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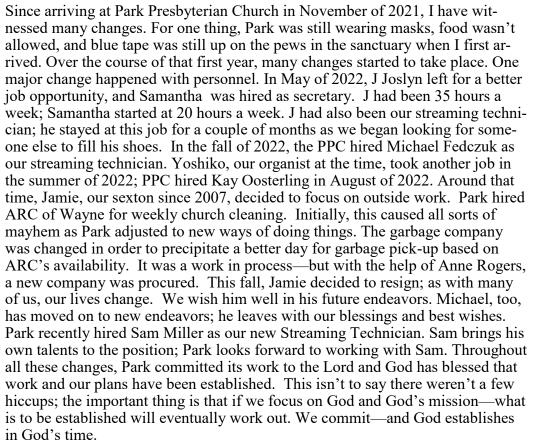
The Park Presbyterian Church Newsletter

# January 2024

# News From PPC

# News from the Interim

Proverbs 16:3 "Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established."



Several new initiatives were started since I arrived. One of those was the Emergency Repair Fund; the Bridge Builders Committee committed its work to the Lord; the committee's plans were established. The goal was exceeded by over \$15,000.00. Three task forces were formed a year ago. Again, PPC committed; God established. The Mission Task Force, now Team, considered what worked for PPC and even more importantly WHY it worked. They then put together a calendar of community-based mission projects for the 2023 year. These projects



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went well, and the Mission Team is planning on using this calendar throughout 2024. In January, they will continue the tradition of the Warming Tree but have specified that January will be hats, mittens, gloves, and scarves for pre-school children—to be taken to Lake Ontario ABCD in Williamson, NY thus supporting migrant families. In February, PPC supports Common Threads by having a Sock-It-To-Me month—new socks for children! Common Threads serves the Newark community but has begun expanding outside these limits. Start looking for new socks (and underwear) that might be on sale after the holidays and keep it for Sock-It-To-Me month. Again, PPC committed—not knowing where God would lead, but trusting. And...God has established our plans. Another new initiative has been the call by the congregation to have the session form a committee to brainstorm and research potential avenues for PPC's future; session's charge to the committee-to find options for this congregation to make it to 2038 (15 yrs.) Yet again, PPC is committing its mere presence to the Lord—and God will make a way—God will establish PPC's plans. But remember, it is God who establishes which means that our way may not be God's way. We must remain open and receptive to the Spirit's leading.

Early on, in one of my first sermons, I explained that change is part of life. Unfortunately, change isn't always easy; but just because it isn't easy, doesn't mean that change has to be bad. At this time of the year, many people make New Year resolutions. Most of these resolutions will involve a change of some sort. I googled New Year's resolutions. These were just some of those listed: Exercise more; Lose weight; Get organized; Learn a new skill or hobby; Live life to the fullest; Save more money / spend less money; Quit smoking; Spend more time with family and friends. With the exception of "quite smoking," I think the rest fit "changes" that PPC has already been at work committing to the Lord. We are "exercising more" by getting involved; true, it might not be in the same sense as Park's commitment in the past, but you are doing it. You are "losing weight" by deciding priorities—where and to what is God "really" calling you. You are "getting organized" slowly, the church is getting "cleaned out" and "cleaned up"—looking to your future instead of the past. Some of you are or will venture out into new areas and step up to new jobs. As Christians, we believe living life to the fullest involves our relationship with God—attending worship and getting involved; as Christian's, our stewardship doesn't just focus on money, but on the best use of our gifts and talents of our members and participants. This is a work in progress. And, the final resolution is important for Christians because we are part of the Family of God—how are we reaching out to "other family"—not just those who believe as we do—but ecumenically—as we are ALL part of the body of Christ. Proverbs 16:3 is a good reminder as we start the New Year that "we commit" and "God establishes." Have fun committing and then seeing all the ways that God will establish in this New Year!

In Christ,

Susan :-)



#### **Epiphany and The Time After Epiphany:**

Traditionally, Epiphany is celebrated twelve days after Christmas; it falls on January 6<sup>th</sup>. The word "Epiphany" means manifestation or revelation. On Epiphany, we celebrate the manifestation of God's saving purpose to ALL the nations of the world. Just as the magi came from a distant land to worship the Christ child, God's covenant of grace is extended to all people who believe the good news of Jesus Christ. During Epiphany, we focus on "light." The symbolism of light is important—not only because of the star that guided the magi, but as it suggests the bright dawning of God's self-revelation in Jesus Christ. Thus, as Christians, we are called to bear Christ's light in the world.

The Time After Epiphany is bracketed by two festivals that concern the identity of Jesus Christ. The first is the Baptism of the Lord and the second is the Transfiguration of the Lord. At each of these events, there is a voice from heaven that proclaims Jesus as God's beloved Son. The readings for each Sunday in between Jesus' baptism and his transfiguration focus on Christian vocation, discipleship, and community. It turns out that this time is shorter this year because Easter is early. Ash Wednesday falls on Valentine's Day this year! The first Sunday in Lent is February 18<sup>th</sup>. Palm Sunday is March 24<sup>th</sup> and Easter falls on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Because of this, I am planning on the following focuses throughout this time after Epiphany:

December 31, 2023: Epiphany

January 7, 2024: Baptism of the Lord January 14, 2024: Called to Service

January 21, 2024: Ministry January 28, 2024: Mission

February 4, 2024: Teamwork (Scout Sunday) February 11, 2024: Transfiguration of the Lord



#### **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:**

Park Presbyterian Church's Annual Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, January 21, 2024. At this meeting, members will elect Ruling Elders for the Class of 2026, Deacons for the Class of 2026, members of the Pastor Nominating Committee, and members of the Nominating Committee for 2024; also presented will be reports from each of the different committee/teams and the adopted budget for 2024. Normally, the congregation would also approve the Terms of Call of the Pastor; this won't happen until you have a newly installed pastor. My position is temporary; I am not installed, so there are no Terms of Call. This is a time for the congregation to come together as a body, to ask questions, to thank those who have served and to congratulate those who are about to serve. All is done out of Gratitude and Thanksgiving for the ways our faithful God has been and continues to be present here at Park Church.

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#### **STEWARDSHIP UPDATE**:

Wonderful news! Presently, we have 36 givers so far; the "giving" total is up to \$85,245.00 for the 2024 year! Thank you! *Matthew 25:23(Message Bible) 'Good work! You did your job well. From now on be my partner.'* Park Presbyterian Church thanks all of you its "partners" as we seek to discern God's call to ministry and mission in 2024.

## MISSION—JANUARY-WARMING TREE:

Park's mission for the month of January is to provide hats, scarves, and mittens for PRE-SCHOOL age children for the WARMING TREE in the lounge. These items will be taken to Lake Ontario ABCD in Williamson, NY. Any larger sizes will be donated to Survivor Advocacy or to the Food Closet for adults in need.

\*\*\*Just a reminder that February is SOCK-IT-TO-ME month. If you see children's socks on sale—grab them now for our next Mission to support Common Threads.

#### MISSION NEWS: PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance sent a 2023 Mid-Year Report.

They write: In 2023, the world continues to face a rise in human mobility and forced migration due to oppression and persecution, war, climatic catastrophes, and other forms of violence. It is within this context that PDA made a joint trip with Worl Mission colleagues to Ukraine, Hungary, Czech Republic, and Poland where PDA met with partner churches and relief organizations as well as Ukrainians. In Latin America and the Caribbean, PDA participated in the ACT Alliance regional migration consultation where they identified steps to better support each other in their ministries and advocacy with people on the move. Several grants supported refugee integration and self-reliance.

**National response**: Through June, 64 members of the National Response Team (NRT) members were deployed for natural and human-caused disasters in 26 presbyteries, including responding to tornados, gun violence, arson and storms; leading training on resilience and church security planning and preparedness; and onboarding new volunteer host sites. 1, 117 volunteers served at PDA volunteer host sites, and 34 grants were disbursed totaling \$590,500.

**International Response**: 23 grants totaling \$1,035,320.00 were disbursed to partners in 15 countries that included the following: Response to flooding and hurricanes in Haiti, the Bahamas, Malawi, Rwanda, Nicaragua, Indonesia; climate response and disaster preparedness in India, Colombia, and Jamaica; political unrest and war in Ukraine and nearby countries, Sudan, and Peru; and emergency and long-term response to the earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

#### **CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP--DISH TO PASS:**

Hold the date! The next Dish to Pass will be on January 28, 2024. Please note this is different than a previously posted date.





#### PARK PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN UPDATE:

The refugee resettlement program, Call to Care will be welcoming one more family of 4 with two boys, a 4- year-old and a 3-month old later this December. So, we will again be collecting items for these families. Specifically, we're seeking a bedspread or comforter for a full-sized or

twin size beds, 4 new pillows, a bathmat, mixing bowls, cutlery drawer organizer, dish rack and drainer, strainer/colander, sandwich bags, paper towels, plastic wrap, coffee filters, napkins, trash cans large and small, mop, dustpan and broom, trash bags, all- purpose cleaner, dish detergent and bathroom cleaner, laundry detergent, shower curtain and bathmat and lotion, soaps, toilet paper, toothbrushes and toothpaste, deodorant and books and toys for the two young boys.

Please drop off your donations to the church lounge or call Sue Rowe at 845-791-0389 for a pick-up if needed.

#### **MEMBERSHIP CLASSES:**

A year ago, I told you we would have membership classes—and it never happened! Where did the year go? Well, this year, I am going to make it happen! I think it is about time. I am also thinking of not only doing a 50+ recognition—but why not a 10-15-or 25 year???

Our Presbyterian Book of Order says:

(G-1.0304)-Membership in the Church of Jesus Christ is a joy and a privilege. It is also a commitment to participate in Christ's mission. A faithful member bears witness to God's love and grace and promises to be involved responsibly in the ministry of Christ's Church. Such involvement includes: proclaiming the good news in word and deed, taking part in the common life and worship of a congregation, lifting one another up in prayer, mutual concern, and active support, studying Scripture and the issues of Christian faith and life, supporting the ministry of the church through the giving of money, time, and talents, demonstrating a new quality of life within and through the church, responding to God's activity in the world through service to others, living responsibly in the personal, family, vocational, political, cultural, and social relationships of life, working in the world for peace, justice, freedom, and human fulfillment, caring for God's create, participating in the governing responsibilities of the church, and reviewing and evaluating regularly the integrity of one's membership, and considering ways int which one's participating the worship and service of the church may be increased and made more meaningful.

If you are not a member of Park Church and would like to be a member, membership classes will be starting in the New Year. Please contact Rev. Susan Frost at interimpastorsfrost2@gmail.com or 315-331-2255.

#### **NEW HELLOS**

**Samuel (Sam) Miller** will be our new Streaming Technician. Sam graduated from Canandaigua Academy and is presently at Finger Lakes Community College as a New Media Major. He has a passion for technology; he has experience in web development, cinematography, digital design, and motion graphics. Park Presbyterian wishes to welcome Sam to our family! If you see him before or after worship, please say "hello!"







## **Newark Community Connections:**

#### LITTLE RED WAGON:

Lisa writes that the Newark Food Closet needs **hygiene items**. So, Stu says we will collect hygiene items for Sunday, January 7, 2024. Thanks in advance for any help with this!

#### **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 on volunteers.

Registration: The registration volunteer takes in all required information to enter clients into the database. Information must be correct so as not to cause confusion or interfere with tax and grants.

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 <a href="mailto:shumphrey8008@gmail.com">shumphrey8008@gmail.com</a> 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 <a href="mailto:srowe918@gmail.com">srowe918@gmail.com</a> 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 600 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 greatly 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 14 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, secular orientation, gender identity or expression, military status, gender, marital status, or disability. To contact them, call the office at 315-331-1171.



#### **January Dates to remember:**

January 1: Office will be closed for New Years January 7: Worship with Communion at 10:00 AM

January 7: Nominating Committee-11:15 AM

January 8: Deacons-10:00 AM; PW at 12:00 PM; Finance at 3:00 PM

January 9: Mission Team-4:00 PM

January 10: Christian Fellowship-3:00 PM

January 12: Big House Committee 1:00 PM

January 14: Worship at 10:00 AM

January 14: Worship and Music Team Meeting at 11:15 AM

January 16: TIC-4:30 PM

January 17: Session-6:00 PM

January 21: Worship at 10:00 AM

January 21: Annual Congregational Meeting Following Worship

January 21: Dish to Pass

January 27: Presbytery-by zoom

January 28: Worship at 10:00 AM



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#### January Lectionary:

January 7, 2024: Acts 19: 1-7; Mark 1: 4-11 January 14, 2024: I Samuel 3: 1-10; John 1: 43-51 January 21, 2024: Jonah 3: 1-5, 10; Mark 1: 14-20 January 28, 2024: Psalm 111; Mark 1: 21-28

### Stu's Corner:

January 7, 2024: Baptized in Water by Glenys Nellist January 14, 2024: The Mixed-Up Chameleon by Eric Carle January 21, 2024: The Story of AND by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso January 28, 2024: Maybe God Is Like That Too by Jennifer Grant

#### **Flowers:**

January 7, 2024: IMO Howard Faro by the Faro Family

January 14, 2024: IMO Raymond S. Wright by the Wright Memorial

January 21, 2024: IMO Robert Lemmon by Natalie Lemmon

**January 28, 2024:** 

#### **Liturgists:**

January 7, 2024: Ginny Bodine

January 14, 2024: Karen Vanderbrook

January 21, 2024: January 28, 2024:



2 Karl Schantz

12 Kelly Shay

22 Ann Ross

23 Gabby Taylor

24 Robert Humphrey

25 Dan Tierson

27 Roxanna Rowe

29 Donna Merrill



# REST IN PEACE



#### JEANNE M. LEWIS

It is with great sadness that we, the family of Jeanne Marie Lewis, announce the passing of our dear mother, grand-mother and great-grandmother on Wednesday, September 14, 2023, at the age of 96.

Jeanne was born July 16, 1927, in Canandaigua, NY, the second daughter of the late Wilson and Margaret Love. Jeanne was a graduate of Clifton Springs High School. Soon after graduation, she met and began dating Harry Lewis, the man she would share her life with for almost 70 years.

From a young age, Jeanne was no stranger to working. In December of 1945, she assisted her parents in the production of "The Merchandiser", a weekly advertising publication which remained a Love family entity for 75 years. After her marriage in 1947 to Harry, Jeanne worked outside the home helping to earn funds to fulfil their dream of purchasing property on which to build their own home and raise a family in Newark, NY. In 1967, Jeanne became a full-time bus driver for the Newark Central School District. Between bus runs, she didn't stop – there was always something to keep her busy. Having close ties with her parents and siblings, Jeanne and Harry helped with the renovation, rebirth and management of the "Palace Theatre" a movie house in Clifton Springs, also assisted her sister, Marian and daughter, Cheryl at "The Merchandiser" when needed, and were caregivers to family and friends. Jeanne retired from the school system after 17 years, however that did not mean wheels would stop turning. Jeanne learned of a small traveling bus group that was being retired and saw an opportunity for its continuance. Working with tour companies, Jeanne coordinated trips that she and Harry would escort. Within a few short months "Port Gibson Travelers" was on the road. For the next 23 years, whether by bus, plane, rail or ship, hundreds of people were treated to the sights, sounds and shows all across the United States and Canada.

Jeanne is survived by her daughters, Judith (Anthony) Blasczienski and Cheryl (James) Tears, grandchildren Todd Bouwens, Sherry Bouwens Freer, Kristine Tears (Kevin) Blair and Michael Tears, great-grandchildren Tyler Freer, Dylan Freer, Jayden Blair, James Blair and Addison Tears. She is also survived by her sister, Sara Jane VanOpdorp, nieces and nephews. Besides her parents, Jeanne is pre-deceased by her husband, Harry, sister, Marian Love and brothers, Richard, Wayne, Neil and Dale Love.

By request, there will be no prior calling hours. Services will be held at the convenience of the family. Interment will be alongside her husband, Harry, at Riverview Cemetery in Clifton Springs.

Arrangements by R.A. Patrick Funeral Home



The colder weather has created a need at Common Threads for children's clothing. If you can be of any help, there is a bin found in the lounge here at PPC!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 430PM Chancel Bells 6PM Back 2 Basics	2 6PM Webelos Meeting	3 1030AM Quilters 6PM 138 Pack Meeting	4	5 IPM Garden Club	6 6PM AA Meeting
7 Communion 9AM Choir Rehearsal 10 Worship Service / Nominating Committee 5PM Finger Lakes Bells	8 10AM Deacons 12PM PW Meeting 3PM Finance 430PM Chancel Bells 6PM Back 2 Basics	9 4PM Mission Meeting 6PM Webelos Meeting	10 1030AM Quilters 3PM Christian Fellowship 6PM 138 Pack Meeting	11	12 6PM Wayne Gem	13 7AM In the Spirit 6PM AA Meeting
14 9AM Choir Rehearsal 10 Worship Service 1115AM Worship&Music 5PM Finger Lakes Bells	15 430PM Chancel Bells 6PM Back 2 Basics	16 430PM TIC Meeting 6PM Webelos Meeting	17 10AM DAR Meeting 1030 Quilters 6PM Pack 138 Meeting 6PM Session 7PM Venturing Crew	18	19	20 6PM AA Meeting
21 9AM Choir Rehearsal 10 Worship Service Congregational Meeting 5PM Finger Lakes Bells	22 430PM Chancel Bells 6PM Back 2 Basics	23 6PM Webelos Meeting	24 1030AM Quilters 6PM 138 Pack Meeting	25	26	27 10AM NA Planning 6PM AA Meeting
28 9AM Choir Rehearsal 10 Worship Service 5PM Finger Lakes Bells	29 430PM Chancel Bells 6PM Back 2 Basics	30 6PM Webelos Meeting	31 1030AM Quilters 6PM 138 Pack Meeting			



We pray for ongoing healing and wholeness for: Mark Booth, Lisa Barrett's son's, Bethany Comella, James, Lila Serapilio, John Hooper, Susan Chaffee, Deb Compher, Shannon (Steve Frost's daughter), Joe, Lori Hattendorf, Kay Grey, Kay Oosterling, Aaron, Glen, Todd, Richard, William, Douglas, Christine, Wanda Gallagher, Lisa Tremiti, Sandy Rude, Becky Derr, David, Steve, Linda Loree, Barb, Jeanine Dutcher, Katilin Tracy, David Wilck, Bev Owen, Jan Smith, Alyson Holloway, Nancy Thayer, Cara and Freddie, Kristen Munch, Kelli Kelley, Jeannine King, Deanna Side, Sheldon Hayes (cousin of Steve Frost), Mike Hopkins (cousin of Marilyn Wilson,), Barb Miller (daughter of Suzanne Bouwens), Daniel Allerton, Suzanne Spanadoukas, Anne Rogers, Charlie Matias, and John, husband of Emily Lang, Roxanna Rowe, Chris Agletti (Sue Rowe's son-in-law), and Rachel Ide (Sue Rowe's daughter), Karen Ditzel, Donny Whaddel, Ike Neilson, and Family Promise Families. We also pray for our pets; they are like family to us. We lift up Roxanne a dog with a broken back. Jesus, you know their needs; comfort and sustain them in their healing and give them strength and courage as they trust their futures to you.

We continue our prayers for caregivers and to those needing care: 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 continue our prayers for all those who grieve, including the friends and family of Jerry Sielawa, Barbara Deisering, Anne Hooper, David Porter, Shirley May, Caroline Patchett, Carol Hubright, Ellen Hopkins, for the Rev. Dr. Cynthia Huling Hummell on the death of her father and Beth Newell on the death of her mother, and Marjorie Ackerman, our presbytery leader on the death of her mother, and for the friends and family of Elsie Dedrick and Dom Caito and Phyllis Kommer, the friends and family of Doug McCrossen and the friends and family of Jeanne Lewis

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.

# **AN EPIPHANY PRAYER:**

God of all time,

we praise and adore you for breaking into the darkness of this world with the glorious light of your presence.

A light which made your love for the world visible in the babe born in Bethlehem—

Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

A light which guided those gift-bearing travelers from afar to find and worship the Christ-child.

A light which leads us to you, now revealed in Jesus Christ.

We pray that you will accept our worship, for it arises from hearts and minds in awe over the enormity of your gift to us of pure love.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen



"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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