



## Newsletter September 2021

*We Are  
Officially Open for  
11 A.M Church  
Service!*

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### **Philippians 4:3 – Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!**

I received a phone call from a friend I had not heard from in a while. They were apologizing for not keeping in touch but explained they had gone through a grueling period within his family due to Covid. He had taken the vaccine and gotten sick, although he quickly recovered, his adult aged children, still living at home, did not want to get the vaccine. The decision almost split his family but after a few months the kids agreed to be vaccinated. Still, they are struggling to heal the wounds of disagreement within the family.

The confusion of the decisions haunted every conversation. Now he was struggling to resolve the built up tension and bring peace back into his home. I asked, "when was the last time he celebrated his family?" "What do you mean?" he replied.

There's a season for everything. A time to save and a time to spend. A time to focus and a time to forget. A time to grind it out and a time to celebrate. If we don't take time to celebrate what God is doing in our lives we miss our season of praise.

As Christians we are taught to be humble and gracious and we should always submit ourselves to God's will. So when God shows up and helps us and our loved ones through the valleys and storms we don't take the time and experience the joy of His blessings. Those who have journeyed with us along way, it is Christ that brings us together and moves us forward. It is our desire to be Christ-like that bonds us as a body of believers, to commit to the working of His good and the example of His loving kindness.

Celebrate your calling and the joy we receive in our service. Part of being filled with the joy of the Lord is having a deep appreciation of His hand in your life and acknowledging His presence through praise. **CELEBRATE FAMILY and FRIENDS!!**, take time and laugh with those who have endured the grind with us. Invite them to church to reconnect, reflect and renew. And maybe even remember that the church upon earth is intentionally, essentially, and constitutionally one.

### **Let's Celebrate!**

Love,  
Pastor Will



## Elder's Report

Our Elders continue to reach out in many ways to our church family in times of need and stress. But with all working together and our Pastor Will, we will strive to tend our flock.

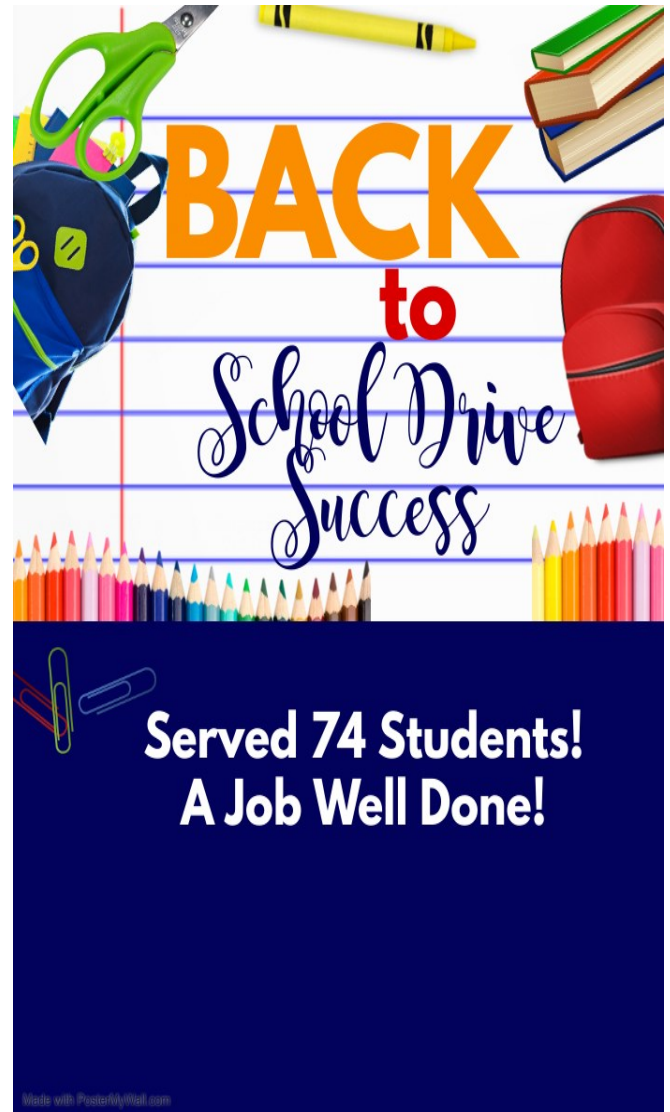
We are planning a joint gathering of all Elders and Diaconate to talk about how we can be more effective in our visitation and our shepherding groups and working with our Minister. We also will discuss when and how we will go back to passing the Communion elements to the Congregation, as well as the offering plate. All consideration will be given to the status of the COVID cases in the community and public health recommendations.

**The date set for this gathering is Monday, Sept. 20 at 6:30 pm at the church.**

Thank you all and God Bless and Keep You .

Love in Christ,

Gina Artz, Elder Chair



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL In the ERA of COVID 19

Yes, here at Park View, we have ways to adapt and be creative even as this terrible Pandemic continues to rage and disrupt our communities. We had so hoped and planned to have a complete in person VBS this year but that all changed. So, we adjusted! A volunteer team met after church and decided that for the health and safety we would hold the Opening night of VBS in-person and offer all 5 sessions Online that would be available for a month or more.

We hosted an in person introductory session on August 16, 2021 where 10 children showed up to tour our scene and received VBS materials. Overall, 25 children participated in this year's VBS!

We were blessed to have a sister church, Green Acres Presbyterian, donate props, background sets and some curriculum supplies for our VBS. Our theme was "Knights of North Castle, Search for the Armor of God". We had wonderful volunteers from church family that I want to thank for sharing their gifts and talents. Providing our music for the week's videos was Liz Artz and Carolyn Jones was our Craft lady and taught the kids how to put together crafts that went along with the Bible stories and theme. Charlie Arnold returned this year as our Science Discovery leader and the kids loved seeing his experiments either in-person or online.

Each night we had actors portray Bible Stories. Thank you to Jeffrey Massey, Andy Artz, Jon and Nelly Pangburn, Mark Williams, Charlie Arnold, Charles Jones, Jean Meyer, Will and Kelly Collins, Ava and Eliana and baby Avery made their debut. Gina Artz provided narration and prayer time each day. Chip Artz worked hard on setting up the staging and giving support throughout the entire week. We thank Mike Tefft and Pastor Will for their technology expertise, and being to film and provide this event on our website.

If you have not seen the sessions, please go to [www.parkviewccd.com](http://www.parkviewccd.com) and click on VBS. It is great watching for ALL ages! None of this could have happened without YOU, our church family. So, I thank you all for being a part of this event.

Have a blessed week and put on the  
Armor of God.

Submitted by Gina Artz, Christian Education



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### Christian Women's Fellowship News

Our Christian Women's Fellowship group is planning to resume monthly Bible Study and fellowship meetings this Fall. On Sept. 7th we will meet at the church at 7 pm and all women are invited. We will have a short Bible Study, have a planning session and then have refreshments. Come and bring a friend and let's catch up.

During August we helped with a back to school supplies drive sponsored by Membership Dept. and donated lots of paper and pencils! Also, any Bible School supplies were funded by CWF. We are hoping that we can have a Fall Yardsale, possibly toward the end of September, so save your items you were thinking of getting rid of. More information will be coming out.

As for the Brunswick Stew and Fall Bazaar, we are hoping praying and hoping that we can do both of these projects safely this year. We have a tentative date of Oct. 15-16, but all plans are tentative at this time. A final decision will be made in a few weeks, if we can safely do this and still keep all of us safe and healthy as well as the community. Please pray with us about all of these plans so that we can make wise decisions and protect the health and welfare of all.

Have a safe and healthy Fall!!  
Gina Artz, CWF Leader



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### A HUGE THANK YOU!

On behalf of the congregation, friends of this church and our community, we would like to THANK Katie Jones who has served as our church Office Secretary for the past 18 months. Katie came to us with a wealth of talent in creative use of technology and lots of energy and ideas. Due to an increase in responsibilities at her primary job and her children's school, Katie has resigned from her church position effective at the end of August.

Katie has been instrumental in working diligently with our Drive Thru Food Pantry, as well as volunteering to help with Membership Department with initiatives such as Truck or Treat, School

Supplies Giveaway, Love & Care Bags, Summer Reading Program, Rally Day, and other special projects to reach the community. She has told us, she will be available to volunteer in some capacity, when her schedule allows this. So, THANK YOU Katie for your dedication and service to Park View Christian Church. Best wishes and prayers for all your future plans!



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## Membership Committee NEWS

### AUGUST

Membership hosted a Back-to-School Drive and Giveaway. We served 74 students! Supplies were given to our food pantry recipients, church members, regular attendees and community members.

Additionally, in partnership with Growing Seeds, 10 Reading Logs were submitted on August 25, 2021! Each participant received a STEM item or Learning Item.

In collaboration with Pastor Will, membership assisted with Food Pantry Appreciation Sunday on August 15<sup>th</sup>. There are not enough words to express our sincerest gratitude for each and everyone of our volunteers! Programs can only be successful through your hard work and dedication.

### SEPTEMBER

Back to Church Rally Day/Cookout will be on September 12<sup>th</sup>. This event will be an “end of the summer” event. After church service, we will host a luncheon/cook out. The goal of this event is to invite people, members, friends, and family who we may not have seen in awhile to come worship with us and “return” to church.

### OCTOBER

We will begin our Thanksgiving Basket drive on October 15<sup>th</sup> and it will end November 14<sup>th</sup>.

Truck or Treat Event will be on October 30<sup>th</sup>. We ask that individuals decorate their trunks and donate candy, stickers, small toys, etc. to hand out. The last day to donate will be October 24<sup>th</sup> and we will accept donations on the day of the event. It is yet to be determined whether this event will be drive thru or walk thru. Covid numbers will determine this. NOTE: There are several decorations for the truck in the closet so we can offer to decorate people's trucks if they would like!

Additionally, in collaboration with Pastor Will, membership will assist with Youth Appreciate Week. Youth Sunday will be on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

### NOVEMBER

The Thanksgiving Basket Food items collection drive will end November 14<sup>th</sup>. Membership will work in collaboration with CWF regarding donations of frozen turkeys. We will register individuals who like a basket and plan to pick them up from the church on November 21<sup>st</sup>. The baskets will be given to our food pantry recipients, church members, regular attendees or any other individual who may need them in relationship to Parkview.

Any surplus of food items will be donated to the food pantry.

We have community partners who will assist with providing food items for our baskets. These partners are Growing Seeds, Pandas Against Cancer, Teamsters Local 822, and Aid Another.

### DECEMBER

In partnership with community partners, we will have toys to provide to our food pantry recipients, church members, regular attendees or any other individual who may need them in relationship to Parkview.

Game Night/Christmas Party for church attendees. Date TBD. This event will consist of various games, activities, and an “ugly sweater” contest. We will ask that the attendees to bring in a dish to share-potluck style.

MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!

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# September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Food Pantry 12-2 pm	2	3	4
5	6 Labor Day	7 CWF Exec. Meeting 1 pm	8 Food Pantry 12-2 pm	9	10	11
12 Back to Church Rally Day Invite A Friend Brunswick stew Sigh Up	13 Pastor's Cabinet Meeting 7pm	14 CWF Bible Study 7pm	15 Food Pantry 12-2 pm OASIS	16	17	18
19	20 Elder's & Diaconate Meeting 7pm	21	22 Food Pantry 12-2 pm	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Food Pantry 12-2 pm	30		



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## Family News & Prayer Requests

**All who are dealing with the COVID 19** virus in our community and country and world. Pray for all our Health care providers and researchers who are striving to find a treatment for this pandemic.

- All our Church family Elderly Homebound.
- Our church family who are out of work or furloughed.
- Our most needy, poor, disabled, homeless.

**Shirley Byrd** is now at home following a fall and surgery on her hip and right arm. Please continue praying for the recovery process.

**Chip Artz** requests prayers for the recurrence of cancer, and extensive treatments.

**Marie Davis** is in need of prayer following jaw surgery.

**Betty Lou Cummings** is home and recovering well following knee surgery. Prayers for healing and recovery are still appreciated.

**Mitchell Daniels** suffers from frequent lung infections due to cystic fibrosis.

**Leo Ruffing** has COPD and Parkinson's disease. Prayers are needed for protection and great health.

**Peter Austin**, son of Ken & Joan Austin, has Huntington's Disease.

**Allen Powell** appreciates prayers for current treatments for cancer.

**Janice Cubberley** is suffering from pain in her right arm and hand. Prayers are needed.

**Carolyn Smith** is in need of prayers, as she has been in and out of the hospital with health complications.

**Alice Langston** has serious kidney disease and hiatal hernia complications, and needs prayers.

**Sherry Meyer's** mother needs prayers for serious dementia and other chronic illnesses.

**Ida Quiros** is doing well following a head injury and surgery. She thanks all for your prayers and outreach during this time.

**Karen and Bill Baggot** would appreciate prayers for their three month stay in Rhode Island for work.

**Pastor Will and family** request continued prayers for William Avery Collins, IV.

**Eva Neufeld and family** needs prayers for ongoing family crisis.

**Stephanie and Nick Buldis** request prayer for their family after the passing of Nick's stepfather Dewey and for impending travel to Washington State for the service.

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### A Prayer for the People of Afghanistan

Lord, we lift up the people of Afghanistan to you right now. We pray that you would take hold of them and help them walk through this fearful time. Protect them under your wing and help them feel the comfort and peace that only comes from your powerful presence. So many people who have called this place their home have been displaced because of this event. Remind them, Lord, that their true home is in Heaven with you. Give those who believe in you the courage to stand strong in their faith and be a strong witness for you. Also, be with those who do not believe in you – help them to see the peace in your followers and allow the Holy Spirit to stir in their hearts as they witness this.

*So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. "All who rage against you will surely be ashamed and disgraced; those who oppose you will be as nothing and perish. Though you search for your enemies, you will not find them. Those who wage war against you will be as nothing at all. (Isaiah 41:10-12)*

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### A Prayer for the Troops and Their Loved Ones

Lord, we lift up the military troops that are in or being deployed to Afghanistan right now. Protect them as they give up their safety to protect us. Thank you that we live in a free country, where the choice can be made to fight for this freedom. Thank you for every single person who has dedicated their own lives to protecting this nation and people, as well as the people of other nations. Help them evacuate people with safety and be a source of hope to those feeling trapped and afraid. We thank them for their sacrifice – a sacrifice that you are so familiar with.

Nearly every person knows someone or has a loved one in the military, and so many are fearful for their loved ones being deployed at this moment. Cover each one with a blanket of peace, knowing that you guide each of us to your ultimate victory. Comfort every veteran, family member, friend, and loved one who feels fearful or uneasy right now.

*No weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and this is their vindication from me," declares the Lord. (Isaiah 54:17)*

## Christian Education Must Go On

We are still providing adult Bible lesson books to each adult to use this Fall and sending the children lesson pages and craft page to do at home with parents. Also, we are looking at opening the classes for adults and children for Sunday School hour, starting September 12, if the recommendations from the Board approve this, (with following all health and safety measures recommended by CDC and local public health Dept. The adults may decide to open up a Sunday School class at a different Fall date if all is safe and they are ready to meet.

Let's keep the prayers going and the hope that we can resume our Sunday School soon. In the meantime, study your Bible, pray with a hopeful heart and have a wonderful, healthy, happy beginning of Fall.

Gina Artz,  
Christian Education Team leader



### How to help Haiti

On Saturday morning, August 14, a 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck the south of Haiti. The earthquake was also felt in other Caribbean islands. This earthquake was stronger than the 2010 quake that devastated the nation's capital of Port-au-Prince, and news outlets are reporting nearly 1300 lives lost so far.

Although it is too early to know the full impact of the destruction, casualties, and loss of livelihoods, initial reports from Week of Compassion partners indicate that the impact has been devastating and that hospitals are overwhelmed. Thousands of homes have been damaged or destroyed. Communication channels have been affected, as well as infrastructure including roads, which will affect immediate response and create challenges in getting help to those in need.

Many aftershocks are making the situation even more unstable; and to further complicate response, Haiti is currently in the direct path of Tropical Storm Grace, expected to make landfall later today (Monday). The storm exposes an already vulnerable population to high winds and heavy rain that could trigger life-threatening flash floods and landslides. Week of Compassion partners have already deployed volunteers to help with rescue operations and assess the damage. They are working to meet immediate needs, including:

- temporary shelters
- flashlights and emergency power generators
- hygiene kits, clothes, water, and food
- first aid kits, health and rescue workers
- fuel, vehicles

Our partners are also planning for longer term response, including construction; community-based psychosocial support and trauma recovery; reconstruction of damaged water infrastructure; and livelihood support.

Through Week of Compassion and our network of partners, Disciples have long-standing relationships with communities in Haiti. For many years, we have walked alongside the people of Haiti through earthquakes, hurricanes, and

other challenges. As Week of Compassion Executive Director, Rev. Vy Nguyen shares: *My first visit to Haiti was to see the rebuilding projects we supported following the 2010 earthquake. The earthquake this past weekend has reminded me of the ongoing challenges that the people of Haiti face. Our work was important then, and it is even more important now. As Disciples, Haiti has a special place in our hearts, through the relationships that Week of Compassion has built upon for 7 decades. The challenges in Haiti compel us, again and again, to be the Church, responding to suffering with compassion. Week of Compassion remains committed to rebuilding in Haiti for the long term.*

Because of those long-term relationships, we can share one bright spot in this otherwise heavy time: following the 2010 Haiti earthquake, as well as Hurricane Matthew in 2016, Week of Compassion supported communities in rebuilding houses and schools. The goal of both of those responses was to help build stronger structures that would withstand future disasters. On Sunday, a community where our partners rebuilt seven houses and a school reported that *none were damaged in Saturday's earthquake*. The school will be ready to welcome students when the new school year starts in a few weeks.

As we walk alongside our neighbors in Haiti in the days ahead, we invite you to *stay, pray, and give*, showing the support and compassion of our wider church during this disaster. Your generosity will make a big difference for people facing unthinkable challenges and great suffering. We invite you to give to Week of Compassion and designate your gift for earthquake

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**Father in Heaven,**

**Thank you for the gift of life. I also thank you for the wonderful people I have met along the way. I am grateful for our relationship and the time you spend helping me mature and grow. Lord, I know I still have some rough edges left to be honed down and I don't always stay square on the path of righteousness, but as your child, I am trying. Help me be a little better person today than I was yesterday, Father. I want to be worthy of the chores we still have left to do. Thank you for the comfort and counsel of Holy Spirit and thank you for sacrificing your only Son, my Savior, Jesus Christ on my behalf. It is in His name I pray, Amen.**

**"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth"  
John 14:16-17**



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## **Revised Common Lectionary Readings for September 2021**

**5:** Proverbs 11:1-2, 8-9, 22-23, Psalm 125, James 21:1-10, (11-13), 14-17, Mark 7:24-37

**12:** Proverbs 1:20-33, Psalm 19, James 3:1-12, Mark 8:27-38

**19:** Proverbs 31:10-31, Psalm 1, James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a, Mark 9:30-37

**26:** Ester 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22, Psalm 124, James 5:13-20, Mark 9:38-50

## **Opportunity to Serve at Park View**

**Elders:**

**5: Mike Tefft & Sid Harman**

**12: Gina Artz & Janet S.**

**19: Judy Harman & Andy Artz**

**26: Carolyn Jones &  
Bonnie Gifford**

**Volunteers Needed:**

**Food Pantry:**

**Every Wednesday  
12 pm to 2pm**

**OASIS:**

**September 15**

## **We are OPEN for Sunday Church Service!**

We are committed to serving you and meeting your spiritual needs. If you are unable to attend in person service, we are available by phone, email, Facebook, and Zoom. Pastor Will has made arrangements for online Sunday sermons at **FaceBook @parkviewccdoc.**

Please call (757) 484-1776 or email at parkvieccdoc@verizon.net to enroll in our "All Call" service to receive weekly announcements and reminders through your phone!

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## **September**

5 Andy Artz  
15 Janice Cubberly  
18 Nick Jones  
19 Bill Hagy  
29 Jeffrey Massey



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