



Newsletter May 2020

Special Announcement

Due to the uncertainty of the coronavirus, many events have been cancelled, rescheduled, or postponed. We have made every effort to protect our church families with the hope of scheduling events soon.

Church service and activities will be announced on a week by week basis.

Arrangements have been made for online sermons from Pastor Will.

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Message From Pastor Will

Trying to make sense of things that just don't make sense. I'm so grateful for each and every one of you, for your patience and understanding as we all adjust. I miss seeing every face and shaking every hand and of course the warm hugs. I looked forward to every week looking into your eyes and having that Christ Connection! I love those familiar faces sitting in familiar places and the excitement of someone new to welcome into our loving family. I miss you all and you fill my prayers and you fuel my purpose to continue God's work in building your relationship with Him, especially when the world doesn't make any sense.

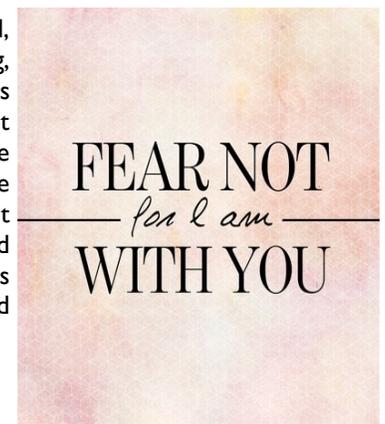
In the midst of destruction, God delivers resurrection. The moment Christ gave up the Spirit on the cross, the temple veil was torn in two from top to bottom, and the earth shook, and the rocks were split. When things seem broken and torn apart, God finds a way to resurrect a new Spirit to rise and bring forth something new! Can you see it?!

God is using this time to show us something new. There's much more happening within ourselves than we may realize. We spend so much energy maintaining a sense of confidence, keeping your chin up, being strong for our loved ones. In times like these, when change is sudden and confusing, we take hold of our shield of faith, sharpen the sword of truth, we raise our banner, the blood of Jesus Christ shed for me, and lean on the promises of God. But don't stand so tall that we overlook the blessing buried beneath our inner brokenness.

A neighbor asked me this week if this is the final judgment and Christ's return. I asked them, "if it was are you ready?!" Are we ready to receive the Savior? It's rhetorical, of course we are not. When the disciples asked Jesus, "what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age." He told us not to be deceived by people claiming to see me, but he tells them to watch. No, not more television programming, but seeking God. "Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come." (Matt. 24:42). Look for what God is doing, not out in the world, but in you. He is testing you within. We are doing our best to keep a strong spirit and God is waiting for you to give Him your undivided attention.

The mind is still busy, trying to figure out the new normal, not sure of any timetables, disturbed by social distancing, while suddenly totally dependent on the digital age. He is challenging us to watch and see what He is doing. In the quiet of the quarantine, what have you noticed? The same gentle Spirit speaks, "I am with you always even to the end of the world" (Matt. 28:20), "See I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" (Isa. 43:19), "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." (Matt. 42:35). Just forget about yourself, instead concentrate on Him and worship Him.

Love in Christ, Pastor Will



The 2 in 5 Challenge

I love Pastor Will and I love Andy and Liz and we talk a lot in a week's time! But I got thinking, there are more church family that I don't talk to weekly, since not being in church.

So, I'm challenging myself and hopefully each of you reading this, to join the fun...

At a minimum, I will be calling at least 2 church members (other than Will and Andy), every 5 days. When the 6th day arrives, I will start over calling at least 2 more church family.

If my calculations are correct and we all did this, we would be cross-calling close to 100 of our church friends. If this Challenge is too corny or weird for you, please find any other method of reaching out and staying in touch. But, never forget the best method of staying connected is through prayer.

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



Love In Christ,
Chip Artz

Disciple's Women (CWF) Is Reaching Out!

All areas of the Church have been affected by the Pandemic of COVID 19 that is ongoing. No one would have thought that we would be in a "Stay At Home" situation for the past 6 weeks. But somehow, we have worked hard to try to keep the spiritual pipelines open. Every week some new idea or opportunity has been explored and acted upon in some way.

Our CWF was not able to meet during April at all, BUT every week, we have been in constant communication with calls, texts, devotions online and even Drive By visits!

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

1. Our Diaper Drive has continued and we now have 1,600 diapers. Let's see if we can reach 2,000 diapers this week! Please drop them off at church this Saturday 11-1.
2. Several of our gals are making cloth face masks for various groups and our church family. We have made over 150 masks now. If you need one please call Gina.

3. More foods have been purchased for our OASIS monthly breakfast ministry, and instead of cooking the meal there- 85 bagged breakfasts were prepared at the church and delivered on April 15.
4. Drive By visits to our elderly Homebound have been ongoing and various treats dropped off to our Seniors, as well as lots of prayer time!

It is my hope and prayer, that we will have an online Bible Study on ZOOM- on Thurs., May 7. I will send more information about this prior to the date.

Until we are able to gather closely together and talk, laugh and hug- I'm sending a virtual hug to all as well as a prayer to remain healthy, calm, and focused on being the Hands and Feet of Christ during this challenging time of crisis.

Gina Artz, CWF President

As the coronavirus pandemic has caused great despair, discomfort, worry, and uncertainty, we remain committed to serving you and meeting your spiritual needs.

During this time, your Elders, Diaconate and Minister remain available via phone, email, and online platforms such as FaceTime, FaceBook, and Zoom.

Stay
Connected

let's
stay
together

Pastor Will has made arrangements for online Sunday sermons on FaceBook @parkviewccdoc

Please call (757) 484-1776 or email at parkvieccdoc@verizon.net to enroll in our "All Call" service to receive weekly announcements and reminders through your phone!

Also, sign up for email devotionals by emailing your email address to parkviewccdoc@verizon.net.

Wish to give online? Visit https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithe/give-one-time/1300636

If you need any supplies and are unable to leave your home, please let us know. If you need prayers, assistance, or just someone to talk to, we are here for you!

Love,

Your Park View Family



"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 in chaos with this Pandemic of COVID 19. We as a church have had to make rapid and new adjustments as to how to stay connected and keep our church programs viable. So here is what has been happening with Christian Education. Since March 15 (our last Sunday together in the church), I have been mailing packets of Bible stories and craft pages to each child that has been a part of our Children's Church. A total of 14 families with kids have received these packets. Also, for Easter Sunday, a video of the Worship and Wonder story was put on our Web and Facebook and most of the children were able to watch this. I hope to have more Worship and Wonder stories set to share with all who wish to watch during the coming weeks. Adults are welcome to watch as well as the children!

We are having to think "out of the box" to create church ministry in a new and different way. We must always strive to reach out to each other. Whether it be in teaching, singing, texting devotions, worship or praying— WE MUST CONTINUE TO BE THE CHURCH IN EVERY WAY.

I miss being together inside the church very much. I so miss being with the children and hugging them and watching them grow closer to our Lord, God. I pray that soon we will be able to come back to Park View Christian Church with a deeply renewed reverence and relationship with God. Until we can meet again, stay safe, stay in touch and know that we love you.

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

Gina Artz, Christian Education Dept.

The Power of Private Worship

During this difficult time in our world, I empathize with those of you who miss coming to church, miss your brothers and sisters in Christ, and simply just miss the human connections that we take for granted each and every day. We are collectively the "Body of Christ." We are the Church and we are very use to community worship.

But I want to encourage you what the Lord says about private worship. In John 4:23 it says

"But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him" (John. 4:23).

Even though we are "alone" in some ways during this pandemic, Holy

Spirit wants to remind you that once you have accepted Jesus' sacrifice for you on the cross, you are never alone again. In fact, in Romans 3:23 Paul even tells us that when we don't know what to pray the Holy Spirit will pray on our behalf. God just wants you to be with Him, give Him your time, give Him your praises, give Him your fears and strongholds. Make a conscious decision to converse with the Father, especially now, when you have the time to do it.

We do not only worship God through song. Maybe you are a writer, an artist, a reader, or even one who mediates.

I believe that the Lord desires to be with you in every area of your life. So, during this time of isolation, I encourage you to set a time for private worship- just you and God,

where you can give Him your time, repent of your sins, and grow in His love.

We all know that this social distancing has changed so many activities in your life. My commitment and my prayer for each of us, is that one of those changes is a rededication to carving away time each day for private worship. If we are daily seeking the Savior, we get to know God more and knowing Him better will better us.

God Bless You All, Liz, Artz
Worship Department



Thank You

Many thanks to each man who participated in the production of the Last Supper that was produced in 2004. Liz Artz was able to replicate this VCR tape so it could be offered online on April 9. I pray that many were touched by what they saw and heard. Rev. Gary Edens did a wonderful job with narration. But the 70th year of this presentation went on and was one of remembrance. It set the tone for the rest of Holy Week.

Also Many thanks to all who participated in the

Good Prayer Vigil. We had 42 different people praying continually from their homes during this time. Amazing how God works! Our Elders continue to call, text and even do Drive By visits during this challenging time of separation. Please know that each of us will do anything we safely can to help you all. Just let us know.

Together we will get through this difficult time of isolation and public health crisis. Together we are Park View Christian Church STRONG!

Again Thank You All and God Bless.

Gina Artz, Elder Chair

A sincere and great appreciation to our custodial staff, Anthony & Sharon Lewis, who have worked tirelessly to clean and sanitize our church building during this time of confinement. The commitment they have shown and continue to show for the health and safety of our church is second to none. Thank you for showing, rolling up your sleeves, and working hard. We are blessed and grateful for all you do!

Love, Your Church Family

A New Time in the Church's Life

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 have served around 15 families per month

for years. Well, on Monday, April 27 - 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.

Pastor Will even got to see this event as it was ending and he delivered the last box of groceries to a disabled elderly family (placed it on the porch). What A Blessing to Be a

Part of Such a Loving Church! Many Thanks to All who donated, and to Mike Tefft, Charlie Arnold, Carolyn Jones, Gina Artz.

Yes it was a labor of Love but well worth it. We will again host this on this Tuesday, May 5, 11 am-1 pm. If you would like to help out, please call Chip Artz.

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

Chip Artz

**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
- Canned salmon
- Bean soups
- Canned or dried beans
- Baked beans
- Canned chili
- Peanut butter
- Canned nuts
- Vienna sausage
- Corn beef hash

Soap Products

- hand soap
- laundry & dish detergent
- cleaning products

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

Personal Care Products

- shampoo
- toothpaste
- toothbrushes
- shaving cream
- razors
- deodorant
- feminine hygiene products

Dairy

- Infant formula
- Nonfat dry milk
- Evaporated milk
- Instant breakfast drinks
- Shelf-stable milk

Vegetables

- Canned vegetables
- Vegetable soup
- Canned tomato products
- Spaghetti sauce

Fruits

- Canned fruit
- Fruit cups
- Raisins
- Applesauce
- Fruit snacks
- Dried fruits
- Canned/boxed 100% juice

Oils & Condiments

- Vegetable oil
- Salad dressing
- Syrup
- Jelly/ jam
- Honey
- Sugar
- Condiments





"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, delivery drivers, restaurant workers, truck drivers, dock workers, shipping workers, grocery employees, and all those affected by the coronavirus.**

Pray for all our Church family, the Elderly, the Homebound, our church family who are out of work or furloughed, 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.

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

Allen Powell, had successful surgery for colon cancer and is now receiving adjunct Chemotherapy.

Chip Artz received a good report from the MRI and the tumor has SHRUNK 2mm and hopefully inactive tissue! Thank you for your prayers!

Janice Cubberly is undergoing a cardiac work up pending surgery and is suffering from pain in her right arm/hand. Prayers are needed.

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

Shirley Byrd is now home recovering well at home from total knee surgery.

Sonny, Shirley Byrd's brother, is battling cancer at home and is receiving dialysis treatments and is in need of prayers.

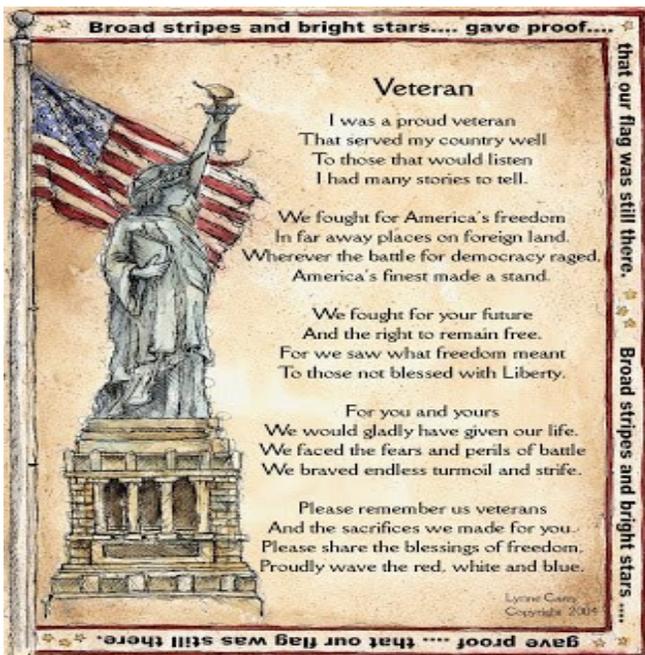
Paula Sparrow needs prayers for a serious pulmonary disease.

Lindsay Abess and Family as she battles her illness and recovering from home. She is still very weak and is having asthma issues.

Eleanor, Robin Merrill's friend, who is hospitalized.

Congratulations! To Euvette Diaz on her first grandchild born on April 25!

**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

3: Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23;
I Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10
10: Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5,
15-16; I Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14
17: Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20;
I Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21
24: Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47;
Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53;
Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10;
I Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11
31: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34,
35b; I Corinthians 12:3b-13;
John 7:37-39

Here's What's Happening!



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 late June.

Please stay tuned for more information!!

Serving Elders
3: Gina Artz & Bonnie Gifford
10: Sid Harman & Judy Harman
17: Mike Tefft & Carolyn Jones
23: Judy Harman & Joyce Brenan
31: Bonnie Gifford & Sid Harman

May Diaconate
Sandra & Ida

Presiding
3: TBD **10:** TBD
17: TBD **24:** TBD
31: TBD

Welcome Center-TBD

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

A special shout out celebratory birthday to Betty Lou Cummings who turned 82 years young on May !! Happiest of birthdays Betty Lou!

1: Betty Lou Cummings
Brielle Carpenter
2: Denise Richardson
3: Brian Easton
5: Kim Charlton
28: Jaimes Rodriquez



Church family,

If you wish to drive by and drop off your donations of food for our Food Pantry or your financial church offering- please contact Chip Artz at (757) 439-0273 regarding a time when we will be at church to accept these Drive Thru offerings. We have also set up online giving.

Thank you all so much.

May 2020

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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|---|-----------------------|---|---------------------|--|---|--|
| | | | | | 1 Happy Birthday Betty Lou Cummings & Brielle Carpenter | 2 Happy Birthday Denise Richards |
| 3 Happy Birthday Brian Easton | 4 | 5 Happy Birthday Kim Charlton | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 Mother's Day | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 Mental Health Sunday | 18 | 19 | 20 6 am OASIS | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 Memorial Day | 26 | 27 | 28 Happy Birthday Jaimes Rodriquez | 29 | 30 |
| 31 Pentecost | | | | | | |

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WE'RE OPEN!!

**Drive-Thru Food Pantry
Every Tuesday of the Month**

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

All are Welcome!

Non-Perishable Food Available

No Income Restriction

Registration is Requested (Not Required)

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