



# Park View News

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December 2018

## Dates to Remember:

Dec. 3, 7pm: Official board meeting

Dec. 7, 10:30am: Operation Santa Claus service

Dec. 9: Toy/coat drive ends 4:30pm: Search committee meeting

Dec. 10, 6pm: Elder's supper meeting

Dec. 14, 5:30pm: Bonfire 7pm: free pizza & movie

Dec. 19, 6am: serve at Oasis

Dec. 21, 12-4pm: Red Cross blood drive

Dec. 24, 7pm: Christmas Eve service

Dec. 29: Wedding of Fred & Sherry

See inside for CWF dates!

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## Advent

Happy New Year! No, I didn't accidentally submit my article for the January newsletter a month early. I am wishing you a happy new liturgical year. For those unfamiliar, the liturgical year is the annual cycle which divides the church year into seasons such as Lent, Easter, and Pentecost, and if you have ever wondered why the paraments on the pulpits and altar seem to change color every so often it is because each season has a different color associated with it.

The liturgical year begins with the season of Advent, the four Sundays before Christmas. The word Advent comes from the Latin word *adventus* which means "coming" or "arrival." It is a time for us to prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, our savior. We are still in a period of transition here at Park View as we continue our search for a new minister. As we all know, major periods of transition like this can be

stressful, so I would say we need this Advent season and what it represents more than ever. As we light the candles each week, let us use it to center us and focus us on what is truly important, the word which became flesh, the arrival of our lord and savior, Jesus Christ.

The first week (December 2nd) we will light the Prophets' Candle, and we reflect on and remember the hope of a new world and new life through Jesus which was promised to the prophets of the Old Testament. Such as in Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7.

<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined...<sup>6</sup> For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup> His authority shall grow continually, and there

shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The second week (December 9th) we will light the Bethlehem Candle, and we prepare our minds and our hearts to receive Jesus, and keep the faith for his arrival as described in Luke 3:4-6.

<sup>4</sup>as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. <sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; <sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

The third week (December 16th) we will light the

## Advent, cont'd

Shepherds' Candle and remember the message of joy which the shepherds received about the birth of Jesus as told in Luke 2:8-14.

<sup>8</sup> In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup> to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the

Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

The fourth week (December 23rd) we will light the Angel's Candle and remember the love that God showed us by sending us his son to be our savior as described in John 3:16-17.

<sup>16</sup> "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that

everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

This is the start of a new liturgical year for our church with so much potential. Prepare your hearts with hope, faith, joy, and love as we eagerly look forward to the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Jason Chuma, Worship Chair

## Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is Thanksgiving and Park View did just that. After a special worship service by Pastor William Collins called "It's Time to Eat," we did! About 60 people gathered for a Thanksgiving dinner and we enjoyed food, fun, and fellowship. Then, many

participated in filling 9 boxes full of Thanksgiving dinner foods to be given to families in need. The CWF helped out with purchasing turkeys for the meal. Many thanks to all!

Gina Artz

## Blood Drive

Park View will be hosting an American Red Cross blood drive on **Friday, December 21** from **12-4pm** in our fellowship hall. Please come to donate badly needed blood for people in our community and around the country.

Visit: [Redcrossblood.org](http://Redcrossblood.org)  
And enter **PVCC** as the sponsor code to schedule an appointment. Free long-sleeve t-shirts are available when you donate, while supplies last!



## Disciples Women's News

### Upcoming CWF events:

Dec. 4, 6:00pm: Executive board Christmas meeting

Dec. 12, 6:30pm: Guild Christmas party at the Artz's. All women are welcome! Contact Gina for more information.



Many thanks to all of you who donated and filled the Christmas shoeboxes for needy children around the world. This year 29 boxes were filled and delivered to the drop-off site!

## You Can Help in 2019

Dear Members of Park View Christian Church,

I wish to extend to all of you; thanks for all that each of you has done for this your church in the past year of 2018. Without caring, committed members I cannot imagine how all the outreach, worship activities, and fellowship could have happened. Now we begin a new year and the time is here to begin to plan and use your spiritual gifts in ways to serve the church and its mission.

Here is a listing of the various functional committees that need a chair and members. I would ask that you give some time to pray about being a part of the team and then volunteer.

**Worship Dept.:** This is where the planning and supportive efforts are done to assist the minister and music ministry in creative worship services. Also, special services such as the

Hanging of the Greens and Palm Sunday always need help in the sanctuary décor and program.

**Property Dept.:** This dept. deals with the nuts and bolts (literally) of the building and grounds maintenance and improvement. Also, lawn care and landscaping fall under this.

**Membership Dept.:** This dept. works hard with supporting our members and guests with personal contacts and involvement in church life. Also, special days such as Mother's Day, Thanksgiving Sunday, etc. are all planned by this group.

**Outreach Dept.:** Here is where our mission really expands, with opportunities to do community service, food drives, diaper drives, and our yearly coat drive. These are just a few of a multitude of projects that can and have been done to impact our community and our world.

**Christian Education Dept.:** This is where we always need

volunteers. The Children's Church ministry is guided by this dept. as well as adult Sunday school. Fun things such as picnics and bible school are part of this team's opportunities.

**Stewardship and Finance Dept.:** If you like working with finances and budgets, this is the team for you. Also, creative ways to teach and encourage all types of stewardship are stressed in this group.

**Evangelism Dept.:** This is a team that tries to think outside of the box and reach out to people we can invite to church.

Please speak to Chip Artz about being a part of the 2019 team. There is a place for each of you to participate and share your time and talents with Park View Christian Church. Let's make this the best year ever by working together to spread our Christian faith, hope, and love. Thank you for your service to our Lord.

Chip Artz, Board Chair

# Prayer Time with Warren

Father,

inspire joy in me and those I love. I do not ask for this joy selfishly, but so that others can sense this deep and abiding joy within me and be open to hearing the message of Jesus, responding to his call to believe, and discovering the joy that is possible only because of the Spirit's presence in our lives.

I ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

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## Revised Common Lectionary readings for December

2: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm  
25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13;  
Luke 21:25-36

9: Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79;  
Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

16: Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah  
12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke  
3:7-18

23: Micah 5:2-5a; Luke 1:46b-  
55; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39  
-45

30: 1 Samuel 2:18-20; Psalm  
148; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke  
2:41-52

## Serving in December

### Elders

2 Sid Harman	Judy Harman
9 Mike Tefft	Bonnie Gifford
16 Joyce Brenan	Warren Brenan
23 Gerald Rhoads	Judy Harman
30 Gina Artz	Mike Tefft

### Presiding

2 Andy Artz	9 Sallie Chuma
16 Jennifer Mowery	23 Gina Artz
30 Charlie Arnold	

### Welcome Center

2 Joyce & Warren Brenan	9 Deb Carron
16 Charlie Arnold	23 Gina Artz
30 Judy Harman	

## Happy Birthday!

**1: Abigail Mowery**  
**3: Jason Chuma**  
**4: Bonnie Gifford**  
**5: Gina Artz**  
**6: Ciro Vazquez**  
**22: Matthew Artz**  
**25: Mark Williams**

## Family News & Prayer Requests

### 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 because of macular degeneration

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

**Shirley Byrd** and her family need prayers following several recent losses.

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

**Chip Artz** would like to thank everyone for their effective prayers.

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23 Christmas special offering	24 <b>7pm: Christmas Eve</b> Candlelight Service & Christmas	25 <b>Christmas Day</b> Merry Christmas!	26	27	28	29 3pm: Wedding of Fred & Sherry with reception
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# *Join Us For Advent Season*

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