



# Newsletter April/May 2024

## *TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY.....*

As you all know, we have just given our Pastor Will Collins an Appreciation and Best Wishes dinner as we acknowledged how much how we would miss him and his family . Much has been accomplished during the past 5 years with Pastor Will as our minister and we are now positioned to move forward with even more initiatives. We have to focus on the positive and the opportunity to grow even more in our mission to spread the Word of God and the Love of Christ throughout the community and the world.

We have to be ready to work together to provide a welcoming, safe, beautiful and inspirational place for worship and Christian fellowship. We have to be ready to open our doors even wider to the ALL! We do believe that ALL are invited to the Lord's Table. We will be having very good Supply Ministers serve in our pulpit in the coming months and we must support them and welcome them. Our opportunities to volunteer are many ! Ranging from helping with Children's Church, to mowing the lawn, to cleaning up after Food Pantry, there are lots of needs, just see any of the Department leaders and jump in to help!!

We must strive to be in prayer as our 'Search and Call Team' work on securing our next permanent minister. This will be a systematic effort , advised by our Regional Minister Rev. Bill Spangler-Dunning. The members of this team are- Mike Tefft, Kim Charlton, Charlie Arnold, and Gina Artz. We ask you all to feel free to talk to us about what YOU would like in your next Pastor for ParkView Chistian Church, Disciples of Christ .

***“ May the God of Hope , fill you all with joy and peace.” Romans 15:13***

***“Trust in the Lord with all your heart” Proverbs 3:5***

In Christ,

Gina Artz

## 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.

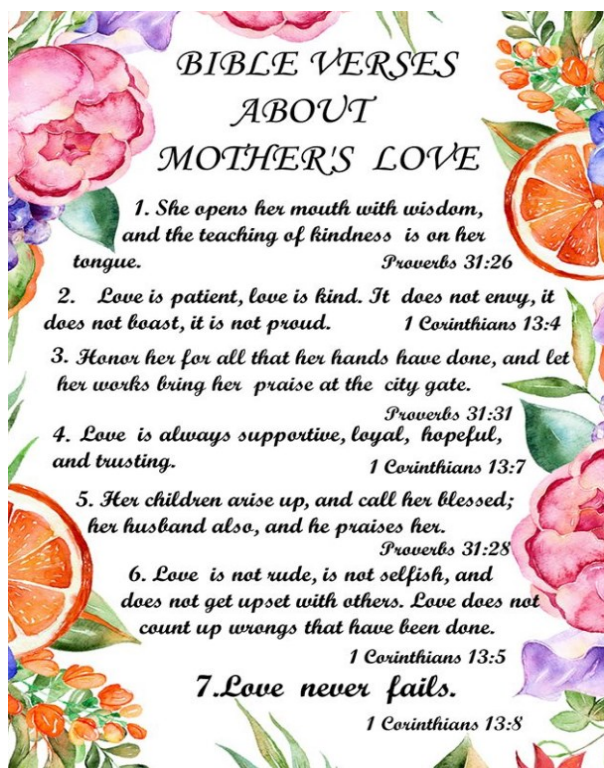
This year we have available **\$6,307.18** and the committee would like for members of the congregation to make suggestions as to how they would like for the money to be used. The committee will evaluate the suggestions and submit a plan for use of the income to the Official Board at the JUNE Official Board meeting for their approval followed by disbursement by the treasurer. Please contact one of the members of the LEF committee or write your recommendation on the form found in the Narthex and return it to one of the members of the Living Endowment Committee. by **May 5, 2024**.

The Living Endowment Committee Members are:

Andy Artz  
Judy Harman  
Charlie Arnold  
Mark Williams



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.



### It is a Memorial

Soon our country will observe Memorial Day, the annual observance in which we honor and remember those who died serving in our military. Memorials have appeared in the bible narrative as early as in the story of Jacob's dream of the ladder to heaven and setting up the pillar at Bethel. (Genesis 28:18-19) Today, Christians observe the memorial of the Lord's Supper, instituted by Jesus Himself. (Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:17-20)

Here is a short quiz to help us better understand communion, and to serve and remember the Lord in a deeper way.

1. Jesus had gathered with His apostles to eat the \_\_\_\_\_ meal. (Luke 22:14-15)
2. What type of bread was eaten when Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper? \_\_\_\_\_ (Exodus 12:15)
3. We use grape juice for the Supper because it is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_. (Matt. 26:26-29)
4. Jesus said, "Do this in \_\_\_\_\_ of Me." (1 Cor. 11:24)
5. We observe the Supper on Sunday because it is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the week. (Acts 20:7)
6. The Lord's Supper is a time of \_\_\_\_\_ examination. (1 Cor. 11:28) 7. The Lord's Supper is to be observed until Christ \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Cor. 11:26)

**YOU DON'T  
WANT TO MISS  
THIS!**

On May 12, 2024, we will have our Va. State Regional Minister with us! Rev. Bill Spangler-Dunning will be leading our Worship in a special format, that is different! We will meet in the Fellowship Hall and have all the components of our traditional Sunday worship, PLUS some time for some dialogue and soul searching. He will lead us through some of what to expect during this time of transition. Rev. Bill will strive to inspire us and build communication in a Christ-centered way.

We will want to all be there and support him as the leader of the State of Virginia Region.

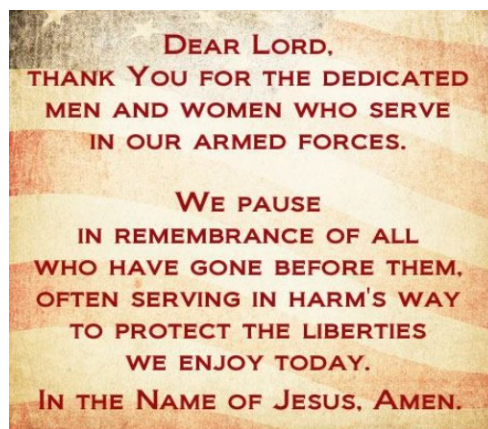
Following worship we will have a light lunch and time to talk. Yes, this is Mother's Day also and our Mother's will be recognized and special Roses given out in their honor. Please plan to come and bring a treat to share for our light luncheon. Also, please pray for this special event as it is the FIRST time our Regional Minister has filled our pulpit at Park View Christian Church!

Have a blessed Spring and Stay Happy and Healthy.

Gina Artz and All Elders

**Memorial Day is not just about sales and a three day work weekend. Many traditions have been lost over the years that neglect to remind us of this truly important day of Remembrance. Established in 1868, Memorial Day serves as a day to remember those that died while serving our nation.**

**The official moment of remembrance is at 3:00pm, where all Americans are intended to reflect upon the sacrifices and true purpose of this day.**



DEAR LORD,  
THANK YOU FOR THE DEDICATED  
MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVE  
IN OUR ARMED FORCES.

WE PAUSE  
IN REMEMBRANCE OF ALL  
WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE THEM,  
OFTEN SERVING IN HARM'S WAY  
TO PROTECT THE LIBERTIES  
WE ENJOY TODAY.  
IN THE NAME OF JESUS, AMEN.



**Rev. William Collins, Sr.** - is at Sentara Leigh Hospital following a possible stroke. Please pray for him and the family!

**Chung Anderson**—is at home recovering from an eye surgery. Prayers are needed!

**Garland Gifford**— has returned to Norfolk Rehab. Please pray for him as well as **Bonnie Gifford** as she continues to take care of him during this challenging time. Cards, calls and prayers appreciated.

**Joselyn Spence**—Please keep her in your prayers as she is working on her DOC ordination completion, she is hoping to be done in May!

**Julie Mendoza**—is recovering at home after her surgery Please pray continued healing. Cards, calls and prayers appreciated.

**Ed Sparrow**—has moved to an assisted living facility closer to his family. His new address is: Somerset Court of Goldsboro, Room 222, 603 Lockhaven Ct., Goldsboro, NC 27534. Prayers and cards are welcome.

**Tony Brown**— dealing with emotional issues following a serious car accident at work.

**Warren Brennan**— has had complications following a total knee surgery recently, and needs prayers, calls, and cards.

**Betty Lou Cummings** - is dealing with weakness and mobility issues. Prayers, cards and calls are needed!

**Alice Langston** is homebound, as she battles mobility issues. She is doing well but calls, cards, and prayers are appreciated.

**Allen Powell** appreciates your prayers as he is undergoing Proton Therapy treatment for cancer. Cards, calls and prayers appreciated.

**Judy Harman**— is progressing after her hip surgery, but is having some more issues with pain. Cards, calls and prayers appreciated. .

**Terry Hill**—Having follow up care for neurological issues . Prayers, cards and prayers needed.

**Janice Cubberley**-has been diagnosed with serious kidney failure and is now on dialysis. Cards and calls are appreciated.

**Pentecost is a Christian holiday that celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ after his resurrection and ascension. It is also called Whitsunday or Whit Sunday. It occurs on the 50th day after Easter Sunday, which means this year it is on May 19th.**

**Pentecost is considered the birthday of the Christian church, as it marks the beginning of its mission to the world. It is also associated with the Jewish festival of Shavuot, which commemorates the giving of the Law to Moses on Mount Sinai.**

**Pentecost is a major festival in many Christian denominations, and it is celebrated with special liturgies, prayers, hymns, and symbols. Some traditions also include baptism, confirmation, ordination, or other rites on this day. The color red is often used to represent the fire of the Holy Spirit.**





# CWF NEWS

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Our Christian Women's Fellowship group is as active as possible even with our lower number of members at the present time. We meet at the church on the second Tuesday at 7pm for a Bible Study, fellowship, discussion and planning for service projects and mission work.

In March we sponsored a Blanket Drive and raised \$450.00 to send for outreach! We also sponsored the Diaper Drive also held in March where 1,076 diapers were collected. *A special thank you to Mike Tefft for delivering these to the distribution warehouse!!!* On April 5th, we held our annual Spring Brunswick Sale—we sold out before the last batch was completed! We prepared over 320 quarts and will provide the final tallies soon. On April 13th we held a Women's Workshop -"Time Out with Joselyn Spence". We had participants from other churches, the TOPS organization and of course PVCC members. It was not only educational but empowering and wonderful feeling of community filled the air.

We will be assisting with the Mother's Day reception on May 12th and are planning summer projects. We are hoping to sponsor a big yard sale (possibly June 4th) to raise money for the church and its missions.

We encourage all women to join us for our monthly Bible Study, fellowship, fun, and service projects!



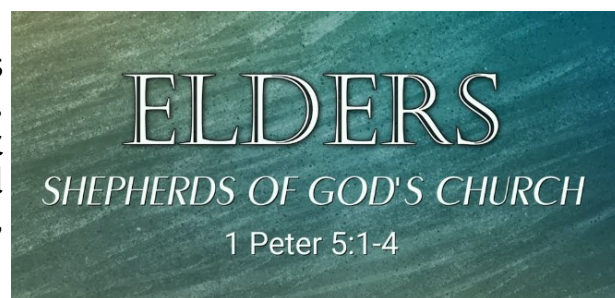
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## Mother's Day

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 CHILDREN  
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 FAMILY  
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 GIVING  
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Our Elders continue to reach out in many ways to our church family in times of need and stress. We will be striving to continue serving our flock and the will of God leads. Each month we will have a meeting and discuss prayer concerns, visits and what we can do to help those in need.



A big accomplishment of our department was the 74th presentation the The Last Supper on Maundy Thursday on March 28th. We had a large number to attend and very positive feedback from the church family. A special that you to all who helped make this possible!

The Elders are helped plan and do verbal recongnitions to honor Pastor Will and his family on March 24th. We were all heavy hearted as we prepared to bid fatewell to our minister as he transitions to his next role within the denomination. Pastor Will is still working on completing his requirements for Ordination in the Disciples of Christ. He told us that his ordination service could be help here at Park View since this was his first Pulpit Ministry—what an honor that will be! We will miss him and the family very much, but will keep them in and hearts and prayers and wish him well in his future.

Our next meeting will be help on April 15th at 7pm. We will be discussing how we can support Joselyn Spence as she strives to complete her Ordination requirements with the Disciples of Christ, as she is now under our care.

We have come a long way this year. We still have much ahead of us to accomplish and trust we will be successful because we know GOD IS WITH US!

Mike Tefft , Gina Artz, and all the Elders of PVCC

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## PARK VIEW CHRISTIAN DRIVE THRU PANTRY



March 6, 2024	122 families served
March 13, 2024	138 families served
March 20, 2024	140 families served

# APRIL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 10-2 Food Pantry	4 Brunswick Stew prep	5 Brunswick Stew Cook and Sale	6
7	8 7pm Board Meeting	9 7pm CWF Bilbe Study	10 10-2 Food Pantry	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 10-2 Food Pantry	18	19	20 CWU State Assembly
21	22 Earth Day  7pm Elders Meeting	23	24 10-2 Food Pantry	25	26	27 10a-12p Church Workday  District 8 Christian Men's Fellowship meeting Chalice Christian 8am-10am
28	29	30				



# MAY

Sun

Mon


Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

 <p><b>MENTAL HEALTH</b> AWARENESS MONTH</p>			1	2	3	4
			10-2 Food Pantry		5-7pm CWU May Friendship Day @ First Baptist	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	7pm Pastor's Cabinet		10-2 Food Pantry			Church Yard work day 10am-2pm
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Mother's Day reception  Love and Loads Café Worship with Rev. Spangler- Dunning		7pm CWF Bilbe Study	10-2 Food Pantry			Church Yard work day 10am-2pm
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Pentacost Mental Health Sunday	7pm Elders Meeting		10-2 Food Pantry			
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Patriotic recognition						





**Revised Common  
Lectionary Readings for  
April /May 2024**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter - 4/21**

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

**Fifth Sunday of Easter - 4/28**

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

**Sixth Sunday of Easter - 5/5**

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

**Ascension of the Lord—5/9**

Acts 1:1-11  
Psalm 47 or Psalm 93  
Ephesians 1:15-23  
Luke 24:44-53

**Seventh Sunday of Easter - 5/12**

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

**Day of Pentecost - 5/19**

Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21  
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

**Trinity Sunday - 5/26**

Isaiah 6:1-8 and Psalm 29  
Romans 8:12-17  
John 3:1-17

**Visit of Mary to Elizabeth -5/31**

1 Samuel 2:1-10 and Psalm 113  
Romans 12:9-16b  
Luke 1:39-57

**Elder Schedule:**

**April 21**

Bonnie Gifford and Judy Harman

**April 28**

Janet Sydenstricker and Gina Artz

**May 5**

Sid Harman and Bonnie Gifford

**May 12**

Mike Tefft and Judy Harman

**May 19**

Gina Artz and Carolyn Jones

**May 26**

Andy Artz and Sid Harman

**Volunteers  
Needed:**

**FOOD PANTRY**

**Every Wednesday 9 am - 3 pm**

**CHURCH CLEANING**

**April 27th 10am-12pm**

**Inside Cleaning**

**May 11th 10am-2pm**

**Yard Cleaning**

**Other times available!**

**See Andy or Gina for details**



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**April**

24 Jennifer Mowery

27 Ozzie Artz

28 Kyle Dominguez

**May**

1 Betty Lou Cummings

1 Brielle Carpenter

4 Brian Easton

5 Kim Charlton

7 Anaelle Eva Francois

16 Liz Artz

18 Chin Anderson

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**Drive-Thru Food Pantry**  
**Every Wednesday of the Month**  
**HOURS: 12-2 pm**  
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