

MARCH 2022

News FROM THE INTERIM

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9

A lot has been happening and is about to happen at Park Presbyterian Church. The energy is catching. Like Paul says in the letter to the Galatian so long ago, "Let us not become weary in doing good..." I am reminded of the refrain to one of the songs I often listen to on my drive in from Rochester. It says:

"I Will Choose Christ,
I Will Choose Love,
I Choose To Serve.
I Give My Heart, I Give My Life,
I Give My All To You."
(Tom Booth, I Will Choose Christ)

Our Book of Order says that the Church's ministry is a gift from Jesus Christ to the whole Church. So, ministry is a gift. Ministry can take many forms, but one form is as a deacon or as a ruling elder. These ministries are called "ordered ministries." They are called ordered ministries because they "order a church's life" so that all in the church may flourish. As I write this, some of your fellow congregation members have chosen to serve. They have accepted the call to be a deacon or to be a ruling elder. Deacons lead the church in its ministry of sympathy and service. Ruling elders oversee the welfare of the church and the spread of the gospel. You, the congregation, have elected them for terms of service to the church. Each of us is called to serve... it may not be as a deacon or a ruling elder, but there are many types of services. 1 Corinthians 12:4 says, "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires them all in everyone." The first verse of Tom Booth's song says:

"How Many Times Must He Call My Name
And Show To Me That He Is God?
And As A Servant He Calls To Me,
"You Must Serve Too."

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March Birthdays



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Alyson Holloway

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Eugenia Mullie

Gil Burgess

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Karen Watson

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Craig Stell

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Bill Doebler

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Eileen Taylor

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Sharon Anderson

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Holly Burgess

Sue Rowe

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Wayne Smith

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Sherry Kearns

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Seth Burgess

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Jeanne Salisbury

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Cadi Finewood



Might Jesus be calling your name to help in some way—to use some special talent or gift that you have? As Corinthians says, there are a variety of gifts, a variety of service, and varieties of working. I can't begin to mention all the things that Park Presbyterian Church could use help with. Here is a partial list. Are these anything you might be called to "serve" doing? I attended the last Together in Christ meeting. This happens every third Tuesday at 5:30pm. This is a group of mainly lay leaders from the different churches in town that meet to coordinate activities. We could use a volunteer beside Anne to attend this meeting from Park Presbyterian Church. You get to meet and work with people from other churches. At this meeting they mentioned the need for volunteers at Laurel House. Please see me if you are interested in helping in this important work with those in one of their most sacred moments of life—that of dying. I know that Anne Rogers is looking for those willing to help buy groceries and to make food for the week of March 20th for Family of Promise. Please see Anne if you are willing to help serve in this capacity. We need those who would help Henry Stephens with the Capitol Campaign; this campaign is designed to help with the cost of the most recent boiler installation and roof repair which adds up to around \$30,000 dollars. The Presbyterian Women are planning a rummage sale for the end of April. Stay tuned for ways you might be able to help in this endeavor. I am looking for those who might like to work with children. Please see me if interested. There is room in the choir for more members if you like to sing. I'm sure Sarah would welcome your voice. As I said, this is just a partial list... there are SOOOO many ways that your gifts and talents can be used.

The third verse of Tom Booth's song says:

"Christ, My Teacher And Healer,
Teach My Heart And Heal My Soul.
And As I Walk This Road With You,
Teach Me To Love."

Lent is almost upon us. Lent provides opportunities for us to "walk this road with Jesus," and it provides opportunities that help us to grow our love. "Lent" comes from an old English word for springtime, perhaps connected with the lengthening of days in this time of the year in the Northern Hemisphere. The season of Lent is a time for growth in faith—through prayer, spiritual disciple, and self-examination in preparation for the commemoration of the dying and rising of the Lord Jesus Christ. In ancient Christian practice, Lent was a time of preparation for the celebration of Baptism at Easter. In many churches, it remains a time to equip and nurture candidates for Baptism or confirmation, and for the whole community of faith to reflect deeply on the themes of baptism and discipleship. Reconciliation is a key theme in the season of Lent—reconciliation with God and with one another through the grace of Jesus Christ. Lent is a period of forty days—like the flood of Genesis, Moses' sojourn at Sinai, Elijah's jour-

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ney to Mount Horeb, Jonah's call of repentance to Nineveh, and Jesus' time of testing in the wilderness. The Sundays in Lent are not counted among the forty days, as every Lord's Day is celebration of Christ's resurrection. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and concludes at sunset on Holy Saturday, at the start of the great Vigil of Easter.

"As I Look Upon Your Cross,
So Too Must I Die With You.
And With The Death Of My Own Desires,
I'll Rise With You."

March 2nd is Ash Weds. the chapel will be open from 12-6 with Taizé music playing, meditation, ashes, and creative activities designed to aid you in your Lenten journey. I am still in the process of designing this... There will also be an Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30pm on Weds. March 2 in the Sanctuary. I hope you will all avail yourself of this opportunity. I have found Ash Wednesday services one of the most meaningful. There is something about having the cross written on my head—a symbol of both in whom I trust and in whom I am claimed; it also reminds me of my own mortality. For me, it is a wake-up call and a reminder that each day is a gift—it is only by the grace of God, the gift of God, that I exist. Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent with a public act of confession. Acknowledging that we have all sinned and fallen short of God's glory, we repent and return to our loving creator. Acutely aware of our failure and frailty, we express our utter reliance on God's saving grace. Ash Wednesday developed in the medieval period as a time when penitent sinners were presented for church discipline during the season of Lent, to be reconciled with the community of faith on Maundy Thursday. Ash Wednesday also came to be the occasion of new believers to enroll in the catechumenate, a period of preparation for baptism at Easter. For those who undertake spiritual disciplines, Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten fast. Ashes are an ancient symbol of repentance, sorrow, and sacrifice. Traditionally, the ashes of this service are made from the palm branches of the previous year. Thus, the ashes and palms together frame the season of Lent.

Finally, I hope you will participate in various activities and discussion groups that I have planned for March. I am still in the planning stages for these discussions. All will have a Zoom link for those who wish to participate via online. These discussions will take place from 11:30-12:00 on Sundays after the coffee fellowship time. I am also looking into the possibility of getting some community speakers to come and speak during a weeknight or two about the community of Newark and its needs. Keep watching for updates!

2022 Session MEMBERS

Clerk of Session:

Cari Taylor

Steve Mitchell

Natalie Lemmon

Dale Groover

Anne Rogers

Rick Bald

Karen Cameron

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- March 6: Continued discussion on Heritage and Leadership Styles
- March 20: Core Value Inventory Results and final discussion “Who are we?”
- March 27: Discussion “Who is Our Neighbor” -general round table discussion of needs and gaps in the community of Newark
- April 3: Continued discussion and observations about our “neighbors” and possible ministries
- April 10-No discussion (Palm Sunday)
- April 17-No discussion (Easter)
- April 24-Assest Mapping 11:30-12:30-more to come on this!

As Paul reminded the Corinthians so long ago, “at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up!”

In Christ, Susan

In Other News:

- **A BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who helped make my Ordination a success! I especially want to thank: Scott Blondell and J for their efforts at making a live-stream possible; Natalie Lemmon and Karen Cameron for coffee and cross cookies; Sarah Humphrey and the choir for its rendition of *Be Thou My Vision*; Stephanie Mercer for playing the organ; the congregation of Park Presbyterian for the use of the church; the congregation for the beautiful stole—I plan on using it for a Youth Sermon one of these days; the beautiful flowers; and J for the mug that says, “Be Careful or You Will End Up in My Sermon!”
- **A BIG THANK YOU** to CREW, TROOP, and PACK 138 for their participation and help with Scout Sunday on February 6, 2022. There was so much energy! It was fun!



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PROPERTY Team Update

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 230AM 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.
- Replaced remainder of smoke sensor batteries in January.
- Exhaust hood for stove and convection oven in-house. Donation from Smith Metal Works. The installation of hood, ductwork and exhaust fan will be completed by Lagana Plumbing.
- Continuing to sort through collections of misc. stuff in basement.

Outside

- SNOW and ICE REMOVAL AS NEEDED...

Scheduled Maintenance

- New boilers on line and functioning as designed. Additional boiler work completed: expansion tank; backflow check valve - \$1602
- 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.
- 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

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- Stu Bear and Zoom want to say thank you for donations to the Newark Food Closet of 120 lbs. of food;



for the 60 cans of soup for SuperBowl of Caring; for donations to Common Threads.

- DO YOU F.R.O.G.? (Fully Rely On God)



- Come in and get your own little frog to act as a daily reminder!
- SPECIAL THANKS to the outgoing Deacons, Natalie Lemmon, Judy Leone, Deb McCrossen and Sue Rowe and to the outgoing Ruling Elders Scott Blondell, Dale Groover, and Cari Taylor for their years of service to the Lord. 2 Corinthians 9:13 says, *"You have honored God through this genuine act of service because of your commitment to spread the Good News of Christ and because of your generosity in sharing your gifts with others."* Thanks be to God for God's gift of your service to Park Presbyterian Church!
- SPECIAL THANKS to Cari Taylor for her continued ministry as Clerk of Session. This is no easy job and Cari has fulfilled her duties well in this capacity for the last 7 years. She will continue as Clerk of Session by vote of the session in a non-voting capacity. Thank you, Cari for your continued service and support of the ministry of Park Presbyterian Church. A dedicated Clerk of Session is a true blessing!
- WELCOME to the newly elected Deacons-Ginny Bodine, Joan Boerman, Scott Briggs, Sue Rowe, and Eileen Taylor. Park Presbyterian Church is excited to have so many willing to fulfill this important role of ministry. In case you don't know, Deacons are people persons. Their hearts go out to those in distress, to

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Deacons and PW News

With the assistance of our Interim Pastor, the Deacons are currently reviewing and revising the Deacon manual as well as updating the visitation list. We hope to complete the revisions at next month's meeting on March 14th at 10 AM. If you know of a neighbor, co-worker, or anyone who could use a visit from the Deacons, please contact Sue Rowe at srowe918@gmail.com or the church office. We are consciously trying to move outside our church are part of our overall mission, so please give this some thought. Additionally, the Deacons will attend the March 16th Session meeting at 7 pm to begin their Deacon orientation.

Park Women are in the process of reviewing previous giving commitments to "catch-up" with any donations missed during the pandemic; those donations will go out at the next meeting at 12 noon on March 14th at . We will also begin the planning process for this year's rummage sale, slated for April 28th, 29th, and 30th. In these final days of winter (we hope!), we can all begin our spring cleaning – yeah!! Stay tuned for dates when we will begin to accept donations. Additionally, Anne Rogers has agreed to do the devotion for the March meeting. If it's anything like this past month's devotion, you will not want to miss it!

Also, the Park Women have continued their participation with the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary's Wise Women program; this past month's topic was Fierce Love with Rev, Dr. Jacqui Lewis, and it was quite thought provoking. This month's topic will be True Self with Sophronia Scott, and meeting will be in the Lounge on Thursday, March 17th at 7:30 pm.

Rummage Sale

Sue Rowe,
Moderator

We will again be having our annual rummage sale, organized by the Presbyterian Women. It is set for April 28th and, 29th from 8:00 to 4:00 and Sat. 30th from 8:00 to noon. Start cleaning out your closets, sheds, drawers, etc. We do not accept furniture or TVs. It is also greatly appreciated that you donate non-stained clothes, or electronics, toys or items that are NOT dirty. It saves the workers a lot of time. You can start bringing items to the downstairs church basement from March 30th on. There will be a sign showing the designated area. Thank you so very much in advance for your donations. We will need lots of workers starting on April 11th to help sort and mark. It is a lot of fun, with music, coffee, goodies and laughter.

Blessings, Natalie Lemmon, Chairperson

2022 Deacons

Gil Burgess

Holly Burgess

Sue Rowe

Joan Boerman

Scott Briggs

Eileen Taylor

Virginia Bodine

Family Promise News

Covid has necessitated a switch from the rotation model where families went from church to church in Wayne County and received shelter, food and sometimes transportation for a week before moving on. Currently, the families are spending their stay with Family Promise in apartments. Grants and private giving pays for the rent. Three families are now housed in apartments in Lyons with one family in an apartment in Savannah until a fourth apartment in Lyons can be renovated.

Since the families can make their own meals the care and support from Church and community groups come from a fellowship dinner held every Monday evening at the Day Center. The dinner is given by volunteers from supporting groups. Volunteers who are serving the dinner get together with families participating in the program to share the meal.

The support groups also help buy groceries from an established list of healthy foods for any family not receiving SNAP benefits.

The Newark Community Group has committed to four weeks of support which are March 20-27, May 8-15, September 18-25, and October 23-30.

Our community group is made up of people from 5 churches and three community groups. A small group of representatives from each church and group met to organize the fellowship meal and grocery shopping for the family. The tasks for the fellowship dinner on March 21 were divided up between the representatives to bring back to their churches or groups. For this week, donations have been given to cover the cost. Park Church was asked to bring homemade macaroni and cheese to please the possible ten children involved in Family Promise right now. The exact number of folks will be confirmed after they RSVP on March 17 for the dinner on March 21. Their parents and our serving volunteers will all enjoy the meal together. Could anyone please volunteer to make the macaroni and cheese? Please contact Anne Rogers at 315 879-5478 or anne.j.rogers@gmail.com. Many hands among our community make light work!

While Covid has necessitated changes in the housing model, the need for support for homeless families in Wayne County has not changed. 12 families remain on the waiting list.

Please contact me for further information, comments or suggestions as Paul Salisbury and I are currently working as Park's representatives.

**Anne Rogers,
Family Promise Coordinator**



Soup Sale

Our annual Soup Sale will be here again on March 19th. Pre-sale only. There are 4 choices: Italian wedding soup, Vegetarian taco soup, Potato bacon soup, and chicken pasta soup. They are quart size. Prices are: 1 quart - \$8.00, 2 quarts - \$16.00 3 quarts- \$ 22.00 and 4 quarts - \$28.00. They will be made on Fri., put in the quart containers, refrigerated and sold on Sat. from 9:00 to 12:00. Many of you may want to pick them up on Sunday. There's nothing better than a hot bowl of soup on a cold snowy day, so be sure to call the office and put your orders in now!!!

Gratefully,
Natalie Lemmon

COMMON THREADS

Common Threads is a children's clothing closet being housed in Woodlane Community Church that opened in 2018. We offer free clothing for children sizes newborn-Youth 16. We do not require proof of residency or income; just come and get some great clothes. We have served hundreds of families and given out many bags of clothes.

We are open on the first and third Saturday of the month from 9-12. We have a handful of volunteers who staff the closet. Their duties involve helping families and sorting clothing!

How can you help? We are always in need of new socks and underwear. These items go quickly when we have them, especially for the toddlers! There is a box in the lounge for donations. We are always looking for volunteers; please email Sarah Humphrey at shumphrey8008@gmail.com to be added to our email list.

Joyfully,
Sarah Humphrey

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MARCH

(bold are sermon texts)

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

Ash Wed. March 2-**Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51: 1-17**

Lent 1-March 6-**Deut. 26: 1-11**; Ps. 91: 1-2, 9-16; Rom. 10: 8b-13; **Luke 4: 1-13**

Lent 2-March 13-**Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18**, Ps. 27; Phil 3: 17-4:1; **Luke 13: 31-35**

Lent 3-March 20-**Isaiah 55: 1-9**; Ps. 63: 1-8; 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13; **Luke 13: 1-9**

Lent 4-March 27-Josh. 5: 9-12; **Ps. 32; 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21**; Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-

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members who have suffered loss, to neighbors in the hospital, to prisoners, to friends who have lost their jobs, to new parents who are confused by a wonderful, sudden, and challenging change in the responsibilities of life, to new members who need a word of welcome, and to members who are shut in and lonely and cannot leave their homes. They show the love of Christ in concrete ways; theirs is a ministry of sympathy and service. May these next years be fruitful in the Lord. 2 Corinthians 9:10-11 says, *"God who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God; for the rendering of this service not only supplies the wants of the saints but also overflows in many thanksgivings to God."*

Pastor Susan Frost

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and Friday from 9-4
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make any appointments
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- WELCOME to newly elected ruling elders-Dale Groover and Anne Rogers. Dale continues to fulfill the role of Finance chair. Thank you, Dale for agreeing to another three years! Anne is stepping in to fill a one- year term. We look forward to her presence on session. Thank you, Anne! When a congregation elects one of its members to the office of ruling elder, it means they see that person as someone of "Strong faith, dedicated disciples, and a love of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord" whose manner of life is "a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both in the church and in the world." Ruling elders oversee the welfare of the church and the spread of the gospel. May these next years be fruitful in the Lord. 2 Corinthians 9:10-11 says, *"God who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God; for the rendering of this service not only supplies the wants of the saints but also overflows in many thanksgivings to God."*
- SPECIAL THANKS to Richard Watson for his versatile service every Sunday-greeter, snow shoveler, handicapped chair helper, and all-round good guy. On any given Sunday, you are greeted with, "How you do' in?" and a generous supply of smiles. Thank you, Richard, for you service to the Lord. You are such a blessing!

NEWARK FOOD CLOSET

Newark Food closet is looking for:

- Canned pineapple
- Canned spinach
- Canned (low sodium) mixed vegetables
- Canned or jarred beets

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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

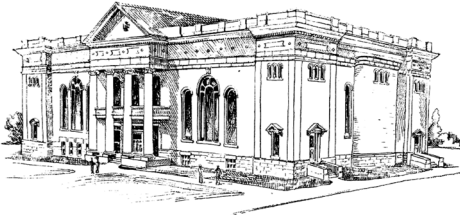
FRIDAY

SATURDAY

		1 Quilters 4P Webelos 7P	2 Alyson Holloway Ash Wednesday Pack 138 7P	3	4	5 Ordination 11A Blue & Gold 1P AA 6P
6 Eugenia Mullie Gil Burgess Heritage and Leadership	7 Karen Watson Bells 4P	8 Quilters 4P Webelos 7P	9 Craig Stell Pack 138 7P	10 Bill Doeblor	11 Eileen Taylor NA 5:30P	12 AA 6P
13 Sharon Anderson Worship & Music 11:15AM	14 Deacons 10A PW 12P Bells 4P Finance 4:30P	15 Holly Burgess Sue Rowe Quilters 4P Webelos 7P	16 Pack 138 7P Session 7P Deacons and RE meet with Session	17 Last Day of Soup Sale Pre-Sale	18 Wayne Smith NA 5:30P	19 Soup Sale 10- 12P AA 6P
20 Core Values Installation and Ordination of Deacons and Elders	21 Bells 4P Parkview Sub- missions Due	22 Quilters 4P Webelos 7P	23 Sherry Kearns Folding Party 10A Pack 138 7P	24 Seth Burgess	25 NA 5:30P	26 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. “***



Be sure to check out our Facebook page for a way to see the Sunday Services.

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

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