



Newsletter  
May 2022

## *Message From Pastor Will*

### **Proverbs 6:16-19**

There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to him:  
**17** haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood,  
**18** a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil.  
**19** a false witness who pours out lies and a person who stirs up conflict in the community .

Gustavo Gutierrez, a Catholic priest speaks about the return of Christ, "The sign of the coming of the Messiah is the suppression of oppression: The Messiah arrives when injustice is overcome. When we struggle for a just world in which there is not servitude, oppression or slavery, we are signifying the coming of the Messiah. Therefore the messianic promises bind tightly together the kingdom of God and better living conditions for human beings. .. The kingdom comes to suppress injustice." Regardless if you agree with his prediction , the world is constantly experiencing social upheaval.

People are striving for justice, for freedom, for opportunity, for equality. You may feel like a spectator helplessly watching these dramas play out On the nightly news. You have power! You possess the power to fight against oppression right where you are. Whether bullying, child abuse, racism, sexism, prejudice, objectification or poverty— there is something YOU can do.

Pray and meditate on simple ways you can impact your community to help suppress oppression and end strife.

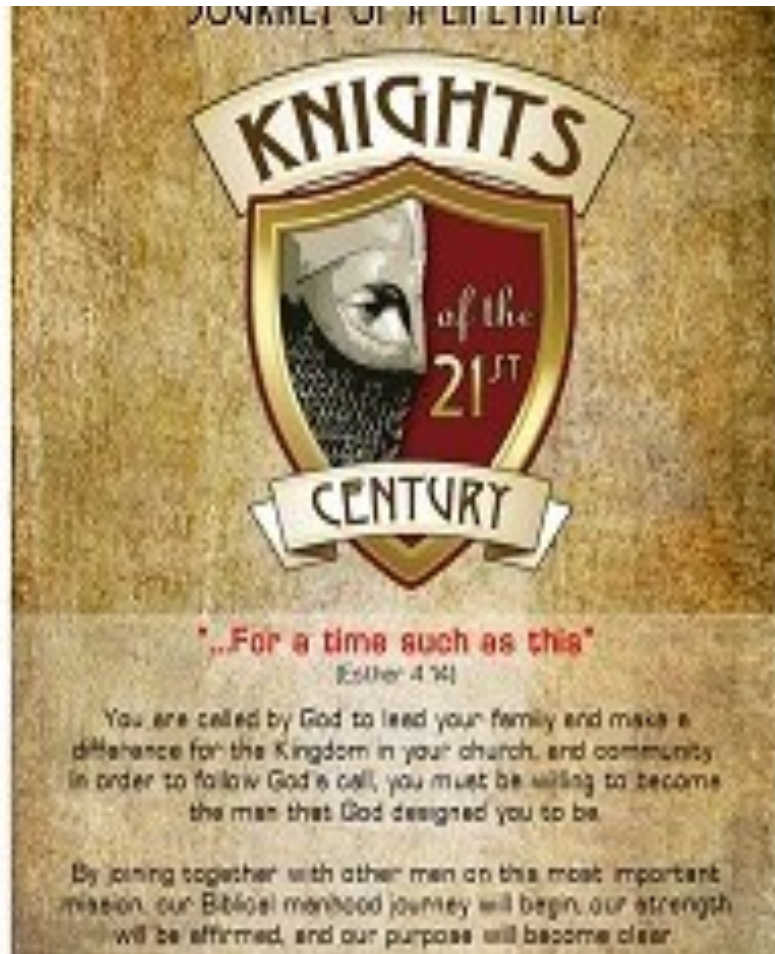
Lord, give me your heart to see the oppression in my every day life. Give me the wisdom to see practical ways I can make a difference. Give me your courage and obedience to act.

In Christ, Pastor Will

FEAR NOT  
— for I am —  
WITH YOU

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**Pastor Will Collins will be leading a Men's Study and Fellowship Group-**  
**More Information about this opportunity is coming soon!!**



Number of Families

Served in April 2022

At Food Pantry

April 6; 98 families

April 13– 88 families

April 20– 102 families

April 27- 84 families

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**When this is over,  
may we never again  
take for granted  
A handshake with a stranger  
Full shelves at the store  
Conversations with neighbors  
A crowded theatre  
Friday night out  
The taste of communion  
A routine checkup  
The school rush each morning  
Coffee with a friend  
The stadium roaring  
Each deep breath  
A boring Tuesday  
Life itself.**

**When this ends,  
may we find  
that we have become  
more like the people  
we wanted to be  
we were called to be  
we hoped to be  
and may we stay  
that way--better  
for each other  
because of the worst.**

**\* Laura Kelley Fanucci**

**(Written 2 years ago)**

**Please Help Us Out with Out-  
door Yard Work this Spring and  
Summer!**

**We need help mowing, raking,  
weeding and even picking up  
trash. See Chip Artz or  
Sid Harman to volunteer.**

## Disciple's Women (CWF) Is Reaching Out!

Church Family,

It is so hard to believe that 2 years ago we were closed down and all were in quarantine and locked in! BUT We found ways to not only survive but to THRIVE.

Yes this church has continuously provided worship and ministry through all this time. Yes, it has been different. We learned how to social distance and still remain close. We learned how to ZOOM and still see each other deeply.. We learned how to pray perhaps more earnestly and deliberately than ever. We learned how to appreciate this life that God has given us—in a profound way!

Now we are rounding the corner of this horrible Pandemic and we see God's hand in all of this. May the lessons we have learned, stay with us forever. Thank you for all you have done for God—thru this church.

**May God bless you  
and  
Keep You Healthy!**



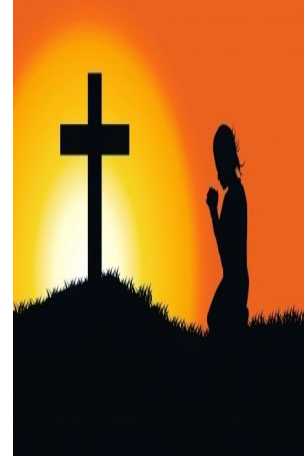
Love In Christ,  
Chip Artz

All areas of the Church have been affected by the Pandemic of COVID 19 for the past 2 years but we are rounding the corner with God's help.

Our CWF has been able to have in Person Bible Study each month on the 2nd Tuesday night at 7 pm. Our next gathering May 10.

A couple of Outreach Projects have been and some are still at going on!

1. Our Diaper Drive has concluded with 1,986 diapers donated!
  2. More foods have been donated for our OASIS monthly breakfast ministry, and instead of cooking the meal there— 70 bagged breakfasts are prepared at the church and delivered the third Tues. of the month. Thank you Bruce Parker for working on this.
  3. Visits to our elderly Homebound have been ongoing and various treats dropped off to our Seniors, as well as lots of prayer time!
  4. Our Spring Brunswick Stew was a huge success —thanks to all who helped make it happen!!
  5. We will help with foods for Mother's Day and Father's Day celebration
- Gina Artz, CWF President



let's  
stay  
together





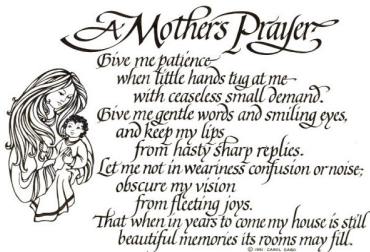
*"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well."*

*-Psalm 139:13-14*

Springtime is upon us! April showers will bring May flowers. Leaves have turned green and blossoms are blooming. Animals are scurrying to build nests and bring new life to this world. As we begin to enjoy the rebirth springtime brings us, let us remember that it all begins with a seed. A seed that was planted before the growth began. Even before we were born, God planted a seed in us all. As we continue to grow, our seeds are watered and tended by our gardeners: our family, our caregivers, our mothers. A mother's love is pure of heart, that extends beyond the stars in the sky. As we celebrate Mother's Day, know that you were fearfully and wonderfully made, for we are children of God.

Love, Kelly Collins, Membership Department  
*"So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three;  
but the greatest of these is love."*

*-1 Corinthians 13:13*



### **What is a Mother?**

*A mother is someone to shelter and guide us,  
To love us, whatever we do.  
With a warm understanding and infinite patience  
And wonderful gentleness too.*

*How often a mother means swift assurance  
In soothing our small, childish fears,  
How tenderly mothers watch over their children  
And treasure them throughout the years!*

*The heart of a mother is full of forgiveness  
For any mistake, big or small  
And generous always in helping her family  
Whose needs she has placed above all.*

*A mother can utter a word of compassion  
And make all our cares fall away,  
She can brighten a home with the sound of her laughter  
And make life delightful and gay.*

*A mother possesses incredible wisdom  
And wonderful insight and skill.  
In each human heart is that one special corner  
Which only a mother can fill.*

*We thank you Lord for our Mothers and their love  
We know that their virtues were gifts from above.  
So we remember and honor our Mothers in every way  
On this special blessed Sunday is Mother's Day.  
Anonymous— but written with love.*

## **Christian Education Doesn't Stop!**

Here we are starting the month of May and the world is still dealing with the COVID 19 Pandemic! We have come so far. In these past 2 years and our church has remained functional and active in creative ways. We have seen the use of ZOOM and how to reach and teach in digital format. We have used more take home activities for youth as well as adults.

It is our hope that the Adult Sunday School classes will begin to meet soon in person and offer time for study together in person. For the children, we are planning to offer Children's Church during the worship hour of 11-12 each week, starting the end of May. In September, we hope to open Sunday School hour for the children ages 10 and below.

We are planning to have a full week of in person Vacation Bible School in August. More information is coming!

Meanwhile, all ages of children, from infant to teenagers are welcome in the sanctuary during worship. It has been remarkable, how wonderful the kids are that have come to worship with their parents. We love them and want them to love Jesus and learn about him!

**Have a blessed spring and Know That God Is With Us!**

**Gina Artz, Christian Education Dept.**

FEAR NOT, FOR I AM  
I AM YOUR GOD.  
I WILL strengthen  
YOU. I WILL  
help YOU.  
I WILL UPHOLD YOU  
WITH MY righteous  
RIGHT HAND.  
ISAIAH 41:10

## The Power of Private Worship

Even In times when we could not be together under the roof in the Sanctuary during this Pandemic, your own private worship was essential. We know that everyone who believes in Christ Jesus and our Father God, takes time to worship. Worship can be anywhere! It can be at the top of a mountain, such as at Craig Springs Christian Camp. It can be at the tope of a sand dune, such as during Sunrise Service on Easter in Nag's Head. It can be in your car, driving to a challenging destination or in can be in you're your own den! No matter where you are , what matters most is that you are taking private moments to commune with God.

This past 2 years, we have had to learn and be creative in worship. We thank Mike Tefft and Liz Artz , Stephanie Buldis and Pastor Will Collins for learning and providing the way to video our live worship services each week and to make them available online to any and all who wish to see, hear, and worship . It has not always been easy. Sometimes there were technical difficulties, and scheduling issues. But the team has worked hard to provide this new and innovative way of worship. If a person is homebound, or away on a vacation , they can access the worship services. Not only that, we can watch the worship service more than once during the week- if we would like to do that.

What a Blessing!!

Let's all take time, to Thank all of the people who work to provide our church;s worship services, so all can have the Power of Private Worship!

Gina Artz, Elder Chair



# Thank You

Many thanks to each man who participated in the production of the Last Supper Portrayal on Maundy Thursday, April 14, 2022, This was the 72nd year of offering this remembrance. The past 2 years, the service was modified due to COVID precautions. But this year, we were able to safely provide this live reenactment of this pivotal time in Jesus' life. Many thanks to all the Men who participated in this and to the women who did narration. Also, Thank you to Carolyn Jones for providing

our music. We had more guests and congregants attend than we have had in 5 years. Thank You!

Also Many thanks to all who participated in the Good Prayer Vigil. We had 22 different people praying continually from their homes or in church during this time. Amazing how God works!

Our Elders continue to call, text and do home visits to take communion and pray for with church family. Please know that each of us will do anything we safely can to help you all. Just let us know.

Together we are Park View Christian Church STRONG!

Again Thank You All and God Bless.

Gina Artz, Elder Chair

## The Story of a Food Pantry Ministry

An idea sprang to life last week and it was actually implemented on Tuesday, April 28, 2020. The idea was about how do we continue in some type of Food Outreach ministry to the community during a time of Public Health crisis due to COVID 19, a Stay At Home Order, as well as an economic crisis in which many had lost jobs and were suffering and hungry.

For many years, Park View has had a small Food Pantry which was filled by donations from congregants as well as CWF funding. We had served around 15 families per month for

years. Well, on Monday, April 27–2020- 4 members gathered (social distancing maintained) and 26 boxes and bags of groceries were packed for distribution.

Then on Tuesday, April 28- The parking lot was set up with a table and some chairs and signs were out that from 11 am-1 pm Park View will host its first DRIVE THRU FOOD PANTRY! We had 16 families come through and they ALL were extremely grateful.

Fast forward to Now– 2 years later, we offer a Drive Thru Food Pantry every week and are averaging 85-90 families per week!!

Our team of volunteers has

grown , and so has our many donations from community stores and individuals !

Who would have thought this would still be in place and reach so many people in this way. We also offer prayers and invite all to worship.

Yes it was and is a labor of Love but well worth it. If you would like to help out, please call Chip Artz.

**Remember- Nothing Can Separate  
us from the Love of God.**

Chip Artz and All of Food Pantry Team

**Want to help?  
Please consider donating any  
of the following supplies!**

### **Protein Foods: Meat, Poultry, Fish, Beans, & Nuts**

- Canned tuna
- Canned chicken
- Canned beef stews
- Bean soups
- Canned or dried beans
- Baked beans
- Peanut butter
- Vienna sausage
- Corn beef hash

### **Grains: Bread, Cereal, Rice, & Pasta**

- Rice & rice mixes
- Canned pastas
- Noodle mixes
- Dry noodles & pastas
- Macaroni & cheese mix
- Ravioli
- Cereal
- Infant cereal
- Oatmeal
- Bread, muffin, & pancake mixes
- Crackers
- Granola bars
- Flour
- Stuffing mixes
- Bread

### **Vegetables**

- \*Canned Vegetables
- \*Vegetable Soups
- \*Canned Tomato Products
- \*Spaghetti Sauce

### **MANY THANK YOUS**

**TO**

### **OUR FOOD PANTRY TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS**

**Chip Artz  
Bruce Parker  
Charlie Arnold  
Gina Artz  
Charles Jones  
Carolyn Jones  
Beth Munden  
Paul Munden  
Catherine Munden  
Sherry Myers  
Marlene Benton  
Ida Quiros  
Sue Nade  
Aglatte Francois  
Mike Tefft  
Bill Bagot  
Fred Meyers  
Cathy Manaugh  
Kelly and Will Collins**

**And  
Others who could come if off of  
work .**



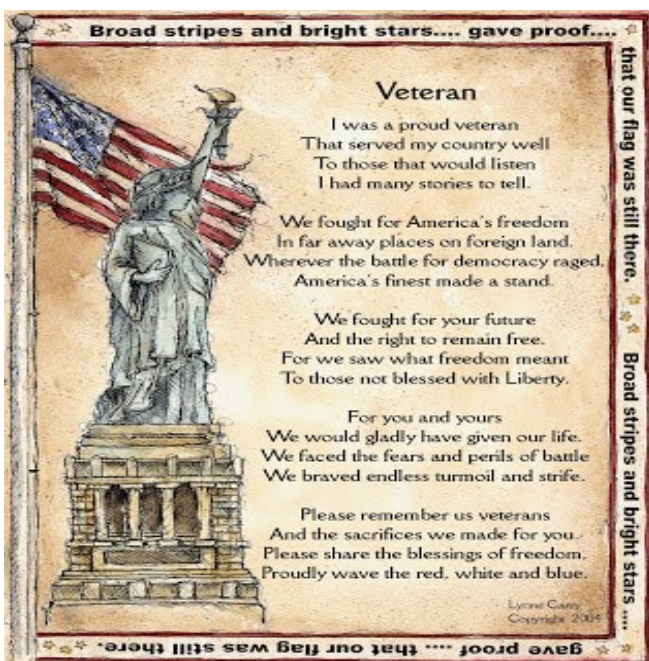


*"Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13.*

Memorial Day is a day we remember those who died while serving in our military. It is a day we honor their memory, celebrate their life, mourn their passing and give gratitude for their sacrifice. As we honor our fallen heroes, as we pay tribute to their willingness to give their lives for our freedoms that we hold so dear, let us never forget the price they paid. Let us say with a grateful and humble heart, thank you.

**Love in Christ, Kelly Collins, Membership Chair**

*"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter the words, but to live by them."  
-John F. Kennedy*



***Pray for our Nation and its leaders.  
Pray for protection to all healthcare workers,  
first responders, pharmacy staff, researchers,  
police, fire fighters, EMTs, and all those affected  
by the coronavirus.***

***Pray for all our Church family, the Elderly, the  
Homebound, our church family who are in need  
and our most needy, the poor, the disabled, and  
the homeless. Amen.***

## Family News & Prayer Requests

**Ed Sparrow** needs prayers for ongoing cancer treatments.

**Mitchell Daniels** suffers from frequent lung infections because of cystic fibrosis.

**Warren Brenan** is receiving treatment for his knee pain.

**Leo Ruffing** has COPD and Parkinson's disease.

**Allen Powell**, is undergoing further tests and treatment for cancer and needs prayers.

**Chip Artz** has recurrence of cancer and is undergoing a new Targetted Chemo treatment. Prayers needed.

**Janice Cubberly** is suffering from pain in rt. Arm /hand and surgery is pending.

**Betty Lou Cummings** has severe right leg pain and spinal pain.

**Alice Langston**— some mobility issues and is homebound. Needs prayers.

**Carolyn Smith**— has been hospitalized recently with

health issues.

**Sherry Meyer's** mother— needs prayers for serious dementia.

**Eva Neufeld and family**— need prayers for ongoing family crisis.

**Eleanor and William Collins**— recently moved to a new home and need prayers during transition. Also Eleanor had surgery April 29 and is recovering at home well.

**Avery Collins**— had open heart surgery on April 18 and is home in recovery.

**All who are dealing with COVID 19 and complications** throughout our community and our world.

***May God bless  
everyone ! Stay Safe, Stay  
Healthy!***



My Lord,

You are the Maker of all things and Master of my life. The closer I draw near to You the more hope, trust and love You show me. I feel Your presence throughout each day and I love the way You continually show me little glimpses of Your power and might dear Lord. When anxiety and doubt overwhelm me I can always take refuge in the shelter of Your loving arms. Than You Father for the forgiveness of my sins and filling my life with everlasting peace and mercy. I pledge myself to You completely today and all the days of my life. In Jesus name I pray, Amen.

***"You will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all of your heart." Jeremiah 29:13***



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## **Revised Common Lectionary Readings for May**

**1:** Acts 9:1-6 (7-20); Psalm 30;  
John 21:1-19; Revelation 5: 11-14

**8:** Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23,  
John 10: 22-30; Revelation 7: 9-17

**15:** Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148;  
John 13 :31-35; Revelation 21: 1-6.

**22:** Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67;  
John 14:23-29; Revelation 21:1-10, 22-22:5.

**29:** Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97;  
John 17:20-26; Revelation 22:12-14,16-21.

Here's  
What's  
Happening!

### **Serving Elders**

**1:** Gina Artz & Bonnie Gifford  
**8:** Sid Harman & Judy Harman  
**15:** Mike Tefft & Carolyn Jones  
**22:** Andy Artz & Eleanor Collins  
**29:** Bonnie Gifford & Janet Sydenstricker



This summer we hope the CWF will also sponsor a **Community Yardsale** like we did last year. It will be inside and outside and tables will be available for individuals to sell their own items. I ask you to save any items you are cleaning out of the house for our yard sale and you can bring them to the church for storage if needed. Many people donated lots of good things last year for the church to sell and we did well. The date will be announced later but will hopefully be the middle of June.

***Please stay tuned for  
more information!!***

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY

**1:** Betty Lou Cummings  
**Brielle Carpenter**  
**3:** Brian Easton  
**5:** Kim Charlton  
**7:** Anaelle Eva Francois  
**16:** Liz Artz  
**28:** Jaimes Rodriquez



# May 2022

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2 7 pm Pastor's Cabinet Mtg	3	4 Food Pantry 12-2 pm	5	6	7
8 Mother's Day Reception	9 	10 7 pm – CWF Bible Study	11 Food Pantry 12-2 pm	12	13	14
15 Mental Health Sunday	16 7 pm Elder's Mtg	17	18 OASIS breakfast Food Pantry 12-2 pm	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Food Pantry 12-2 pm	26	27	28
29 Pentecost offering  Memorial Remembrance	30 Memorial Day 	31				

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**WE'RE OPEN!!**

**Drive-Thru Food Pantry**

**Every Wednesday of the Month**

**12:00 pm - 2:00 pm**

**All are Welcome!**

*Non-Perishable Food Available*

*No Income Restriction*

*Registration is Requested (Not Required)*

*Please contact us if you require any additional assistance.*

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