



Newsletter November 2020

**We Are
Officially Open for
11 AM Church
Service!**

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Message from Pastor Will

Psalms 23 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

As a child I remember the sheer terror of waking up in the middle of the night. The darkness seemed to make my room seem endless. I would stare into the deep shadows and see vague images moving. I would muster up enough courage to run out of the room and down the hall to my parent's room, where I would nestle on the floor by my mother's bedside. My imagination turned the nothingness of darkness into a terrifying experience. We often allow our thoughts of what could happen to grip us into a fear of nothingness. What we think may happen, can cause us to do nothing and waste an opportunity for God to show up. In our darkness God is leading, restoring and comforting us through our situation and circumstance, waiting for us to get out of His way so He can bring the clarity of light. Cast the darkness out of your mind and remember whose you are. You are a precious child of God, redeemed by His own blood. He will not forsake you. Claim the Victory today, over circumstances, over ideologies, over the negative and divisive narrative. Claim Peace today, rest in His plans for you, remember how many times you weren't sure what was going to happen and somehow you made it. Through the valleys and the hills we maintain our faith that God has prepared a table for me in the presence of my enemies. Claim Love today, focus on loving your Creator, the divine manifestation we call God. Love the author of existence and give thanks that He loves you more than we can know. I'm thankful for each of you and this ministry. Let us love one another as a body of believers, claiming the victory, the peace and the love of Jesus Christ to a lost world. For surely, goodness and mercy will follow you through this life and into His house, where we shall dwell forever.

Yours Eternally, In Christ,

Pastor Will



Christian Women's Fellowship is active this Fall!

Our Women's Study Group (Guild) is active and sponsoring some great events.

We continue our monthly Bible Study on Zoom on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 pm. Please plan to join us for study and fun fellowship. **We will be sponsoring a Winter Coat Drive in beginning November 8, 2020 to December 6, 2020.** Please bring in any gently used coats, warm hoodies, polar fleeces, socks, gloves, and/or hats for the use of those in need this winter. These items will be given to Sanctuary of Hope for distribution to those who are homeless and in great need dur-

ing these cold months. Please Donate to the Coat Drive

The Shoebox Christmas Child ministry has been a successful outreach project that we have sponsored for many years. The boxes will be given out on Sunday, November 2 and they must be returned by Sunday, November 22. 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. We hope to be able to sponsor

several children through this project. Our next meeting is Nov. 10 at 7 and we will have Bible Study and fellowship. Thank you and Have a Blessed Thanksgiving.

Gina Artz, CWF President



Operation Christmas Child

It's that time of year again! Time to take one or more of our special Samaritan's Purse Christmas shoe boxes and fill them with great gifts for a boy or girl some place in the world. This may be the only gift he or she will receive for Christmas so you are doing something very special when you take a box and fill it for them.

Boxes will be available starting Sunday November 1-15 and should be returned to the church on Sunday, November 23, 2020 for dedication and delivery to the area pick up site later that day. Remember that items for the box includes small toys, school supplies, and hygiene items. Love in Christ,

Carolyn Jones, Outreach Chair



DEAR FRIEND,

Each shoebox you pack helps a local church around the world tell a child about Jesus, God's Greatest Gift. Many of them will grow in their faith and learn how to tell friends and family about Him through our discipleship program called The Greatest Journey. In a new initiative, we are going island to island in the Pacific to take the Gospel to a half a million children over the next few years, as part of our commitment to "proclaim the Gospel to the whole creation" (Mark 16:15, ESV). In sending the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we are also sharing God's Word with dozens of unreached people groups and going to hard-to-reach places to make His Name known. This has resulted in more than 2 million children making decisions for Christ and over 1,000 churches being started in one year! For example, there's now a church in a remote village in Namibia among the Himba unreached people group. "Before we had never heard of Jesus," said Pastor Kuyelia, leader of the new church. "Now, we have abandoned witch doctors and seek God alone in prayer and worship." We're thankful for all those who have faithfully prayed for Operation

Christmas Child, a Samaritan's Purse project. You can join us in packing shoeboxes so that more children in the remote corners of the world can hear the Good News of the Gospel. May God bless you.

-Franklin Graham President, Samaritan's Purse

Gift Ideas:

A "Wow" Item • Doll • Soccer ball • Stuffed animal • Clothing • Comb • Hairbrush • Toothbrush • Washcloth • Bar soap • Adhesive bandages • Reusable plastic containers • Blanket • Non-liquid lip balm • Flashlight • Pencils • Small manual pencil sharpener • Colored pencils • Pencil case • Pens • Crayons • Markers • Notebooks • Blank index cards • Solar-powered calculator • Safety scissors • Ruler • Protractor • Glue stick • Small adhesive tape • Shirts and pants • Pillowcase dress (loose-fitting sundress) • Underwear • Shoes and socks • Flip-flops • Hat/scarf/mittens • Sunglasses • Tote bag/purse • Hair bows • Friendship bracelets

Recently I have been enjoying a new song based on the priestly blessing found in Numbers 6:24-26 by Kari Jobe. The song focuses on God's desire to bless His people all the time. The words include, "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace."

Although this has been a really hard year for our country and for our community, I am reminded that there is blessing in the time that we have had to be alone with The Lord. Even though life is filled with uncertainty, there is nothing that surprises God. He came before us, walks with us by the Holy Spirit, and prepares the way for us to come Home to The Father.

Here are some of the song lyrics for "The Blessing," the song I am discussing:

**The Lord bless you
And keep you
Make His face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn His
Face toward you
And give you peace
As we receive, we agree, amen
May His favor be upon you
And a thousand generations
Your family and your children
And their children, and their children**

What I love about this song is that it is a reminder of God's Power and of His Promises. As believers, we are so very blessed that as we continue to put our faith in God to get this country out of the mess we are in, we can also celebrate the intimacy that we have been given during the "Shelter in Place" times we have had this year.

I know that for believers, we may feel guilty if we are complaining about this year; being lonely, being scared of what is next, having over-all doubts in the outcome of the election or the race inequality that has been in going on in our country.

What I would like to challenge you to do during your quiet times with The Lord is give thanks to Him that you know Him, pray for Him to reveal to you where you are lacking peace- and then seek His Word to find out what He believes your strongholds are that you need to lay to the cross in this time of waiting and resting in HIM.

Take a listen to the song- "The Blessing" by Kari Jobe. It is encouraging. God keeps His promises. We are his children- but unlike the children of today- we shouldn't feel that we are entitled to anything. God is in control and His timing is perfect. So please lay your expectations on the cross and await His Blessing for you and your family.



Love in Christ, Liz Artz, Worship Chair

All Saints Day A Message from Church Foundation

Every year, the church celebrates All Saints Day at the beginning of November by recognizing all those who have died in the previous year. All Saints Day is an opportunity to celebrate the faithful members of your church who have passed on or those members of your church who have remembered your congregation in their end-of-life plans. Members who leave legacy gifts for their congregation do so because they believe in what the church is doing but, more than that, they believe the church will be around to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ long after they have passed on.

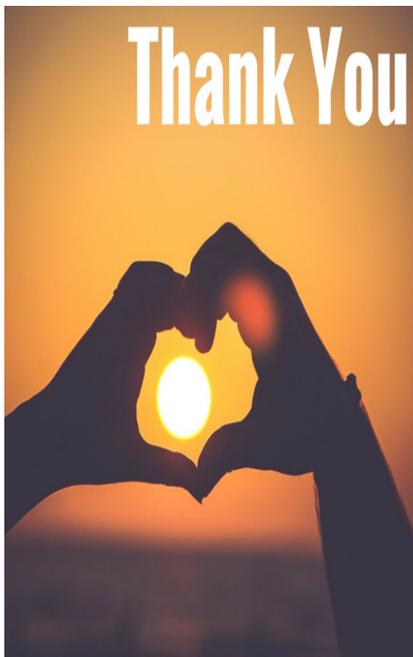
This year, perhaps more than any other in recent memory, we have greater reason to celebrate and remember the saints who have gone on before us. The Christian Church Foundation believes it is essential that we honor each of these saints, their strong faith, and their passion for ministry. In 2020, we are called upon as the church to continue to spread the Good News in as many ways as we can. The Good News of these saints is that they live on, their legacy lives on, and the Good News of Jesus Christ lives on through them and through us.

All Saints Day is **November 1, 2020**, a day commemorating all the saints of the church, both known and unknown, who have attained heaven.

*Let's remember the loved ones who are no longer with us.



We Are Thankful For YOU!



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 18, 2020.

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

Thanksgiving During a Pandemic

This year we will not have our traditional Church Thanksgiving Dinner feast, with so many gathered in the Fellowship Hall and overflow rooms. We won't have those delicious special recipes served Buffet style that we all love. No, we must make some sacrifices this year in order to keep everyone as safe and healthy as possible. This COVID 19 has not gone away and is growing in cases as this article is printed. BUT- We have much to be Thankful for during this Thanksgiving Season. We have been able to worship safely together in church and Online. We

have been able to continue to stay connected, through phone calls, texts, Drive By Visits and emails. We have continually hosted a Drive Thru Food Pantry each week since late April and provided foods for hundreds of people in need! We have kept our church yard and building clean and safe and welcoming.

On Sunday, November 22, it will be a special Thanksgiving Sunday!

Following worship, we will work on 2 projects- First to fill up Thanksgiving Boxes with lots of donated food items for the big meal. The CWF will be purchasing turkeys and 2 hams were donated by Mr. Bruce, to add to the meal. These boxes will then be delivered to the families in

need. The second project will be deliver the Christmas Child Shoeboxes to a distribution site. Take time to reach out to others in our church family- share a few minutes, some food, a prayer. So yes, it will be a wonderful Thanksgiving Sunday and we have MUCH TO BE THANKFUL FOR.

Thank you all church family,
Gina Artz, Elder Chair



THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Thanksgiving Basket Collection from November 1st to November 22nd.

“Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.” Psalm 107:8-9

We are hosting our Third Annual Thanksgiving Basket Drive! We are collecting non-perishable food items for our baskets! Last year we were able to bless twenty (20) fami-

lies with a delicious thanksgiving meal! This year our goal is thirty-five (35) families! We need your help! Please consider donating any of the following suggested items:

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 or muffin mix
Canned yams

Optional items: Nonperishable dessert items, cereal, pancake mix, canned soups, pasta and pasta sauce, pudding or Jell-O mix, applesauce, disposal turkey roasting pans, oatmeal!

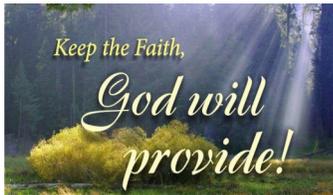
SAVE THE DATE! On November 22nd we will be packing up the baskets and they will be handed out/ delivered on Wednesday, November 25th during our food pantry hours! Please join us! We need your help!

Love, Membership Team



GOD PROVIDES!

There's a wonderful saying that God provides when you do good work. Our Food Pantry is a prime example that He will provide! There have been countless of times where our food pantry has ran bare while still in operation on Wednesdays. We scramble to find food so that all who comes will receive. But by the Grace of God, there has always been a kind person in our community to show up with boxes and boxes of donations. Just in time in many instances. We witness God's miracle each and every time we serve the community through our Food Pantry program. Not only do we see the miracles in the faces of those who we serve, but in the faces of those who donate and volunteer. Please come witness the miracle of God's work in operating the Food Pantry! There is no greater feeling than to serve those who need help.



Number of Families Served in October at Food Pantry

October 7
46 Families Served
October 14
35 Families Served
October 21, 2020
53 Families Served
October 28, 2020
40 Families Served

As always, please come out and volunteer! **OPEN EVENING WEDNESDAY** from 11 am to 1 pm. Also, we are collecting grocery plastic bags for distribution.

GREAT NEWS!
We received an **ANGEL DONATION** for \$1,000 for purchasing of fresh produce!

Fireside Chat with Pastor Will

Let's talk about what's on your heart in today's climate

November 16, 2020
at 7:30 pm via Zoom!

To attend follow these steps:

1. Visit <https://zoom.us/>
2. Choose Join A Meeting Option
3. Input Meeting ID: 376-396-7150



THANK YOU!

On behalf of Kelly and I, we extend our sincerest appreciation to our church family for an amazing Pastor Appreciation Sunday on October 11th. We appreciate the cards, words of encouragement, gifts, prayers and above all, the love shown to us. For the past two years, it has been a privilege to serve as your Pastor. As a congregation, you have brought a magnitude of joy and happiness to my family. It is with a humble heart we simply say, thank you Thank you for continued support, generosity, and friendship. Together, we are growing in our faith and friendships as a church family. We are honored and blessed to be a part of your journey with Jesus Christ.

Love, Pastor Will & Kelly Collins

THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to everyone who donated and volunteered for our first ever drive thru TRUNK OR TREAT! It was a tremendous success and we are grateful for everyone's commitment in ensuring that the children in our community had an awesome Halloween! As a church family, we continue to adjust to the "new norm" and find fun and exciting ways to continue to share the Good News of Jesus Christ! Thank you for being a blessing to others! Thank you for being a blessing to this Church!

Love,

Kelly Collins, Membership Chair

VETERANS DAY

By Cheryl Dyson

On Veterans Day we honor all,
Who answered to a service call.
Soldiers young, and soldiers old,
Fought for freedom, brave and bold.
Some have lived, while others died,
And all of them deserve our pride.
We're proud of all the soldiers who,
Kept thinking of red, white and blue.
They fought for us and all our rights,
They fought through many days and nights.
And though we may not know each name,
We thank ALL veterans just the same.



November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 All Saints Day Food Drive Begins	2	3 Election Day! Voting Polls Open from 7 am-7 pm	4 Food Pantry 11 am to 1 pm	5 CWF Executive Board Meeting 1pm	6	7 Regional Assembly via Zoom
8 Coat Drive Begins	9 Pastor's Cabinet Meeting 7 pm	10 CWF Bible Study via Zoom 7pm	11 Food Pantry 11 am to 1 pm Veteran's Day	12	13	14
15 Recycle Day! Fall Congregational Meeting After Church (lunch provided)	16 Fireside Chat with Pastor Will 7:30 pm	17	18 Food Pantry 11 am to 1 pm OASIS 6am	19	20	21
22 Shoe Box Dedication Thanksgiving Holiday Basket Assembly After Church	23	24	25 Food Pantry 11 am to 1 pm	26 Happy Thanksgiving!	27	28 Small Business Sat- urday
29 First Sunday in Advent Hanging of the Greens Service	30					

Christmas Child Shoe Boxes are available from

November 1, 2020 to November 15, 2020

Thanksgiving Food Drive begins November 1, 2020

Coat Drive begins November 8, 2020 to December 6, 2020

Family News & Prayer Requests

Ed Sparrow needs prayers and condolences after the passing of his wife Paula.

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. Prayers are needed for protection and great health.

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

Allen Powell will have further radiation treatment for lung cancer.

Janice Cubberly is suffering from pain in her right arm/hand. Prayers are needed.

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

prayers.

Lindsay Abess and family would appreciate your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Carolyn Smith is in need of prayers! She has been in and out of the hospital with health complications.

Kathy Person, Gina Artz's cousin, is in serious condition battling cancer. Prayers are requested.

Cathy Manaugh, mother of Kelly Collins and Katie Jones, is recovering well from knee surgery performed on September 25, 2020. Prayers for recovery are requested.

Rev. Mark Poindexter, was hospitalized following a serious car accident. He is at home waiting additional surgery.

Jean Credle, our beloved "Bread Lady", had surgery on October 21, 2020

for a hysterectomy. She requests prayers as she recovers at home.

Rev. Stanford Peerless has passed away on October 24, 2020. We are honored to have him serve as our Rev. from 2007 to 2009. There are no current plans for a memorial service. All thoughts and prayers are much appreciated. Cards of condolences can be sent to:

**5020 Lynnhaven Parkway, Apt. 118
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23464**

All our veterans, and soldiers, both past and present. We owe you our thanks, but more than that, we owe you our freedom. May you always know how much we appreciate your sacrifice.

A Great Loss

It is with a heavy heart and immense sadness that we inform you that our dear Jeffery Massey has suffered the loss of his stepfather, Juan Hernandez, to COVID. Juan passed away on Friday, October 23, 2020. He is fondly remembered by many family members and friends. He was dearly loved and will be greatly missed.

Please provide prayers for the family, especially Jeffery and his mother Alice, during this most difficult time for solace and comfort. Please send any cards or notes to:

705 C. New River Court
Chesapeake, Virginia 23320

Please know how much your Church Family loves you and are here for you during this difficult time.

"To Live-Give"

To live a life that's full of joy
One must remember that little boy
Who talked with the priests in Galilee and said,
"About my Father's business I must be"
The basic lesson he taught to us is to
love all people, without a fuss
Even your enemies, find good in them,
For this I show to be like him.
To live a life that's full of meaning
One must have faith that is redeeming.
A faith that's strong thru thick and thin,
And throughout life from beginning to end.
To live a life, that's full of love
One must learn to give,
Give in time, give in spirit,
Give in patience, give and live!
No matter, how very hard we try
And give until means are lost
Never could we match the giving,
That Christ gave on the cross.
Through gifts of money, we show we care
Through gifts of time, we show we're there,
Through gifts of love, we show we care
And gifts of service, are not rare.
So, let us live as Christians
And give in any way.
Let's spread the work of Jesus,
Let's live for a **BETTER DAY.**

Contributed by: Gina Artz

My Lord,

You are my strength and my shield. Our fellowship each morning allows me to rest on the promises that you reveal in your Word. Worry is rarely a part of my existence and the closer I grow to you the easier it becomes to face burdens and hardships. I bask in the peace you provide Father. Thank you for the privilege of serving you. Others have asked about the joyfulness that they see around me and I can exclaim your love and give all of the glory to you dear Lord. You lead me beside still waters and your goodness and mercy go before me in all that I do. In Jesus name I proclaim these blessings. Amen.

“Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.” Psalm 105:4
“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help with in trouble.” Psalm 46:1



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Revised Common Lectionary Readings for November

1: Joshua 3:7-17, Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37, 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13, Matthew 23:1-12
8: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25, Psalm 78:1-7, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Matthew 25:1-13
15: Judges 4:1-7, Psalm 123, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Matthew 25:14-30
22: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, Psalm 100, Ephesians 1:15-23, Matthew 25:31-46
29: Isaiah 64:1-9, Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19, Mark 13:24-37

What's Happening

Serving Elders

1: Gina Artz & Joyce Brenan
8: Judy Harman & Bonnie Gifford
15: Sid Harman & Mike Tefft
22: Janet S. & Carolyn Jones
29: Judy Harman & Sid Harman



1 Shynise Richardson
Tyrese Richardson
3 Margaret Powell
6 Janet Sydenstricker
Eleanor Collins
10 Debbie Spainhour
Eli Ross
12 Virginia Stroud
14 Alison Vazquez
21 Gerald Rhoads
Sherry Meyer
25 Kyle Witten
27 Jillian McHugh

There is much excitement that we are **NOW OPEN** for Sunday Church Service! We continue to remain committed to serving you and meeting your spiritual needs. Even if you are unable to attend service, we remain available via phone, email, on Facebook, and Zoom. Pastor Will has made arrangements for online Sunday sermons to contain 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.

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WE'RE OPEN!!

Drive-Thru Food Pantry

Every Wednesday of the Month

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

All are Welcome!

Non-Perishable Food Available

No Income Restriction

Registration is Requested (Not Required)

Please contact us if you require any additional assistance.

We are here for you!

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