

## APRIL 2022

### News FROM THE INTERIM

*Jeremiah 29:11 "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."*

Exciting things are happening at Park! Like Jeremiah affirmed so long ago, the Lord has plans for Park's welfare and for Park's future—and that is HOPE!

We now have a new Bridge Builders Team. Their first submission appears this month. Exciting new ideas are being generated by this group. You won't want to miss what is happening. Read the first submission and then stay tuned!

Park Presbyterian's website is under construction. Roger the Construction worker, along with Stu and his band of misfits are working with Rev. Susan and J to "re-construct" the website. It is a work in progress, but you'll notice a difference right away when you go to the home page. <https://parkpresbyterian.org>

Congregational Discussions are underway on most Sundays at 11:15am. These discussions are important for the congregation. Already, some interesting facts and habits have been unearthed-facts about Newark, about leadership, about programming, about changes. Much more is to come. Some may ask, "Why is this important?" This is important because in order to "re-imagine" yourself, you have to first have a good image of who you are. Then you can make a decision about what has worked best for PPC and what hasn't. You can answer the question "Who are we?" and maybe more importantly, "Who do we want to be?" as you head into the future-you're THIRD century. Praise God!

Don't miss out on Asset Mapping. Asset Mapping will take place on April 24th with Pizza! I am really excited about the possibilities this exercise holds. Sometimes we get bogged down and start thinking scarcity when there is abundance! Naming our assets is only one part of this exercise. Putting those assets together in creative and out-side of the box ways allows for the Holy Spirit to spark new and creative mission outlets using available resources—abundance

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# April Birthdays



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not scarcity. Come join in the fun and get inspired!

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Barb Brunner

Rod Faro

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Kendall Ehle

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Brianna Burgess

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Deb Compher

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Steven Frost

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Forrest Blondell

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Kay Groover

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Grace Blondell

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Cari Taylor

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Peg Embrey

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Bella Humphrey

Dan Brennessel

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Cathy Brennessel



Minute for Missions have started! Our first special offering of 2022 will be the One Great Hour of Sharing. One Great Hour of Sharing connects us with people coming together to respond to the needs in their neighborhoods. It is the largest way Presbyterians connect with one another and unite with congregations in every corner of the Church and with partners all over the world. We connect in order to grow together, while offering support that addresses shared needs in a particular context. One Great Hour of Sharing connects us to proclaim that Christ is here! God is with us! Jesus is among those who have least, those who hunger and thirst, those who are sick or alone; with those seeking justice and righteousness with their neighbors and all who are in need. Christ is here, and not here, alone. When we all do a little it adds up to a lot. Park Presbyterian Church will be taking a special collection for the One Great Hour of Sharing on Palm Sunday (April 10). Envelopes are available at church; contact J if you need one.

PPC Session meets every third Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm. The session meetings are open to the congregation. Session can grant voice to those attending. If there is something that you need to address with session, we do ask that you let us know a week or so before so we can put it on the agenda. Please contact Cari Taylor, Clerk of Session, or Susan Frost, Interim of this need. If, for some reason, there is something that must be discussed confidentially, the session may go into executive session, but this would only be for those matters that are confidential at this time.

Together in Christ is a group of mostly lay leaders from area churches here in Newark, NY. They meet the third Tuesday of every month at 5:30pm. Several important missions have been supported by this group, including Common Threads, Family Promise, and Laurel House. These are all important community missions, and it is good to see that so many who claim Jesus Christ as their Lord have banded together to promote ministries that help provide for the needs of those here in the Newark Community. Something new is coming! Lisa Barrett presented that there will soon be a Food Shed on the old Catholic School grounds on Main Street. She will keep it stocked per Food Link guidelines. A Boy Scout earning an eagle's badge will be building the small shed. She told the group that this was sorely needed. The Food Closet is only open two hours every day; the shed is open 24/7. When people are hungry, they can go to the shed and find something for a meal or to eat so they don't go hungry. When up and running, Lisa will let us know. People can help donate specified items for this newest mission. (I'm not sure she called it a "shed"...I'll revise in a later submission.)

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Crosses will be made from palms just before discussion time on April 3, 2022, in preparation for Palm/Passion Sunday on April 10th. On Palm Sunday, we will begin the service by waving branches and shouting “Hosanna,” (Hebrew for save us) and wanting to crown Jesus as king. But as the story of Christ’s passion unfolds, the shouts of praise will turn into demands for his death. Jesus will be handed over to be mocked, tortured, and killed; the crown he receives will be one of thorns. This is the paradox of Palm/Passion Sunday. The service will be one of scripture reading and silent reflection with a brief sermon.

Something new is in the works for Maundy Thursday. Park Presbyterian will have soup and service! Come enjoy some of Natalie’s homemade soup, some bread, and a desert at 6:15pm in the lounge. Then, at 7:00pm join the Maundy Thursday Service with Communion in the Sanctuary. It will be livestreamed, but you won’t get soup unless you show up! Maundy Thursday from the Latin mandatum (commandment) proclaims Jesus’ new commandment to love one another as he has loved us. It celebrates Christ’s example of humble service and self-offering. There is an emphasis on confession and forgiveness, concluding the penitential season of Lent. It ends with the stripping of the church.

Come join us on Easter Sunday (April 17th) as we “reclaim” our Alleluia’s and join again in Communion as the body of Christ. As with Christmas, Easter refers not only to a single day, but to a whole season of celebration in the Christian year. The season of Easter spans the fifty days between the Resurrection of the Lord and the Day of Pentecost and encompasses the Ascension of the Lord. In this most joyful season, we celebrate the great mystery of our faith—that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

Finally, Stu Bear wants to say, “Thank You!” for all the food you have contributed to the Little Red Wagon. We have given sixteen bags of food so far this year. That is as much as was contributed all last year! Keep up the good work. Thank you to Christine and Henry Stephens who are picking up the food and delivering it to the Newark Food Closet once a month.

As you can see, things are a happening at Park Presbyterian Church. Thanks be to the Lord who has plans for our welfare and not for harm, to give us, Park Presbyterian Church a future with hope.

## 2022 Session MEMBERS

### Clerk of Session:

Cari Taylor

Steve Mitchell

Natalie Lemmon

Dale Groover

Anne Rogers

Rick Bald

Karen Cameron

In Christ, Rev. Susan



# BRIDGE BUILDING Team

## Building a Bridge to our Third Century

From turning on the news and hearing the latest on the crisis unfolding in the Ukraine, to woes over the pandemic and its effects on families, community, and organizations and social events, to economic concerns, rising inflation, and rising gas prices, all of us are concerned about what tomorrow holds. There is uncertainty. Uncertainty is a scary thing; it frightens us. We like to be in control, to make plans, to have security, to know what we envision for our community, for our families, and for the world will happen. All of that is up in the air right now. There is validity in that concern. Some of you have expressed concern over how long certain organizations like Park Presbyterian Church can hang on when membership is dwindling, and people are aging; what does tomorrow hold? That too is a valid concern. Yet, a prophet so long ago spoke to this concern. God's people were in exile in Babylon. They too did not know what tomorrow held. Inspired of God, the prophet wrote a letter stating God's message to the people. He wrote, "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." (Jeremiah 29:11)

**Pastor Susan Frost**

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Park Church is, "building a bridge to the future." There is no certainty, no guarantee for tomorrow, but Park Church is one place, a place, for God's people to gather together as a community and to face the future together and we plan on continuing to be that place whether it be for one year or for three years, or well into our third century- whatever and however long God desires. Park Presbyterian Church believes it has a continued role to play in Newark's community; Park Presbyterian Church believes that it is called to be a place- a place of safety and security for those who wish to continue to worship. Park Presbyterian wants to be a place where families find refuge, where they work and play together, and where, when it is time, their lives are celebrated with family together. Park Presbyterian Church chooses to put its continued hope in God. We choose abundance over scarcity. We choose to believe in a future of service and ministry in this time and place. We believe that we have an important role yet to play. As Jeremiah stated we affirm that the Lord has plans for our welfare and plans to give us a future with hope.

Why create a new Bridge Builder's Team? What is their purpose? We are a team committed to creating a bridge to the future. We believe that Park is called to be a place, that Park has a role, and that Park is still important to God's plan as a place. In order to do this, we need a roof over our heads and heat to keep the family warm. A new heating system was recently installed for \$20,000 dollars. The roof was fixed; it cost \$10,000. Keep up-to-date on how you can be involved in the Bridge to our Third Century; there will be ways for everyone to participate to keep Park Presbyterian Church as the place that God designs for future ministry in Newark, NY.

***The Bridge Builder's Team***  
***Henry Stephens, Josh McCrossen, and Susan Frost***



## PROPERTY Team Update

Property has received the quote for installation of the kitchen hood/fan/ductwork and will be scheduling the work to begin ASAP.

Spring cleanup will be scheduled for April, to include raking beds, trimming, planting flowers and spreading mulch. We will be asking for volunteers to help with the sprucing up of the grounds.

A set of guidelines are drafted and will be posted in the kitchen covering safe food handling and proper use of the gas stove, as well as expectations for considerate use of the facility.

Basement sorting and cleaning continues as time permits.

**Rick Bald**  
**Scott Blondell**  
**Property Team**

## 2022 Deacons

Gil Burgess  
Holly Burgess  
Sue Rowe  
Joan Boerman  
Scott Briggs  
Eileen Taylor  
Virginia Bodine

## COMMON THREADS

Common Threads was graciously blessed by the Newark Middle School music students. The students held a "practice-a-thon" and raised over \$1,000 for Common Threads! The fundraiser went well beyond expectations and the money is being spent on new clothing racks which are so desperately needed.

We are currently looking for volunteers to help on April 9th from 10:00-2:00 at Woodlane Community Church to help put these new racks together. We will also be putting away the winter clothes and getting out the summer ones! All hands are welcome. If you have any questions please see me or email at shumphrey8008@gmail.com

**Joyfully,**  
**Sarah Humphrey**

## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR APRIL

(bold are sermon texts)

Get a head start on contemplating God's Word for the month of April.

April 3, 2022: **Isaiah 43: 16-21**; Ps. 126; Philippians 3: 4b-14; **John 12: 1-8**

(Palm Sunday) April 10, 2022: Luke 19:28-40; Ps 118:1-2, 19-29; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Ps. 31:9-16; Phil 2:5-11; Luke 22: 14-23:56

(Maundy Thursday) April 14, 2022: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14; Ps 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Cor. 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

(Easter Sunday) April 17, 2022: Acts 10:34-43; Luke 24: 1-12

## Worship and Music

The Worship and Music Team has been hard at work planning for Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter Sunday.

- April 3<sup>rd</sup>-Palm Crosses will be made after the worship service in the lounge.
- April 10<sup>th</sup>-Palm/Passion Sunday-Join us as we read the Passion Story starting with the shouts of Hosanna and ending with Jesus' death on the cross.
- April 14<sup>th</sup>-Maundy Thursday-Don't miss out on Soup/Bread at 6:15pm in the lounge and Service at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary.
- April 17<sup>th</sup>-Easter/Resurrection-You won't want to miss worshipping together and seeing the garden of lilies on this special and holy day!
- April 24<sup>th</sup>-Worship with Asset Mapping/Pizza to follow the service; come join the fun!

Notice: **The Lord's Supper/Communion** will be observed: April 3, April 14, and April 17

### General News:

- We are so happy to have Yoshiko back and playing in person for the services.
- A special thank you to Sarah Humphrey and the choir for their continued contributions and support of both the worship services, and for their contributions to the added special services of Ash Wednesday (previous) and upcoming Maundy Thursday service.
- An additional thank you to Stephanie Mercer who filled in as organist/pianist for Ash Wednesday and for Dorothy Ehrhardt's Funeral Service.
- A special thank you to Karen Cameron for her dedication and service in lining up pastors and lay leaders from December 2020-November 2021. Also, for being so faithful and diligent while the church was closed, in making sure that taped/live services went well and that communion elements were supplied.
- Another special thank you to Natalie Lemmon for rehearsing, directing, and leading the bell choir monthly-AND for helping with communion elements when needed! The music adds so much to the service!

## Deacons and PW

Please remember that the next meeting will be April 4th, Deacons will be at 10:00AM and Presbyterian Women will follow that at Noon, in the lounge.

A special thanks to the Deacons for assisting with Dorothy Erhardt's funeral.

May 8th, Mother's Day, will be a special service organized by the PW.

**Sue Rowe**  
**Presbyterian Women/Deacon Chair**

**2022 Presbyterian Women**



**Thursday, April 28, Friday, April 29**

**8:00 AM-4:00 PM**

**“Bag Day” Saturday, April 30 8:00 AM-Noon**

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*Proceeds to benefit  
the PPC Presbyterian Women*

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## REMEMBERING THOSE WHO ENTERED THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

### NEWARK FOOD CLOSET

Newark Food closet is looking for:

- No salt and regular canned corn
- Canned spinach
- Canned Pineapple
- Canned pears
- Applesauce

**The Rev. John Watkins**, former Newark Wayne Community Hospital chaplain, died December 15, 2021, in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Preceding him in death was his wife, Martha, on June 7, 2021. Both were living in the Sunnyside Retirement Community in Harrisonburg. In 1989, John accepted the invitation from the hospital and the Presbytery of Geneva to serve half-time as the first-ever chaplain at the hospital, while also serving half-time as pastor of the Fairville Presbyterian Church. John, a servant leader, will be remembered for his ministry as a non-anxious presence with patients, their families, the hospital staff, and the Newark community. Rotarians enjoyed his dry sense of humor around the lunch table. John retired as chaplain in 2000, and Rev. Carlos Smith was hired to fill the position. Following his retirement from the Fairville church and the hospital chaplaincy, **John served as Parish Associate at Newark's Park Presbyterian Church where Rev. Timothy Johnson was pastor.** Martha was an active volunteer with the Auxiliary, played the organ and piano for various functions, and worked in the hospital gift shop. In 2007, the Watkins moved to Sunnyside, where they made many friends, and enjoyed several years of volunteering their services to that community.

**Dorothy Ann Ehrhardt**, 86, passed away peacefully on Sunday (March 13, 2022) at Newark Manor Nursing Home. Dorothy was born the daughter of the late Isaac and Jennie (Leenhouts) Willemssen on Thursday, April 25, 1935, in Sodus, N.Y. Dorothy was raised in the Newark area, graduating from Newark High School. **Dorothy was a member at the Park Presbyterian Church** and a past member at the Newark Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary. She enjoyed golfing and tending to her flower and vegetable gardens. She was an avid traveler visiting Holland and several destinations in the United States. Dorothy was a retiree of C. H. Stuart in Newark. Dorothy's burial in Marion Cemetery in Marion, N.Y., will be in the spring.

**Suzanna Bliet Stresling** (former secretary of Park Presbyterian Church) Mentor, Ohio: Passed away Feb 15, 2022 at age 84 at University Hospitals in Willoughby, Ohio. She was born to Peter A. and Susie E. (Hermanet) Bliet on Jan. 9, 1938. Graduated from Marion Central School in Marion, NY in 1956. Sue worked at Mor-Flo as a secretary; at Office Max in customer service and she owned The Maple Tree Gift shop for many years. She is survived by daughter Debra (John) Maynard, Son; David (Dianne) Stresing, Brothers: Donald (Mary) Bliet and LaVerne (Tony) Bliet, Granddaughter Marisa Saber (Tad Baria), Dawn (Zak) Petrenko, Grandson, William Stresing; Great grandson Silas Baria. Preceded in death: Husband Percy W Stresing, Brother Elwin (Marian) Bliet, Sister Johanna Williams and her parents Peter and Susie Bliet. She will be cremated and buried at Crown Hill Cemetery in Twinsburg, Ohio at a later date.

**Vern Coleman**, 86, passed away on Wednesday (February 9, 2022) in the wonderful care of the Wayne County Nursing Home, where he resided for the last five years. A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday (May 29), time and location to be announced. Burial will be in Fairville Cemetery. Vern was born in Newark, N.Y. on December 16, 1935, the son of the late Vernon and Lillian Jenks Coleman. He was a graduate of Newark High School, Class of 1954. In 1956, he married Nancy DeWandel. During the Korean War, Vern, served in the U.S. Navy as a SeeBee. He retired from the Village of Newark after many years of service. He was a past Exalted Ruler of the B.P.O.E. #1249. Vern was happiest when spending time with family and friends.



APR*i*L 2022

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Wednesday

THURSDAY

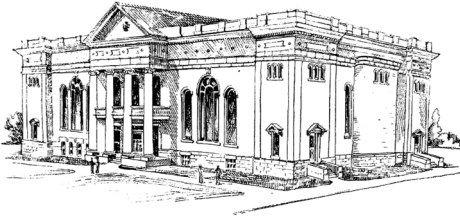
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*Saturday*

					1  Garden Club 1P NA 5:30P	2  Pack 138 Pasta Dinner AA 6P
3  Palm Crosses 11:15A Heritage and Leadership Discussion #5	4 Gwen Mix  Deacons 10A PW 12P Bells 4P	5  Quilters 4P Pack 138 7P	6 Barb Brunner Rod Faro  Bible Study 12P Pack 138 7P	7 Kendall Ehle	8  Gem & mineral Club 6P NA 5:30P	9  AA 6P
10 Brianna Burgess  Palm Sunday	11  Finance 3P Bells 4P	12 Steven Frost  Quilters 4P Pack 138 7P	13 Forrest Blondell  Pack 138 7P	14  Soup Dinner 6:15P Maundy Thursday Service 7P	15  NA 5:30P	16 Kay Groover  AA 6P
17 Grace Blondell  Easter Sunday	18  Bells 4P	19  Quilters 4P Pack 138 7P	20  DAR 10A Pack 138 7P Session 7P	21	22  NA 5:30P	23  AA 6P
24	25 Cari Taylor  Parkview Sub- missions Due Bells 4P	26 Peg Embrey  Quilters 4P Pack 138 7P	27  Folding Party 10A Pack 138 7P	28 Bell Humphrey Dan Brennessel  Rummage Sale	29 Cathy Brennessel  Rummage Sale NA 5:30P	30  Rummage Sale AA 6P

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

***“Our vision is to be God’s  
light – a beacon of love, in-  
teraction, and guidance in  
Faith and comfort. “***



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