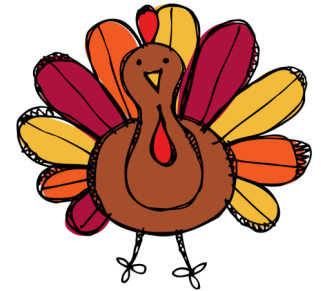


November 2023

News From PPC

News from the Interim

Part II: Giving and Stewardship



In his book *Giving and Stewardship in an Effective Church—a Guide for Every Member*, Kennon Callahan states:

“Living is giving. We live life best as we give our strengths, gifts, and competencies in the service of God’s mission. We are called to serve, not survive. Our giving makes a difference in our families, our work, our community, our world, and our church.”

In the October *Parkview*, I gave examples of your genuine spirit of generosity from this past year--how your “giving” made a difference for our “neighbors” here in Newark and in its surrounding communities. In his book, Callahan names six “giving doors,” or sources of giving. The examples I cited in the *Parkview* fell into three of six “giving doors.” The six “giving doors” are:

Spontaneous giving—giving to “spontaneous” offerings taken for Presbyterian Disaster for natural disasters or war/refugee crises, etc.

Major community worship giving—these are worship services that focus on different life stages like the 50+ Membership Recognition Service and Rally Day and others where service is recognized as the giving of your time, talents, and gifts.

Special planned giving—like when you give to any of the special offerings--One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost, Peace and Global Witness, or Joy Offerings

Short-term, major project giving—which includes but is not limited to all the community mission requests for various items needed, or your pledge to the Emergency Building Repair Fund.

Annual Budget giving—people’s annual giving to Park Church.

Enduring Giving—memorial gifts are one example, but include any gift given that will have a lasting value in God’s mission and can be given while alive or in a will.

The **annual budget giving** is just one of those doors. As I did in my article in the *Parkview*, I want to share with you how your generosity in giving to the **annual budget** makes a difference in people’s lives—here in our congregation and out in the world because Park IS and DOES make a difference in people’s lives. Thank you!

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Your **annual giving** helps provide the salaries for PPC's staff; this is roughly 68% of PPC's annual budget. Staff includes our bell and choir directors, our streaming technician, our organist, our secretary, our grounds sexton, our cleaners, and yes, my salary. As these people use their gifts—God's mission is advanced through worship, pastoral care, and the maintenance of our building and grounds for not only worship and education, but also as hospitality by providing meeting spaces for community groups, for funerals, and for weddings.

Worship is enhanced through the addition of the musical talents of Sarah Humphrey, Natalie Lemmon, and Kay Oosterling. The enhancement of worship is a mission; it affects people's lives.

Mission is also enhanced through the addition of the streaming talents of Michael Fedczuk; streaming has become another way to spread God's Word beyond the walls of the church.

Having a part time secretary to help in the creation of weekly bulletins, the production of the monthly Parkview, and other clerical duties, helps to free up the pastor allowing for pastoral care—which is extended to both the congregation and the community alike through funerals, hospital visits, and nursing home visitation and periodic services. This too is mission—spreading God's compassion and offering God's love to those in need.

In offering a place to not only worship but a welcoming meeting space for community groups we are doing mission; these groups are very appreciative. Weekly, we have Babies Etc., Narcotics Anonymous (NA), and Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) which use our building. Monthly, we have Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), the Newark Garden Club, the Wayne County Gem and Mineral Club, Together in Christ (TIC) and Scouting groups (BSA). Our building is also used for school emergency evacuation drills, for back-up if Newark Manor needs to evacuate. The cleanliness of our building and its grounds is part of making it a welcoming mission space.

God is still at work here at PPC. The Congregational Self-Study was approved by the Committee on Ministry (COM) on October 3, 2023. The next step is the formation of a Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC). A "Big House" Committee has been formed with the following charge, "To find options for this congregation to make it to 2038 (15 yrs.)" The Deacons and Presbyterian Women under the leadership of Sue Rowe have been involved providing for Called to Care refugee families, in visitations of shut-ins and those in nursing homes, and monthly coffee hours after church. PPC had another successful Rummage Sale in April. Volunteers manned a new mission project targeting youth—the Children's Book Garden at the Summer Village Market. We have had Dish to Passes, will have a 50+ Recognition Sunday, we had a church picnic in September sponsored by the Christian Fellowship Team, and more is planned!

God invites us into God's ministry in this time and place—by providing for God's mission here in Newark and beyond. May God continue to grace our efforts and provide ongoing discernment in ministry and mission as PPC moves into God's future—to 2038 and beyond!

Interim Pastor, Susan Frost



50+ Recognition Worship Service:**50+ Worship Sermon:**

Psalm 105 tells us to give thanks to the Lord—to make God's deeds known—to sing praises to God and to tell of God's wonderful works. Today, we are going to give thanks to God—for those dedicated members who have been a part of Park Church's history for over a half-century in one form or another—some more involved than others, but all a part of the work that God has been doing at Park Church. We are going to sing praises together. We are going to tell of God's wonderful works—the mysterious and miraculous ways that God works—through human beings of God's choosing.

Eileen Burm joined Park Presbyterian Church on April 2, 1950, during the time of Rev. Walter Hobkirk who was installed as pastor on September 8, 1946. Eileen remembers that Rev. Hobkirk performed her wedding with Jack. Each of her three children—James, Scott, and Jaquelyn—were baptized here at Park. Eileen served as the bookkeeper for the Women's Circle at the time. Eileen would have been here at Park when the older part of the building was gutted and rebuilt from the ground up. On the ground floor, the old Playroom became a lobby, lounge, and kitchenette. The old office became the pastor's study; the old Nevin Classroom provided space for two offices; the old Beginner's room and men's restroom were removed, and a chapel built. A new men's restroom was built, and the ladies' restroom was remodeled. The two floors above were rebuilt along completely new floor plans to provide rooms for the Church School, restrooms, storage space and corridors. A fire wall was built where the old folding doors between the sanctuary and Sunday School had been. New entries were built on the South and East sides of the building. The new facilities were dedicated on Sunday, October 14, 1956.

Thelma Vermeulen and Roger Johnson both joined the church on May 6, 1956, one year after the name of the church was officially changed to Park Presbyterian Church at a special Congregational Meeting held on March 14, 1955. This was just before the new facilities were dedicated. Like Eileen, Thelma's children Judy, Nancy, and Bruce, were baptized by Rev. Hobkirk. Thelma taught Kindergarten Sunday School, supported the Youth Fellowship Program, and she sang in the choir. One of her fondest memories was Rev. Hobkirk presiding over her daughter Judy's wedding in 1969. Roger Johnson remembers that the renovation caused serious challenges. He served as Chairperson of the Trustees, working closely with George and Bob Hoeltzel. Roger appreciated Rev. Hobkirk's caring of families in times of sorrow and need. He also remembers Rev. Johnson's leadership and fellowship after Rev. Hobkirk retired.

Wayne Smith and James Kline both joined Park Presbyterian the following year in 1957. At this time, Park was experiencing growth. The Church School had an enrollment of 538. The Average attendance for 1957 and 1958 was 230. At this time, the session size was changed from 12 to 15 members. Wayne Smith writes that Park was like a second family. It was a place to greet old friends every Sunday. It was also a place and time to reflect on life and values. Wayne's fondest memory included the old amphitheater at the rear of the sanctuary with the big sliding doors and the horseshoe-shaped balcony—which disappeared during the renovation. Jim Kline's wife, Sue, had fond memories of Sunday School, Youth Fellowship, and singing alto in the

choir when Rev. Hobkirk was Pastor. She remembered her mother driving her and her sister, Marilyn Monje to church when she never had a license.

Eleanor and Roger Brennessel as well as Barbara Brunner, all joined Park Church on April 3, 1958. Eleanor and Roger's fondest memories are of their children's marriages-Dan and Diane- in the church as well as the baptisms of their children and grandchildren. Eleanor told me a story I hope she doesn't mind that I share. She told me that originally, she was Roman Catholic and Roger didn't attend any church. When they were to be married, Roger told her that he would attend church with her, and he kept his promise throughout their years together. Barbara Brunner remembers supporting many activities at Park as well as Rev. Tim Johnson performing marriages for her three children-Donald, Linda, and Laura.

Ken Merton joined Park Presbyterian Church on June 21, 1959. Recently, Ken stopped in and told me the following story:

"I married a Roman Catholic lady from Marion and the priest at the time was strong and threw her out of church for marrying me. We moved to Newark. We tried out several churches, but Park had the greatest and best Sunday school program at the time. We brought up three kids here--brought them to church and attended church. I used to take a lot of pictures during Rev. Hopkirk's and Rev. Tim Johnson's time. I love photography."

The 1960's brought in another decade and additional changes here at Park Presbyterian Church. At the annual meeting in 1961, membership was reported as 936, with 234 adherents. Sally Scofield Praino who joined Park on April 14, 1960, writes:

"I have many fond memories of growing up in Park Presbyterian Church. I remember the classes and official ceremony when I joined the church. I really enjoyed the lively and thought-provoking discussions when Carl Schmidt was my Sunday School teacher. I remember the wonderful times I spent in youth fellowship and our trip to New York City with Rev. Hobkirk...All three of my children--Lisa, Laura, and Jeffrey--were baptized at Park Presbyterian Church. Rev. Timothy Johnson married all three. I served on the Christian Education Committee."

Bob Tack, who joined Park on March 3, 1960, affirms that at one time, it really was first come first serve in terms of seating in the sanctuary. Bob writes:

"I fondly remember squeezing my wife Connie and our three children into the sanctuary pews for a Sunday Service that contained little room to spare."

Nancy Heidrick, Diana Lagenor, and Marilyn Wilson all joined Park in 1961. Nancy was active as a Sunday School teacher, sang in the choir, and was a Deacon. Diana taught at different levels of Sunday School and helped with childcare. She was also a Ruling Elder, a member of the Christian Education committee, and helped on the Pastor Nominating Committee. Marilyn Wilson, along with friend John Hooper, made a short attempt at being church custodians when Rev. Johnson was pastor. Her parents were very involved in Park. Her mother, Ruth Muth, was chairperson of several bazaars. Her mother and father, Ray Muth, were both Ruling Elders and taught Sunday School. Her father was also a trustee and lay preacher. Her grandparents were the first to join the church and every generation has followed!

Obviously, the church was full to the brim and programming was in full swing. Marcia Brown joined Park in January of 1962. She writes that she was baptized, confirmed, and married to her husband Larry in Park. Her children, Chris and Holly, enjoyed the wonderful Sunday School and Youth groups. Ken and Roxanna Rowe joined Park in December of 1962. Ken and Roxanna remember helping with dinners, luncheons, bake and rummage sales. Ken was active working with the Boy Scouts and was a Ruling Elder; Roxanna was active as a member of circles, and Presbyterian Women. She also remembers one day when she helped to make 80 pies in one day for a bake sale! Jeanne Lewis also joined Park in 1962. She remembers the chapel construction and the dedication of the chapel organ given by her mother Alice E. Lewis.

Virginia Bodine, Joan Boerman, and Gil Burgess became members in 1963. As a child, Ginny remembers participating in the plays that Mrs. Werts and Mrs. Muth put on. As an adult, she remembers having her children—Becky and Jeff—baptized at Park. She also remembers Rev. Hobkirk marrying Bob and herself. Joan Boerman remembers attending Jr. and Sr. Fellowship, selling magazines to qualify for fellowship trips to NYC, attending and aiding Summer Bible School. During the 1950's, Joan remembers decorating and riding

on the church float for the Rose Parade. Gil Burgess fondest memories include teaching and assisting with Sunday School-in which their two sons, Seth and Joe participated.

In September of 1967, the congregation authorized the purchase of a new pipe organ. With this came the renovation of the chancel, and the redecorating of the main auditorium. Construction began early in 1968. The new chancel and organ and renovated sanctuary were dedicated on December 8, 1968. Jim Fagner and David Scott both joined Park on June 21, 1964. Jim Fagner served as Clerk of the Work on the renovation of the sanctuary. David attended Sunday School classes, participated in Jr./Sr. High Fellowship and sang in the choir. Betty Faro joined on June 6, 1965. Betty sang in the choir and was involved with Presbyterian Women, working at the rummage sales and cooking dinners.

Kristina Bald joined Park Church on March 23, 1967. This was just before the renovation and redecorating. Kris writes:

“Park Church means family to me. Five generations of my family have been baptized at Park. Over the years many of my closest friends and relatives were members or attended here. Church is not about me; it is about a relationship with God and others. Park Church has helped guide me in developing these relationships.”

She admits that she remembers a time when she attempted to count all of the pipes on the old organ!

The end of the 60's and the 70's were nearing the end of Rev. Hobkirk's 32 years here at Park. In his book *A History of the Presbyterian Church, Newark, NY*, Robert Hoeltzel says that the years 1946-1978 witnessed the sometimes hectic period of post-war activity, two undeclared wars, the greatest growth in the church's history and many physical changes in the church and community. On December 7, 1969, Kay and Dale Groover joined Park Presbyterian Church. One of Jim Fagner's fondest memories was working with Dale Groover to start the chicken BBQ. Craig Stell, who passed on Saturday, October 21, 2023, joined in June of the same year.

1970-1973 saw the addition of five more of our Fifty + members. Rod Faro joined Park on June 7, 1970; Susan Tierson joined Park on April 8, 1971; Lynn Blodgett joined Park on March 19, 1972; Karen Cameron joined Park on February 26, 1973; Daniel Brennessel joined Park on June 3, 1973. Susan Tierson writes that she remembers Advent night including picking out trees and setting up with family and friends and work camps. Rod Faro has experienced seeing his two sons join the church and watched his grandchildren up front during story time. Lynn Blodgett told me a story when I visited with her. She remembers trying to get to church on time! Her husband, John sang in the choir, and she was left to get three reluctant boys to church on time. Someone once asked John why Lynn was always late! Can you imagine? Daniel Brennessel joined the church on June 3, 1973. He was both baptized and married to Cathy in Park Church.

At the end of his book about Park Presbyterian Church, Hoeltzel stresses that The church continues to need the prayers and devoted service of all its people—clergy and laity alike. Karen Cameron writes concerning what Park has meant to her through the years. She, like Hoeltzel stresses the commitment of both members and congregants alike. She writes:

“Park has always been a church community, which has continuously changed over the years. I have always been impressed by the commitment shown to keep the church and the bond that has formed among the congregants, no matter what the circumstances are. Included in this would be the members' willingness to assist and support the numerous activities provided (Harvest Dinner, chicken barbeque, rummage sale, social activities). I have always appreciated the dedication and support provided to various mission projects and the extent of willingness to contribute.”

Perseverance is the continued effort to do or achieve something, even when this is difficult or takes a long time. Each of our long-time members has shown perseverance in doing Jesus' work here in Newark as part of the Park Presbyterian Church community. They have “taken up their cross” and “followed Jesus.” One definition for “to carry your cross,” means to fully put your trust in God no matter what and to try and live our lives according to the will of God. This is all that Jesus asks—to trust and obey—to the best of our abilities. May the faith of these inspire us in our own perseverance—our continued effort to live our lives according to the will of God.



Pentecost Offering:

Update on the Pentecost Offering:

40% of the Pentecost Offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The session of PPC decided that the \$91.00 which was 40% of the Pentecost Offering for 2023, will go to Common Threads—as this organization is making a difference in the lives of young people within the community of Newark by providing free clothing to children in need.



PW and Deacons-November/December

Park Church Women and Deacons will be partnering again for the Annual Advent Bag collection and distribution. The bags will be delivered for the start of Advent to church members in the local nursing homes as well as any home bound congregation or community members. If you know of someone who may like a bag, such as someone whose family is out of town, or they may live alone, please leave word at the church office with a name and address, and the Deacons will happily deliver a bag to them! A list of items to be collected is in the Parkview. If you have a donation, please be sure to drop them off no later than Sunday Nov. 12th as we will be wrapping on Monday, November 13th. Thanks in advance for your contributions!!!

The next meeting for BOTH the Deacons and Park Women will be Monday, Nov. 13th at 12 noon.

DECEMBER PLANNING:

Advent begins on Sunday, December 3, 2023. Advent Decorating will take place at 11:15 AM.

Next DISH TO PASS is Sunday, December 10, 2023 at 11:15 AM.

If you are interested in participating in the Advent Wreath Lighting—please let Susan Frost know by calling the office at 315-331-2255 or by emailing-interimpastorsfrost2@gmail.com.

Advent 1-December 3

Advent 2-December 10

Advent 3-December 17

Advent 4-December 24

Please note: Advent 4 and Christmas Eve both fall on Sunday, December 24, 2023.

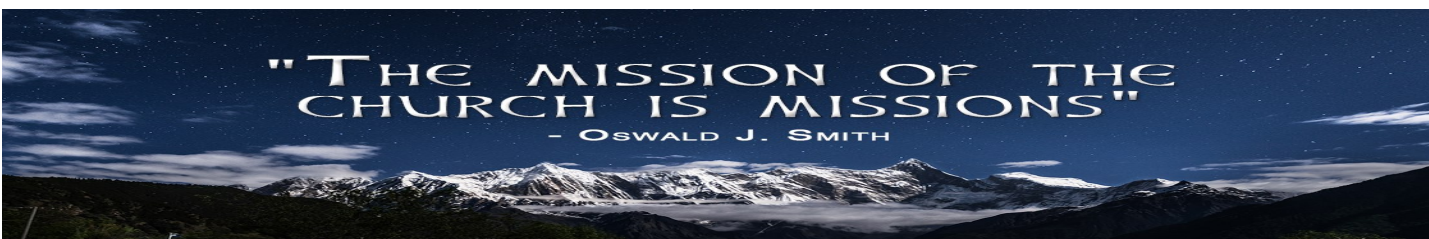
We'll be filling 10 Christmas Bags for the Newark Food Closet—stay tuned for details!



Newark Community Connections:

Little Red Wagon: **Little Red Wagon:** STU says THANK YOU! Our next collection will be Sunday, November 5, 2023. Lisa tells me that they need:

**pineapple, peas, light and red kidney beans, SpaghettiOs,
white and brown rice, gravy and broth.**

**November Mission: Advent Bags Wish List**

Nail files about 10
Chapstick need about 10
hand lotion: about 20
Hand sanitizer (travel size) 15
Tissues (travel size) about 10
Toothbrushes about 10
Toothpaste about 20
pencils about 12
bars of hand soap about 12
packs of Peanut butter or cheese crackers 25
packs of cookies 25
assorted candies 25
puzzles (small boxed, large pieces) 25
calendars 25
comb/brushes 25
eye-glass cleaner (and cloths if you can get them) 25
cards (Susan indicated that she will pick these up) 25
holiday ornaments (I will pick these up)

Thank you:
from the Pastor for Pastor Appreciation

Dear All:

Thank you so much for lovely written notes typed up and tied with bows, for the Pastor Appreciation card, and for the gift cards and cash. I enjoyed sitting down and reading each of your individual notes. As Paul says in his letter to the Thessalonian church, *"How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you."* ~1 Thessalonians 3:9~ I "thank God" for each of you.

In gratitude and with thanks, Susan



Craig E. Stell passed away on October 21, 2023, at the age of 73. He was predeceased by: his parents, Glenn Stell and Shirley Morgan Stell; and his son Robert "Robbie" Stell. He is survived by: his wife Amy; his daughter Kristin Springer (Josh); his grandchildren, Morgan and Robbie Springer; his brother Brian Stell (Sherry); and his pet Riley. He is also survived by his many nieces, and a nephew.

Lectionary: Get a head start on contemplating God's Word.

November 5, 2023: Psalm 107: 1-7, 33-37; Matthew 23: 1-12

November 12, 2023:

November 19, 2023: Psalm 65; Matthew 25:14-30

November 26, 2023: Psalm 95: 1-7a; Ephesians 1: 15-23

Flowers:

November 5, 2023: IMO Alex and Peg Mechie by the Mechie Memorial

November 12, 2023: IMO Carlyle and Ethel Stratton by the Stratton Memorial

November 19, 2023: IMO Eleanor and Walter DeCann by Ginny Bodine

November 26, 2023: IMO Harold Collier by Christine and Henry Stephens

Stu's Corner:

November 5, 2023: *The Gift Inside the Box* by Adam and Allison Grant

November 12, 2023:

November 19, 2023: *God Gave Us Thankful Hearts* by Lisa Bergren

November 26, 2023: *Topsy Turvy King* by Alson Brewis



Liturgists:

November 5, 2023:

November 12, 2023: * Please see Natalie Lemmon if you are able

November 19, 2023: to serve as Liturgist *

November 26, 2023:



November Dates:

Sunday, November 5-Worship, Communion by Intinction, Worship and Music Meeting at 11:15 AM

Weds., November 8-Christian Fellowship at 3:00 PM

Sunday, November 12-The Rev. Dr. Betsey Crimmins will be preaching at 10:00 AM

Monday, November 13-Both Deacons and PW meet at 12:00 PM; Finance at 3:00 PM

Tuesday, November 14-Mission Team at 4:00 PM

Weds., November 15-Session at 6:00 PM

Sunday, November 19-Stewardship/Thanksgiving Service at 10:00 AM

Tuesday, November 21-Together In Christ (TIC) at 4:30 PM

Thursday and Friday November 23-24-the office will be closed for Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 26-Worship-Christ the King Sunday

Monday, November 27-Parkview Information Due/Folding on Weds.,

Tuesday, November 28th-Presbytery



4	Bob Finewood
4	Julie Blodgett
5	Caleb Coleman
5	Katharine Coleman
6	Eric Blodgett
9	Emily Schultz
16	Henry Stephens
17	Paul Salisbury
19	Cindy Best
29	Elizabeth Lang
30	Ethan Coleman

DISH TO PASS LUNCHEON



Sally and James Praino



Gil Burgess



Bob Tack and Marion Jobin



Daniel and Cathy Brennessel



Eleanor and Roger Brennessel



Joan Boerman and Ginny Bodine



Karen Cameron



Kris Bald



Marilyn Wilson



Roxanne and Ken Rowe



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 1030AM Quilters 6PM 138 Pack Meeting	2 930AM Babies, Etc.	3 1PM Garden Club	4 6AM Pancake Breakfast 6PM AA Meeting
5 9AM Choir Rehearsal 10 Worship Service / Communion Sunday 1115AM Worship&Music 5PM Finger Lakes Bells	6 430PM Chancel Bells 6PM Back 2 Basics	7 6PM Webelos Meeting	8 1030AM Quilters 3PM Christian Fellowship 6PM 138 Pack Meeting	9 930AM Babies, Etc.	10 6PM Wayne Gem	11 6PM AA Meeting
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2023



Gracious God, we pray for all those who are dealing with illness or medical issues, sickness-emotional, physical, mental, or otherwise, or who are in need of your strength and courage to get them through a challenging time. We lift up: Bethany Comella, Mark Booth, Deb Compher, Shannon (Steve' daughter), Joe, Lori Hatendorf, Kay Grey, Donna Merrill, Kay Oosterling, Aaron, Dom Caito, James Simmonds, Glen, Todd, Richard, William, Douglas, Christine, Wanda Gallagher, Lisa Tremiti, Sandy Rude, Becky Derr, David, Steve, Linda Lorree, Barb, Alice Crespo, Deanna Side, Jeanine Dutcher, Kaitlin Tracy, Cathy Brennessel, Dan Brennessel, Lisa Barrett's son and family, David Wilck, Bev Owen, Nancy Tarrentelli, Jan Smith, Alyson Holloway, John (Friend of Emily Lang), Nancy Thayer, Kristen Muncy, Kelli Kelley, Cara and Freddie, Jeannine King, Sheldon Hayes (cousin of Steve Frost), Mike Hopkins (cousin of Marilyn Wilson), Daniel Allerton, Suzanne Spanadoukas, John Hooper, Anne Rogers, Charlie Matias, and Family Promise Families.

We pray for those who are ill and for their caregivers. We lift up: Jeanne and Paul Salisbury, Kay and Dale Groover, Thelma Vermeulen, Barb Chappell, Bonnie and Thurlow Hammond, Ed and Cheryl Lotz, Barbara Brunner, Eileen Burm, Marian Maxwell, Jim and Anne Peck, and Lynn Blodgett.

We pray for those who grieve. We lift up Marilyn Wilson on the loss of her friend Ann Hooper and her cousin Ellen Hopkins, for Judy Leone and her family on the loss of her brother David Porter, for Thelma Vermeulen on the loss of her sister Carol Hubright, and the Rev. Dr. Cynthia Huling Hummell on the death of her father, for the families and friends of those who have lost loved ones to addiction, and the family and friends of Craig Stell.

In your mercy, Beloved God, hear the prayers of your people. **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.

A Prayer for Gratitude:

Dear God, thank you for your amazing power and work in our lives, thank you for your goodness and for your blessings over us. Thank you that you are able to bring hope through even the toughest of times, strengthening us for your purposes. Thank you for your great love and care. Thank you for your mercy and grace. Thank you that you are always with us and will never leave us. Thank you for your incredible sacrifice so that we might have freedom and life. Forgive us for when we don't thank you enough, for who you are, for all that you do, for all that you've given. Help us to set our eyes and our hearts on you afresh. Renew our spirits, fill us with your peace and joy. We love you and we need you, this day and every day. We give you praise and thanks, for You alone are worthy! Amen.

~Rachel Dawson~ (<https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/prayer/prayers-to-say-thank-you-to-god-today.html>)

A Prayer Responding to the War in Israel and Gaza by Teri McDowell Ott

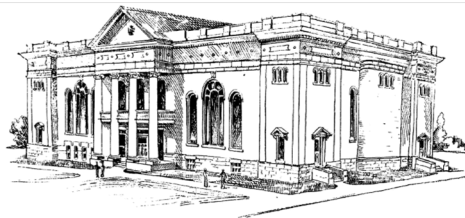
Eternal God,

You know our history of complicated conflicts, tense polarization, and situations so politicized that we are afraid to say or pray anything. Yet we know you grieve the violence of war and condemn acts of terrorism. We know you grieve the historical suffering of Jews and Palestinians. May our prayers for peace be uttered out loud for all to hear, our prayers for diplomacy, and for difficult, yet faithful conversation to resume.

God, we groan in grief over the news of this war in Israel and Gaza. Pave a path toward peace in this age-old, tragic conflict. Protect the innocent wherever bombs of destruction fall. Be with those who are captured and the families of those who are captured. Offer a way out for those who are trapped. Awaken us to our common humanity, our common human needs no matter the walls we build. Amen.

Teri McDowell Ott – Editor and Publisher – Presbyterian Outlook

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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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