

**Save the Date!**

**December 1: First Sunday in Advent—Hanging of the Greens Service**

“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.” Psalm 136:1  
 “Say thank you” “Did you say thank you?” “Don’t forget to say thank you.” As children, you may remember hearing these phrases/questions. You were reminded to say thank you to others. Whether it was for a gift, or when someone did something for you, or if someone gave you something, you were reminded to say thank you. Ask yourself, when was the last time you said thank you

to someone. When was the last time you sent a thank you card?

As we enter the season of Thanksgiving, be reminded to say thank you. Gather in unity with your family, friends and sisters and brothers in Christ and celebrate a common purpose of spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. Prepare your hearts to be grateful. But not just grateful for the blessings you receive but also for sharing your blessing with

others...and being a blessing to others.

The bible tells us to GIVE thanks. Be thankful. Be filled with thanksgiving. The word thanksgiving is defined as, “the expression of gratitude, especially to God.” Have you thanked God recently? In this season of thanksgiving, this is your friendly reminder to say thank you.

Kelly Collins

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**Disciples Women Are Up and Rolling!**

The season of giving is fast approaching and our church's Women's Study Group (Guild) is active and sponsoring some great events. Our Winter Coat Drive is going on now and will conclude on November 10. These coats, hats, socks will be given to Sanctuary of Hope for distribution to those who are homeless and in great need during these cold months. The Shoebox Christmas Child ministry has been a successful outreach project that we have sponsored for many years. Last year we turned in 28 filled shoeboxes to be sent around the world to

children who may not have a Christmas package to open at all. Let's try to raise that number again! The boxes will be given out on Sunday, November 10 and they must be returned by Sunday, November 24. They will be dedicated during our worship hour and then delivered to a local collection center that afternoon.

We will also sponsor Operation Santa Clause through Church Women United and Portsmouth Social Services. This is when individuals or groups may obtain the name of a foster child and buy Christmas gifts for him or her. The gifts must be brought to our

church by December 1 for blessing and dedication. See or call Carolyn Jones about adopting a child.

Another first time event is happening on Friday, December 6, at 1030-12. We will be hosting the service for Operation Santa Clause right here at Park View Christian Church. This is an amazing service and fellowship with many others from across Portsmouth and Chesapeake. We will provide delicious refreshments from 1030-11 am and then the service will start at 11. Please plan to attend if possible and witness this special Christmas mission.

Thank you and have a blessed Thanksgiving.  
 Gina Artz, CWF President

## Fall Bazaar Success!



What a wonderful bazaar! Thanks to all of you who helped to make it such a success. The delicious stew sold out and everyone had fun. It takes everyone to make an event like this successful and thank you to all of you. We can't say thank you enough but we can say we appreciate all of your help. This is our major event of the year and because of this we can keep our

mission work ongoing. This year our profit was slightly over \$4.900. Isn't that amazing! Thank you again.

Janet Sydenstricker

## Thank-You Letter From the Board Chair

Dear Church Family,  
I want to take the time to personally thank you for being a part of our Consecration Sunday and participating in our worship service on Sunday, October 20, 2019. This was a special opportunity to be involved in the true spiritual meaning of giving, and you did just that. By returning your Estimate of Giving card, you not only helped this church

but strengthened your direct relationship with God, for it from God that all blessings flow. You are a valued member of our church and I and all of our church family feel especially grateful for your active participation, by sharing of your time and talents and showing your love of Christ each day.  
As we approach Thanksgiving, I just

wanted to say how thankful I am for each of you and for your support of Park View Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). May God bless you during this holy season and always.

With love and appreciation

Chip Artz, Board Chair

## 2019 Thanksgiving Baskets

Thanksgiving Basket Collection!  
November 3rd to November 24th!  
"I will sacrifice a thank offering to you and call on the name of the Lord."  
Psalm 116:17  
We are hosting our Second Annual Thanksgiving Basket Drive! We are collecting nonperishable food items for our basket! Last year we were able to bless ten (10) families with a thanksgiving meal! This year our goal is fifteen (15)! We need your help! Please consider donating any of the following suggested items for our yummy basket!

- Potatoes (fresh or boxed)**
- Macaroni and cheese**
- Canned vegetables**
- Canned fruit**
- Box or bag of Stuffing Mix**
- Cream of mushroom soup**
- Gravy**
- Cranberry Sauce**
- Rice**
- French Fried Onions**
- Marshmallows**
- Corn bread mix**
- Canned yams**

Optional items: Nonperishable dessert items, cereal, pancake mix, canned soups!

Membership Committee



## What Is True Worship?

Anyone who knows me knows that I love to sing. One of the greatest ways to worship the Lord is in song. We can find many songs to the Lord in the Bible as well as guidelines, reasons and examples of worship. As we praise and worship, we must always remember who is at the heart of our worship. Even when there is no music, we praise and worship our awesome heavenly Father and His Son, Jesus.

Worship is a direct communication with God that can be one on one or as it says in Matthew 18:20 “Where two or more are gathered, I am there with them.”

We praise Him in song and spirit, not because of who WE are it is because of who HE IS. He deserves to be praised and so we do it- we must be committed to that. As we begin to lift our voices, read those lyrics, and sing

in harmony with one another our hearts open. Then they open more. So that when the sermon begins, we are ready to receive. It is a beautiful thing, brothers and sisters.

### A Call to True Worship

Psalm 8:1 O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

Psalm 29:2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

### Reasons for Worship

Philippians 2:9-11 Therefore God has highly exalted him [Jesus] and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue

confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

James 4:8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you...

when all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, all the people would rise up and worship, each at his tent door.

Psalm 100:4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

This week let us look at worship a different way. What can I give to him (all of me) so that he can return to me (all of Him.)

Liz Artz, Worship Chair

## It Was a Holy Ghost Affair!

A dancing panda and scarecrow... magical unicorns...jolly campers, and pumpkins galore...foxes, ELVIS and SO MUCH MORE!

Thank you to our awesome volunteers, decorators, candy donors, and spunky trunk attendants who came out for our TRUNK OR TREAT Event! It was truly a blessing to our community. It was a great time had by ALL!

Kelly Collins



## Prayer Time with Warren

Father,

Please allow me to walk in Your wisdom as I begin this new day. I hope to feel Your hand upon me at every turn. As my faith grows deeper I become more familiar with Your voice, Your prompting and the unique way You have of tugging on my heart. Lord, I am grateful for the way You are concerned about everything in my life especially my spiritual growth and maturity. All other needs in my life have become secondary as I strive to become worthy of Your Salvation and promise of Eternal Life. Your love and forgiveness go hand in hand as You light the path at my feet and I praise You.

In Jesus name I pray.

Amen

Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Matthew 6:33

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### Serving in November

#### Elders

3 Judy Harman	Joyce Brenan
10 Bonnie Gifford	Carolyn Jones
17 Gina Artz	Mike Tefft
24 Gerald Rhoads	Bonnie Gifford

#### Presiding

3 Charlie Arnold	10 Sallie Chuma
17 Mike Tefft	24 Gina Artz

#### Welcome Center

3 Mike Tefft	10 Potluck luncheon
17 Gina Artz	24 Thanksgiving potluck

### Happy Birthday!



1: Shynise Richardson	12: Virginia Stroud
Tyrese Richardson	14: Alison Vazquez
3: Margaret Powell	21: Gerald Rhoads
6: Janet Sydenstricker	Sherry Meyer
10: Debbie Spainhour	24: Stan Peerless
	25: Kyle Witten
	27: Jillian McHugh
	28: Jerry Williams

### Revised Common Lectionary readings for November

3: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4;  
Psalm 119:137-144; 2  
Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12;  
Luke 19:1-10  
10: Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Psalm  
145:1-5, 17-21, or 98;  
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17;  
Luke 20:27-38  
17: Isaiah 65:17-25, 12; 2  
Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke  
21:5-19  
24: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-  
79, 23:33-43; Colossians 1:11-  
20

### Family News & Prayer Requests

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

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

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

**Chip Artz** has started  
chemotherapy and  
radiation treatments and  
needs prayers for  
successful treatment and  
healing.

**Janice Cubberly** needs  
prayers after several falls  
with injuries. She also has  
an upcoming surgery for a  
shoulder replacement. She  
is lonely and misses  
everyone.

#### Betty Lou Cummings

has severe right leg pain  
and spinal complications.

**Alice Langston** has had  
shingles and problems with  
her spine.

**Shirley Byrd** is in need of  
knee surgery and could  
greatly use prayers for  
pain relief.

# November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					I I am: World Community Day @ St. Andrews UMC	2 I I am: District 8 Gathering at Hilton Christian Church
3 <b>All Saints Sunday</b>	4 7pm: Pastor's cabinet meeting	5 <b>Election day at Park View</b> 1pm: CWF executive board	6	7	8	9
10 <b>Fall congregational meeting w/ soup &amp; salad lunch</b>	11 7pm: Elder's meeting	12 7:30pm: CWF women's bible study	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 6am: Serve at Oasis	21	22	23
24 Thanksgiving dinner after service & decorate church	25	26	27	28 <b>Thanksgiving Office closed</b>	29	30

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## **Fall Congregational Meeting November 10**

Join us on Sunday, November 10 following the service to enjoy a potluck soup and salad luncheon, followed by our annual Fall congregational meeting, which includes voting for our 2020 officers and approval of next year's budget.