

# February 2023

## News From PPC

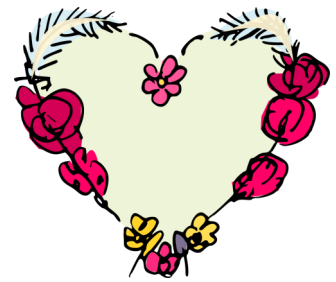
### News from the Interim

*Joshua 1:9 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be frightened or dismayed; for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."*

This is the promise that we have; God is with us wherever we go. This held true for Joshua as he took over command from Moses and as he prepared God's chosen to head into the Promised Land with all its possibilities as well as its uncertainties. This is still true for Park Presbyterian Church as it begins another year and as it nears its Bicentennial in 2025. Like Joshua and the people of God so long ago, we too are called to remain strong and courageous. Park Church continues because there is still work to be done! The promise—God is with us wherever we go...we don't need to be concerned that we might not always get it right. We don't need to be frightened that somehow Park has missed its way. God is guiding us and using all the experiences along the way to mold us into who we are here and now for the mission—the journey—that like the Israelites so long ago, lays ahead—a future with many possibilities filled with hopes and dreams.

I am excited by many of the changes that I see happening—like a flower unfolding in the spring. As I write, five ruling elders and three deacons were voted into office yesterday at the annual congregational meeting. On behalf of Park Presbyterian Church, I extend a sincere thank you to the outgoing class of ruling elders and deacons and I welcome in the new in-coming class. I wish to extend a heart-felt thanks to Scott Briggs who served as a deacon for the 2022 year and to Holly and Gil Burgess who completed a three-year term as deacons. I also wish to extend a heart-felt thanks to Anne Rogers who filled in for a one-year term as ruling elder and to Karen Cameron who just completed a three-year term as ruling elder. I look forward to working with Stephanie Lange who was voted in for a three-year term as a deacon, and working with Debbie McCrossen who was just voted in to fill a two-year term and Bob Hanson and Cari Taylor who were voted in for a three-year term as ruling elders. I look forward to continuing work with Holly and Gil Burgess, secretary and treasurer for Deacons, serving three-year terms, and Karen Cameron and Anne Rogers who will both serve three-year terms as ruling elders. Park Presbyterian Church is very fortunate to have such dedication and leadership. Thank you all.

The three task forces have been hard at work the past couple of months. The Mission Task Force has completed a Mission Chart for 2023 which includes some new ideas. One of these is called The Children's Book Garden. During the months of May, June, July, and August, Park Church will be present at the Village



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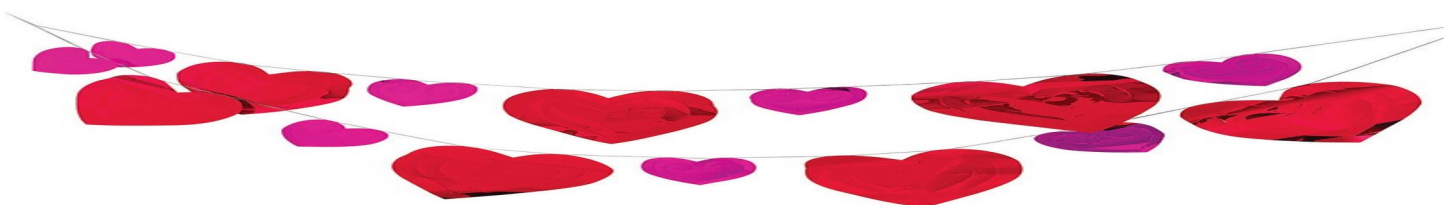
Market on the first and third Thursdays of the month to hand out children's books as part of a children's book ministry. The church congregation will be asked to buy some coloring books to be handed out and the church will supply small packs of crayons. The idea is two-fold—to make Park Church more visible in the community and to provide a witness to children through the giving of books and Children's Bibles. The Holy Spirit has been at work prepping hearts. Soon, we may have a Sunday School for K-2. Stay tuned for more information to come. The Christian Ed Task Force has been addressing the need for continued faith formation from childhood through adulthood. You can find more information about the Lenten Series and the PW Horizon's Study on the book of Hebrews in this Parkview. The Christian Fellowship Task Force is already at work planning a brunch for Scout Sunday and has other fellowship ideas they are formulating with information soon to come.

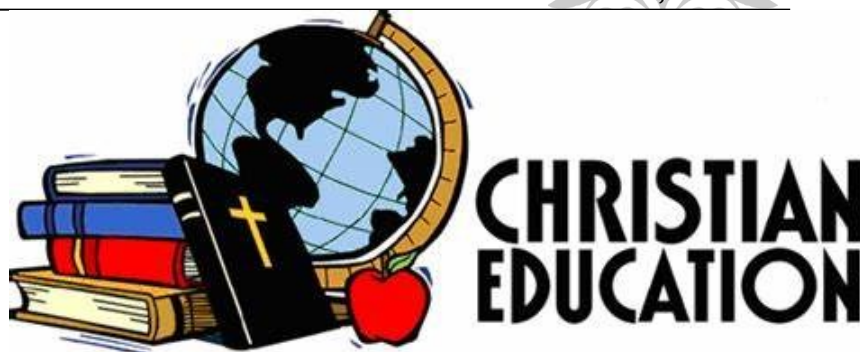
In the sermon for January 22<sup>nd</sup>, I mentioned all the community groups that use the space that Park Presbyterian Church has been blessed with. Park provides space for two NA groups, for an AA group, for DAR, the Garden Club, Wayne Mineral and Gem Club, for Troop, Pack, and Crew 138, as a meeting place for Together in Christ (TIC) and a rehearsal space for the Finger Lakes Bronze Bells. Another group who has used the space in the past hopes to start again—the Baby Café. Park Presbyterian Church is blessed with space and brainstorming creative ways to use this space is both a blessing and an opportunity.

One of the tasks of the session of any Presbyterian Church (as well as other churches) is the annual review of the membership role. This has caused issues in Park's past; it was never meant to be an issue. Any organization reviews its rolls; a church is no different. With this said, I am not sure that the right message was always sent. The review of the rolls was never meant to push people away. It should ALWAYS be that of encouraging those that may have been absent for a time that their presence is missed; this is because each member is part of the family of God. This isn't about money. It's about people. It's about letting others know they are missed. It's about realizing that every member has a God given gift that is needed to help sustain that church in that time. One of the seven marks of a vital church is Lifelong Disciple Formation. Those members who stay active in any organization do so because that organization brings meaning to their life. We would hope that being a member of Park Presbyterian Church brings a genuine sense of joy, energy, commitment, and passion to a person because you are part of the community of God. Our renewed commitment as a church is this faith formation—a process or journey that is life-long. I pointed out in the January 22<sup>nd</sup> sermon that "casting nets" requires more than one person. The Christian faith was never meant to be lived in solitude. Even Jesus called others to follow; what we do, we do in community. We are stronger together. As Park reaches out to you, we hope that you will let us know how we can encourage you in your faith journey— young, middle-aged, or senior alike, because our Christian journey is life-long.

Park Presbyterian Church continues to believe that God is with us just like God was with Joshua and those Israelites so long ago. We too follow God's command to be courageous and to look at the future for what it holds—knowing that no matter what, God promises to be with us.

In Christ,  
Susan





### **Adult Learning Opportunities:**

**Congregational Learning Day** on March 4, 2023, for New and Experienced Church Leaders and Church Members

Registration deadline by **2/24/23**

Schedule: 9-10:45 Class 1 and Introduction, 10:45-11 Break, 11-11:30 Break, 11:30-1:00 PM  
Class 2

Online

Register: <https://pbygenval.org/congregational-learning-day/>

If interested-go to the link to read about the different classes be offered or call the office and talk to Pastor Susan or see the flyer on the board in the entryway.

### **PW Horizon's Bible Study to start Weds. April 19, 2023, from 12:00-1:00 PM.**

Christine Stephens will start a Women's Bible Study using *Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews- a 2017–2018 Horizons Bible study* by Melissa Bane Sevier. In nine lessons, author Melissa Bane Sevier invites us to explore major themes found in Hebrews, relate these themes to other parts of our faith tradition, and tie them together with the overarching motif of community. The community for which the letter, or homily, was written interacts, in a sense, with all communities of which we are a part, as we bring these groups with us wherever we go. This ever-present “great cloud of witnesses” (Heb. 12:1) strengthens and encourages us as we “run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith” (Heb. 12:1b–2). It will begin on Wednesday, April 19th from 12-1PM. She will poll the women as to whether they want to do the first and third Weds or every Weds...etc. at the first meeting. The books have been ordered along with an accompanying DVD. Books are \$10 each.

**Lenten Series** to begin on Weds., March 1, 2023; it will run for 6 consecutive Weds to include-March 8, 15, 22, 29, and April 5. We will use the book, *Luke-Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws*, by Adam Hamilton. Books are available in the office. Please let Pastor Susan or Office Administrator Samantha know if you would like one. The books are \$11.49; pay only as you are able. We want everyone to participate who would like to. There will be two sessions- an early afternoon, and a late afternoon. There is a sign-up sheet in the lounge. If you have questions, feel free to call the church or email me at [interimpastorsfrost2@gmail.com](mailto:interimpastorsfrost2@gmail.com).

**Class for K-2 to begin March 5<sup>th</sup>.** The Spirit is moving—in another month or so, we might have a Sunday School Class in place for our youngest community members; it all started with a question—and then someone volunteering—and then some calls and people saying they might be willing to help. Wow! We are in the initial phases of getting this figured out. My goal is to have something in place for the first Sunday in Lent which is March 5<sup>th</sup>. After Stu's Corner, the students would leave and have a good 30-40-minute class; parents would pick them up after the service at the classroom. Keep this in prayer as we move forward!

# Soup Sale

Feeling the droop? Got the croup?  
Have some **mighty fine soup** made by the Park  
Presbyterian group!



## Park Presbyterian Church

\$9 per quart, 3 for \$24, 4 for \$32

Italian Wedding, Potato Bacon, Vegetable Beef,  
and Black Bean Taco

Call in orders: (315) 331-2255

Pick-up Saturday February 25, 9:00-Noon

# Lectionary Readings for February

Get a head start on contemplating God's Word.

**February 5, 2023:** Psalm 112; Matthew 5: 13-20

**February 12, 2023:** Deuteronomy 30: 15-20; Matthew 5: 21-37

**February 19, 2023:** 2 Peter 1: 16-21; Matthew 17: 1-9 (Transfiguration Sunday)

**February 26, 2023:** Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16; Matthew 4: 1-11 (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent)



## Liturgists needed for:

**February 5**

**February 12**

**February 19**

**February 26**

**\*\*Ash Wednesday:** February 22, 2023-6:30 PM with Communion

## Flowers:

**February 5, 2023:** In Memory of Marguerite and Donald Palmer from the Palmer Memorial

**February 12, 2023:** In Memory of Arthur Ellis and Beryl Chapman from the Chapman Memorial

**February 19, 2023:** In Memory of Edith Coon by Gwen Mix

**February 26, 2023:** In Memory of William Bender by Henry and Christine Stephens



## Stu's Corner:

**February 5, 2023:** You are the Light of the World

**February 12, 2023:** *The Ten Commandments: Still the Best Path to Follow* by Dennis Prager

**February 19, 2023:** *The Little Star That Shines for Jesus* by Cindy Peak

**February 26, 2023:** *Temptation Lane* by Kayla Noelle



## Park Church Connections:

### Task Forces:

**Mission:** Next meeting is scheduled for Tues. February 7, 2023, at 4:00 PM

**Christian Education:** TBA

**Christian Fellowship:** Next meeting is scheduled for Weds. Feb. 1, 2023, at 3:00 PM

### Sock-It-To-Me-

From now until Sunday, February 12, 2023, PPC is collecting SOCKS (and underwear) sizes 2-14 for SOCK-IT-TO-ME Sunday to go to Common Threads, a local organization that furnishes free children's clothing to those in need.

### Warming Tree:

On January 13, 2023, the Children's Hats and Mittens from the Warming Tree will be/were delivered to ABCD in Williamson to aid migrant families. A special thank you to Joan for lending her knitting talents, and to others who contributed to make this a huge success!

From February 13<sup>th</sup>-March 5<sup>th</sup> children's hats and mittens will again be collected for the Lincoln and Perkin's Elementary Schools.

### PPC Soup Sale: February 25, 2023.

\$9 per quart, 3 for \$24, 4 for \$32

Italian Wedding, Potato bacon, Vegetable Beef, and Black Bean Taco

Call in orders: 315-331-2255

Pick-up Saturday February 25, 2023 9:00 AM-12:00 PM



### PPC Dish to Pass:

The next Dish to Pass will be February 26, 2023.

### February Dates to Remember:

February 1, 2023: Christian Fellowship Task Force-3:00 PM

February 5, 2023: Scout Sunday/Communion

February 7, 2023: Mission Task Force-4:00 PM

February 11, 2023: Session Retreat 9AM-12PM

February 12, 2023: Worship/Worship and Music Team Meeting

February 13, 2023: PW/Deacon's/Finance

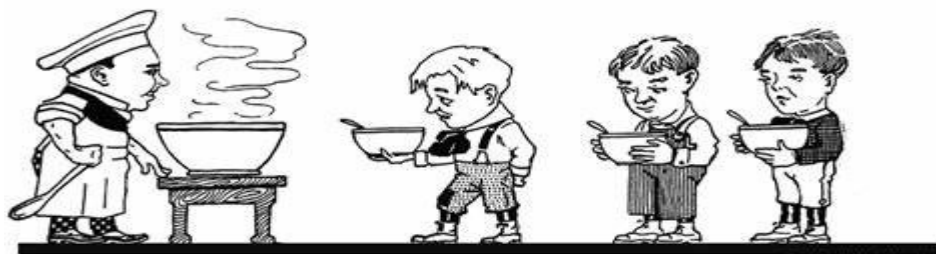
February 15, 2023: Session 7:00 PM-newly elected Ruling Elders and all Deacon's invited

February 19, 2023: Ordination/Installation of newly elected Ruling Elders and Deacon's/Congregational Discussion #2

February 22, 2023: Ash Wednesday

February 25, 2023: Soup Sale

February 26, 2023: Worship/Dish to Pass



# BIRTHDAYS

1 Josh McCrossen

21 Marv Ottnod

4 Grayson Cole

21 Shannon Norton

11 Eileen Brum

24 Ashlee Williams

12 Anderson Burgess

24 Tim Johnson

14 Ken Casselman

27 Dick Leone

14 Stuart Blodgett

19 Evan Lang



## Remembering...

Please join us in lifting up in prayer Ruling Elder Phoebe Baker (First Presbyterian Church in Penn Yan) and her family following the loss of her husband, Vaughn.

Vaughn A. Baker of Penn Yan passed away on Thursday, December 29, 2022, with family by his side at Highland Hospital. He is predeceased by his parents, Edith and Archie Baker and his sister, Thelma Henderson.

Vaughn is survived by his wife, Phoebe; his three sons Scott (Kristin) Baker, Kirk (Jennifer) Baker, and Dean Baker; grandchildren Charity (Anthony) Noyer, Christian Baker, Ethan Baker, Em Baker; two greatgrandsons Aiden and Liam Noyer; his niece Debra (Bill) Bachman and nephew Bruce (Denise) Henderson.

For over 30 years Vaughn taught high school special education mainly in the Rochester City School District. In his retirement he enjoyed his days on Keuka Lake and attending any event to support and cheer on his grandchildren who held a special place in his heart. Friends are invited to join in a Gathering of Remembrance on Saturday, January 21, 2023, at 2 p.m. in Crosier Hall at First Presbyterian Church of Penn Yan, 211 Main Street, Penn Yan, N.Y. Edward Carter Funeral Director, [edwardcarterfd@gmail.com](mailto:edwardcarterfd@gmail.com)

## **Newark Community Connections:**

### **BSA:**

February 5, 2023: Scout Sunday-The Christian Fellowship Task Force has taken it upon themselves to help supervise a brunch for the scouts. They are asking for your help. Needed items include: bananas, doughnut holes, strawberries, crackers, cantaloupe, cheese, apple juice, sweet breads or muffins, and grapes. If you can donate any of these items, please let the office know and/or bring your items—drop them off or bring the day of the event. Thank you for your help. One sign of a vital congregation is its hospitality!

### **Family Promise:**

At their last meeting, The Park Presbyterian Women made a commitment to support Family Promise. The Session has also committed mission funds toward this goal. See Sue Rowe if interested in committing some of your time and/or talents to potentially promote raising funds for Family Promise to “purchase” a home rather than continue renting which is not feasible overall. Get involved in this new “vision.” They have a 95% graduation rate—those who graduate from their program can maintain living on their own and supporting their families. This just proves that Family Promise works!

Anne Roger’s writes:

Park Pres. has been a continual and faithful support for the Family Promise Program and families. As part of the Newark Community, PPC helps host a Monday fellowship dinner four times during the year. Warm, homemade, nutritious, and well-balanced meals are provided. Also provided is transportation to and from the dinner if the families need it. During those weeks food and supplies are provided for any of the families who need a little extra help. During the year families are transported to appointments and to get groceries when needed. This year, with the support of Session, PPC donated the supplies gathered for our rotation weeks when they stayed in our church to the families. PPC also donated some of the furniture from the third floor that is not being used so upon graduation from the program they will move into their new homes with pieces of furniture. Members of the PPC congregation have supplied help during emergencies for the families. PPC has worked with the Newark Family Promise Support group with joy to help our neighbors. God will keep guiding us and prompting us to do God’s work. Praise to God for help and strength in everything we do. If you have questions, donations, or suggestions please contact Paul Salisbury or Anne Rogers . We are Park’s representatives to the Support Group.

### **Little Red Wagon:**

Next Collection is February 5, 2023!

Spaghetti sauce canned  
dark red kidney beans  
low sodium tomato soup  
Cranberry sauce  
peanut butter small jars  
pineapple  
low sodium mixed vegetables.







**Newark Food Closet:** Lisa Barrett says:

“Currently the van we have now keeps breaking down and we are having to put a lot of money into it. We also pick up 2 huge donation places each week, and we are having to turn down a lot of the donation or having to make multiple trips to Rochester to get it. We are currently working with a car dealer for a van and it's going to be around \$35,000.00. We are working on setting up a go fund me to help with the cost.”

Lisa said that they are taking any and all donations. Please consider this need of a worthy organization that provides for those in need of food in our own community.

**News from Common Threads:**

Sarah Humphrey writes:

“A look back at Common Threads in 2022. 183 people walked through our door. 231 bags of clothing were given out. 28 coats were given out. 85 packages of new underwear and socks were given out. Thank you to all who made this possible. I hope we can grow these numbers in 2023.”

Common Threads is located at 5694 Wood Lane, Newark, NY 14513. It is open 9AM-12:PM every First and Third Saturday of the month. Drop off for clothing is in Park Presbyterian lounge M-W, F from 9AM-4PM. Contact Sarah at [shumphrey8008@gmail.com](mailto:shumphrey8008@gmail.com) or call 585-409-4667 for more information.

**Survivor Advocacy Center of the Finger Lakes:**

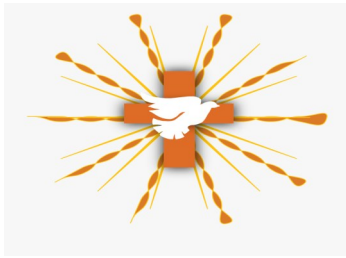
Collecting now--shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, razors, tampons/menstrual pads, individually wrapped snacks, microwavable soups, granola bars, dish and laundry soap. Please place in the bin in the lounge. Items will be taken to Survivor Advocacy the week of January 30<sup>th</sup>. Please have any items here by January 29<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 3PM Christian Fellowship 6PM Pack 138 Meeting	2	3 1PM Garden Club 530 NA Meeting 6PM Venturing Crew	4 6PM AA Meeting
5 Communion/Scout Sunday 9AM Choir Rehearsal 10AM Worship 5PM Finger Lakes Bells	6 430PM Chancel Bells 6PM Back 2 Basics	7 4PM Quilters 6PM Pack 138 Meeting	8 6PM Pack 138 Meeting	9	10 530 NA Meeting 6PM Wayne Gem	11 9AM Session Retreat 6PM AA Meeting
12 9AM Choir Rehearsal 10AM Worship 1115 Worship/Music Meeting 5PM Finger Lakes Bells	13 10AM Deacons 12PM Park PW 3PM Finance 430PM Chancel Bells 6PM Back 2 Basics	14 4PM Quilters 6PM Pack 138 Meeting	15 10AM DAR Meeting 6PM Pack 138 Meeting 7PM Session Meeting	16	17 530 NA Meeting 6PM Venturing Crew	18 6PM AA Meeting
19 9AM Choir Rehearsal 10AM Worship 5PM Finger Lakes Bells	20 430PM Chancel Bells 6PM Back 2 Basics	21 4PM Quilters 430PM TIC Meeting 6PM Pack 138 Meeting	22 6PM Pack 138 Meeting	23	24 530 NA Meeting	25 10AM NA Planning 6PM AA Meeting
26 9AM Choir Rehearsal 10AM Worship 5PM Finger Lakes Bells	27 430PM Chancel Bells 6PM Back 2 Basics Parkview Submissions	28 4PM Quilters 6PM Pack 138 Meeting				

2023



# Prayer List

We pray for Aaron, Dom, James, Glen, Todd, Richard, William, Jaime, Christine, Wanda Gallagher, Lisa Tremiti, Shirley May, Sandy Rude, Carol Howell, Becky Derr, David, Steve, Linda Loree, Barb, Vienna, Cara and Ryan, Scott Blondell, Donna Merrill, Joe, Mark Booth, Deb Compher, Marian Maxwell, Judy Leone, Karen Doeblor, Kay Groover, Laurie Hephner, Kate Grey, Ginny Bodine, and Family Promise families. God of Mercy, comfort those who have recently lost loved ones—family or friends.

We continue to pray for the friends and families of: Sandra White (Cheryl Lotz), Nelson Gulvin (Pat Hart), Carol Wilson, Danielle Watson (Richard Watson), and Vaughn Baker (Kirk Baker).

Transforming God: renew and sustain for the care and the caregiver. We pray for: Bonnie and Thurlow, Ed and Cheryl, Kay and Dale, Jeanne and Paul, Barb, Eileen B, Betty C., Thelma, and Jim and Anne Peck.

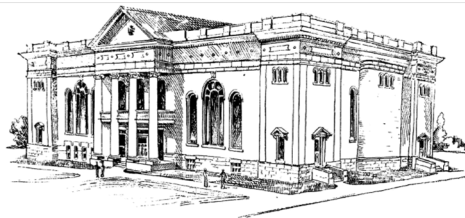
Mighty God, whose Word we trust and whose Spirit enables us to pray, accept these our requests and further those which will bring about your purpose for our world. Amen.

**Please note:** If a person needs to be added to the prayer list—please let Pastor Susan or our Office Administrator Samantha know; if a person needs to be removed—please advise. It is hard to know when someone should be added or taken off the list. This is where you, the congregation, can get involved. If I have removed someone you would like to keep on the list, please let us know.



Gracious God, as we prepare for the Season of Lent, open our hearts and minds to be receptive to new opportunities and new ways of doing things. Change is inevitable; our lives are in constant flux as is the world around us. Acknowledging this helps us as we realize that the ability to engage in the change itself—to make course corrections, or to embrace what new experiences can bring, opens us to transformation and allows us to aide in forging a way forward. Thank you for the opportunity this holds for us as Park Presbyterian Church presses forward. Amen.

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***“Our mission is to make  
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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