauce, peaches, mandarin oranges, pineapple, soups, kidney beans, pork & beans, spaghetti sauce, ravioli, boxed mac & cheese, orange & strawberry Jello, vanilla & chocolate pudding. We have church members who regularly volunteer at the Food Closet, who are happy to drop off our contributions in a timely way.

Thank you to our church family for your ongoing support of Park’s 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.

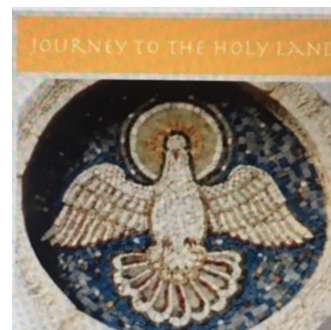
**Deb Compher & Mary Cree, Your PW Co-Moderators**

## Park Church Movie Night

**December 6, 2019—6:30PM**



Do you “believe” in the Sprit of Christmas? Maybe a trip aboard a magical train will help you to believe. Come join Park Church in watching a holiday classic in the Dining room where popcorn and refreshments will be offered at no charge. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



I will be co-leading a trip to the Holy Land (Israel) with Rev. Anne Weirich next summer. The trip is for anyone who would like to go! The dates are June 1-11, 2020 and we'd love to have you join us. This pilgrimage is designed with space for contemplation, worship and simplicity. The cost per person is \$2000 (double) plus airfare, and includes hotels/guest houses and tips, breakfast, dinner, entrance fees, taxes, expert guide, bus and driver. A \$500 deposit is due December 9<sup>th</sup>. Space is limited to 10 people. If you'd like a brochure or have questions, please contact me directly or email me at [pastornppc@gmail.com](mailto:pastornppc@gmail.com).

*Rev. Christopher*

# November Birthdays



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## CHURCH Family Life News

Park Church had an all-time high of 25 people attend our Potluck and Game Night in October! Our group was pleased to have newcomers Fee and Peg join us, along with their friend, Barbara. We shared conversation and a delicious meal together, followed by two groups of six playing Sequence. Another group enjoyed games of Skip Bo, while others continued to relax and chat together. Our team thanks all of you who helped to set up and clean up during and after the event. Your willingness to lend a hand was truly appreciated!



- 4 - Julie Blodgett  
Bob Finewood
- 5 - Katharine Coleman  
Caleb Coleman
- 6 - Eric Blodgett
- 8 - Bob Hanson
- 9 - Kathy Eckert  
Emily Schultz
- 16 - Henry Stephens
- 17 - Paul Salisbury
- 19 - Cindy Best
- 20 - Ellie Foote
- 27 - Caroline Patchett
- 29 - Elizabeth Lang  
Amy Stell
- 30 - Ethan Coleman

### **Upcoming Events:**

**Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, Family Movie Night at Park Church at 7:00 p.m.**- We will be showing a movie in the dining room about a lonely, grouchy old man and a boy who travel on an adventure together in a house carried away by balloons. Everyone is welcome, so feel free to invite your neighbors and friends. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Popcorn and lemonade will be served, free of charge.

**Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, Potluck and Game Night at 5:30 p.m.**-We invite you and your friends to join us in the lounge with your table service and a dish to share. If you'd rather make a monetary donation, the money will be used to help cover operation costs. We will eat at 6:00 and then play some favorite board or card games, so bring anything that your favorite game. If you would rather just socialize, we have a group of us who enjoy doing just that.

**Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, Advent Family Night; 4:00-6:00 p.m.**- Please join us to decorate the lounge for the Advent season. Activities and crafts will be provided, you are welcome to participate or just come observe and visit. Sign-up sheets will be posted for suggested donations of pots of soup or chili, a fruit tray or veggie tray, and desserts. You may wish to bring sandwiches for your own family. Table service, crackers, bread, and beverages will be provided.

**Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, Family Movie Night at Park Church at 6:30 p.m.**-This movie is about a boy who travels by train to the North Pole on Christmas Eve to learn the importance of believing. The community is welcome to join us in the dining room where popcorn and lemonade will again be served, free of charge.

**Our next Church Family Life Team meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 13th in the church lounge at 4:15 p.m.** We welcome your thoughts, if you would like to join us in our planning.

Cheryl Lotz  
Church Family Life Team Leader

# November 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	1 Park Church Movie Night 7PM	2 Blessing of the Animals 1PM
3	4 Julie Blodgett Bob Finewood	5 Katharine Coleman Caleb Coleman	6 Eric Blodgett  PW Bible Study 12PM Worship 6PM	7	8 Bob Hanson	9 Kathy Eckert Emily Schultz
10	11  PW Luncheon 12PM	12	13  Mission 1PM Property 6PM	14	15  Game Night and Potluck 5:30PM	16 Henry Stephens
17 Paul Salisbury	18  Finance 5:30PM	19 Cindy Best	20 Ellie Foote  PW Bible Study 12PM Session 6PM	21	22	23
24	25  Parkview Submissions Due	26	27 Caroline Patchett  Wednesday Workers 11:30AM	28	29 Elizabeth Lang Amy Stell	30 Ethan Coleman





It is that time of year with old man winter nipping at our heels. We are going to have the Mitten & Hat Tree (new name) out from Nov. 1 to March 1. Put your hats, mittens & scarves on the tree to help everyone stay warm this winter.



Blessing of the Animals will be Saturday November 3 at 1PM. Please feel free to bring your furred, feathered, or scaled friends to receive a blessing from Pastor Christopher. Please arrive promptly as the blessings go very quickly and Pastor would like all who want it to be blessed.

## Bible Study Continues

Thursday's at 12:15pm

Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>

Caring Relationships

Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>

Ecclesial Health

## Reflection Questions

We have two more reflection questions that will be asked in the beginning of the worship services as part of our Matthew 25 Initiative. Here are the remaining questions again for your review:

What can we let go of? What needs to become extinct for us to move forward with positive change? (Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>)

Where might we be called to go? Dream of what we might be called to do, imagine where you could meet a need...(Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>)

Take some time to reflect on these questions beforehand so you can participate in filling out your answers in the service. If you're not in the service and would like to participate by answering the questions, simply send them in or call the office with them. All are welcome to participate!

## Neighborhood Assessment Completed

On Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> we completed our neighborhood assessment evaluations. We had about 25 people stay to share their observations of the community. Sue Rowe has stepped up to lead a team, to decide what Park's "next steps" will be to engage in this ministry and to address the needs that were identified. The team is still forming so if you're interested in joining the team, please see Pastor Christopher or Sue Rowe.



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scenes folks meeting the needs of hospitality and pastoral care. Our property, mission, finance and personnel teams all provide endless opportunities for all those involved to share their gifts and talents as well! As you can see, time and talents are a huge part of what makes this church, Park Church. I want to thank everyone for your contributions in making our church the success story that it is, in the giving of your time and talents.

We are slowly moving forward on the building truss issue. On Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup> we finally received an estimate from the contractor and structural engineer. The property committee will be reviewing the details of the quote, consulting with the session, and finalizing the next steps very soon. Once everything is finalized, the details will be made public for all. We appreciate your continued patience on this project.

November will be a busy month as we prepare for advent which begins on December 1<sup>st</sup>. The Matthew 25 initiative (phase one) will be wrapping up and planning is already on the way for phase two, which will launch in January. If you'd like to be part of the phase 2 planning, please see Sue Rowe or Pastor Christopher.

I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

Peace-

Rev. Christopher

## FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

It has been a hectic couple of months getting used to working here at Park church. I have enjoyed getting to know a number of you and look forward to getting to know the rest of you as well.

As you may have seen in visiting the office I have been working at making the space a bit more my own. This is a rather large change, although a welcome one from what I have been hearing. I will be changing some other things moving forward, hopefully mostly for the better. That being said I will always be open to constructive criticism.

I will try to change things in small ways and slowly so that we can all adjust. If you have any suggestions please do not hesitate to approach me with them, I will always listen!

Thanks,  
J.

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**Thursdays 9:00-Noon**  
OFFICE HOURS



Got an article idea for the Parkview? Submissions are welcome. Please send your articles/ideas to [park-church110@gmail.com](mailto:park-church110@gmail.com). Please make sure all submissions are sent prior to the last Monday of the month, although earlier is always better.

In an effort to keep our information up to date if you have not seen your birthday listed in the Parkview this year and would like it added please e-mail the office and let me know.

We are also looking to add anniversaries to our monthly list, after all they should be celebrated as well.

As you can see we have also changed the format of the birthdays, by adding them to the calendar and letting everyone know how many years young you are! If you would rather your age not be listed or only for milestone years (18, 21, 40, 65, 90, 100, etc.) please let me know.

## Family Promise

All 3 of the families that were in our rotation in September are now in their own apartments, and have sustainable income to maintain their new homes. The pregnant mom with the three little boys had her baby girl a week after arriving in their new apartment.

Many thanks to the volunteers, who gave of their time and talents, to make our September rotation at the Methodist Church possible.

September 27 we begin another week of service to two families who will be housed at the East Palmyra Christian Reformed Church. Newark volunteers will provide all the care as if we were here at Park. One family expects the birth of their little boy while they are with us so his life will begin under our care.

The other mom has three boys, ages 6-18. Please pray for these families and our volunteers that we all may experience more of the Lord's love.

The purchase of the wonderful rectory in Lyons continues to move forward. We are waiting to hear about the zoning variance ruling. If indeed it becomes ours there will be so much parking off street, great lawn and porches, a huge kitchen, many, many bedrooms equipped with beds throughout, an upstairs study and much more space that is just an answer to our prayers.

If you would like to find out more or volunteer please contact us.

*Carol Thurston and Anne Rogers, Family Promise Mission Leaders*

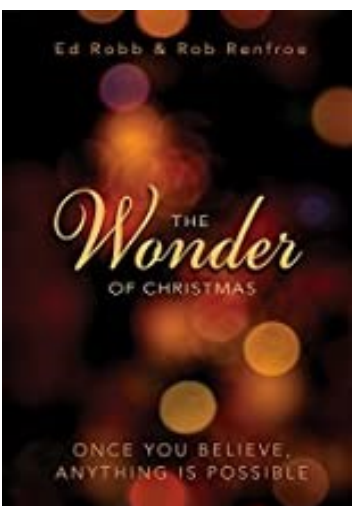
## Advent Bible Study

**Wednesdays- November 27th, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>**

"No other time of the year captures our imagination as much as Christmas: God coming into the world on a dark winter's night; a baby's cry that would change the course of human history; the heavens bursting into song; the certain hope that God will have the last word over our brokenness. This season fills our hearts with the wonder that anything is possible.

This year, rediscover the true wonder of Christmas by sharing the love of Christ with others. Each chapter centers on one element of the Christmas story, looking to the Christmas story and the stories of real people today to offer inspiration and ideas for reflecting the light of Jesus at Christmas and throughout the year. Chapters include: The wonder of a Name, The Wonder of a Star, The Wonder of a Manger, and The wonder of a Promise."

**Books will be ordered on November 18<sup>th</sup> so please sign up now!** Sign up sheet will be located in the coffee hour on Sunday mornings or in the church office. You may also call the church office (315-331-2255) to sign up. All are welcome!





# Harvest Dinner Update

I first wanted to give a huge kudos and thank you to all the wonderful helpers that worked so cheerfully and willingly on Thursday and Friday to make our Harvest Dinner happen. I would not remember to list all the names, but would like to list the many jobs that took place....setting up of tables and chairs, decorating the tables, peeling potatoes, cooking and peeling the squash, cutting celery and onions for the dressings, cutting up the bread, coleslaw and applesauce, and putting them in the 4 oz. cups (100 each)... and washing pans... and that was just on Thursday!!!

On Friday we continued with wonderful help making the dressing, gravy, putting out sugars, salts and peppers, creamers, preparing the meat, cutting pies for take-out and for downstairs, serving coffee, working in the serving line, taking tickets and money, working the take-out line, serving the take-out dinners and carrying them upstairs (Boy Scout Troop 138), clean up, and taking care of leftover food. WHEW!!

Mission accomplished because of all of you!!

Our expenses included bills from Palmers, Paton's Meat Market, Save-A-Lot, and Wegmans. Even with less dinners served than last year we did end up with a profit of \$1764.75. So thank you all again for a job well done!!!

*Fundraising Chairperson,  
Natalie Lemmon*

## Stewardship Sunday

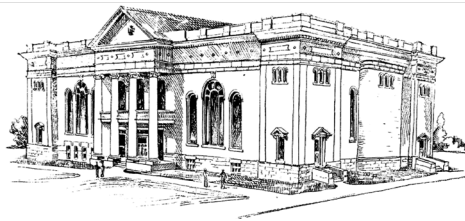
Stewardship letters will be mailed in early November and Stewardship Sunday is planned for Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> during our worship service. Please give heartfelt and thoughtful consideration to your pledge. Watch your mail for more information concerning Stewardship!



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by believing, living and  
sharing the word of God.”***

## SCHEDULE OF VOLUNTEERS FOR NOVEMBER

### **Liturgists:**

3rd - McKenna Briggs  
10th - Dale Groover  
17th - Scott Blondell  
24th - Bella Humphrey

### **Counters:**

3rd— Karen Doeblor & Thurlow Hammond  
10th— Dale Groover & Carol Thurston  
17th— Debbie Compher & Henry Stephens  
24th—Sandi Marciano & Kris Bald

### **Greeters & Ushers:**

3rd – Bill and Karen Doeblor  
10th – Steve Mitchell and Sue Rowe  
17th – Gwen Mix and Karen Cameron  
24th – Dale and Kay Groover

### **Communion Servers:**

Dale Groover  
Rick Bald  
Kris Bald