

January 2022

News From the Interim

Acts 6: 1-6: Seven Chosen to Serve

6:1 Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. **2** And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. **3** Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, **4** while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word." **5** What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. **6** They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

This story came to mind the other day as I was considering my first few weeks as Interim at Park Presbyterian Church. This comes from the story of the early church. Even then, the twelve disciples couldn't do all the work. They needed to delegate; they needed helpers. This happens in our churches today. The bulk of the work of the church often falls on a few. Unfortunately, this often leads to burnout. People give all they have to give and have nothing left. The early disciples said it plainly. "It is not right...select seven of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom." Even our Book of Order states that an active member is one who participates in the church's work and worship. (G-1.0402) A song I heard today reinforces that we are in this together. We are all ministers in service. The song says:

"We are many, yet we are one, we are separate yet bound in his love, and together we are all his hands and his feet bringing mercy and peace to this world, we are many and one." ("Many and One" by Steve Angriano)

As I consider the New Year ahead, I see promise and opportunity. We will have our annual congregational meeting on Jan. 23, 2022, directly after church. At this meeting, you will vote in a new class of Ruling Elders and Deacons for the year 2024, as well as a new Nominating Committee. You will hear

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reports given by the various committee chairs outlining accomplishments for 2021 and hopes and dreams for 2022 and beyond. You will also hear of some needs and possibly some startling facts. Did you know that we don't have a balanced budget? Did you know that we don't have chairs for some important committees like Christian Ed? You see, we need YOU!



(Picture that poster from WW1 with Uncle Sam pointing a finger straight at you)

Would you consider taking on a role? Got some ideas? Gee-not a member? Ever considered joining? If the Spirit inspires, reach out to me, or one of the Ruling Elders or Deacons...as the song says, "together" we are Christ's hands and feet.

Park Presbyterian's Mission Statement is, "We will make Christ visible by believing, living, and sharing the word of God." Again, this fits with the song, "together we are Christ's hands and feet bringing mercy and peace to this world..." What is lacking is the vision. Did you notice you don't have a vision piece of the mission statement? A mission statement is defined as an action-based statement that declares the purpose of an organization and how they serve their customers. Your purpose as a Christian church is to preach the good news of salvation as put forth in God's word. This is in your mission statement when it says... "sharing the word of God." You serve your "customers" those who attend, those who become members, those in the community, etc., by making Christ, the Word of God, visible through your actions. Your mission statement implies action in that you live your lives in such a way that others see something different in you; they see the love, forgiveness, mercy, and compassion of Christ as shared to us in God's word in everything you say and do, and in the commitments and decisions you make for yourself and your families and in your faith. As I have often said from the pulpit, if we are no different from the rest of society, why would anyone want to take the time to become a Christian.

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Karl Schantz

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Renee Laws

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Donna Richardson

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Kelly Shay

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Anne Ross

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Gabriella Taylor

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Bob Humphrey

Jacob Norton

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Dan Tierson

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Roxanna Rowe

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Donna Blondell



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What makes us different? Why does it matter?

A vision statement, on the other hand, is an aspirational statement made by an organization that articulates what they would like to achieve. It often describes the desired future position of the company. In 2022, we will look at your “Genesis” story. How did Park Presbyterian start? Did you know that you are one of the “older” churches in this presbytery? Yup! It’s a fact. Did you know that you will be 200 years old in another three years? Yup! That’s another fact. Did you know that you have relations with both the East Palmyra and the Oaks Corner’s Presbyterian Church? Yup! Another fact. We will also do some small group work and consider Park’s strengths; using those strengths, what would Park look like if you were to re-imagine yourselves in this time and place while keeping in mind your “Genesis” story. The village of Newark is “revitalizing” itself; how might Park capitalize on Newark’s “revitalization?” There are connections with the Erie Canal opening in 1825 and the original charter for the church being signed in the same year. Newark’s revitalization centers around the Erie Canal. Does this speak of possibility? Are there other similarities between Newark’s vision for revitalization and what Park envisions for itself in the future? Finally, we will consider, what is Park’s mission in this time and place? What is God calling you to be and to do?

I sent out a Christmas card this year like I have done in years past. This was the first year I have had several responses—to my last paragraph. I share it with you, the Park Presbyterian Church Family as I close:

As I considered the year behind and the year ahead, the following verse came to mind: Jeremiah 29: 11 “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.” This past year has not always been easy; in fact, there were stressful moments when we kept being outbid on houses, when our water wouldn’t pass on Seneca Rd., when everything wouldn’t fit in the moving trucks, when what we brought to Rochester wasn’t going to fit in a smaller house, when there were no guarantees. It has been a year of transition. Just about everything in our lives has changed—except the fact that I know God loves us. This is the gift of Christmas—that of God with us. God’s presence is with us. When we are stressed, when things seem dark, when the days ahead are uncertain, we can trust in our God; I know that God is good, God is love, and God is faithful. I pray this hope for your lives and for your futures—to trust that the God who loved us enough to come to earth will not leave us—but is at work in the world recreating, renewing, and redeeming all of creation. May the love of Christ hold you fast this season and throughout 2022.

In Christ,
Susan

2021 Session MEMBERS

Clerk of Session:

Cari Taylor

Steve Mitchell

Natalie Lemmon

Dale Groover

Scott Blondell

Rick Bald

Karen Cameron

2021 Deacons

Gil Burgess

Holly Burgess

Sue Rowe

Deb McCrossen

Natalie Lemmon

Judy Leone

PROPERTY Team

COVID-19 Safety

- Masks are required for indoor activities. Social distancing encouraged. Choir is the exception.
- Consumption of food is not being permitted for any inside activities.
- Sanitizing supplies are available in many areas. Building users are responsible for wiping surfaces before and after use.

Inside:

- Changed thermostats in sanctuary to ramp up at 530AM to 70F and to continue heating during worship. Will turn the fans to 'LOW' at 955AM to maintain warmth and not disrupt the spoken word.
- Replacing remainder of smoke sensor batteries this month.
- Exhaust hood for stove and convection oven delivered. Donation from Smith Metal Works. A "thank you" has been sent to SMW. The installation of hood, ductwork and exhaust fan will be completed by Lagana Plumbing. Waiting for updated quote - ~ \$4000.
- Continuing to sort through collections of misc. stuff in basement.
- Sorting through miscellaneous supplies, etc. in the upper floors in preparation for creating an organized storage room for church files and possibly for Family Promise use - Rick has made great progress.

Outside

- Roof repairs completed by Elmer Davis. Installed 3 retro-fit drains (2 on north gutter, 1 on east gutter) and target patched. Coated all seams that were failing. Caulked all termination bars that had failing caulk. They've requested a tax exempt form for invoicing purposes. J to provide updated version.
- The grounds look amazing. Fall cleanup completed. Jamie is to be commended for his outside efforts. If anyone has requests for the inside please leave a

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note in his hallway mailbox. I'll remind him to check it.

- Time to winterize mower and test the snowblower. I'll use snowblower as needed. Andrew Joslyn has been recording his hours when shoveling/salting is needed.

Scheduled Maintenance

- Purchased 2 new light switches for kitchen fluorescents. To be installed.
- Motion passed to replace failed 13 y.o. boiler unit with 2 smaller, more efficient units, for a total of 3 boilers as needed. (Finger Lakes Comfort)
- Working boiler received a PM visit and no problems noted.
- Boiler inspection every 2 years – due 12/22 by Hartford Steam Boiler 800-333-4677.
- Doyle Security performed annual fire system inspection 11/16/21.

Miscellaneous

- Received Eagle Scout proposal for enhancements to outdoor chapel area from Andrew Joslyn. Motion for approval passed.
- Christmas Eve worship service: will begin bringing up the candle poles soon, and begin installing them next week.
- No updates re: ongoing Camp Hauser investigation.
- Planning for replacement of stained vinyl flooring for 1st floor men's restroom landing and repair of adjacent wall plaster.
- Have several touchless paper towel dispensers and soap dispensers to be installed.

Scott Blondell and Rick Bald

Property Team

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR JANUARY

Jan. 2, 2022: Isaiah 60: 1-6; Matthew 2: 1-12

Jan. 9, 2022: Isaiah 43: 1-7; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Jan. 16, 2022: Isaiah 42: 1-9; I Corinthians 12: 1-11

Jan. 23, 2022: Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Luke 4: 14-21

Jan. 30, 2022: Jeremiah 1: 4-10; Luke 4: 21-30

NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

- On Jan. 18, 19, 20 and Jan. 25, 26, 27 Susan will be on session approved Study Leave taking the second half of an Interim Ministry Workshop and will be unavailable from 10am-6pm each day.
- The Annual Congregational Meeting will take place on Sunday, January 23, 2022, following the regularly scheduled Sunday worship service. Annual Committee Reports are due to me **by** January 3, 2022.
- Information for the February Parkview is due Jan. 24, 2022. Parkview Folders will meet at 10:00am on Weds. Jan. 26th. Come join the fun!
- Calender Dates
 - Reports due for Annual Meeting by Jan. 3, 2022
 - Epiphany Jan. 6, 2022
 - Personnel Meeting 10:00 Jan. 11, 2022
 - PW Meeting Noon Jan. 17 at Eastshore Landing
 - Session Meeting 7:00 Jan. 19, 2022
 - Presbytery Meeting Jan. 22, 2022 (time TBA)
 - Pastor on Study Leave-Jan. 18-20 and Jan. 25-27
 - Annual Congregational Meeting Jan. 23, 2022
 - Parkview submissions due Jan. 24, 2022
 - Parkview helpers (folders) Jan. 26, 2022 10:00am
- Beware any phishing emails asking for money. It has come to our attention that there may be an email circulating under a false email address stating that the interim pastor is asking for money to help a needy family and asking for monetary donations. Please ignore the email and delete it.

January 2022

Sunday

MONDAY

Tuesday

Wednesday

THURSDAY

Friday

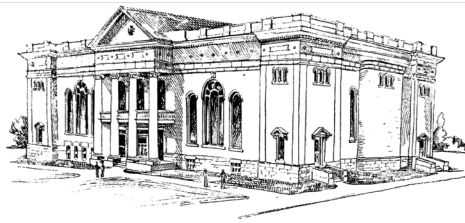
Saturday

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2 Karl Schantz	3 Bells 4P Annual Report Articles Due	4 Quilters 4P Webelos 7P	5 Pack 138 7P	6 Epiphany	7 NA 5:30P	8 Renee Laws AA 6P
9	10 Donna Richardson Deacons 10:30A Bells 4P Finance 4:30P	11 Quilters 4P Webelos 7P Personnel Meeting 10A Bells 4P	12 Kelly Shay Bible Study 12P Pack 138 7P	13	14 NA 5:30P	15 AA 6P
16	17 PW 12P— Alternate Locale Bells 4P	18 Quilters 4P Webelos 7P Pastor on Leave	19 Pack 138 7P Pastor on Leave Office Closed Session 7P	20 Pastor on Leave Office Closed	21 NA 5:30P Office Closed	22 Anne Ross AA 6P Presbytery
23 Gabriella Taylor Annual Meeting 11A	24 Bob Humphrey Jacob Norton Bells 4P Parkview Sub- missions Due	25 Dan Tierson Quilters 4P Webelos 7P Pastor on Leave	26 Pack 138 7P Parkview Help- ers Pastor on Leave	27 Roxanna Rowe Pastor on Leave	28 NA 5:30P	29 Donna Blondell AA 6P
30	31 Bells 4P					

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