



# Newsletter April 2021

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

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## *Easter Brings Hope For All*

**He rode into town on a grey donkey that was slow.  
Nothing about him was ornate or full of show.  
The people gathered and cheered for a KING.  
Not realizing that that he was God's son and would change everything.**

**They waved palms and shouted their praise.  
Not truly suspecting what would happen in the coming days.  
He met his Disciples, his very best friends  
in that Upper Room, his finest teaching would begin.**

**The example He set would remain forever with us,  
to Inspire, to Serve, to have Hope when times are tough.  
He showed servant leadership in how He washed their feet.  
They were shocked and confused but the meaning was complete.**

**Then He broke bread and blessed the food and wine with these men.  
They didn't understand what He was doing and  
what was about to begin.  
He told them "Do this in remembrance of me", some even asked why.  
His best friends could not comprehend, that soon Jesus would die.**

**Arrested, beaten, shamed and jailed away,  
the crowd gathered and yelling –condemning him that day.  
Then Jesus was nailed to the Cross on Calvary's hill  
Jesus suffered and died, but he accepted God's will.**

**On day three, the women went to the tomb,  
The stone was rolled away and Jesus was not in that room.  
Yes, Jesus was ALIVE, God resurrected him to show us his love  
To show us God's forgiveness and grace that flows from above.**

**So EASTER brings Hope to all who believe in Jesus Christ!  
This what we cling to in time of stress and pain and strife.  
Hope that is anchored in Faith is the strongest filled with love.  
*So My Prayer Is That Easter Will Bring You All the Hope From Above.***

*With Love, Gina Artz  
Written on 3/26/2020*



## Elder's Report

Our Elders continue to reach out in many ways to our church family in times of need and stress. We have now had both our newest Elders serve at the Communion Table with prayers and they did wonderful. We are all working together and with our Pastor Will, we will strive to tend our flock. Each month, we will try to have a meeting and discuss prayer concerns, visits, and what we can do to help in worship and the church life. We will not meet in July and August unless an emergency arises.

I want to Thank all the Elders as well as many others of our church family who participated

in the presentation of the Last Supper, Maundy Thursday, April 1, 2021. From the youngest child to the oldest man, you all did wonderful in your willingness to come out, have a photo session and some video minutes to help create a meaningful worship service for the 71st year. Last year, if you recall, we could not meet in person due to the Pandemic Lock Down. We still managed to have a video of our Reenactment of the Last Supper from 21 years ago. This was available on our Website and church Facebook.

But this year, we are still battling this COVID 19, but our sanctuary is open for worship in the safest possible way as well as we are streaming all services online.

We have come a long way this year and we still have much ahead of us but we know **GOD IS WITH US!**

*Have a blessed Easter season!*

*Gina Artz and all Elders*



**MAUNDY  
THURSDAY**

## Calling all Shepherds to tend to the "FLOCK OF FLOWERS" "Spring Has Sprung"

Flowers are blooming, birds are chirping and **PVCC IS GROWING**...flowers that is! Join us as we take a journey through planting, nurturing, and growing!

On **April 11, 2021**, we will have seed flower kits available for anyone who would like to be a gardener. You can pick up your kit after church service. Or, if you are worshipping with us online, please contact our church secretary, Pastor Will or email us and we can make arrangements to give one to you!

You will be responsible for planting your seed(s), tending to your plant, and helping them grow and flourish into a beautiful flower or plant.

Need help?? Don't worry! Each week Pastor Will will send out an email devotional with gardening tips! Note-please make sure we have your email address!



You don't want to miss out on receiving awesome tips!

AND please share your gardening journey with your fellow gardeners! We are all use extra tips!

The journey will end **June 6<sup>th</sup>**! At that time, you can bring your plant or flower into church to have our very own flower garden! Or, you can give your flower or plant to a friend and share the gift a life with them!

**LET'S GROW TOGETHER!**

*Submitted Kelly Collins,  
Membership Committee*

## Begins in the Garden

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground... then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed.... The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.” (Gen 2. 4b-5, 7-8, 15).

Life began in the dirt. The first home for humanity was in a garden.

The first job was gardener. Gardens connect people to the soil, to God and to each other. Gardens teach us that life does indeed come after death, that

amazing things come out of tiny packages, that miracles and mysteries exist, and that dirt is sacred.

Gardens help repair the earth. Plants clean the air, attract birds and insects that support pollination, replenish the soil as compost, and provide healthy food. Through community gardens, Disciples’ churches are growing food on reclaimed ground (asphalt, vacant lots and lawns). First Christian Church in Berryville, Arkansas created a beautiful garden on a gravel plot.

Through gardens, congregations are planting justice in their communities. South Street Christian Church in Springfield, Missouri provides fresh fruits, vegetables, and herbs to the local food pantry. North Christian Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana held a weekly “reading in the garden” program where neighborhood kids came to hear stories while surrounded by vegetables and flow-

ers. The VBS participants at Providence Christian Church in Nicholasville, Kentucky harvested vegetables for the food pantry from their garden to help answer, “Who is my neighbor?” from the Good Samaritan parable.

Every child of God has a right to good food. However, most families do not have space for a garden. Churches have the opportunity to provide space for community gardens and good food for God’s people. Wholeness for our fragmented world can begin in the garden.

*Submitted, [www.disciples.org](http://www.disciples.org)*



## Diaper Drive Success Story



About 6 years ago, our church embraced a novel idea of trying a Diaper Drive for donations of adult as well as infant diapers. We learned that Medicare does not cover the cost of adult incontinence pads and the expense can be a big problem for the most needy. We also learned that baby diapers are increasing in

cost and many disadvantaged families struggle with this. We our first collection brought in around 450 diapers and that was great. In March of 2020, we hit a high mark of 2,000 donated diapers. These are delivered to a storage warehouse in Chesapeake, (Diaper Bank) where they are distributed to various sites. This week March 31, we are con-

cluding our Diaper Drive and as of this writing we, have over 1,800 diapers collected in our Narthex. (Infant and adult). These will be delivered to the drop off site on Thursday. Many, many thanks to ALL who have contributed to this special outreach project. Many will benefit from your kindness and giving hearts.

*Gina Artz, CWF*

## Christian Women's Fellowship Welcomes You

We do miss being together in person in each other's homes, but we hope to have an in-person gathering in May if the conditions are safe enough to do this. We have remained connected through phone calls, texts and seeing each other on most Sundays. Also, many of us learned how to meet on ZOOM and share our scriptures and discussion. We always have room for any of you to join our group for Bible Study, for service projects or just to be with Sisters in Christ.

Each month we meet together at 7:30 pm the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of month for a study time and planning time for upcoming service projects. Upcoming plans include, helping with recognitions on Mother's Day and Father's Day and purchasing some treats, continuing to support the Drive Thru Food Pantry and to purchase a new ladder and Air Dehumidifier that is needed by our Property Dept. We just finished a Food drive for anything GREEN in March and we collected 52 cans of green veggies!

**Thanks to all of you!**

Also, in June, we will help sponsor the Tools For Hope fundraiser for Church World Service.

**Have a safe and healthy Spring!**

*please  
join us*

## Living Endowment Fund Income Expenditure Suggestions

Each year we receive interest money from our Living Endowment Fund. According to the Constitution under the Bylaws Section IV Standing Committees: "this money is to be used to expand the witness and mission of Jesus Christ in the world, serving human needs in our congregation, community and around the world..." Section IV, 4b I states that "The Living Endowment Committee Directors will invite the congregation to make written recommendations regarding expenditures of the fund's income for education/ministry projects or experiences, that are not ordinarily underwritten by the regular church operational budget." The fund has also reached an amount that according to the bylaws allows us to use up to 20% of the

money for support of the "regular church operational budget" and 5% of each year's income is reinvested in the fund to offset inflation.

This year we have available **\$7,425** and the committee would like for members of the congregation to make suggestions as to how they would like for the money to be used. The committee will evaluate the suggestions and submit a plan for use of the income to the Official Board at the JUNE Official Board meeting for their approval followed by disbursement by the treasurer. Please write your recommendation on the form below and return it to one of the members of the Living Endowment Committee: Andy Artz, Judy Harman, Jeremy Russell, Sandra Rhoads, or Jeffrey Massey by **April 18, 2021**.

**Please include the amount requested, the purpose of the request, and sign your name. Forms are located in the Narthex. We look forward to hearing your suggestions.**



**YOUR  
VOICE  
MATTERS.**

## Disciples of Christ Word Regarding Carbon Neutral by 2030

The 2017 General Assembly passed a resolution calling for the denomination to become Carbon Neutral by 2030. This requires a reduction of our energy consumption, using clean energy and supporting offsets. This is an opportunity to actively live our faith, support energy sovereignty, clean energy jobs and a thriving future for all God's people. "Environmental injustices, including climate change, have a disproportionate impact on communities of color and low income communities in the United States and around the world." NAACP Environment and Climate Justice. According, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, 61% of energy in the U.S. goes to waste.

These steps will save money and multiply resources for ministry.

**LED Lights:** Replace light bulbs with LED lights and cut lighting costs by 90%

**Insulate:** Windows, doors, water heaters, walls and ceilings.

Cut HVAC costs by 50% Programmable

**Thermostats:** Install, program, and experience savings.

**Water:** Install sink aerators & low-flow toilets, Stop using plastic water bottles

**Transportation:** Carpool and encourage active transportation (biking and walking).

**Reduce:** Print less and on both sides of paper, email newsletters, & recycle Reuse: Use real dishes and cloth napkins

**REFUSE:** Avoid single use plastics and paper products by saying no thank you, opting for reusables.

**REDUCE:** Downsize what you purchase, opting to be more mindful of what you really need.

**REUSE:** Always find a way to keep an item out of the landfill by keeping it in great condition, repairing or upcycling it when it breaks.

**ROT:** Set up a **compost system** for your food scraps, or find a food scrap drop off center (like a farmers market, or community garden) near your house.

**RECYCLE:** Properly recycle any plastic, paper, glass or metal that comes into your life you cannot refuse, reduce, or reuse by researching your state's recycling laws.

## A Season for Growing Seeds

Spring is the most important season for a farmer, for it determines what crops he will plant. Once decided, he prepares the soil thoroughly and plants the seed carefully, hoping that the seed buried deep in the soil will produce an abundant crop.

It is not by coincidence that Easter coincides with the beginning of spring, calling to mind the new life and growth, the hope and change that should characterize this time of prayer, penance and promise. This is the season of initiation into the resurrection power of Christ and invites us to experience a fresh start.

Just as Nature renews herself every spring, we are encouraged

to begin anew with our commitment to live our lives rooted in the revelation of God's promises for our life. We prepare for the renewal of our baptism and cleansing, we suffer with Christ for our sins, we are buried with Him so that we may also arise with Him to a new life of grace and glory.

The word Lent is derived from an Anglo-Saxon word *lenthen* or *lencten* meaning "spring." We are "to spring" into action, to do the tasks of the season, to prepare for the new growth and graces that overflow from Easter, the very threshold of his death and Resurrection.

Our Lord assured his followers that **"unless the grain of wheat falls to the earth and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat. But if it dies, it produces much fruit. The man who loves his life loses it, while the man who hates his life in this world preserves it to life eternal. If anyone would serve me, let him follow me; where I am, there will my servant be."** (Jn 12: 24-26)

God is the divine grower. Planting His love in the hearts of believers, joyfully dying to self in order to become that fruitful grain of wheat.

*Love in Christ,  
Pastor Will*

# April 2021

Sun

Mon

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Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

				1 Maundy Services 7pm	2 Good Friday Prayer Vigil Virtual & In Person 7am-7pm	3
4 Easter Service 11 am Sunrise Service 6:30 am Easter Offering	5 Board Meeting Via Zoom 7pm	6	7 Food Pantry 12-2pm	8	9	10
11	12	13 CWF Bible Study via Zoom 7:30 pm	14 Food Pantry 12-2pm	15	16	17
18 Earth Sunday	19 Elder's Meeting 7pm	20	21 OASIS Food Pantry 12-2pm	22 Earth Day	23	24
25	26	27	28 Food Pantry 12-2pm	29	30	



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## Family News & Prayer Requests

All who are dealing with the COVID 19 virus in our community and country and world. Pray for all our Health care providers and researchers who are striving to find a treatment for this pandemic.

- All our Church family Elderly Homebound.
- Our church family who are out of work or furloughed.
- Our most needy poor, disabled, homeless.

**Betty Lou Cummings**, had a severe fall and fracture her right leg requiring surgery performed on February 23, 2021. She is now home and recovery. Prayers for healing and recovery are requested.

**The Russell Family**, requests prayers for their brother and sister in law who are expecting twins and is hospitalized due to complications.

**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 follow up tests for lung cancer and needs prayers.**

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

**Alice Langston**, has serious kidney disease and needs prayers.

**Christine Hodgkiss and Family**, please pray for her and her family as they go through an extremely difficult time dealing with a family crisis.

**Clorissa Howard** (Food Pantry Donor) will have extensive surgery soon.

### Announcement!

Church family, if you wish to drive by and drop off your donations of food for our Food Pantry, Diapers for our Diaper Drive, and 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. Thank you all so much!



### Number of Families Served in March at Food Pantry

March 3: 53 Families

March 10: 52 Families

March 17: 54 Families

March 24: 61 Families

March 31: 46 Families

*Please come out and volunteer!*

**OPEN EVERY WEDNESDAY**  
from  
**12 to 2 pm**

### A Special Thank You!

Dear Park View Christian Church:

Thank you so much for the cakes and recognition of our special Birthdays. It means a lot to both of us to have such a wonderful Church Family!

*In Christian Love,  
Judy & Sid Harman*



## Vaccination Information

### Vaccination Pre-Registration

The Virginia Department of Health has launched a **statewide vaccine pre-registration system** at **Vaccinate.Virginia.Gov**. If you've already signed up using the Chesapeake Health Department's online contact tool, you do not have to sign up again. You can confirm your place in line by clicking "Check the List" at [vaccinate.virginia.gov](https://vaccinate.virginia.gov). If you need help, call the new Virginia COVID Information Center at 1-877-VAX-IN-VA (877-829-4682) 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week. People age 75 or older will be placed in an express lane to speak to a live agent.

### Vaccine Finder

Those who qualify for Phase 1b can now search for vaccine availability by visiting: [VaccineFinder.org](https://VaccineFinder.org).



**SIGN UP FOR YOUR FREE COVID-19 VACCINE**

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- GET INFORMATION. Learn how vaccines work, why they're safe, and how they can protect you.
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- GET VACCINATED. We will stay in touch, with regular updates. When it's your turn, we'll contact you to get scheduled.

Call 1-877-VAX-IN-VA  
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Service available in English and Spanish.  
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**VDH** VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## Earth Day & Disciple's Green Chalice Covenant

Established in 1970, Earth Day is celebrated on April 22 each year to show support for environmental protection. We at Park View encourage care for the earth!

Remember, when God created the first man and woman, He charged them to "be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth" Genesis 1:28.

In fact, man's first job was to care for the beautiful garden God had created. Genesis 2:15.

Since, both the earth and humans are God's creation, we should care for the world as a miraculous work of God's own hands. This care is known as stewardship, the act of being responsible for the care and cultivation of something. God did not create the world for us to neglect and abuse. He created it, in part, to be enjoyed, and, in order to enjoy creation, we must be good stewards of it. At Park View we are always looking for better ways to be better stewards, whether it's recycling, reusing, caring for our beautiful land, etc. There is even discussion with

the Local & Global Outreach Department to investigate what it would take to create a compost site! We welcome all and any suggestions!



As children of God and followers of Christ Jesus, we covenant to: Worship God with all creation and pray for the healing of the earth. Study the climate crisis and engage others in climate solutions. Repent and forgive for the harm we have inflicted on the earth that sustains life. Advocate for ecojustice public policies and witness by living sustainable lifestyles. Rest in God's good creation and invite others to delight in nature.



My Lord,

Please help me to always be diligent in the study of your Word in the Holy Bible. I often find myself clinging to the Scriptures that make me feel warm and fuzzy and avoiding the verses that convict or reprimand me. I tend to have favorites that my fingers go right to when in my heart I know you want to guide me and implement change in other areas. Allow your Holy Spirit to prevail and persuade me with your gentle loving way. Please take into account those less fortunate and those who have the evil, ugly root of unforgiveness ruling their lives. In Jesus name, I pray, AMEN.

**“But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.” Matthew 6:15**



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## Opportunity to Serve at Park View

**Elders:**

**4: Gina Artz & Janet S.**

**11: Carolyn Jones & Sid Harman**

**18: Bonnie Gifford & Andy Artz**

**25: Mike Tefft & Judy Harman**

**Volunteers Needed:**

**Food Pantry:**

**Every Wednesday**

**11am to 2pm**

**OASIS:**

**Wednesday, April 21, 2021**

## We are OPEN for Sunday Church Service!

We are committed to serving you and meeting your spiritual needs. If you are unable to attend in person service, we are available by phone, email, Facebook, and Zoom. Pastor Will has made arrangements for online Sunday sermons at **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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## Revised Common Lectionary Readings for April 2021

**4:** Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43, John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-6

**11:** Acts 4: 32-35, Psalm 133, 1 John 1:1-2:2, John 20:19-31

**18:** Acts 3:12-19, Psalm 4, 1 John 3:1-7, Luke 24:36b-48

**25:** Acts 4:5-12, Psalm 23, 1 John 3:16-24, John 10:11-18



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



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**WE'RE OPEN!!**

**Drive-Thru Food Pantry**

**Every Wednesday of the Month**

**NEW HOURS: 12-2 pm**

**All are Welcome!**

*Perishable & Non-Perishable Food Available*

*No Income Restriction*

*Please contact us if you require any additional assistance.*

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