



## Newsletter May 2021

We Are  
Officially Open for  
11 AM Church  
Service!

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### *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.*

*Love, Gina Artz*

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## “Be The New Church”

For the past thirteen months, many Disciples living across the United States and Canada have been struggling with social isolation. They’ve stayed away from their various places of worship to protect the health and safety of themselves and others. It has been hard. How have new church leaders responded? By launching communities of faith in creative and innovative ways. It’s looked like spreading the word about the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) through Door Dash food deliveries, meeting with folks every week on Zoom to discuss anxiety, and making sure that the spiritual needs of transitioning out of correctional facilities are met. From hos-

pital and prison chaplains to trivocational pastors, courageous new church leaders have answered the call to be the new church. To support them and their efforts to continue the new church movement, please contribute to the 2021 Pentecost Offering, collected in most congregations on Sundays, May 16 and May 23. Each year, half of the gifts made go to your own Region to support local new church development. The other half goes to New Church Ministry, which trains, equips, assists, and multiplies new church leaders. Through programs such as Leadership Academy, New Church Hacks, and Water the Plants, your gifts make a difference across the life of the Church. By participating in

this Special Day Offering, you ensure the viability, vitality and sustainability of unique new church plants in your area and in states, provinces, and territories far away. Please give generously. Let’s all be the new church, together. To access additional Pentecost Offering resources, including images, videos, and stories to share, you can visit: <http://disciplesmissionfund.org/special-offerings/pentecost>.



## Pentecost Offering May 16 & 23, 2021

The Pentecost Offering supports Disciples new church development. Planning, nurturing and sustaining new congregation is part of the Disciples’ vision.

This offering supports the specialized ministry of new church development through both regional and general programs. Gifts for this offering are divided equally between the region in which they’re given and the [New Church Ministry](#).

### How is the Pentecost offering used?

To help our new church movement continue to take root!

Each year, half of this offering stays in the local region or area where it’s collected to start and uphold new churches.

The other half is used across the United States and Canada by New Church Ministry to support the recruiting, assessing, training and coaching of new church leaders.

Our church planters remain committed to answering God’s call ... to

serve their neighbors, spread the gospel, and make more Disciples.

But they need the nurturing and generous support of people like you. Please help our new church movement continue to take root, bear fruit ... and grow more Disciples every day!

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## Plant your seed, grow your garden, and fulfill your purpose

Plants are amazing! They symbolize life and showcase the beauty of God. Plants represent a new beginning after a cold winter and new life after a period of slumber. Plants represent hope, love, commitment, and a promise of new opportunities. Just as plants can be a representation of all these things, so too can the seed God has planted in YOU!

In the beginning, God created the world. The land you walk upon, the sun you get warmth from, and the water you get life from. He made this land for you and me. When He created the world, he made plants, flowers and trees so we may grow and have life. Just as He planted the seeds in the soil in the land you stand on, He provided a container...your spirit... the seed...your relationship with

Him...and the tools you need to nurture the seed within You. During this time of new life and growth, look to the flowers that bloom with majestic and vibrant colors as a representation that God is growing something beautiful within you. He is growing a divine relationship...an everlasting opportunity for fulfillment and love...a promise of eternal life.



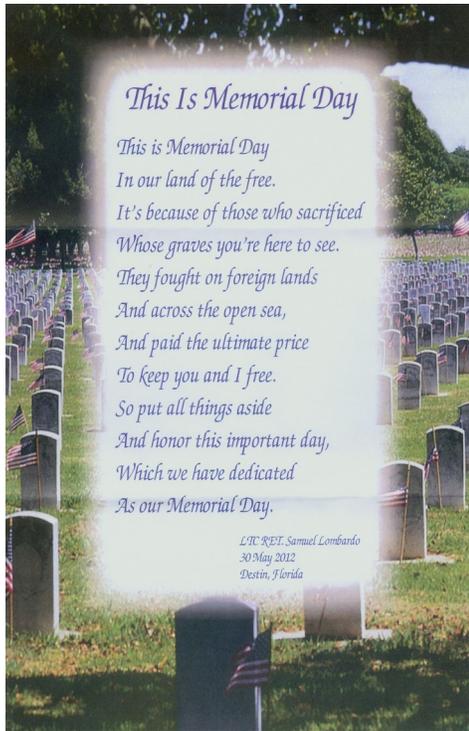
### Spring Has Sprung...and we are continuing to GROW!

Throughout the month of April, we provided seed flower kits! We still have some kits if you did not get a chance to pick one up! 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!

Love in Christ,  
Kelly Collins,  
Membership Committee





**“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**



## HONORING OUR FALLEN HEROS

"These heroes are dead. They died for liberty - they died for us. They are at rest. They sleep in the land they made free, under the flag they rendered stainless, under the solemn pines, the sad hemlocks, the tearful willows, and the embracing vines. They sleep beneath the shadows of the clouds, careless alike of sunshine or of storm, each in the windowless Place of Rest. Earth may run red with other wars - they are at peace. In the midst of battle, in the roar of conflict, they found the serenity of death. I have one sentiment for soldiers living and dead: cheers for the living; tears for the dead."

~Robert G. Ingersoll

"There is no question what the roll of honor in America is. The roll of honor consists of the names of men who have squared their conduct by ideals of duty." - Woodrow T. Wilson



No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave."  
- Calvin Coolidge

The things we do outlast our mortality. The things we do are like monuments that people build to honor heroes after they've died. They're like the pyramids that the Egyptians built to honor the pharaohs. Only instead of being made of stone, they're made out of the memories people have of you." — R.J. Palacio

"Honor is simply the morality of superior men." – Henry Louis Mencken

## Special Events in May!



### CHILDREN'S SUMMER BOOK DRIVE

**WE NEED:**

- All School Aged Gently Loved or New Children's Books
- Learning Items such as
  - \*Puzzles
  - \*Work Books
  - \*STEM Items
  - \*Science Projects

During the month of May, Park View has partnered with Growing Seeds to help collect Children's books and learning items for a **FREE GIVEAWAY** on June 8, 2021 from 12 pm to 1 pm in our parking lot! Each child will choose 5 books and a learning item. They will be given a reading log to turn in for a special prize during our Back to School Supplies giveaway in August!

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Park View's  
Yard Work  
Fun Day!

### SPRING YARD CLEANING

Every Saturday in May  
from 9 am to 1 pm

**Let's Beautify Our Wonderful Yard**

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IT'S A  
**BOY**

Please join us for a  
**Baby Shower**

honoring  
**Pastor Will & Kelly  
Collins**

PARK VIEW CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
IN OUR PARKING LOT

May 15, 2021 / AT 1:00 PM

PARENTS-TO-BE ARE REGISTERED AT TARGET & AMAZON

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# HAPPY Mother's Day

SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2021

Please Join Us for a Special  
Recognition of our Mothers During &  
After Church Service

# May 2021

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

						1 Yard Work Fun Day
2	3 Pastor's Cabinet Zoom Meeting 7 pm	4	5 Food Pantry 12 pm-2 pm	6	7	8 Yard Work Fun Day 9 am-1pm
9 Mother's Day Special Recognition After Service	10 Elder's Zoom Meeting 7 pm	11 CWF Bible Study 7:30 pm	12 Food Pantry 12 pm-2 pm	13	14	15 Yard Work Fun Day 9 am-1pm Kelly Collins Drive Thru Baby Shower 1 pm-3 pm
16 Mental Health Sunday Pentecost	17	18	19 OASIS Food Pantry 12 pm-2 pm	20	21	22 Yard Work Fun Day 9 am-1pm
23 Pentecost Special Offering	24	25	26 Food Pantry 12 pm-2 pm	27	28	29 Yard Work Fun Day 9 am-1pm
30 Memorial Day Remembrance Service	31 Memorial Day					



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**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.

**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** appreciates prayers for cancer.

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

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

**Sonny, Shirley Byrd's brother**, is on hospice for cancer. Prayers appreciated for a peaceful journey Home.

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

**Sherry Meyer's mother** needs prayers for serious dementia and other chronic illnesses

**Ida Quiros** is recovering at home following a traumatic fall, which resulted in injury and needing cranial surgery.

**Robin Harris**, who has moved to Oregon, requests prayers for her sister and family who have COVID-19, especially her great-nephew who is critical.

**Karen Baggot** would appreciate prayers for her family for the untimely passing of her nephew.

**May is Mental Health Awareness Month:**  
**Millions of people are affected by mental illness each year.**

1 in 5 U.S adults experience Mental illness

1 in 4 married couples are affected by mental illness

**17% of youth (6-17 years) experience a**

**17% of youth (6-17 years) experience a mental health disorder**

**Source: National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI)**

## Number of Families Served in April at Food Pantry

**April 7: 55 Families**

**April 14: 56 Families**

**April 21: 60 Families**

**April 28: 55 Families**

**Please come out and volunteer!**

**OPEN EVERY WEDNESDAY**

**from**

**12 pm to 2 pm**

## What the Bible Says About Mothers

### Children imitate the strength and the example of a godly mother.

Proverbs 31:26-27 “She opens her mouth with wisdom, and loving instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness.”

Song of Solomon 8:2 “I would lead you and bring you to my mother’s house she who has taught me. I would give you spiced wine to drink, the nectar of my pomegranates.”

Proverbs 1:8-9 “Listen, my son, to your father’s instruction, and don’t reject your mother’s teaching, for they will be a garland of grace on your head and a gold chain around your neck.”

Proverbs 22:6 “Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.”

### You are such a blessing to your mom.

Genesis 21:1-3 “Then the Lord took note of Sarah as He had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as He had promised. So, Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the appointed time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore to him, Isaac.”

1 Samuel 1:26-28 “Please, my lord,” she said, “as sure as you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you praying to the Lord. I prayed for this boy, and since the Lord gave me what I asked Him for, I now give the boy to the Lord. For as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.” Then he bowed in worship to the Lord there.”

### Women have an important role that will change the whole world.

Satan is trying to fight against the ways of the Lord. There is a relationship between a mother and a child that is unlike any other that no man will ever know.

1 Timothy 2:15 “But women will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith, love and holiness with propriety.”

Proverbs 31:28 “Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.”

Titus 2:3-5 “The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.”

### The same way a mother will take care of her child, God will take care of you.

Isaiah 49:15 “Can a woman forget her nursing child and have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, but I will not forget you.”

Isaiah 66:13 “As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem.”

### Mothers are not perfect.

1 Peter 4:8 “Above all, maintain an intense love for each other, since love covers a multitude of sins.”

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 “Love is patient, love is kind. Love does not envy, is not boastful, is not conceited, does not act improperly, is not selfish, is not provoked, and does not keep a record of wrongs. Love finds no joy in unrighteousness but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.”

### Your faith in Christ will be great.

2 Timothy 1:5 “I remember your genuine faith, for you share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice. And I know that same faith continues strong in you.”

### You are a great blessing to your mom.

Luke 1:46-48 “And Mary said My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior, because He has looked with favor on the humble condition of His slave. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed.”

*Mothers  
hold their  
children’s hands  
for a while,  
but their hearts  
forever.*



## Hail and Farewell to the Russell Family



It is always tough to say good-bye when a part of our church family moves away for various reasons. We are a family in many ways such as how we stay connected and have regular communications. We also grow to enjoy each other and have fun together- that is being family! Also, there are times of stress, such as illness and loss and there are times of joys such as a marriage or birth of a new baby and that's when we come together to care, to assist, and just to love each other. Yes, that's how a church family bonds and grows,

A little more than 4 years ago, Jeremy and Tamara Russell came to our church. They also had this precious redheaded little girl named Amelia. They won our hearts as soon as we met. They quickly got involved with church activities and often volunteered for

various projects. Tamara has helped with Children's church, with Vacation Bible School, and always assisted with our Brunswick Stew preparations, and they both have served as Diaconate. Jeremy has done numerous jobs around the church ranging from cleaning the drains on the rooftop to lawn care. Jeremy has organized groups of Navy sailors to come to our church and do projects such as power washing and staining the swingset for the playground. They have also worked on mowing, parking lot cleaning, raking up debris in the park and trimming bushes. It has truly been amazing to meet these young active duty military and see them volunteer in this special way. Thanks to Jeremy's leadership- much has been accomplished.

On May 23rd after church, we will have a special send-off for the Russell family as they prepare to move to the next duty station in Orlando, Florida. They will be leaving by June 1, 2021. Plan to stay after church for a special reception to honor Jeremy and his Navy career and his next move. We will also take time to thank Tamara for all she has done and their wonderful children. They will be greatly missed when they move but our love and friendship will extend over the miles and we will stay in touch. They will always be a part of our Church Family! We wish the best for the Russell family. May God Bless and Keep You Safe and come back to see us anytime!

Gina Artz, Elder Chair

## Christian Women's Fellowship News



Each month we meet together at 7:30 pm the 2nd Tuesday of month for a Bible 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. On May 15th from 1-3 pm, we will host a Baby Shower for Kelly Colins. This will be outside, if weather permits, or inside if rainy.

Kelly is expecting a boy and we will get some lists of needed items soon. Please plan to attend and have fun as we await the arrival of this precious baby. Also in June, we will help sponsor the Tools For Hope fundraiser for Church World Service.

Listen to this! We will be hosting an Outdoor Yard sale in June! Please save your good items that

you were thinking of disposing and plan to bring them up to church so we can try to offer this for the community and raise some money that will be used for mission projects.

Have a safe and healthy Spring.  
Gina Artz, CWF Leader

Father,

Help me to reflect your forgiving and compassionate nature. Let the love you have taught me to guide the way I treat others. Allow peace to rule my heart and mind in the decisions I will make today. Lord, please wrap your teachings in my Bible around my mind so I can relate them in such a way that will let others know you too. Thank you for the opportunities where you let me represent you in the world each day. Please continue to let your light shine through me in Jesus name I pray. AMEN.

*“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and clearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.” Colossians 3:12*



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## Revised Common Lectionary Readings for May 2021

**2: Acts 8:26-40, Psalm 22:25-31, I John 4:7-21, John 15:1-8**

**9: Acts 10:44-48, Psalm 98, I John 5:1-6, John 15:9-17**

**16: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26, Psalm 1, I John 5:9-13, John 17:6-19**

**23: Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, Romans 8:20-27 or Acts 2:1-21, John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15**

**30: Isaiah 6:1-8, Psalm 29, Romans 8:12-17, John 3:1-17**

## Opportunity to Serve at Park View

**Elders:**

**2: Gina Artz & Bonnie Gifford**

**9: Sid Harman & Judy Harman**

**16: Mike Tefft & Carolyn Jones**

**23: Andy Artz & Eleanor Collins**

**30: Bonnie Gifford & Janet S.**

**Volunteers Needed:**

**Food Pantry:**

**Every Wednesday**

**12 pm to 2pm**

**OASIS:**

**May 19, 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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A special shout out celebratory birthday to Betty Lou Cummings who turned 83 years young on May 1! Happiest of birthdays Betty Lou!

**1: Betty Lou Cummings**

**Brielle Carpenter**

**2: Denise Richardson**

**3: Brian Easton**

**5: Kim Charlton**



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**WE'RE OPEN!!**

**Drive-Thru Food Pantry**

**Every Wednesday of the Month**

**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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