

Parkman Congregational Church



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9:00AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
10:00AM - FELLOWSHIP TIME
10:30AM - WORSHIP SERVICE

WILL COLEY, PASTOR

Happy New Year Parkman

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and are having a Happy New Year.

The Christmas season is a joyously stressful time of year. Families are traveling around meeting up with one another, presents are bought and given, and we hopefully spend some time remembering the reason for the season. Christ came to earth to the millennia old promise from God to Abraham, that through your descendants all nations will be blessed.

Christ fulfilled this, and is using His followers to continue to be a blessing to all the nations. The problem is that sometimes His followers fall into times of sorrow. Sorrow that can't be explained sometimes, at others times it is easy to understand why the sorrow is there. Either way, during these times it often feels like God is not present.

People ask several questions during these times. Does God care about His creation? Is there really a God, if I am going through this much pain? Would God allow for His creation to harm one another? These questions and more can be troublesome, but there is hope. The hope is that throughout the scriptures we see God's people feeling the same way, but we also see how God intervenes.

But not just intervenes, we see how God is always with us, even when we aren't fully paying attention to Him, or even when we think He isn't there. That's the blessing of the birth of Christ. He came into a world that was too busy and too overwhelmed to notice His coming. He came into a family that was chaotic because of a worldwide census. It was in the midst of this chaos when no one was expecting Him to come, when no one really wanted Him to come, that Christ came to earth.

And he is continuing to work in the same manner. He is continuing to open people's eyes to who He really is, and it is often during our times of struggle that we realize how much we need Him. It is also during this time we realize what it really takes to have a true relationship with Him. He comes to us in the chaos and shows us what that really looks like.

I am not sure where you're at currently. I hope everyone is having a great beginning to the New Year. But for those who are struggling, know that we are praying for you. Know that we are here if you ever need to talk. But more importantly, know that God cares and is there for you. Even when you feel like there is no one there, or worse, that God doesn't care, He is still there.

King David said, "Why, O Lord, do you stand far away? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?" But at the same time he recognized God's sovereignty.

"The Lord is king forever and ever; the nations perish from his land. O Lord, you hear the desire of the afflicted; you will strengthen their heart; you will incline your ear to do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed, so that man who is of the earth may strike terror no more."

Found in Psalm 10

Happy New Year and God Bless
Pastor Will

Administrative Council Meeting Clerk's Report

The Administrative Council met on December 22, 2015 in the old sanctuary with the following present: Pastor Will Coley, Dave Smith, Dennis and Lily Coz, Tom and Jan Gotham, Laurie Hauser, Kathy Imhof, Denise Villers, Jim Toth, Frank Bosak, Andrew Juchnowski, and Diane Beeman

Dennis Coz called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm; Pastor Will opened with prayer. Minutes from the November 24, 2015 meeting were read, corrected, and approved.

Treasurer's report- Dave Smith reported a beginning checking balance of \$4,259.57 as of October 31, 2015 after receipts of \$17,635.73 and checks and transfers in the amount of \$16,273.32 leaving a balance of \$5,621.98 as of November 30, 2015. The savings account had a beginning balance of \$21,394.16 after a transfer in the amount of \$5,731.02 leaving a balance of \$27,125.18 as of November 30, 2015.

Elders - Jim Toth reported putting together 'Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage' study for February; year-end review of church ministries, elders, and Pastor Will; discussed verbiage of proposed change to constitution.

Trustees - Dave Smith reported the trustees met Dec 1; all filters have been replaced in furnaces; replaced sub pump in elevator shaft; Kevin Phile getting quotes for new south doors; gas line put in for stove in parsonage; salt was purchased; floors downstairs were buffed

Outreach - no report

Worship - Frank reported we are ready for Christmas! Pastor Will to do the candle lighting from the front pass to Scott Villers and Jim Toth. At conclusion, Pastor Will to give benediction from south exit so he can greet everyone. Sign-up sheet for 2016 ushers on bulletin board.

Christian Fellowship - Denise Villers reported the church has been decorated; adult Christmas party at home of Scott and Denise Villers December 12 with 53 in attendance - good food, good fun. Date not yet set for un-decorating. No social events planned for January yet.

Women's Fellowship - Denise Villers reported centerpieces were fun to do; still one large pumpkin roll left in freezer; adjustment in officers - Mary Mitchell moved from VP to Pres, Gail to VP, Judy continues as secretary, Lily Coz continues as treasurer, Kathy Imhof continues as sunshine chair; dinner for Village Peacemakers - nice meal, enjoyed facilities, profited over \$300; Next meeting Jan 11 will be work night in kitchen beginning approximately 6:00 pm. Trustees to possibly make joint effort.

Pastor's Report - Pastor Will reported Christmas Eve service prepared; meeting with Rosie and elders regarding where we think God is leading the church in the upcoming year; addendum to constitution adding 10% of offering to missions; possibly adding addendum to add missions board back on; tentative calendar for 2016 by mid-January; Pastor Will plans to leave for vacation immediately following Christmas Eve service for two weeks; Laurie, Scott and Jim has contact information for extreme emergency. Pastor Will re-emphasized committees meeting first two weeks of month.

Deacons - no report

Ministry Placement - Pastor Will and Rosie working on teams with minimum of 3 or 4 people per ministry rather than any one person doing it themselves.

Discipleship - Pastor Will and Gail discussing classes for coming year, 6 months of classes already set up. Gail getting people to moderate classes. Planning on new team for Christian Ed.

New Business - Need to make sure to get items to Laurie for January newsletter and annual report in timely manner.

Dennis Coz adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm and Pastor Will closed in prayer

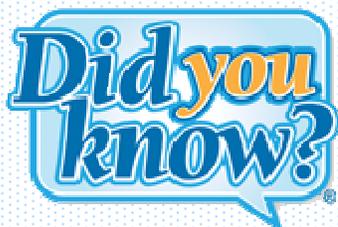
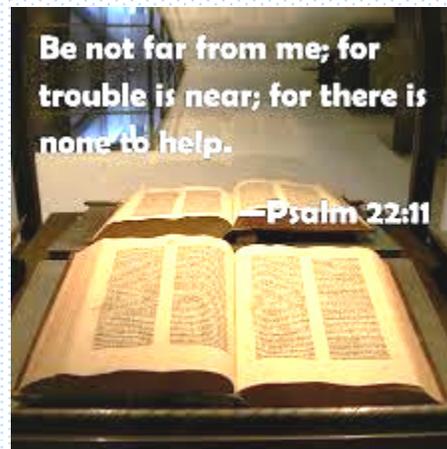
Respectfully submitted,
Diane Beeman, Clerk

Crying out to the Lord



- 1/10 – Psalm 10 - “I know You are there.”
- 1/17 – Psalm 13 - “Look at me God.”
- 1/24 – Psalm 142-“I know my rest is in You.”
- 1/31 – Psalm 23 - “Trouble is all around Me.”
- 2/7 – Psalm 51 - “I fall before You.”

January Memory Verse



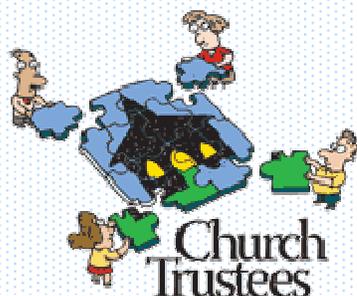
The Psalms are divided into two major types, Laments and Praise. Within these two categories are subdivisions.

Laments is divided between Communal Laments and Individual Laments. Praise is divided between hymns of praise, wisdom psalms, royal psalms, and psalms of deliverance.

People even argue for dividing them differently. And while it is fun to read what people’s views are on them, the more intriguing part of the Psalms is that it shows people having an honest relationship with the Lord.

The Psalms are good to read because they show us we can have an honest relationship with the Lord, we can call out to Him with praise, which He deserves at all times. But we can also cry out to God asking the why questions.

Psalms is a beautiful book because it is relational. It is almost a personal journal of some amazing prayer warriors. The body of believers should study them more because they are uplifting.



The Trustees have completed work on the elevator. Dave purchased and installed new furnace filters. The social hall floors were recently buffed. The men's downstairs bathroom needed some repair, and new doors for the south entrance were ordered.

Praise God for the nice weather, even though the salt is ready at all the doors. Fred replaced some bulbs that were out. The new stove for the parsonage was delivered and hooked up.

Thank you to all for your service to Parkman Church and to our Lord.



Women's Fellowship will not have a meeting for the month of January. Instead we take this time to clean and reorganize the kitchen. We can use all the help we can get, so if you would like to give us a hand and help out come to the church kitchen January 11th 2016 at 7:00 PM and we will put you to work. If you have any questions please see Mary Mitchell, Gail Duchseherer, Lilly Coz or Judee Lombardo. Thanks to all the ones that helped out in many ways in 2015.

Submitted by: Judee Lombardo

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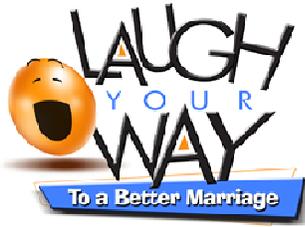


- 10th - Susan Guy
- 13th - Rich Gates
- 16th - Bonnie Phile
- 16th - Barb Rall
- 20th - Rich & Bev Gates ♥
- 30th - Kathy Imhof

Soup Supper



December Feed-A-Friend Free Meal
This month's Free Meal will be on Wednesday
January 27th, 2016 from 5:00—6:30 pm.
It will be SOUPer Supper, and Salad.
Everyone is welcome—Bring a friend!



Why a "laughter approach? For one simple reason; to overcome the male objection to a seminar. Let's be honest, a marriage seminar isn't the first thing a guy thinks of when he thinks of a "fun way to spend the weekend." We get that... Familiar with the fact that women are usually more open to discussing marital problems than their spouses, Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage is designed with an element of humor that appeals to couples, but is especially well-received by men.
Mark Gungor

Seminar happening February 20th from 9am to 3pm, lunch and childcare provided
\$35 a couple, \$20 for an individual.

*if there are financial problems see Pastor Will, no one should miss this
Fill out your registration ASAP

You can find the Registration Form on the Churches website at parkmanchurch.com



Friends and family gathered at the home of Scott & Denise Villers for our annual Christmas party on December 12th. 53 people consumed a wonderfully tasty dinner, sang some Christmas carols (traditional and not-so-traditional), and shared in some devotions of the season. Then the hilarity ensued with our "white elephant/Chinese" gift exchange. Maybe you took home a beautiful hand-made wreath or a gift card to a local restaurant...or maybe you got the rubber chicken this year! Regardless, we believe everyone had a great time and we look forward to doing it again next year!

HELP NEEDED! We will be un-decorating here at the church **Sunday, January 10th** following the worship service. Lunch will be provided for all you wonderful volunteers.

Our annual **Super Bowl Party** will be at the home of Scott & Denise Villers on **Sunday, February 7th** – Kick-off is at 6:30 p.m. (EST) so come on over any time after 5:30 and bring a dish to share for our dinner / game snack table. (*Serious ball fans may want to avoid this particular outing – we tend to play cards and board games and stop to enjoy the commercials.*)

Anyone / Everyone wishing to serve on this ministry/committee are welcome to our **planning meeting** on **Thursday, January 21st** at 7:00 p.m. in the church library. If you have an idea for a new / fresh activity and can't make it to the meeting, please contact Denise Villers (440/548-2939). *We're always looking for new members and new ideas!*

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions about our church's social activities, please contact a member of our committee.

Denise Villers - (440) 548-2939, Judee Lombardo - (440) 532-9314,
Bonnie Phile - (440) 548-4815, Denise Toth - (440) 632-0278,
Barb Thorn - (440) 548-2712, Lilly Coz - (440) 548-5093

Laura Dietrich, Elmer Stall, Kay Hanus -

Briar Hill Health Care

15950 Pierce Street
Middlefield, OH 44062

Laura McConnell -

Happy Hearts Residential Home

15999 Burton Windsor Road
Middlefield, Oh 44062

Pat Bosak (Room #1122),

Jean Giles - #1211

The Pines at Brooks House

18122 Claridon-Troy Road
Hiram, OH 44234

Ida Kukuljevic -

The Woodlands

6831 N. Chestnut
Ravenna, OH 44266



Visit
Our
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THOSE DEALING WITH LONG TERM ILLNESS



Richard Gates
George Webb
Laura Dietrich
Jean Giles
Charlie Dale
Vickie Salyer
Rose Dale
Pat Bosak
Matt Hering
Phyllis Thomas
Irene Peairs

Ida Kukuljevic
Elmer Stall
Mason Murray
Georgia Hatten
Dan Hatten
Wayne Komandt
Mary Scallosi
Chris Reese
Tony Mayer
George Hasman
Joe Mayoros
Laura McConnell
Diane Pettey
Layne
Mike Kler
Kay Hanus

Healing and Comfort:

Daniel B., Ron Siembieda, Jerry C., Rosie Ogrinc, Sarah,
David, Alexis B., Dennis, Kay Cz., Andy L., Roger W., Timmy,
Al, Carol F., Bertha A., Lorenz, Winfield K., Sam Gates, Dave,
Bill



THE FAMILY OF
Gloria Freeman
Joseph M. Peters
Carl "Rick" Roose, Jr.

Please contact the church office at (440) 548-4829 if you know of church members or friends who have been hospitalized, or with updates to our above "long term prayer list." Urgent requests (when the office is closed) can be called into our church Prayer Chain through Bev Gates at (440) 548-8020 or Jan Gotham at (440) 548-3941.

Calendar of Events ~ January, 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Memory Verse:</i></p> <p><i>“Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help.”</i></p> <p><i>Psalms 22:11</i></p>						
3 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 Fellowship Time 10:30 Worship Service	4 Elder's 7:00 pm	5 Praise Team, 6:30 pm Trustee Meeting, 7 pm Cub Scouts, 7-8:00 pm	6 Grief Share, 6-8:00 pm	7	8	9 AA, 8:30 pm
10 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 Fellowship Time 10:30 Worship Service Un-decorating the church following Worship Service	11 Women's Fellowship, 7:00 pm	12 Praise Team, 6:30 pm Cub Scouts, 7-8:00 pm	13 Grief Share, 6-8:00 pm	14	15	16 AA, 8:30 pm
17 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 Fellowship Time 10:30 Worship Service	18 Elder's, 7:00 pm Mission's , 7:00 pm	19 Praise Team, 6:30 pm Cub Scouts, 7-8:00 pm	20 Grief Share, 6-8:00 pm	21	22	23 AA, 8:30 pm
24 9 am, Sunday School 10 am, Fellowship 10:30 am, <u>Worship Svc.</u>	25 9am, Sunday School 10 am, Fellowship 10:30 am, <u>Worship Svc.</u>	26 Praise Team, 6:30 pm Cub Scouts, 7-8:00 pm Cabinet Meeting, 7:30 pm	27 Free Meal 5-6:30 pm Grief Share, 6-8:00 pm	28	29	30 AA, 8:30 pm

Calendar of Events ~ February, 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Elder's, 7:00 pm	2 Praise Team, 6:30 pm Trustees Meeting, 7:00 pm Cub Scouts, 7-8:00 pm	3 Grief Share, 6-8:00 pm	4	5	6 AA, 8:30 pm
7 Communion 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 Fellowship Time 10:30 Worship Service	8 Women's Fellowship, 7:00 pm	9 Praise Team, 6:30 Cub Scouts, 7-8:00 pm Missions, 7:00 pm	10	11	12	13 AA, 8:30 pm
14 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 Fellowship Time 10:30 Worship Service	15 Elder's, 7:00 pm	16 Praise Team, 6:30 pm Cub Scouts, 7-8:00 pm	17	18	19	20 Laugh your way to a better marriage, AA, 8:30 pm
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