

August 2024

News From PPC

News from the Interim:

Hebrews 3:1-4

3 Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, partners in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, ² who was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses also “was faithful in all God’s house.” ³ Yet Jesus is worthy of more glory than Moses, just as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. ⁴ (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.)

200th CELEBRATION-Installment #3: 1850-1900 (taken from Robert L. Hoeltzel’s book published in 1982).

The Building:

A congregational meeting was held on October 7, 1850. At this meeting, the congregation voted to build a new church and they voted to appoint a committee to raise money to build this church. \$7,635.00 was subscribed—with Joseph A. Miller (son of Capt. Joseph Miller) and Elder Albert F. Cressy each pledging \$1,000.00. Stephen Culver was the architect. Benjamin Wright was the contractor. The cornerstone was laid in the Summer of 1852.

In June of 1853, the building burned—just before its completion. On July 4, 1853, less than one week after the fire, a special meeting was held. At this meeting, they resolved to rebuild a new church on the site of the one destroyed by the fire using the same plan and being the same size. Though there were some generous donations from the surrounding communities, most of the financial burden rested on the members. Joseph A. Miller and Albert F. Cressy again pledged \$1,000 each. Elder Albert G. Lamson mortgaged his farm to pay his pledge in cash. This time, a total of \$12,000 was raised. This church was dedicated on March 8, 1855.

On June 7, 1858, the church purchased Lot #3 from the Blackmar’s together with the right of way to and from said lot through the street known as Maple Court. On November 26, 1870, land was purchased to be added to the shed lot. In 1870, a hand-pumped organ was purchased for the church from the Andrews company of Utica, N.Y. The organ was dedicated on March 8, 1872.

In 1875, the east wall of the church was taken down and moved east 12



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feet. This increased the size and seating capacity of the Sunday School Room (present lounge location) and sanctuary above. It also provided for a library where the Pastor's Study is located. The old wooden steeple was removed, and two brick towers were built on the west front of the building. A wooden porch was built between the towers. The chimneys on the sides were removed and a new slate roof installed. The north and south galleries were removed, leaving only the west gallery for choir and organ. The wooden shutters which covered the windows on the outside and "rattled like a train of cars when the wind blew" were removed. The plain glass windows were replaced by leaded stained glass. A round stain-glass window containing symbols of the Christian faith was placed behind the pulpit. A new pulpit was installed, and the old one was moved to the Sunday School room. The pews were moved three inches closer together and twenty-two more pews were added. A new ceiling was installed in the "audience room." Three coats of paint were applied inside and out. The elaborate fresco work cost \$450. New chandeliers cost \$315.88, and reupholstering cost \$862.58. A new carpet was laid in the "audience room." When the work was completed, all that remained of the original building of 1855 were three walls, the floors, and the furnaces. The cost of the remodeling was \$10, 689.58, exclusive of the carpet which was presented by the Ladies' Society and contributions made by the Sunday School, the choir, and other groups. A rededication was held on February 10, 1876.

In 1877, the grounds were graded, a walk was laid on the south side of the church, and trees were planted. In 1883, a new stop was added to the organ. In 1888, the organ was moved from the gallery to the alcove behind the pulpit. It was enlarged, remodeled, and generally improved. An oboe stop and a piccolo stop were added, and new swell blinds were installed. This work was supervised by a Syracuse organ-builder; the carpentry work was done by S.N. Keener of Newark. At the same time, the choir was moved from the gallery to the right-hand side of the platform. In 1893, there were repairs done to the tune of \$3,000. These included repairs to the church shed, a new carpet, work on the inside fresco and paint, outside painting, and a new roof.

I looked up what the word fresco meant. In his book, Hoeltzel explains that \$850 dollars was used "for fresco and paint." Fresco painting is a method of painting water-based pigments on freshly applied plaster, usually on wall surfaces. Apparently, this "fresco painting" was used in the sanctuary—on the walls and the ceiling. The firm of Baldwin and Dabelstein of Utica did the frescoing. This frescoing of the Newark church in 1895 was part of Romanesque Revival which was popular in the US during this period. Hoeltzel explains:

"They style of decoration....is modern Romanesque. The center of the ceiling is a large oval, representing a sky, in soft blue tones, and the general tone of decoration is light bronze, running into terra cotta. The panels in blue, in the front of the church, on which have been scriptural selections in gold letters, are now in terra cotta tone to harmonize with the general effect. The side walls are in a bronze tone, with large border on top and bottom." p 62.

In 1895, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Perkins presented the church with the baptismal font of white marble. The church was wired for electricity in the early 1890's.

The Pastors/Leadership:

In July of 1869, Rev. George R. H. Shumway resigned as Stated Supply after 25 years. He had preached 2,331 sermons, including 251 in neighboring communities; conducted 216 funeral services; and performed 175 weddings. 398 new members were received into the church during those 25 years.

The ordination and installation of Albert C. Sewall took place on October 13, 1870. He presented his resignation on November 18, 1872.

Rev. A. Parke Burgess became Stated Supply on February 16, 1874. His relationship was renewed yearly for 26 years. His last service was April 1, 1900. During his Newark ministry, Dr. Burgess made 7,500 pastoral calls, conducted 700 funerals, and performed approximately 350 weddings. The Dr. and Mrs. Burgess were severely injured in a wreck on the Northern Central Railroad on August 29, 1901, and died the following day. A book of his poems was published in 1902. One poem written in the book was called *The Old Church after Park*.

The Old Church
Good-bye, old church, if this must be;
My life and love were given Thee.
My holiest faith and fondest thought
Into thy very walls were wrought.
And every fresco-tint is fair
With fadeless memories, painted there;
Good-bye, old church.
Thy pulpit, ever sacred place,
Where God revealed his peace and face—
Thy pews, where hearts with mingled prayer
Laid at His feet their load of care;
The organ tones, or loud or soft,
And praise, bearing us aloft—
Good-bye, old church.

The Members/Congregation:

In 1869 the membership was 240. In 1872, it was 222.

The Women's Missionary Society was organized July 10, 1874. There were 24 charter members.

At a Service of Holy communion on Sunday, March 5, 1899, individual communion cups were used for the first time, replacing the "common cup." The individual communion service was invented in Ohio in 1893 and patented in 1894 (who knew?). The Newark Church was one of the first to use the individual communion cups. The Ladies' Society provided the new cups.

1899 was the first year the Ruling Elders were elected for three-year terms. Before this, elders remained active until removed by death, resignation, or removal. Immediate re-election of elders was allowed under this new system. (not the two three-year terms and one year off that we have now). Trustees were elected for three-year terms. Deacons were elected for life. (This too has changed.)

In the 1880's Newark Presbyterians gave both encouragement and financial aide to the newly-arrived Dutch immigrants to Arcadia in re-establishing a Reformed Church in the community.

The official name of the Church was "The Presbyterian Society of Newark." Sometime during the 1870's to 1890's, the church began being designated as the "First Presbyterian Church." In 1895, the name "Park Presbyterian Church" came into use. It was made official in 1955.

In Christ,
Susan

August Lectionary:

August 4, 2024: Psalm 78:23-29; Ephesians 4:1-16
August 11, 2024: Psalm 34: 1-8; Ephesians 4:25-5:2
August 18, 2024:
August 25, 2024: Psalm 34:15-22; Ephesians 6:10-20



Stu's Corner:

August 4, 2024: *Walking Together* by Albert Marshall and Louise Zimanyi
August 11, 2024: *Does God Know How to Tie Shoes* by Nancy Carlstrom
August 18, 2024:
August 25, 2024: *I am Courage* by Susan Verde

Flowers:

August 4, 2024: IMO Thomas Coon by Gwen Mix
August 11, 2024: IMO Alex and Peg Mechie by the Mechie Memorial
August 18, 2024: IMO Mr. and Mrs. John Allaart and IMO Ruth Allaart by the Allaart Memorial
August 25, 2024: IMO Edna Wright Chapman by the Chapman Memorial



Liturgists:

August 4, 2024: Cari Taylor
August 11, 2024:
August 18, 2024:
August 25, 2024:

Greeters:

August 4, 2024: Marilyn Wilson
August 11, 2024: Karen Vanderbrook
August 18, 2024: Marilyn Wilson
August 25, 2024: Karen Vanderbrook



Deacon's Coffee Hour Schedule:

August Host: Ginny Bodine
September Hosts: Gil and Holly Burgess

WORSHIP AND MUSIC TEAM:

Communion: Session voted continuing with Communion by Intinction for the months of August, September, October, and November. Those who prefer may continue to use the pre-filled juice/wavers. These may be used as the rest of the congregation comes forward to receive Communion by Intinction after I have given “The Great Thanksgiving.” Say to yourself, “The Body of Christ given for me.” and eat the wafer. Say to yourself, “The blood of Christ shed for me,” and drink the juice. When everyone is ready, say the prayer after communion with the rest of the Body of Christ. Amen.

**CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP:****2024 DISH TO PASS DATES:**

No Dish to Pass in August
Sunday, September 8, 2024 (Rally Day)
Sunday, October 20, 2024 (50+ Membership Recognition)
Sunday, December 8, 2024

2024 SUMMER ACTIVITIES:

Music on the Erie (6:00-8:00 PM): Christian Fellowship will promote:

Friday, August 9th-Lakeside Sound
Friday, August 23rd-Marble Towns

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

Summer Book Study: *Reckless Love* by Tom Berlin:

Weds. August 7, 2024-Chapter 4

Weds. August 21, 2024-Chapter 5

Weds. August 28, 2024-Chapter 6

Time: 1:00 PM or 4:00 PM sessions-ALL are welcome!

MISSION TEAM

Weds. August 7, 2024, 5:30-6:30 PM-school supply distribution. There will also be activities-facepainting (cookie decorating?)—and popcorn for a snack.

AUGUST: The Mission Team will be collecting new UNDEE's (girls and boys-size 2T-14) for the month of August and September for Common Threads for the beginning of the school year.



FAMILY PROMISE: Newark Support Group

As we look ahead...save the date for our next planning meeting. We will be menu planning for the Sept 9 and Oct. 21 Fellowship Dinners. Opportunities to "share the love" of food and community are open to anyone in our group who would like to grocery shop, call families for RSVP, menu plan, prepare a dish, help to set a beautiful table or host.

**Wednesday, August 21.
10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Renner Room--Newark Public Library**

Please contact Anne Rogers at 315-879-5478 or anne.j.rogers@gmail.com or Linda Masciolia at masciolilinda@yahoo.com. for dates and times.



SUMMER/FALL OPPORTUNITIES:

Interested in a tour? Countryside Travelers is offering the following tours if interested. Call 585-289-1071 if interested. Tours leave from Topps Plaza Clifton Springs.

Monday-Tuesday, August 12-13: Hershey, PA the Sweetest Town in the USA: on this trip you will learn about the life and works of Milton Hershey on an informative and entertaining Trolley Tour of Hershey, visit Hershey's Chocolate World for lunch and shopping, and experience the Chocolate Tour. Also visit Hershey's ACAA Museum America's Transportation Experience where you will see a collection of vintage automobiles in unique settings. Dinner in a 1950's style diner.

Monday, September 16: PA Grand Canyon Tour by Covered Wagon! Travel to Wellsboro, PA located in beautiful Tioga County and tour the wondrous Pennsylvania Grand Canyon on a hours drawn covered wagon. Learn about the history of the Canyon dating back to the 19th Century as the Clydesdales wind their way on the Pine Creek Rail Trail. A Cowboy Cookout luncheon is included!

Tuesday, October 15: Fall Foliage and History of Letchworth State Park. Spend the day in exploring one of the most scenically magnificent areas in the eastern U.S., renowned as the "Grand Canyon of the East." On your guided tour of Letchworth State Park and the Genesee River Gorge you will learn about the area's history and the parks founding at the Pryor Museum and also Mary Jemison's role in New York's history while visiting her cabin and the Seneca Council House. Lunch at the historic Yard of Ale and a tour and cheese tasting at East Hill Creamery complete the amazing Fall day tour!

Newark Community Connections:

Newark Food Pantry: The Newark Food Pantry is located at 301 East Miller Street, Newark, NY 14513. There are many ways to volunteer your time at the Newark Food Closet. All Donations go to support the Newark Food Closet. We do not have paid staff; we are run solely by volunteers. If interested, please contact Lisa Barrett at (315) 332-8582 or (315) 351-6474.

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 shumphrey8008@gmail.com or call 585-409-4667 for more information.

Called to Care:

Park Presbyterian Women are supporting Called to Care; when needed they are supplying new and used bedding and household cleaning supplies. Contact Sue Rowe at srowe918@gmail.com or 845-791-0389 if you are interested in being on a list to help supply items when the need arises. Called to Care, Canandaigua, assists refugee families financially in their first few months with rent, utility payments, and other fees as well as helping them find housing, employment, English classes and provide for food and clothing needs; it also works in partnership with World Relief Western NY. Called to Care, Canandaigua, with its mission to promote and facilitate resettlement of refugees in Canandaigua by providing a support network to help them start a new life, invites interested individuals to join in the rewarding work of welcoming and serving some of the world's most vulnerable. For more information, contact Linda Werts at 315-447-0276.

Family Promise: In the United States, one child out of five lives in poverty. Families with children make up 35% of the people in this country who experience homelessness. Poverty in Wayne County is a persistent and continuing foundation of homelessness. From data provided by school districts in Wayne County, there has been a consistent number of over six hundred homeless children, both pre-school and school-age each year since the 2014-2015 school year. Contact Anne Rogers at 315-879-5478 for more information.

Laurel House: Laurel House is a not-for-profit volunteer community organization in Newark, NY, formed with its first meeting on November 7, 2014, and incorporated in May 2015. The idea of Laurel House, a volunteer-driven home providing free end-of-life care for Wayne County residents and their families, originated decades ago with Jean Cass, a nurse who watched one of her dear friends succumb to a difficult death from breast cancer. Jean's passion for a better way to care for the dying brought about the comfort care home, the House of John in Clifton Springs and was the impetus for doing the same in Newark. While Laurel House Comfort Care provides end-of-life care free of charge, it costs over \$200,000 to operate the home. Donations are appreciated! To contact them call 315-573-7028.

Survivor Advocacy Center of the Finger Lakes:

The Survivor Advocacy Center of the Finger Lakes' programs for survivors of domestic violence provides shelter and appropriate services for all victims. Their safe dwelling program provides housing for a maximum of fourteen residents. Their programs provide appropriate service for survivors of domestic violence, sexual abuse, stalking, dating violence, bullying, and child abuse regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, military status, gender, marital status, or disability. To contact them, call the office at 315-331-1171.



August Birthdays:

August 4-Marian Maxwell
August 4-Anne Rogers
August 7-Esther Hylkema
August 10-ET Trunick
August 23-Edward Lotz
August 24-Roxanne Shay
August 27-Thelma Vermeulen
August 28-Richard Watson
August 30-Jarod Faro
August 30-David Scott
August 31-Thurlow Hammond



August Dates:

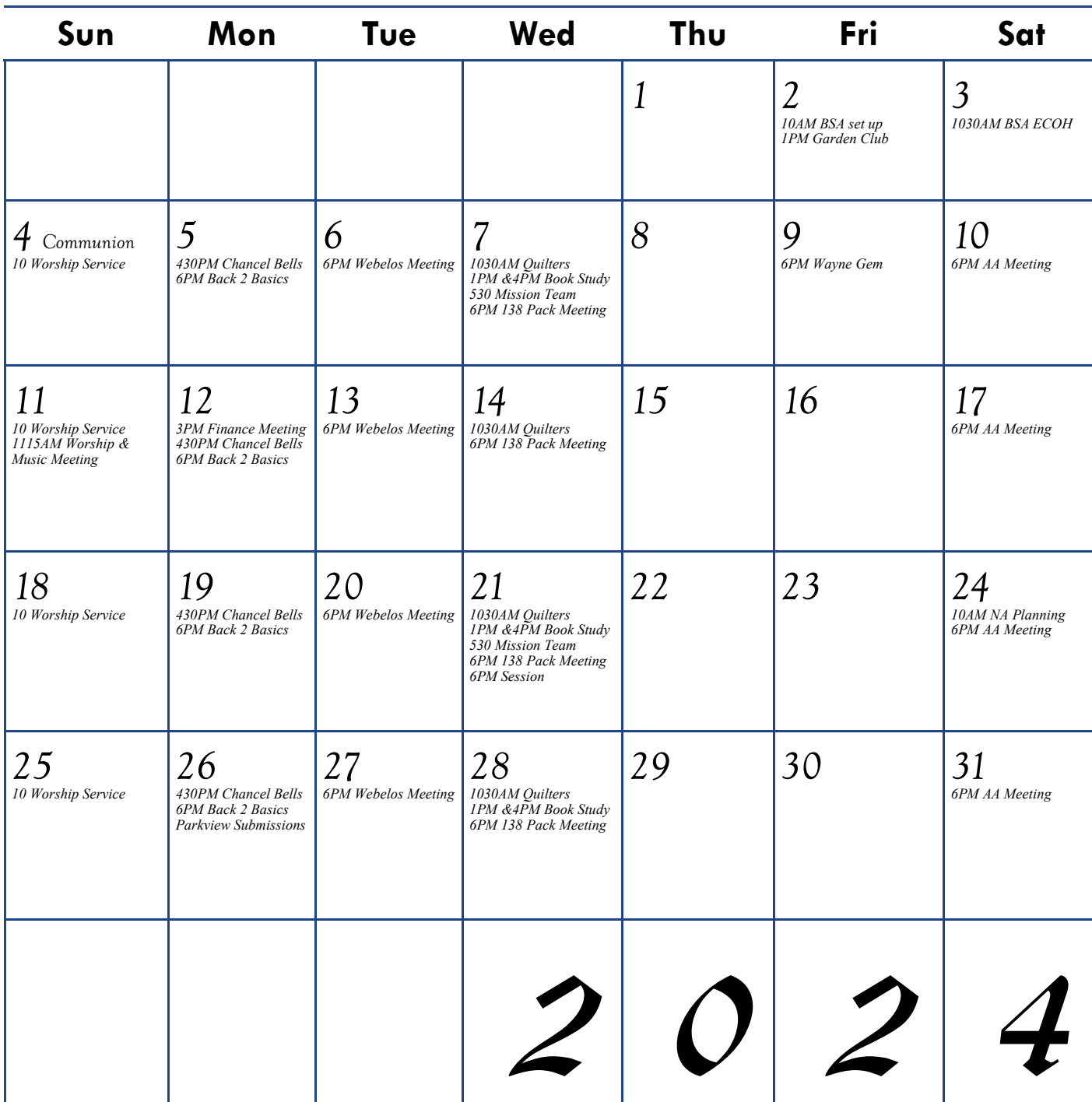
August 4, 2024-Worship/Communion/Little Red Wagon Collection
August 7, 2024-Book Study #4-Reckless Love by Tom Berlin 1PM and 4PM
August 7, 2024-Mission Team-School Supplies Distribution- 5:30-6:30 PM
August 9, 2024-Lakeside Sound 6-8PM
August 11, 2024-Worship-10AM
August 11, 2024-Worship and Music Team Meeting at 11:15 AM
August 12, 2024-Presbyterian Women (PW) at 12:00 PM in the lounge
August 12, 2024-Finance at 3:00 PM in the lounge
August 12-18, 2024-Pastor on Vacation
August 18, 2024-Worship-10AM
August 21, 2024-Christian Fellowship Team at 3:00 PM
August 21, 2024-Book Study #5-Reckless Love by Tom Berlin 1PM and 4PM
August 21, 2024-Session 6:00 PM
August 23, 2024-Pastor out of the office
August 23, 2024-Marble Towns 6-8PM
August 25, 2024-Worship 10AM
August 28, 2024-#6-Reckless Love by Tom Berlin 1PM and 4PM

****Please Note:** Summer is upon us. Some PPC Teams do not meet during the Summer Months:

Mission Team: No meeting in August. The next meeting will be Tues. September 10, 2024, at 4:00 PM.

Pastor's Hours:

M/F: 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM
T/W: 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM





PRAYER LIST:

Please note: If you would like anyone added/deleted from the prayer list, you may call-315-331-2255 or email parkchurch110@gmail.com or interimpastorsfrost2@gmail.com.

We pray for ongoing healing, wholeness, and God's shalom for:

Mark Booth; Deb Compher; Roxanna Rowe; Sue Rowe; Lila Serapilio (sister of Natalie Lemmon); Sheldon Hayes (cousin of Steve Frost); Mike Hopkins (relations of Marilyn Wilson); James (friend of Scott B); Chris Agletti and Rachel Ide (daughter and son-in-law of Sue Rowe); Deborah Monahan Burleson; Rev. Debbie Grohman; Krystel Harling (former student of Marilyn Wilson); Deanna Side; Jack Palma (grandson of Amy); Artemis (7-year-old with cancer); David Wilck; Kert Werts; Catherine (daughter of Deanna Side); Cara (daughter of Christine and Henry Stephens); James Cavallero; Braydon Sherman; Karen (Scott Blondell's sister); Debbie O'Sullivan (Scott Blondell); Daniel Allerton; Lisa Praino Babinewau; Shannon Greenstein (Steve Frost's daughter); Jan Smith; Orville Van Duser (cousin of Marilyn Wilson); Laura Ehle (Debbie and Josh McCrossen's daughter); Jean Salisbury; Richard Allen; Aya Gilad-Muth; Kelly Shay Velte; Dan Patsos; Stephanie Lang; Jonathan Oosterling; ET; and Joan Boerman.

We continue our prayers for caregivers and to those needing care: Jeanne and Paul Salisbury, Thelma Vermeulen, Bonnie and Thurlow Hammond, Ed and Cheryl Lotz, Barbara Brunner, Eileen Burm, Marian Maxwell, Jim and Anne Peck, Lynn Blodgett, Susan Chaffee, and Debbie and Pat O'Sullivan.

We continue our prayers for all those who grieve, including the friends and family of Bethany Comella, Kay Groover, John Hooper, Shirley Withey, Douglas Sloane, Barb Chappell, Amy Stell, Bob Lootens, Scott Burke, Jim Bush, Myrtle Gates, Michael Valerio, Amy Quigly, and Chris Sauter-Milligan.

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

PRAYER:

O Lord, my God,
how can another summer have passed so quickly?
How can vacations be ending,
and children be heading off to school,
and store displays already leaping into the next season?
How can so many good intentions I had
at the beginning of this summer
have been mowed down like so much grass?
What happened?
It is a disappointment, Lord.
It is a grief. I feel a sense of frustration and loss
that so many of my plans are unfulfilled.
So one by one, I will name them—
pleasures I planned to enjoy,
chores I intended to accomplish,
places I wanted to see,
so much I had hoped to do—
and leave each and every one of them with you.
I give you my hopes and my disappointments.
Please cleanse me from regret,
heal my discouragement,
and turn me toward the next season
free from the burden of all my didn't-get-dones.
Amen.

(<https://guideposts.org/prayer/seasonal-prayers/five-prayers-for-the-end-of-summer/>)



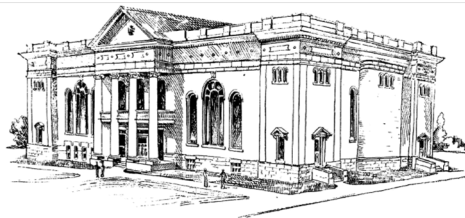
PPC is working to update our key system.

We hope to make this change is seamless as possible,
but we ask for your patience as we move forward.

New keys will allow access to the Maple Court door only. Please let Samantha know if you have any questions. She can be reached in the office 315-331-2255 or by email to parkchurch110@gmail.com



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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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