



Park View News

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April 2019

Dates to Remember:

- April 6, 9 am: Playground work day
- April 9, 7pm: CWF Bible study
- April 13, 9 am: Church work day
- April 14: **Palm Sunday**
- April 15, 7 pm: Last Supper rehearsal
- April 17, 6 am: serve at Oasis
- April 18, 7 pm: Maundy Thursday service
- April 19, 7 am-7 pm: Prayer vigil
- April 20, 11 am: Easter egg hunt and hot dog lunch
- April 21: **Easter Sunday**
- 6:30 am: Sunrise service
- 11 am: Easter service

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Focused Forward

Philippians 3:13-14

Dear brothers and sisters, I am still not all I should be, but I am focusing all my energies on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I strain to reach the end of the race and receive the prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us up to heaven. (NLT)

The coming of Spring welcomes the newness of life. New beginnings, new opportunities breathing hope into old ideas and ways. God looks at our lives and rejoices in His new creation. We are His vessels, designed for this season to spring forth a resurrected spirit, filled with the promises of grace, hope, and love. As followers of Christ, we must dig into the

soil of our souls and nurture the divine seed God planted.

We are called to produce His good fruit by relying on Him for all things.

The Son invites us to look upon His light and the expectation of Easter and the resurrection celebration. Let us take notice of how God is working in our lives and acknowledge that He is drawing us closer to Him and is calling us into His service. We look back at the supposed good and bad events of our storied church history, knowing that God was with us and helped us through. His loving grace guiding the journey, even when we didn't pay Him any attention. But we shouldn't dwell on the past. Don't allow the past to hinder

what God is doing in our lives in the present. You can't drive a car moving forward while staring in the rear view mirror, so no regrets and no second guessing.

Instead *rejoice* in knowing God brought you through all your past experiences for a reason. He has a plan for your life. Look to this new year as a time to make yourself available to what God wants to do with you. Focus on a New Goal. The goal of a life in abundant with Christ. A goal of living in accordance to Christ's will for our life. This goal is a prize, it is the highest calling of life, to walk daily with Him. He is reaching out to us right now in the present moment...don't miss it!

Pastor Will Collins

Beyond Worship

When deciding the vision for the Worship Department last year, I started by looking at the state of our worship services at Park View Christian Church. When I did, I saw two distinct and different congregations both occupying this building 2 hours apart and I felt that just wasn't right. From the very beginning of the Disciples of Christ movement, Barton Stone and

Alexander Campbell were seeking Christian unity and a restoration to the principles of the early church in the New Testament. Harkening back to the unity that Stone and Campbell were seeking, I chose "one church, one congregation, and one Christian family," as the vision for the Worship Department last year. I truly believe we have made

great strides this past year as a unified church, which is most evident when we are worshipping together in our combined worship format. I have received multiple testimonials of moving experiences that members have had while we are all worshipping together in the combined services, and they especially enjoy having the opportunity to meet the regular attendees at the other service. When this

Beyond Worship, cont'd

happens, we truly are one church, one congregation, and one Christian family. The Worship Department vision for 2019 is "beyond worship." It may sound strange for the Worship Department to have a vision like this, but I chose this vision because I feel that good worship is the start, not the end in a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. How we conduct worship should help us grow as Christians. As I mentioned in my remarks to the congregation prior to the vote to extend the call to Pastor Will, I think it is always important to know what our mission is and ensure that things that we are doing are supporting of that mission. The Park View Christian

Church mission, as approved in 2009 is, "to help 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."

I love that our mission statement is very evangelical. It talks about reaching out to those who don't yet know him, fulfilling the charge that Jesus gave to his disciples after his resurrection in Mark 16: 15 to "go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation." Beyond that though, another part of our mission is "to help people

engage in a growing relationship with Jesus Christ." When we were separated at two different services it made it much more difficult to support each other in our own individual growing relationships with Jesus Christ. We are all at different points in our walk with Christ, and each one of us gets stronger in that walk when supported by the congregation around us. At our single 11:00 combined service we truly are one church, one congregation, and one Christian family, and we can look beyond worship to enable and encourage everyone to grow together through attending Sunday School at 10:00 and fellowshiping together outside of the service. Amen.

Jason Chuma, Worship Chair

April Stewardship

"Riches and honor come from You, and You are the ruler of everything. Power and might are in Your hand, and it is in Your hand to make great and to give strength to all." – *1 Chronicles 29:12*

You hold the power. Your hands are an extension of Him. Your hands will provide strength to all. You are a perfect design extension of Him. Open your hands to all. Open your heart to the many. Open your mind as we journey together through our giving. Whether collecting diapers, toys, or food, our giving impacts the local and

global community. You have the Power to make a difference and give strength to all!

"Whatever you do, do it enthusiastically, as something done for the Lord and not for men, knowing that you will receive the reward of an inheritance from the Lord. You serve the Lord Christ." – *Colossians 3:23-24*

The Lord loves a cheerful giver. Let us enthusiastically give unto the Lord a fraction of what He has given to us. Our inheritance comes from the

Lord. Our reward is from Him. Our treasure is in the kingdom of God. Let us continue our journey of giving and receiving the blessings of our Savior. As we give so will God give to Park View! Here's to a prosperous 2019!! To God Be the Glory!



Maundy Thursday Service

Please make plans to attend the 69th production of the reenactment of the Last Supper on Thursday, April 18, 2019 at 7 pm. The Elders will be sponsoring this event and the cast will include 13 men as they provide a

dramatic presentation of what happened on the last night that Jesus sat and ate with his best friends, his Disciples.

The service will include special music and culminate with

communion for the entire congregation. If you have witnessed this before and or seen this production, you are invited to a powerful, spiritually moving event. A special moment in Holy Week. Join us.

Gina Artz, Elder Chair

Good Friday Prayer Vigil

We will hold a prayer vigil on Good Friday from 7 am until 7 pm on April 19. We need you to sign up in half hour increments to come to the church sanctuary and pray for the good of the world, the community,

our church as well as yourself. There will be devotional materials available and communion elements for your individual worship.

We also need people to sign up to be hosts between the hours of 7-9 am and 2-

7 pm for the security of those who might be alone during their prayer time. Please plan to be part of this prayer vigil as we remember the sacrifice that God made through Jesus Christ as he went to the Cross for each of us.

What a Glorious Day!

Many thanks to all who helped in the planning, presentations, catering and donations of food for the installation service for our new minister, Pastor Will Collins. We had over 200 people in attendance and all were full of the Spirit. Seven clergy spoke during the ceremony, with Rev. Marcus Small from New Calvary Baptist Church delivering

the keynote message and Rev. Mark Poindexter from Westside Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) delivering the official words of installation. The 22-person choir from New Calvary Baptist came and provided fantastic music as well as our Son Rise praise team and guest singer, Kenny Underwood.

What a joyful day it was! Thanks to our church family and the Christian Women's

Fellowship for the great refreshments. Now our minister is in place and the work of spreading God's love through His great commission is beginning. Let us all stretch ourselves to reach higher, farther and deeper in our relationship with Christ. Praise God for the opportunity to serve through this precious church on the corner! Have a blessed Easter Season, Chip Artz, Board Chair & Gina Artz, Elder

CWF News

In February The CWF conducted the Blanket Sunday effort and \$250 was sent to Church World Service for this special project. Many thanks to all who donated.

In March, the Disciples Women sponsored our 3rd annual diaper drive and at this point we have close to 2,000 diapers. This will conclude Sunday, April 7th and diapers will be dedicated. Lenten

devotionals have been provided to all families and guests attending worship, and we hope all are enjoying them.

Our big Spring fundraiser of Brunswick Stew was a whopping success due to all of the helpers. We sold all 10 batches of stew- 341 quarts. A profit of almost \$2,000 came in.

With the money, many outreach missions will be helped as well as our own church projects.

CWF also catered the Installation Service reception on March 31 and we thank all who donated their special foods and their time. We are currently working on making 50 heart shaped comfort pillows that will be donated to the CHKD NICU for premature babies.

All women are invited to our Bible Study group on Tuesday, April 9 at 7 pm at church.

Gina Artz, CWF Chair

Our Volunteers Are Great!

Spring has sprung – or so we think – and now there's yardwork calling out for volunteers.

March 23 was our first work day and we must thank the following folks: Jason Chuma, Chip Artz, Ida Quiros, Pastor Will, Gina Artz and Fred Meyer. They accomplished so much: the lawn near the parking lot was mowed, they cleaned the

windows in front half of church, new LED lights were installed over altars, they weeded front flower beds, and Fred power washed the swing set and front patio.

Our second work day was March 30 and Jeremy Russell brought us a blessing by recruiting 10 of his Navy crewmates to come and work on our projects. They mowed, raked, edged, bagged up debris

and stained the swing set. Pastor Will and Chip and Gina Artz also helped beautify this precious church property.

The next two Saturdays are more chances to help with outdoor and indoor projects so we will be all set for Easter Week. We invite anyone to come help, even if only for an hour. We can do so much with your help and it is a fun, healthy fellowship. Hope to see you this Saturday!

Prayer Time with Warren

Oh Great Creator,

Our quiet time together is a powerful blessing to me. I've come to realize just how well You know me Lord. Not only do You go before me in all things and have my name written on the palms of Your hands, but You anticipate my wants, wishes and needs long before they even surface. Father, I look back at the adversity You have allowed in my life and I can plainly see You were shaping me into who I would need to be in order to help my family, friends and others. Forgive me for the times I have taken You for granted. You have given me the gift of Salvation and a life filled with loving, caring people dear Lord. You ask for so little in return but I will faithfully serve You and worship You until You call me home. May I be ever mindful of the sacrifice of Your only Son, my Savior, Jesus Christ, in who's name I pray.

Amen

For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all God's.

Psalm 96:4

Do not withhold your mercy from me, O Lord; may your love and your truth always protect me.

Psalm 40:11

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Revised Common Lectionary readings for April

7: Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126;
Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8
14: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29;
Luke 19:28-40
21: Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah
65:17-25; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24;
1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or
Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or
Luke 24:1-12
28: Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-
29 or Psalm 150; Revelation 1:4
-8; John 20:19-31

Serving in April

Elders

7 Gina Artz	Gerald Rhoads
14 Carolyn Jones	Jason Chuma
21 Bonnie Gifford	Joyce Brenan
28 Mike Tefft	Judy Harman

Presiding

7 Jason Chuma	14 Kelly Collins
21 TBA	28 Sallie Chuma

Welcome Center

7 Sandra Rhoads	14 TBA
21 Charlie Arnold	28 TBA

Happy Birthday!



18: Charles Jones
20: Sallie Chuma
24: Jennifer Mowery
27: Ozzie Artz
28 Kyle Dominguez

Family News & Prayer Requests

Welcome new members!

Will & Kelly Collins

March 24

Robin Beard

March 31

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.

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 is seriously ill with the inability to maintain proper nutrition.

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.

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

Shirley Byrd needs prayers for her move to a new

apartment on April 5.

Mike Tefft needs prayers for recovery from his recent surgery.

Fred Meyer is recovering at home following hospitalization from a mini-stroke.

Charles Jones was admitted to Norfolk General Hospital with a severe gastrointestinal illness.

Edward Easton, Brian Easton's father, needs prayers for a full recovery from a serious illness.

Joyce Brenan is home following surgery for a ruptured appendix.

April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7pm: Board meeting	2 Noon: CWF executive board meeting	3	4	5	6 9am-1pm: Playground work day
7	8	9 7pm: CWF Bible study	10	11	12	13 9am-1pm: Church work day
14 Palm Sunday	15 7pm: Last Supper rehearsal	16	17 6am: Oasis	18 Maundy Thursday 7pm: Maundy Thursday service	19 Good Friday 7am-7pm Prayer vigil	20 11am-1pm: Easter egg hunt & hot dog lunch
21 Easter Sunday 6:30am: Sunrise service & breakfast	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

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Address Service Requested

Join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt April 20!

Get ready for another fun day in the park Saturday, April 20 at 11 am! There will be activities for separate age groups and a hot dog lunch for participants. Last year we hid close to 1500 eggs, so let's try to top that!

Donations of individually wrapped candy, small prizes that will fit inside plastic eggs are needed, along with plastic eggs for filling. Please bring your donations to the church office by April 18.

Sponsored by:

Charlie Arnold, Evangelism Dept. and Gina Artz, Christian Education Dept.