



Park View News

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January 2019

Dates to Remember:

Jan. 7, 7pm: Cabinet

meeting

Jan. 8, 7pm: CWF bible

study

Jan. 10, 6:30pm: Park

View Men's

appreciation dinner

Jan. 16, 6:30am: Serve

at Oasis

Jan. 21: Martin Luther

King, Jr. Day; elders and

diaconate meet

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I Will Sing a New Song

We have just completed our celebration of Advent, culminating in the arrival of our savior Jesus, who is the Messiah, the Lord. The waiting during the Advent season reminds me of the first three verses of Psalm 40, “¹ I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry. ² He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. ³ He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.” Psalm 40 tells us that “he put a new song in my mouth,” but we sometimes find it hard to like and appreciate a new song. We know what we like, we get comfortable with our old songs, so we keep singing them over and over. It may even start to sound like we are playing a broken record, repeating the same thing over and over, and maybe

even annoying everyone around us.

Obviously getting comfortable with old songs is a metaphor of how we can get stuck in our lives and our faith. We have our routines that work of us, and that's the way we like it. We have a song that we sing and we sing it over and over until it is almost dull and lifeless. We may talk about wanting change, wanting to move forward individually as Christians and as a church, wanting to bring more people to the word and expand our impact in the community, but all too often we simply return to our old familiar songs that keep us stuck. The great theologian and civil rights leader, Rev. Howard Thurman in his book, *The Moods of Christmas*, writes *I Will Sing a New Song*, “The old song of my spirit has wearied itself out. It has long ago been learned by heart; it repeats itself over and over,

bringing no added joy to my days or lift to my spirit. I will sing a new song. I must learn the new song for the new needs. I must fashion new words born of all the new growth of my life— of my mind— of my spirit. I must prepare for new melodies that have never been mine before, that all that is within me may lift my voice unto God. Therefore, I shall rejoice with each new day, and delight my spirit in each fresh unfolding. I will sing, this day, a new song unto the Lord.”

We have entered a new year, and many of us have probably made resolutions to improve our physical bodies, but what about a resolution to improve the Body of Christ here at Park View Christian Church? We should ask ourselves, and be honest in our responses, if we are doing all that we can to be a vibrant witness to our savior Jesus Christ and as he instructed us in Mark 16: 15, “go into all the

I Will Sing a New Song, cont'd

world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation." Am I singing an old song because I like it, and potentially ignoring a new song that will have our church make a bigger impact in the world. I pray that this coming

year that God will give me a new song, a new life, a new vision, and a new joy. Amen.

Jason Chuma, Worship Chair

Christmas Eve 2018

Thank you to all who participated in our wonderful Christmas Eve performance, "Into the Light." Special thanks to Stephanie Buldis for coordinating and directing! Our church is truly blessed with a wide array of talent.

Happy New Year from Your Board Chairman

What a year – I'm not talking about this past year, although 2018 did have its moments. The committees and functional departments of Park View Christian Church met and surpassed all our anticipated needs and milestones. We also supported our past minister as he accepted a call to move in a new direction in August. We

have been able to have great supply Ministers to bring a message of peace and hope each week. Our church's ministry is strong and continues reaching the community.

The year I'm excited about is this year - 2019. With cash in the bank, our budget intact, our Search and Call Committee in place and working hard to secure a new minister in the near future, our membership is

excited and full in the spirit. We meet and greet our guests and members alike each Sunday and at every event throughout the week with love and the same grace our heavenly Father has shown us.

Please stay tuned and coming soon, another great Park View Christian Church year.

Chip Artz

Search and Call Committee Update

During the month of December, the Search and Call Committee continued working, only taking a short holiday break. Much communication was done online and phone. There was a review of 12 Ministers Profiles that had been sent to us by the Regional Office and several clearance calls were made to clarify their availability and interest in relocating. One onsite interview was held with an interested ministerial candidate. Numerous calls and emails have been made to our Regional Office and to each other. We continue to

work diligently to find a Minister that most matches our church's needs and requirements based on our Profile and Congregational Survey.

If there is anyone who would like to see a copy of the results of the Congregational Survey that was conducted in September, please see Gina Artz regarding this. Please continue to pray for this committee and for God to help us discern who He is calling to serve Park View Christian Church as our next permanent minister. Thank you all for your support and care.

Gina Artz, Search and Call Committee Chair

Called Cabinet Meeting

There will be an important Cabinet meeting of all current department heads and officers that served during 2018. The meeting will be held at 7 pm on January 7th in the Fellowship Hall. I plan to open the meeting to ideas and suggestions for leadership in the coming year and also do some calendar planning of programs and events that each group is involved in. Discussion will also include new ideas to try in the coming year. Please plan to attend and bring your calendar and any planning ideas you have to share with the entire group.

Chip Artz, Board Chairman

Disciples Women's News

Benevolent Giving for 2018

Church Women United	\$50	Gift Cards (5)	\$125
Craig Springs	\$200	Love Gifts (7)	\$1050
Red Cross	\$400		
Sanctuary of Hope	\$100	Total	\$5000
Park View Christian Church	\$1700		
Oasis/Food Pantry	\$1075		
Christmas Offering	\$300		

Men: Please save the date—

Thursday, January 10, at 6:30 pm at the church. All men are invited to the Men's Appreciation Dinner sponsored by the Disciples Women's Fellowship. Plan to attend—we look forward to seeing you all there!

Christmas Season Outreach Was a Success

This year again we participated in Operation Santa Clause which is sponsored by Church Women United, Portsmouth.

The event was held on December 7th at First Baptist Church, downtown Portsmouth. Park View sponsored 4 children who were referred to us by Social Services and are now in Foster Care.

The amount of toys, bikes and wrapped packages displayed was amazing. We also had a great worship service during which these gifts were dedicated. We as a church were well represented by 8

members in attendance. Again we thank all who were a part of providing a special Christmas to these special children!

Another outreach project that was initiated by our current Supply Minister Will Collins, was the providing of Food Baskets to several families in need. There was much non-perishable food placed in wrapped boxes and the CWF donated 2 hams and turkey for these boxes. These food boxes were put together after church on Dec. 23 and delivered to the families. What a blessing to be a part of this effort.

The CWF and Outreach sponsored the winter Coat Drive which ended on Dec. 9. There was a total of 23 coats donated and several light jackets. On December 13, these coats were delivered to Sanctuary of Hope and were received with much thankfulness. These coats will go to help the homeless and destitute. Sharing of this type provides warmth during cold winter weather as well as warming the person's spirit. Thank you ALL who gave.

Wishing each of you a Happy New Year!

Gina Artz, CWF Chair.

Red Cross Blood Drive 2018

On December 21 2018 Park View Christian Church hosted a Blood Drive from 12 noon -4 pm. This was the first time in ten years that we have hosted and it was a success. We had a steady flow of people come through to donate. A majority of donors came from our own church family and about

eight from the community come in. Not everyone was able to donate due to some medical issues but all were willing and registered to donate the gift of blood.

The 3 person staff was very pleased with our church site and how welcoming we were. We

even provided some extra cookies for snacks afterwards! We will never know where our donated blood went and what life it may have saved, but all were blessed to be able to reach out in this way. Thank you all.

Gina Artz, Coordinator of Blood Drive

Prayer Time with Warren

Father,

Thank you for another day. Guide me in your ways dear Lord that I might know the blessings of a life lived wisely. Help me renew myself with your compassion and righteousness. I rejoice over the tender loving way you teach me how to live in harmony with my fellow brothers and sisters. May I be ever mindful to their needs. Your salvation enables me to let my light shine in a world that is often dark, cold and uncaring. I will honor you all the days of my life and strive to share the peace, wisdom and love you have given me each day. I pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ my Lord.

Amen

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6

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Revised Common Lectionary readings for January

6: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7,
10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12;
Matthew 2:1-12

13: Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts
8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

20: Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10;
1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

27: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10;
Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-13a;
Luke 4:14-21

Serving in January

Elders

6 Sid Harman	Judy Harman
13 Gina Artz	Gerald Rhoads
20 Mike Tefft	Joyce Brenan
27 Bonnie Gifford	Gina Artz

Presiding

6 Chip Artz	13 Jason Chuma
20 Jeffrey Massey	27 Bonnie Gifford

Welcome Center

6 Sandra Rhoads	13 Debbie Carron
20 TBA	27 Judy Harman

Happy Birthday!



5: Sandra Rhoads
13: Laurie Melms
27: Mike Tefft
29: Chip Artz

Family News & Prayer Requests

Thank you from Sallie Chuma for the generous love gifts I received this year. It has been my pleasure to serve as secretary for the past year and I look forward to a great 2019!

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.

Congratulations to Fred & Sherry Meyer on their marriage December 29!

Eva Neufeld needs prayers for her ongoing health struggles.

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27	28	29	30	31		

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