

# OCTOBER 2019

## FROM THE PASTOR

*"And there are a variety of service, but the same Lord."  
-1 Corinthians 12:5*

Life is busy, especially here at Park Church. We have building issues that are continuing to be worked out, a rambunctious Matthew 25 Initiative in place (page 6), a Church Family Life team that plans fantastic events (watch for information on the movie nights beginning November 1st), emerging Worship Services (page 9), two active Bible Studies and a book study waiting in the wings. Oh, and don't forget the Harvest Dinner on October 18th (page). Yes, life is busy!

As I think about everything that is happening here at Park, I'm excited to see so many of you becoming involved in the life of the church. Many of you choose to participate and that is awesome! If you haven't taken in a Church Family Life event, a bible study class or served on a team, you might consider trying it out. There is lots of fun to be had!

There seems to be endless opportunities for each of us to be involved in serving Christ and the church in some way. There are roles that are more active and ongoing and there are many one-time opportunities to serve and participate in the events that happen which make church, church. Check with the team leaders for current and upcoming opportunities.

There is always room for team members on Mission, Property, Finance, Church Family Life, Christian Education, Worship, Stewardship and Membership teams. Have you ever considered joining a team? As always, the team leaders welcome new members. Here is the current listing of the team leaders:

Mission- Debbie Compher  
 Scott Blondell- Property  
 Dale Groover- Finance  
 Cheryl Lotz- Church Family Life  
 Bob Hanson- Worship  
 Paul Salisbury- Christian Education/Stewardship and Membership

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# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



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.

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.

The Presbyterian **Women’s Luncheon Circle** will meet **Monday, October 14 (Columbus Day) 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. Hostess Ellie Foote and Pat Hart will provide beverage and dessert. Deb Compher will bring us information about the Thank Offering, which is being collected during the month of October. We will also be collecting donations for the Newark Food Closet. Monthly luncheons are a great way to get to know our ladies at church! We look forward to having you join us!

The **2019-2020 PW Bible Study *Love Carved in Stone*** will meet **Wednesday, October 23 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.

Our next **Bake Sale fundraiser will be Sunday, October 27**. As always, we thank you in advance for your generous contributions (baked and otherwise) to our sale. Ellie Foote will be supervising the sale and appreciates your items by 9:30AM Sunday morning. If possible, please individually wrap your goodies for sale. (Contact Ellie if you need an earlier drop-off time.) If you are able to help before/after worship, please let Ellie know.

**PW and the PC(USA) Matthew 25 Initiative:** Our PW Coordinating Team (CT) met September 9, following the luncheon. (The CT team attends to the business of Park Church’s PW—planning activities, including fundraisers, and deciding as a group how to disburse the money we raise to good causes.) We discussed at length the Matthew 25 initiative from PC(USA) and how our Park Church women can be a part of it. *“Matthew 25:31–46 calls all of us to actively engage in the world around us, so our faith comes alive and we wake up to new possibilities.”*—from PC(USA) website. One idea we decided to pursue is to host a **Women’s Tea**, open to the community, tentatively scheduled for **Saturday, November 2, 9-11AM**. Plans are still developing, but 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 welcoming, comfortable place for new friends. More information will be forthcoming through church emails and the bulletins.

To further support the Matthew 25 Initiative, we whole-heartedly agreed to add a canned food drive to our monthly luncheons, to benefit the Newark Food Closet. Besides food items—travel size shampoos, soaps, toothbrushes, and toothpastes—are also needed. Of course, donations can be made anytime the

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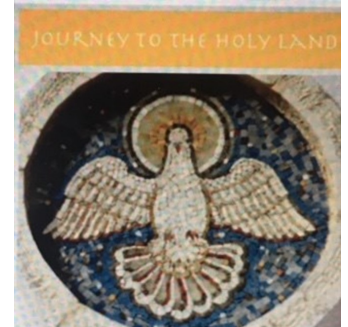
church is open to the "Little Red Wagon". We have numerous church members who regularly volunteer at the Food Closet and who are happy to drop off our contributions in a timely way.

**At our September luncheon we were able to fill 27 Church World Service School Kits!** Thank you to everyone who provided the supplies, sewed the bags, and made last-minute trips to buy missing items.

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 for you to join us!

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.

For those interested the image below shows how our CWS donations are used.



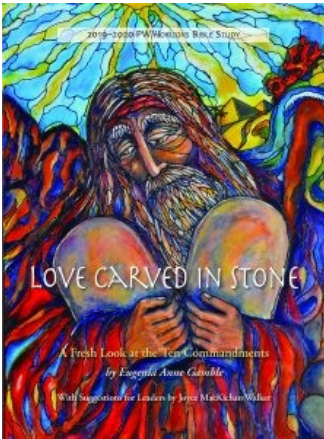
I will be co-leading a trip to the Holy Land (Israel) with Rev. Anne Weirich next summer. The trip is for anyone who would like to go! The dates are June 1-11, 2020 and we'd love to have you join us. This pilgrimage is designed with space for contemplation, worship and simplicity. The cost per person 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

Deb Compher & Mary Cree, Your PW Co-Moderators



# CHURCH Family Life News



2019-2020  
Presbyterian  
Women/Horizons Bi-  
ble Study *Love Carved  
in Stone: A Fresh  
Look at the Ten Com-  
mandments*, is being  
led by Christine Ste-  
phens.

What would it mean to consider the Ten Commandments not as a harsh list of what not to do but, instead, as a “love letter” from a loving God? A fresh embrace of the Ten Commandments, author Eugenia Gamble suggests, may ultimately contribute to the restoration of ourselves and our communities and the furthering of the gospel in the world. *Love Carved in Stone* is a Bible study that helps us reframe the way we look at and live in the world.

On Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, a group of us enjoyed playing miniature golf in Macedon; that is, as long as that little ball didn’t land in the grass! We ended a very pleasant evening by going to Mr. Cooley’s to have ice cream and socialize outside.

Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, was our first Potluck and Game Night of the new church school year. Fifteen of us shared a delicious meal together, followed by conversation and/or games. We were grateful that Roxanna Rowe and Marian Maxwell were able to join us. A special thank you to everyone who helped set up the lounge beforehand, prepared wonderful dishes, made monetary donations, and to those who cleaned up afterward!



## Save the Dates!

**Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> Matthew 25 Potluck Luncheon after Church-**Have your midday meal with us to celebrate the Fall season. Consider bringing a dish to share, or you may make a small monetary donation instead, if you choose. Be sure to bring your Matthew 25 Neighbor Assessment Sheet, relax and be ready to discuss, listen, and learn about the needs of our current community.

**Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> for 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 appreciate dishes brought to share. If you’d rather make a monetary donation, the money will be used to help cover the cost of beverages and paper products. We will eat at 6:00 and then play some favorite board or card games, so bring anything that you would like to play. If you would rather just socialize, we have a group of us who enjoy doing that.

**Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, Church Family Life Team Meeting at 4:15 p.m.** Please consider joining us in the lounge. We welcome your ideas and interest in helping us plan social events for the upcoming year.

**Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, Free Family Movie in Park Church at 7:00 p.m.-** We invite you and our neighbors for free popcorn and a movie. Our team is continuing the program that was sponsored by the village of Newark during the summer, in hopes that a free evening out for families will be welcomed.

Cheryl Lotz  
Church Family Life Team Leader

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SUNDAY      MONDAY      TUESDAY      WEDNESDAY      THURSDAY      FRIDAY      SATURDAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
			Worship 6PM	Bible Study with Pastor 12:15 PM		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Who's Your Neighbor Potluck 11 AM COMMUNION Worship 10 AM.			Church Family Life 4:15PM Property 6PM			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Worship 10 AM Coffee Hour 11 AM	PW Luncheon 12 PM		Session 6PM	Bible Study with Pastor 12:15 PM		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Worship 10 AM Coffee Hour 11 AM	Finance 5:30 PM		PW Bible Study 12 PM	Bible Study with Pastor 12:15 PM	Game Night and Potluck 6PM	
27	28	29	30	31		
Two Cents a Meal Worship 10 AM Coffee Hour 11 AM	Parkview Submissions Due		Wednesday Workers 11 AM	Bible Study with Pastor 12:15 PM		

## MATTHEW 25 CONTINUES

Well, we have finished our first month of Matthew 25 and I look forward to moving forward into the next stages of the initiative, which involves the “Neighborhood Assessment.” Hopefully, the assessment will provoke some insight on where our mission efforts might be needed or enhanced.

The church wide fellowship potluck is scheduled for October 6th directly following the worship service. Please bring a dish to pass and your Neighborhood Assessment form. We will take just a few minutes to go over the Neighborhood Assessment forms. This is meant to be an informal gathering to share insights and thoughts on the information that we have gathered.

There seems to be some confusion out there on what the Matthew 25 Initiative is all about. I hope to clarify and redirect our efforts so that we are all moving forward on the same page. Matthew 25 calls us to be bold Presbyterians, reaching out into the community to those who might be poor, oppressed, the needy, and maybe connecting with those who have not found Christ in their life or need a recharge in their faith.

Some of you have expressed interest in partnering in joint worship services with churches of a different denomination as part of the Mathew 25 Initiative. While this might be a nice gesture, and perhaps we can have an ecumenical service with all the area churches at some time, it is not part of our Matthew 25 goals and initiatives at this time.

The PC(USA) Matthew 25 initiative encourages us to go out into the community seeking to serve God in Christ like ways. It calls us to be welcoming and inclusive, judgment free, and to find ways to bring God’s love and Word to all that we meet, not just those who are most like us.

As a reminder, you will be asked some questions in the beginning of the worship services beginning on October 20th and ending on November 10th as part of the initiative. Here are the questions again for your review:

What is your “Wow” factor at Park? What keeps you coming here? (Oct. 20th)

What are we afraid to let go of? What issues need to be address? (Oct. 27th)

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

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

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### ATTENTION ALL BAKERS!

There will be a bake sale on October 27th, both before and after service. Please bring your Halloween themed baked goods to the church before service if you would like to participate.

If you would like to volunteer to help please contact Elsbeth Foote at 315-871-6239 or e-mail the secretary at park-church110@gmail.com.

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The Matthew 25 Bible study began on September 26th and will continue until November 14th. Here is a run down of the times and topics:

Sept. 26th	Lifelong Discipleship Formation
Oct. 3rd	Intentional Authentic Evangelism
Oct. 17th	Focusing Outward
Oct. 24th	Empowering Servant Leadership
Oct. 31st	Spirit-Inspired Worship
Nov. 7th	Caring Relationships
Nov. 14th	Ecclesial Health

As you can see there is a lot happening in the Matthew 25 Initiative and I am glad to be on this journey with you.

Rev. Christopher

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The building still is a concern for many of us. Our most recent update is that we contracted with a structural engineer who is drawing plans for the repair of the truss. Once we get the plan, which we expect any day now, we have an engineer waiting in place so that he can give us a quote on the cost. Once that is received the session will decide how to move forward, if there will be an appeal to the congregation for above and beyond giving, and set time lines for the project. We will continue to provide updates as new information becomes available. The property team is working diligently to keep the project moving forward. As I mentioned in previous articles, please don't speculate what is happening in the project or continually ask the property team for information. When information is available for public knowledge, it will be shared. The property team and I appreciate your patience.

Author Dan Millman once wrote, "The time is now, the power is you!" We each have the power over the choices we make, on how involved we become and at what level of involvement we chose to commit to. Take the time and the power now to become involved. Where do you see yourself plugging in to the busy life of this church?

Peace and blessing!

Rev. Christopher

## HOW TO CONTACT PASTOR CHRISTOPHER

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Facebook Messenger

(PLEASE ADD HIM!)

Mondays 9:00-Noon

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.

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Betty Faro
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Eric Short
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Kelly McKeown
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Cindy Briggs  
Jim Seely  
Ron Wahl
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Gabriel Caraballo  
Shirley Martin
- 15  
Debbie McCrossen
- 22  
Ann Johnson
- 24  
Jerry Reed
- 30  
Luke Taylor
- 31  
Marcia Brown



## FAMILY PROMISE

Here come our guests for a week of our hospitality. 3 families arrived on Sept. 22 at the Methodist Church, who have graciously cleaned out where they will be staying and moved things to accommodate 8 guests, including 5 children from the ages of 18 months to 16 years old. We are hoping for good weather so the children can make use of Perkins Playground and perhaps the library. Please pray for all of us as we strive to extend the hand of Christian fellowship to folks who need us.

Thank you to all the Park volunteers who lovingly volunteered to make this week's stay possible. Please consider joining us in early this month for a training to be held at the Methodist Church if you are thinking of volunteering or are interested in learning more about the program. We will post the exact date soon.

We are expecting two families with children to graduate on October 1 and move into their own apartments. All kinds of furniture is needed such as a kitchen table and chairs, double or queen sized bed, chest of drawers, crib mattress and toddler bed. If you have any of these donations please contact Anne Rogers at 315 879 5478. At this time we do not have storage for such items, but we are hoping that soon we will be able to move into our own place and convert the garages on the property into storage. For now, we would need to deliver our donations on or around the time they move into their apartments.

***Anne Rogers and Carol Thurston, Family Promise Coordinators***

## EMERGING WORSHIP!

One section of the Matthew 25 Initiative revolves around "Spirit-Inspired Worship." It describes Spirit-Inspired Worship as:

- Being about God. Coming to holy ground, encountering God, and experiencing the wonder.
- Encouraging active participation in the living relationship of the triune God, thus making sure all feel welcomed just as they are to come.
- Invites us to challenge, teach, transform, encounter, convict, and send people out different.

As we continue through the fall, the worship team and I will continue to find some new and subtle ways of doing more spirit filled worship. We've introduced the egg shakers in music, we've handed out stones to remind us not to judge others, we've recently tried three-person narration of the gospel text and we've introduced songs into worship from the new Glory to God hymnal. What will be next? Come, join us and see!



29TH ANNUAL

# Harvest Dinner

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2019**

Park Presbyterian Church – Newark, NY

Pork Loin  
& Gravy  
Potatoes  
Dressing  
Squash  
Cole slaw  
Applesauce  
Pie



take-out dinners available

Adults: \$10, Children (12 & under): \$6

**SERVING 4:30 P.M. UNTIL SOLD OUT**

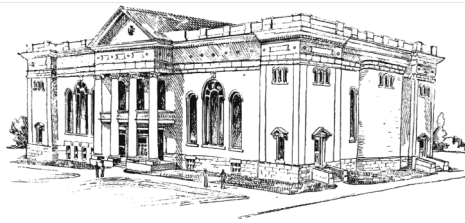
**for pre-sale tickets, call (315) 331-2255**

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*“We will make Christ visible  
by believing, living and  
sharing the word of God.”*

## SCHEDULE OF VOLUNTEERS FOR AUGUST

### **Liturgists:**

6th—Gil Burgess  
13th—Ron Lehman  
21st—Sarah Humphrey  
27—Cari Taylor

### **Counters:**

6th— Karen Doeblor & Thurlow Hammond  
13th— Debbie Compher & Dale Groover  
20th— Carol Thurston & Paul Salisbury  
27th—Sandi Marciano & Kris Bald

### **Greeters & Ushers:**

6th— Ginny Bodine and Pat Hart  
13th—Ellie Conklin and Cari Taylor  
20th—Seth Burgess and Family  
27th— Cindy Best and Natalie Lemmon

### **Coffee Hour:**

### **Communion Servers:**

Carol Thurston  
Gwen Mix  
Natalie Lemmon  
Anne Ross