

JULY 2021

FROM THE *Session*

Happy July!!

We are 6 months into the New Year and session has been super busy. We have had many special meetings to meet the ever changing needs of our church. The new CDC guidelines have brought much discernment and discussion over the last few months. Please know that we do not make decisions lightly and we always have the health and safety of our congregation in mind. We recently made the decision to accept no masks if you have had your vaccination. This is an honor system and if you feel more comfortable with your mask still on you will not be judged. We also changed the sign in system. Now you will just put a check next to your name on the list if you are attending in person. Hopefully this system is making the process of entering more smooth. If you come to the church during any other hours you will be required to sign the normal contact log.

Our property and maintenance teams have been very busy making the grounds of our church look so nice. Great curb appeal. If you see them be sure to thank them for their hard work.

We hope that you have been enjoying our mix of pulpit supply. The session has submitted the Ministry Information Form and it has been approved. The session can now begin the process of searching for an interim. This is a process that could take a while



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June Birthdays



PARK PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MONTHLY REPORT

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Karen Cameron

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Scott Blondell

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Rick Bald

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Sarah Humphrey

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Nancy Ottnod

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Ginny Bodine
Natalie Lemmon

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Cheryl Lotz

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Sue Kline

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Kalyn Norton

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Emily Lang

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Frank All

28
Diana Lagenor

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Mary Lewis

PW Meeting June 7th. The church women met to review our next activities. It was a spirited and courageous discussion which ultimately ended with the decision that the PW will not be holding the Holiday Bazaar this year. Because this event is one of the most demanding activities that PW attempts, and with our dwindling membership, we felt as a group that it would be too much for the group to accomplish at this time.

We hope to gain approval from session for two other activities in place of the bazaar. We are proposing to offer a Quiche dinner for the community on the first Friday of the new school year, September 10th. As a fund raiser, it will be run much like the chicken barbeque with tickets for sale in advance of the event. Please mark the date on your calendar, and spread the word, especially to the young families who may need a quick meal after a hectic first week of school.

Additionally, we have also decided to sponsor a Cupcake and Fudge Sale for Valentine's Day, Sat February 12th. More information on this event following the fall activities. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 23rd at 12 noon in the lounge. Wishing everyone a restful summer, we look forward to reconvening the PW group in the fall.

Deacon Report

The Deacons meet on Tuesday, June 29th following the Burgess's return from California. If you see Holly, I'm sure she'd be happy to share her grand-kid's pictures!

The Deacons will be requesting the Session's approval of a return to a modified coffee hour. Our hopes would be to set-up coffee and snacks, and have congregation members serve themselves, while still following current social distancing guidelines. The Deacons would still be responsible for the set-up and cleanup. Hopefully, we'll know more from the Session by the next newsletter.

Our next meeting for the Deacons will be Monday, August 23rd at 10 Am in the lounge. We will be discussing future outreach ideas. If you would like to join in the discussion, please feel free to do so...I promise not to ask you to become a Deacon, Really! Any ideas may also be passed on to Natalie Lemmon or Sue Rowe.

PROPERTY Team Update

June 30, 2021

COVID-19 Safety

- Masking and social distancing still required for those who aren't fully vaccinated.
- Sanitizing supplies are available in many areas. Building users are responsible for wiping surfaces before and after use.

Inside

- Planning for replacement of stained vinyl flooring for 1st floor men's restroom landing and repair of adjacent wall plaster.
- Coordinating kitchen exhaust hood for stove and convection oven. (Smith Metal and Ruffalo's).
- Continuing to sort through collections of misc. stuff in basement.
- Beginning to sort through miscellaneous supplies, etc. in the upper floors in preparation for creating an organized storage room for church files.

Outside

- The grounds look amazing. Jamie is to be commended.
- 6 cu. Yds. Of mulch has been spread.
- Downed tree limb was cut up by J and removed by Jamie. Thank you!
- Contacted Village of Newark re: tree damaged by recent storm. They will inspect and advise on path forward as the village owns all trees between sidewalk and street.

Scheduled Maintenance

- Annual fire inspection by Village of Newark completed:
- EXIT light bulbs replaced.
- Stove exhaust hood/fan needs to be finished.
- Replaced malfunctioning EMERGENCY light in lounge.
- Spring A/C tune-up completed. Sanctuary is a comfortable 72F on Sundays during these hot days.

Miscellaneous

- Rick Bald, Dale Groover and I met with Stu Blodgett to discuss our

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FUNDRAISING

Dear Church Family,

This is a difficult letter to write, but I feel compelled to speak. As you know I have done dinners for the church from the days of Jenny Schwartz, Eleanor Brennessel, Betty Faro, and Glenn Everdyke, right up to being the head of each dinner.

Over the years, it has become harder and harder to get people to commit and sign up for the many duties that it takes to do a dinner, for example: advertising, making signs and posting them around town, ordering, pick up, lugging and hauling forty pound boxes, getting cooks, servers, setting up, clean up, and taking care of leftovers. Unfortunately it has come down to one person who is trying to coordinate it all and make it happen. It has become very stressful.

With our recent fundraiser , people did not make the effort to sell tickets to friends, family, and neighbors as a way to help support the general fund. Because of the time and energy put in by a few awesome workers, (You know who you are!) it was almost for naught. How very, very, sad. The large amount of food leftover went to the lunch program and they were very thankful to serve over 90 people.

Looking forward to the Harvest Dinner, the task right now seems overwhelming due to our dwindling congregation and an older one at that. If this church really wants the Harvest Dinner to take place everyone needs to step forward **NOW** and take on the many tasks involved. Otherwise it will not happen. (This has been one of our best fundraisers in the past,)

This “oldie but goodie” lady is stepping down.

Respectfully,
Natalie Lemmon
Fundraiser Chair

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and so please be patient with session as we are considering all possibilities and the best fit for Park Church.

If at any time you're interested in participating in worship as a liturgist or special music this summer please reach out to Karen Cameron, another member of session, or contact the office. We would love to see you in the pews! Summer Worship hours are still 10am.

Happy Summer
Session

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- building/liability needs. New policy will be in effect in July.
- Cardswipe system needed replacement portable programmer. J located one. All set now.
 - Cancellation of AMBIT Energy account requires NYSEG to send a "drop service" request to AMBIT as we don't know who from Park Church is on the AMBIT account. Due to privacy and security reasons they won't provide that information.
 - Building use form - reviewing for completeness.
 - Rick Bald and I met with NA rep to discuss their building use needs.

Scott Blondell
Property Team

Building Use

Please be aware that our building is back open for use by individuals and groups in the church and community. The only remaining COVID "restrictions" are half capacity and masks for un-vaccinated individuals.

If you are looking to use the building please stop in the office and fill out a building use form so your request can be considered.

Finance Update

2021 Session MEMBERS

Clerk of Session:

- Cari Taylor
- Steve Mitchell
- Natalie Lemmon
- Dale Groover
- Scott Blondell
- Rick Bald
- Karen Cameron

As the Covid pandemic shows signs of becoming under control many things have changed or will be changing as we go forward. With changes comes a new beginning including the church.

Thought has been given for making changes in how we inform you of the church's finance. We are changing the information you have been receiving to a new way. There are 3 major Cost Centers in our accounting system which are Administration, Property and Worship & Music. There are also 5 minor Cost Centers of Christian Ed, Church Life, Finance, Membership, Mission and Personnel.

The change that is being made is that in each quarter it will be reported the activity of one major Cost Center. The report will show the actual expenses and show any anticipated future expense.

The 5 minor Cost Centers have little activity so it will be reported only when something occurs within that Center.

2021 Deacons

- Gil Burgess
- Holly Burgess
- Steve Mitchell
- Sue Rowe
- Deb McCrossen
- Natalie Lemmon
- Carol Thurston
- Judy Leone

For the 5 months ending May 31, 2021 the Property Cost Center recorded expenses of \$14,394.64 with the breakdown as:

New Equipment/Replacement	769.89
Service Contracts	1,748.05
Equipment Maintenance/Repair	3,131.79
Insurance	1,531.97
Repairs/Maintenance	1,500.00
Heat and Electric	4,537.26
Miscellaneous Items	1,175.68

The church income for the 5 months of this year (2021) was \$18,896.70 that compares to the 5 months of last year (2020) of \$68,822.99. Contributions are the major portion of income. In 2021 contributions were \$18,693.70 compared to 2020 of \$49,412.52.

The Endowment Fund has recovered somewhat and in 12/31/2020 the fund was \$1,075,947.45 compare that to 4/30/2021 it increased to \$1,165,726.63.

This is the new reporting format to be used but if you have any suggestions or questions that need an explanation drop a note to the church office marked for Finance or call the office and leave a message.

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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

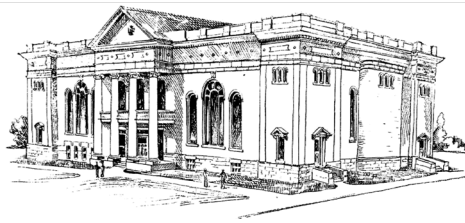
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4 <i>Susan Frost preaching</i>	5 Lucy Humphrey Lynn Blodgett	6	7 Lindsay Lotz	8	9 Marge Cseplo	10
11 Beth Whitbeck preaching	12	13	14	15 Quinn Cloe	16 Jeanna Lewis	17
18 Lee Lang <i>Susan Frost preaching</i>	19	20 Kris Bald	21 PARKVIEW SUBMISSIONS DUE	22	23	24
25 <i>Dean Cornwell preaching</i>	26 Paul Cole	27 Autumn Cole Russ Watson	28	29	30	31

The pastor each Sunday is subject to change.

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



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Go to: www.facebook.com/parkchurch110/
(Be sure to like and follow to get notifications when we go live.)