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News From PPC

News from the Interim

Scripture: Proverbs 16:9 "The human mind plans the way, but the LORD directs the steps."

Dear All: Please read through the notes from the last two congregational discussions. See how the LORD is directing Park Presbyterian Churches next steps!

In Christ, Susan



January 15, 2023-Tasks of the Church

At a recent retreat on 2-11-2023, the session created the following proposed purpose statement for Park Church:

"To work together to support individual needs for spiritual growth, fellow-
ship, and acceptance." (It needs to be voted on by the congregation) This would
seem to agree with the discussion on the tasks of the church.

Of very high importance was:

Providing for worship Providing a caring ministry to sick and shut-in persons

Of high importance were:

- Providing fellowship opportunities for church members and congregants (fellowship)
- Encouraging caring relationships between church members and congregants (acceptance)
- Providing educational opportunities that nurture an individual's spiritual growth from childhood to adulthood. (Spiritual growth) Providing pastoral care and counseling for church members and congregants

Of importance were:

Encouraging engagement with social justice issues—depending on the issue Nurturing a stronger personal relationship with God. (Individual's spiritual growth)

Encouraging a healthy understanding of stewardship as all encompassing Providing "helping" opportunities where members and congregants encounter Inside this issue.....

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God through service

Of lesser importance were: Sharing the gospel with the un-churched Supporting world mission Providing for different prayer and meditation practices to aide an individual's spiritual growth

Notes from Congregational Discussion on Feb. 19, 2023

What do you feel should be Park Church's primary focus over the next 5 years?

Publicizing-to bring to the attention of the public-to advertise.

Talked about the need to have a person/group interested in coordinating and managing content creation on blogs, social media, and other media (local newspapers, etc.)

Networking-Simply put, networking means **building connections with other professionals**. Networking should always be beneficial to both parties. The reasons why networking is important include a better reputation, increased visibility, a stronger support network, improved growth, and more impactful connections.

Talked about the need to network-to reach out and connect with—those that Park supports in mission and publicize the mission work.

Publicize events that have happened and their impact on the community which will increase visibility, provide a stronger support network, possibly improve growth, and make a more impactful connection between Park Church and the focused community group and its clients. Common Threads Newark Food Closet Survivor Advocacy Lake Ontario Child Development Family Promise

Invite speakers from the focused community groups to come and speak about impact of mission on their not-for-profit—helps to inform the church community of their impact and also allows for dialogue of needs from the community group.

Task: *creation of a content marketing team

** Whether publicizing or networking-must be linked back to the proposed purpose statement: **"To work together to support individual needs for spiritual growth, fellowship, and acceptance."**

Sustainability-meeting our own needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs; ability to maintain or support a process continuously over time. Funds Building

Task: *creation of a sustainability task force to consider the issues and to present options Describe the gifts, skills, and experiences this congregation possesses to fulfill its mission.

Talked about the difference between a rowboat church and a sailboat church.

Rowboat churches tend to look at the facilities they have, count noses in the church and decide what programs the volunteer forces can handle without too much stress, and only consider possibilities that are manageable given the resources at hand. In this way, the functioning of the church is kept within its comfort zone. Potential for failure and the need of risk or sacrifice are minimized. The result, however, is the vision for the future is primarily shaped by what the church now lacks.

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Sailboat churches understand that when the church is busy doing what God wants it to do, the resources will be provided. Leaders move away from money-in-the-bank mentality and start focusing instead on seeking and doing God's will in everything.

Discussion centered around the way you consider gifts, skills, and experiences—is it something one already possesses or something that is "grown" from experience? Considered:

Training

Either work in partnership with another so there are two

Having a present "chair" work with a "vice-chair"—so there is always someone in training that will have the ability to at least know some of the ins-and-outs if something happens to the chair or the chair changes (I use chair loosely—in that whoever is taking leadership is always "training" another)

Discussion also centered around the idea of more inclusion—instead of a small group of selectees—to try to promote "acceptance" (see proposed purpose statement) so that "others" in the congregation are made to feel like they matter and that they are worthy of participating and helping out and that their gifts are "grown" also.

Describe the gifts, skills, and experience a future pastor needs to possess to fulfill Park's vision for mission-both within and without the church walls.

The following traits were listed and discussed: Energy Tech Savvy Deep Faith Loving Experience—in delegating responsibilities Experience--someone who has dealt with helping an aging congregation reflect where they are now and can help guide the church forward Servant leader-someone who both listens and helps; someone who walks with the congregation Someone with the same "why" as Park Church-a match (see the purpose statement) Matchup with Park on Mission Focus Someone who is able to reach individuals by being both welcoming and helping them to feel that they have worth. Expository preaching-exposes or expounds on the meaning of the preaching text in its contexts letting the text of Scripture create the point(s) of the sermon.

Encouraging the formation of small groups

One Great Hour of Sharing: "A little change (money) can make a big change (difference)!"

The Season of Lent is designed as a journey. Part of this journey involves joining with other Presbyterians to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world through the One Great Hour of Sharing special collection to take place on Palm Sunday. (April 2, 2023). 32% of this offering goes to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance; 36% goes to the Presbyterian Hunger Program; and 32% of this goes to self-development of people—investing in communities responding to their experiences of racism, oppression, poverty, and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these societal ills. Fish boxes will be handed out on February 26, 2023, during Stu's Corner. This is a fun way of collecting coins throughout the 40 days of Lent. Please join us in the fun, get your Fish Bank, color it and start collecting! You don't have to be a kid to enjoy this activity. Even a little "change" can make a big change!





A Geason of Lent

(from the Book of Common Worship)

"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 time for growth in faith—through prayer, spiritual discipline, 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 theme of baptismal 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 journey 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 a 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.



Christian Fellowship:

Next meeting is scheduled for Weds. March 1, 2023, at 3:00 PM Report from the Christian Fellowship Task Force

The Scout Sunday Brunch took place on Feb. 5, 2023. A special thanks goes to Cheryl, Ed, Eileen, Bill, and Rick for all their hard work at making this brunch a success. Rick set up extra tables and chairs in the lounge. Cheryl and Ed decorated these tables with yellow table clothes and centerpieces of white, yellow, and blue flowers. Cheryl, Eileen, and Bill, with the help of donations from the congregation, created a brunch that consisted of bananas, doughnut holes, strawberries, orange juice, crackers, cantaloupe, cheese, apple and grape juice, sweet bread and muffins, and grapes. Bill helped clean up; Cheryl, Ed, and Eileen worked on set-up and serving. Thank you to all for making the Scouts feel welcomed and loved.

Upcoming fellowship opportunities: Palm Crosses will be made after church on March 26, 2023. The next Dish to Pass is on Palm Sunday which is April 2nd. Future Dish To Passes: May 21, June 11, Sept. 10, and October 22nd. Save the dates!

During Summer Months-discussions are ongoing about attending the Strawberry Social on June 24th and a trip through the Museum; Erie Canal Concerts-once schedule is out—making a decision about which ones to encourage attendance; and possible Music in the Park-possibilities. Stay tuned!

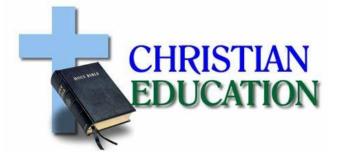


Special Thanks to the Garbage Brigade:

I want to personally thank Anne Rogers and those who stepped in to help with the garbage and recycling in the last few months. Anne located another garbage company (Al's) that will pick up our garbage each week on Tuesday—and recycling every other week. ARC of Wayne will simply put the garbage and the recycling out and take it to the curb as they are here Mondays (which was one reason for the change).

This was a much needed service-and their time has come to an end! The Garbage Brigade's work is finished! Glory be to God!





Adult Learning Opportunities:

Read the Gospel of Luke during Lent. There is a 40-Day Reading Plan on the table in the lounge. It can be used in conjunction with the Lenten Series or just done by itself. Enjoy! (It starts Ash Weds, but grab one and start today!)

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 to choose from** each Weds (you may come to either one any of the days): 1:00-2:00 PM 4:30-5:30 PM

For March 1, 2023:

Please read Chapter 1 "Lifting Up the Lowly" pages 1-18 Please read the Gospel of Luke Chapters 1 and 2 If you have a Study Bible or Bible Commentary-read what it has to say about Luke 1 and 2

If you have questions, feel free to call the church or email me at <u>interimpastorsfrost2@gmail.com</u>.

Class for K-2 to begin March 5th. We are ready! Please keep this endeavor and the teacher and teacher's aides in prayer-Anne Rogers, Holly Burgess, Gil Burgess, Sue Faro, and Steve Frost. Please keep the three enrolled children and any others in prayer-Brianna Burgess, Riley Faro, and Aaliyah Matias. Pray that

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.



Park Church Connections:

Task Forces:

<u>Mission Task Force</u>: Next meeting is scheduled for Tues. March 14, 2023, at 4:00 PM Mission Task Force Report March 2023

The newly formed Mission Task force has meet twice now, and we are excited to report that we now have a schedule of mission activities planned for the entire year!!!

You are already familiar with the Warming Tree and the Red Wagon. We collect for the Food Closet each month, and we are currently collecting a second round of scarves, mittens and hats for Newark's two elementary schools. That donation will be made the week of March 5th, so there's still time to donate. This year's Super Bowl collection of children's new socks and underwear was donated to Common Threads. Check out the picture of all the socks hanging on a clothesline in the lobby! The Park Church Women's Rummage sale will begin accepting donations on March 20th. Please remember that any furniture must be able to be picked up by one person. The actual sale will be held from April 20th to the 22nd.

This summer we are planning a Children's Book Garden to be held every other week at the Newark Farmer's Market. We will be giving away children's book, including coloring books and crayons. The collection for the coloring books, crayons and reading books will begin in May, and extend through August. We'll also be looking for volunteers to distribute the free books at the Famer's Market. Sign up for one-hour shifts will begin in early June.

Calling all quilters, sewers, and people with two hands! In September and October, we will be supporting Survivor Advocacy with "Hope in a Tote". This will be like the purse collection we did last fall. Donations for both the tote bags and the personal hygiene & make-up items will begin in September. To cut down on costs, we are planning to make the tote bags. Anyone who can sew, and/or measure and cut fabric will be able to contribute. In the meantime, keep your eye out for material for the bags.

Rounding out the year will be the Advent Bags assembled by PW and distributed by the Deacons. We'll also have the Holiday Dinner Bags for the Food Closet as we did this past year.

On a larger scale, Park Women will be working with Family Promise to aid in their purchase of a rental property for their participating families. This project will also include other churches and non-profits from the area that Family Promise services.

The committee also discussed supporting Food Closet's purchase of a new vehicle to pick up food donations from Food Link. We are seeking more information from Food Closet's Executive Director, Lisa Barrett, and hope to bring a proposal before the session soon.

We welcome other suggestions from the congregation or community members. Please feel free to contact any of the task force members: Natalie Lemmon, Karen Doebler, Deb Compher, Sarah Humphrey or Sue Rowe.

Family Promise:

The Park Presbyterian Women have 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!

News from Common Threads:

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 <u>shumphrey8008@gmail.com</u> or call 585-409-4667 for more information.



Little Red Wagon: The next food collection is March 5, 2023. Lisa Barrett writes they need the following: Canned Peas

Corn Mandarin Oranges Pineapple Peaches Applesauce Creamed Soups Boxed Macaroni Small Jell-o and Pudding

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.

Survivor Advocacy Center of the Finger Lakes:

Our "Wish List" includes: Shampoo/Conditioner

Deodorant Razors Menstrual pads and tampons Individually wrapped snacks, soups, granola bars Dish and Laundry Soap



Get Ready!!! We will be having our rummage sale on April 21st, 22nd and 23rd. Start looking through your closets and find the things you don't use or want anymore. Let your neighbors know too, so they can bring in their "goodies". We won't take large furniture... only small things that you can carry easily (like wall shelf or small end table). Also, PLEASE DON'T bring in items that are stained, covered with cat hair, or really dirty, as our staff doesn't have time to clean, nor should that be part of their job. THANK YOU!! You may bring in items starting on March 20th to the downstairs kitchen. There will be a half wall to put your things behind with a sign indicating the place. Thank you ahead of time for helping us with this endeavor, as it brings in money which is divided between the Presbyterian Women and the general fund. Please be thinking about times that you can help sort and help on the selling days. There will be a sign up sheet soon to be placed on the conference table in the lounge. Thank you again for your support. It's a fun, crazy time!!!!

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Lectionary Readings for March

Get a head start on contemplating God's Word.

March 5, 2023: Ecclesiastes 11: 1-6; Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

March 12, 2023: Isaiah 43: 14a, 15-21; Matthew 16: 13-20

March 19, 2023: Psalm 130: Matthew 18: 21-35

March 26, 2023: Proverbs 22: 1-16; Matthew 25: 31-46



<u>Liturgists needed for:</u> March 12, 2023 March 19, 2023 March 26, 2023



Flowers:

March 12, 2023: In Memory of Jack Hart by Pat Hart and Family

Stu's Corner:

March 5, 2023: *Oh, the Seeds You Can Sow* by Jessica Lisk March 12, 2023: *The One O'clock Miracle* by Alison Mitchell

March 19, 2023: The Friend Who Forgives by Dan DeWitt

March 26, 2023: God's Very Good Idea Storybook by Trillia Newbell





March Birthdays

- 2 Alyson Holloway
- 6 Eugenia Mullie
- 6 Gil Burgess
- 7 Karen Watson
- 9 Craig Stell
- 10 Bill Doebler
- 12 Eileen Taylor
- 13 Sharon Anderson

- 15 Holly Burgess
- 15 Sue Rowe
- 18 Wayne Smith
- 23 Sherry Kearns
- 24 Seth Burgess
- 30 Jeanne Salisbury
- 31 Cadi Finewood



Good News from the Congregation

For 10 years Doug Doebler led mission trips to Haiti. He was on the Board of Directors for caring house foundation and donated his time and paid expenses for these trips. The purpose of the trips were to dedicate a village that the foundation had built into raise funds to build another village. The average number of people on these trips was 45. Trips have been canceled the past three years because of unrest in Haiti. A young man by the name of Marc was in his interpreter and last summer, he sent Doug an email telling Doug he was recently married and asked if Doug could help them come to America. Recently the president ministration created a humanitarian immigrant program which included Haiti. Sponsoring a couple and they arrive on Tuesday, February 21. They will live in Canandaigua. Linda Werts works as part of a group in Canandaigua who help immigrants settle in Canandaigua. Her group has already settled two Ukrainian families and are helping Doug with the people from Haiti with paperwork and housing. It will be interesting to follow the ongoing story.

Bill Doebler



March Dates to Remember:

- March 1, 2023: Lenten Book Study: 1-2PM or 4:30-5:30PM
- March 1, 2023: Christian Fellowship Task Force: 3:00 PM
- March 4, 2023: Congregational Learning Day-online from 9-1
- March 5, 2023: Worship/Communion
- March 5, 2023: K-2 Sunday School Starts
- March 8, 2023: Lenten Book Study: 1-2PM or 4:30-5:30PM
- March 12, 2023: Worship
- March 12, 2023: Worship and Music Team Meeting
- March 13, 2023: Deacons-10:00 AM
- March 13, 2023: Park Presbyterian Women-12:00 PM
- March 13, 2023: Finance-2:00 PM
- March 14, 2023: Mission Task Force: 4:00 PM
- March 15, 2023: Lenten Book Study: 1-2PM or 4:30-5:30PM
- March 15, 2023: Session-6:00 PM
- March 19, 2023: Worship
- March 21, 2023: Together In Christ (TIC) 4:30 PM
- March 22, 2023: Lenten Book Study: 1-2PM or 4:30-5:30PM
- March 26, 2023: Worship
- March 26, 2023: Making Crosses
- March 27, 2023: Parkview Info Due
- March 28, 2023: Presbytery Meeting
- March 29, 2023: Lenten Book Study: 1-2PM or 4:30-5:30PM
- March 29, 2023: Folding Party 10:00 AM



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6PM Pack 138 Meeting	2	3 IPM Garden Club	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 6PM Pack 138 Meeting	8 1030AM Quilters 6PM Pack 138 Meeting	9	10 6PM Wayne Gem	11 6PM AA Meeting
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God of Compassion, heal those suffering from illnesses and be with those facing the uncertainty of tests and surgery. Give patience to those who "wait" for healing and for answers to prayer concerning their health needs. We pray for Aaron, Dom, James, Glen, Todd, Richard, William, Jaime, Christine, Wanda Gallagher, Emma Downey, Lisa Tremiti, Shirley May, Sandy Rude, 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 Doebler, Kay Groover, Ginny Bodine, Laurie Hephner, Kate Grey, Alice Crespo, Kay Oosterling, David Mullie, Roger Brennessel, 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), 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.



(Adapted from Rachel Dawson-Crosswalk.com)

O God, thank you for the gift of this Season of Lent, and for your gift of grace found in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. May these 40 days leading up to the tragedy of Good Friday and the glory of Resurrection Sunday remind us of who you are, how you love us, and who you have created us to be as followers of Jesus Christ. May we walk through this season intentionally, removing distractions that take our gaze away from your glory. May we quiet the noise that pulls us from adoration of you and puts our attention on lesser things. May we simplify where we have been stressed, may we surrender what has been burdensome, may we repent of what has been sinful. May we see your goodness and your glory in new ways throughout this Season of Lent. May we know the depths of your love for us more fully. May we feel the pain you endured for our sake, and may we rejoice that you conquered every bit of evil when you rose to life again. In Jesus Name, Amen. Park Presbyterian Church 110 Maple Court Newark, NY 14513



"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, interaction, and guidance in Faith and comfort. "



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