



Park View News

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February 2019

Dates to Remember:

Feb. 4, 7pm: official board meeting
Feb. 5, 7pm: CWF executive board meeting
Feb. 10: Blanket Sunday
Feb. 11, 7pm: Elder's meeting
Feb. 12, 7pm: CWF bible study
Feb. 17: Week of Compassion
11pm: Combined service
12pm: Valentine's potluck
Feb. 20, 6am: Oasis
Feb. 24: Week of Compassion
March 1, 10:30am: Church Women United World Day of Prayer service @ PVCC

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Compassion

February 17th to the 24th is designated as the Week of Compassion. The Week of Compassion is the relief, refugee, and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). This week seeks to equip and empower disciples to alleviate the suffering of others through disaster response, humanitarian aid, sustainable development, and the promotion of mission opportunities.

We are all called to be compassionate as disciples. Compassion is the feeling of a deep sympathy and sorrow for another who is hurting, in pain, or has misfortune and is accompanied by a strong desire to help the suffering. Jesus Christ is the greatest example of someone with true compassion. Not only did Jesus have compassion and heal people from physical suffering, he also showed the greatest compassion for mankind

when he died on the cross for our sins.

Acts of compassion are what Christians do to help when they meet anyone who is hungry, thirsty, mourning, or sick. Acts of compassion are how Christians obey Jesus' command to "love your neighbor as yourself." Acts of compassion put into action what you say you feel and believe about God. Acts of compassion reveal that loving the way God loves is more about what we do than how we feel.

Jesus challenges our conventional notion of love as being feelings of deep affection for people who love us in return in Matthew 5:43-48:

⁴³ "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ so that

you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous.

⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

Jesus tells us to "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven." Love is much more about what you do, and don't do, than it is how you feel. When you participate in acts of compassion with people who may not be able to thank you, or acknowledge what you are doing, then you are loving like Jesus loves us.

Compassion, cont'd

Jesus identifies himself with people who are poor, sick, and prisoners. What this means of us today is that when you bring food to a hungry person, when you give a drink of water to

someone who is thirsty, when you give clothing to a poor mother, when you visit someone who is sick, when you help someone you don't even know through the week of compassion offering, you meet Jesus

face to face. Love grows in your heart when you regularly go into the world to meet Jesus among those who need some compassion.

Jason Chuma, Worship Chair

Shutdown Chowdown!

Well, another first at Park View! Stephanie Buldis came forth with an idea to host a home-cooked dinner for Coast Guard families and government workers affected by the extended government shutdown in January. The CWF loved this idea and the whole church got behind it. On January

23, we had a huge home-cooked potluck dinner all ready by 6pm and we had 6 Coast Guard families attend with kids that totaled 25 guests. Many of our church family came, brought lots of food and ate with these families to give some support and comfort and conversation.

This effort went over so well, we

offered it again on January 31 at 6 pm and had great response from our church family to reach out in this special way. Many thanks to all of you. We pray for all who have been affected by this recent government shutdown.

Gina Artz

Search and Call Committee Update

This committee has been diligently working through the holidays and January, reviewing profiles of applicants. There have been numerous meetings and discussions, emails and interviews. In the midst of all this has been prayer time.

We have learned a lot during this process and the Regional office has been willing to work with us every week. After much effort, research and discernment, the search and call team will make a presentation on Monday night, February 4 to our official board with a recommendation

for the permanent minister of Park View Christian Church. We thank you the congregation for your prayers and patience during this transition time. Search Committee- Gina Artz, Jason Chuma, Janet Sydenstricker, Bonnie Gifford, Charlie Arnold and Chip Artz (ex-officio).

Men's Appreciation Dinner

On January 10th, the Christian Women's Fellowship sponsored a catered dinner for all men of the church. The purpose was to say THANK YOU to each one of you. We recognize that you men do so much that goes unacknowledged. There is much

done behind the scenes to keep this church building and property going.

There is always a need for teachers and leaders and men who reach out to others in their time of need. The list could go on and on- but Thank You! We had 18 men come to this

dinner and they said they thoroughly enjoyed the time together.

I'd like to thank all the women who helped to put this event on.

Gina Artz, Pres. CWF

In Memory of Rev. Marilyn Danner

On December 23, 2018, Rev. Marilyn Danner, aged 90, passed away into the arms of God. Many of us remember her but some may not have had that chance, so I wanted to share a few memories of this wonderful woman's life and impact on Park View Christian Church's history.

Marilyn came to serve our church with her husband, Rev. Robert (Bob) Danner in 1985. They had moved to Virginia from California and brought with them excitement and ideas that were way ahead of the times. Rev. Marilyn and her husband created "Churchland

Challenge," a weekly gathering of retirees to hear relevant speakers, eat lunch and have fellowship. Marilyn surprised everyone one Sunday with bringing her guitar in and singing a great praise song to us all and taught us to sing it! Wow, that was ahead of the curve!

Always interested in nature and going green, she advocated for recycling everything we could BEFORE recycling was even talked about. Bob and Marilyn were the first to create a "Hanging of the Greens" service to celebrate Advent. They even

helped us go into the woods near their home and cut a huge live evergreen tree to be used in the sanctuary for many years. She led studies, created the Sometime Choir, New Member Receptions, and she was willing to go that extra mile to serve the Lord in any way possible. She was active in civic groups and started a preschool even after retiring from ministry. We were blessed to have her and Bob serve our church for 14 years. Marilyn's legacy lives on through many of us who knew her and loved her.

Gina Artz and Betty Lou Cummings

2019 Official Board Officers and Department Chairs

Chair	Chip Artz
Vice Chair	
Financial Secretary	Jeffrey Massey
Assistant Financial Secretary	Sallie Chuma
Treasurer	Mike Tefft
Assistant Treasurer	Andy Artz
Church Clerk & Board Secretary	Carolyn Jones

Departments

Membership/Guest Relations	
Evangelism	Charlie Arnold
Worship	Jason Chuma
Property	Sid Harman, Mike Tefft
Stewardship & Finance	Chip Artz
Christian Education	Gina Artz
World & Local Outreach	

Elders

Mike Tefft	2019
Warren Brenan	2019
Gerald Rhoads (1 yr.)	2019
Gina Artz	2020
Judy Harman	2020
Joyce Brenan	2020
Jason Chuma	2021
Bonnie Gifford	2021
Carolyn Jones	2021

Diaconate

Margaret Powell	2019
Bruce Parker	2019
Charlie Arnold	2019
Andy Artz	2019
Jennifer Mowery	2019
Liz Artz	2020
Ida Quiros	2020
Sallie Chuma	2021
Sandra Rhoads	2021

Diaconate, cont'd

Fred Meyer	2021
Sherry Meyer	2021
Chip Artz	2021

Living Endowment Committee

Judy Harman	2019
Alice Langston	2019
Andy Artz	2019
Sandra Rhoads	2021
Jeremy Russell	2021

Trustees

Sid Harman
Janet Sydenstricker
Bruce Parker

Elder Emeritus

Joan Austin
Betty Lou Cummings
Leo Ruffing

Prayer Time with Warren

Lord,

As I quietly approach our place of prayer I anticipate the comfort and solitude only you can provide. Thank you Father for never making me feel rushed and anxious like the world outside often does. My Bible is open and so is my heart. Fill me up with your wisdom, love and peace dear Lord. Make clear your ideas for my day and show me the Scriptures that will reveal the only Truth I will ever need to know. Thankfulness and gratitude over flow from me as your warm embrace captures my heart entirely. So abundant are the blessings you provide that tears roll down my cheeks and I praise your Holy name. Humble me with your might and make clear the plans you have for my life. Release me from the anxiety of this world. I pray in the name of Jesus Christ my Lord.

Amen

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you in time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

I Peter 5:6-7

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Serving in February

Elders

3 Gina Artz	Mike Tefft
10 Gerald Rhoads	Carolyn Jones
17 Jason Chuma	Bonnie Gifford
24 Judy Harman	Joyce Brenan

Presiding

3 Gina Artz	10 Liz Artz
17 Sallie Chuma	24 Mike Tefft

Welcome Center

3 Sandra Rhoads	10 Charlie Arnold
17 Potluck	24 TBA

Happy Birthday!



9: Joan Austin
Fred Meyer
28: Xander Buldis

Family News & Prayer Requests

Revised Common

Lectionary readings for February

3: Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; I Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30
10: Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 138; I Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11
17: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1; I Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26
24: Genesis 45:3-22; Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40; I Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50; Luke 6:27-38

Betty Lou Cummings

needs prayers for her ongoing situation.

Ed Sparrow

needs prayers for ongoing cancer treatments, and for his wife, Paula.

Mark Williams has moved to the Hughes Center, 1601 Franklin Turnpike, Danville, VA 24540

Scott Carpenter has returned home to Virginia after recovering more than anyone expected. Praise God!

Mitchell Daniels

frequent lung infections because of cystic fibrosis
Warren Brenan is receiving treatment for his knee pain; treatments have been helping greatly.

Leo Ruffing Parkinson's disease and COPD

Charles Jones medical problems

Milton Jones – pain from past hip & back surgery and failing eyesight from macular degeneration; still having difficulty eating enough to gain weight.

Peter Austin son of Ken & Joan Austin,

Huntington's Disease
Shirley Byrd and her family need prayers following several losses.

The search committee for a new pastor has started up and needs prayers for guidance and excellent prospects.

Eva Neufeld needs prayers for her ongoing health struggles.

Leo Ruffing needs prayers following a hospitalization.

February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 African American History Month begins	2
3	4 7pm: Official board meeting	5 7pm: CWF executive board meeting	6	7	8	9
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17 Week of Compassion 11am: Combined svc & potluck	18 Presidents Day	19	20 6am: Oasis	21	22	23 1-5pm: Fellowship Hall in use
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