



# Park View News

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March 2019

## Dates to Remember:

March 4, 7pm: Cabinet

meeting

March 5, 7pm: CWF executive  
board meeting

March 6, 7pm: Ash

Wednesday service

March 7, 8am: prep for

Brunswick stew

March 8, 10am-2pm:

Brunswick stew sale

**March 10: Combined  
service, potluck, & spring  
congregational meeting**

March 12, 7pm: CWF bible  
study

March 20, 6am: serve at OASIS

April 1, 7pm: Official board  
meeting

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## Who We Are

After 200 days without a permanent minister, we welcome Rev. William Collins III as our Pastor at Park View Christian Church. That means that this will be the last issue where I write the front-page article for this newsletter and I gladly turn my pen over to Pastor Will for the April edition.

As I look back on the 200 days that we spend without a permanent minister, I feel it is appropriate to reflect on the first front-page article that I wrote for the September 2018 edition. In that article, I asked the question "who are we?" I asked if we were only defined by who our Pastor is, or if we were truly a priesthood of all believers as described in 1 Peter 2:5-9.

"<sup>5</sup>like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' <sup>7</sup>To you then who

believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,' <sup>8</sup>and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. <sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

I closed that article with a challenge to fully embrace being a priesthood of all believers and continue to flourish in our time of transition, and I think we can safely say that we have.

Looking back at the past 200 days, not only did we still participate in all of the normal things (such as the coat drive, Operation Santa Clause, and blanket Sunday), but we even grew a bit with the beautiful Christmas Eve play "Into the Light" which was directed by Stephanie Buldis, and the unveiling of our combined worship service which fuses

traditional and contemporary elements which allows us all to worship together as a single Park View Christian Family.

Seeing how well we have done as a church without a permanent minister makes me incredibly excited to see how far we can go with Pastor Will as our spiritual leader. With him leading our team the best days for Park View Christian Church are truly ahead of us. We are that movement for wholeness in a fragmented world who welcomes all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us. And we are dedicated to our mission of helping people engage in a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and create a nurturing, loving congregation that will continually reach out to those who don't yet know him, through various ministries.

We have our identity. We have our mission. And now we have our minister with Pastor Will. Now let's get to work Park View! Amen.

Jason Chuma, Worship Chair

## Welcome to Pastor William Collins III

As most of you know by now, we have a new Permanent Minister for Park View Christian Church. On Sunday, February 24, 2019 at our Called Congregational meeting, Pastor Will received a unanimous vote to issue him the Call to serve our church. He is very excited about all possibilities that God has planned. He will begin on staff on March 1 and will establish office hours soon. I have included a little synopsis of his resume for you all.

Will Collins was born in Norfolk, Virginia and grew up in a loving family, the youngest of 4 children. He spent his early years in Georgia where his father served in ministry. Following High School, Will entered University of Maryland to study Pre-Law. While there he experienced the sudden accidental death of his best friend. This led to accepting a 6 month Study Abroad program in South Africa, and focused time and energy on reconciliation in post-apartheid South Africa. His journey took him to other countries too. He then moved to Brooklyn, New York and served as

evangelist, counselor and teacher for Metro Ministries, one of the largest youth ministries in the world. He worked with many underprivileged youth from the Boroughs. He produced videos documenting the plight of poor youth around the world, including abandoned newborns in Haiti, crack-addicted babies in the Bronx and homeless kids living in trash dumps.

His calling then led him to return to Norfolk, Virginia where he has dedicated himself to serving our community. He was on the Board of Directors for Friends of Norfolk Juvenile Court, a Mentor for Norfolk Public Schools, Member of Community Housing Development Organization, and Tidewater Emmaus. Currently, Will works fulltime from his home for Center for Medicare Services.

He was certified as a Church Planter with the V3 Church Plant Movement, and is also a certified life coach. He was raised in the Baptist

Church and received his license to preach in 2013 at New Calvary Baptist. Then moved to Foundry United Methodist Church and served as Worship Leader, Bible Study Teacher and Leadership Training, as well as preaching. William is a servant leader with a vision and passion for ministry. He is dedicated to progressively leading the Body of Christ in the twenty-first century.

Will Collins states his most important accomplishment is the “love of my life, my wife Kelly, and our three daughter: Micah (13), Eliana (5) and Ava (3).”

I cannot thank the Search and Call team enough for their dedicated work and research, calls, interviews and discussions that led to this time. Now we must all pull together and support our new minister in every way we possibly can and strive to grow the church.

Chip Artz, Board Chair, Gina Artz, and Search and Call team

## Spring Brunswick Stew is Coming Soon!

If you love Park View's homemade Brunswick Stew and have run out of your batch you had in the freezer, good news! On March 8th, the stew will be cooked and ready to take home by noon.

This is the Christian Women's Fellowship Spring fundraiser and it has blossomed in success. The recipe is guarded by several men of

the church and they should be happy at how the reputation has grown. People start asking when they can order stew again, right after they pick up their jars!

There is always a need for volunteers- on Thursday March 7 at about 8 am, the chopping of veggies and cooking of chicken starts and continues until it is all ready. Then on Friday morning we can always use extra hands to stir the stew

pots, wash pans, load the jars up and even deliver the stew. It is lots of work but also great fellowship with good stories and laughs going on at the kitchen table. If you haven't placed your order, please do as soon as possible to assure that you will have some of this delicacy.

Gina Artz, CWF President

## Diaper Drive March 2019

This will be the third year that Park View Christian Church has collected diapers for infants and adults to donate to Sanctuary of Hope in Portsmouth. Some of you may wonder why should we want to do this?--- Did you know that insurance does not cover adult diapers, food stamps can not be used for diapers, and day care requires that parents supply their own diapers for their children? Many people can't afford the cost of the diapers they need for their children and/or adults they

care for. Sanctuary of Hope supplies diapers to some of these people. So start collecting your coupons and buying diapers to fill our big yellow collection box in the narthex between March 10 and 31.

Carolyn Jones



## Announcing the Spring Congregational Meeting

It's hard to believe that it is almost spring, but the calendar says so. A special event always happens this time of year and that is our Spring Congregational Meeting. It will be held on Sunday, March 10th following a Pot Luck Luncheon. The purpose of this meeting is for all of you to

hear from each of the Functional Department leaders. They will share their goals, vision and special events that will be implemented during 2019.

This gathering is designed to be informative but not boring, exciting but not stressful, and hopefully a fun day filled

with God's spirit. Please make your plans to attend, bring a dish to share and be open for possibilities in ways to serve and participate.

Hoping and Praying to see you all there.  
Chip Artz, Board Chair

## A Note From the Christian Education Team

Soon, Lent season will be upon us and in Children's class we will be studying all about Jesus' last weeks and then the resurrection. Please ask your child about these lessons and share in some discussion to see through a child's eyes- the Easter Story.



Also, we would like to host a big Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 20th at 1030 out in the front park area. We will need any donations of candy or tiny stickers, toys that can be used to fill plastic eggs. If you have some filled eggs- that is even better.

Last year we had over 1,000 eggs we hid. After the egg hunt, we will have a hot dog lunch for the kids and parents. The community will be invited, so we will need lots of willing helpers.  
In Christ, Gina Artz

## Prayer Time with Warren

Lord,

Your faithfulness and compassion give me the strength I need for whatever adversity I may have to face today. Father, you go before me in all things and anticipate my every need. The power of your love is like a welcome blanket on a cold night. Your Holy Spirit surrounds me this morning and any troubles I thought I may have seem to wither and go away. Abba, Father, my heart rejoices as I seek your presence and realize you are always there through out my day. Please help me to be mindful of those who are hurting, suffering and down trodden. I shall try and be the arms, heart and mind of Jesus Christ. Let me encourage others. I pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ my Lord.

Amen

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### Revised Common

#### Lectionary readings for March

3: Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99;  
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke  
9:28-36  
10: Deuteronomy 26:1-11;  
Psalm 91:1-16; Romans 10:8b-  
13; Luke 4:1-13  
17: Genesis 15:1-18; Psalm 27;  
Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-  
35  
24: Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8;  
1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke  
13:1-9  
31: Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32;  
2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke  
15:1-3

### Serving in March

#### Elders

3 Mike Tefft	Gina Artz
10 Carolyn Jones	Jason Chuma
17 Bonnie Gifford	Gerald Rhoads
24 Joyce Brenan	Judy Harman
31	

#### Presiding

3 Gina Artz      10 Jason Chuma  
See Sallie if you'd like to volunteer!

#### Welcome Center

3 Gina Artz	10 Potluck
17 TBA	24 Carolyn Jones
31 Judy Harman	

### Happy Birthday!



**3 Sidney Harman**  
**6 Judy Harman**  
**10 Kelly Collins**  
**17 Charlie Arnold**  
**21 Lindsay Abess**  
**24 Scop Dominguez**  
**27 Jordan Daniels**  
**29 Carolyn Jones**

### Family News & Prayer Requests

#### THANK YOU to Eva

Neufeld for her effort in coordinating our receiving and distributing the generous donations of food!

#### Betty Lou Cummings

needs prayers for her ongoing spine and leg pain.

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

**Mark Williams** is at 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

**Eva Neufeld** needs prayers for her ongoing health struggles.

**Jillian McHugh** needs prayers following a serious fall that resulted in a concussion.

The family of **Joan Claywell** needs prayers following her passing on Tuesday.

**Robin Beard** needs prayers following her hospitalization for pneumonia.

**Allen Powell**, Margaret Powell's son, needs prayers for successful cancer treatments.

# March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <b>World Day of Prayer</b>	2
3	4 7pm: Cabinet meeting	5	6 <b>Ash Wednesday</b> 7pm: Ash Wed. service	7 8am-2pm: Prep for Brunswick stew	8 10am-2pm: Brunswick stew sale	9
10 11 am: <b>Combined service &amp; Congregation- al Meeting</b>	11 7pm: Elder's meeting	12 7pm: CWF bible study	13	14	15	16
17 <b>St. Patrick's Day</b>	18	19	20 6am: Serve at Oasis	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	April 1 7pm: Official board meeting					

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