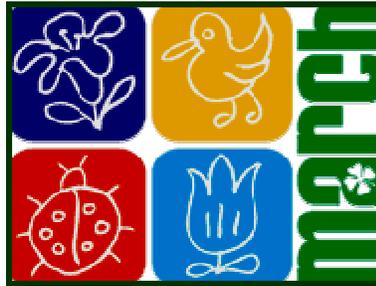




PARKMAN CONGREGATIONAL



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

Passing the Torch

Becky and I are excited. At the end of March, we leave Parkman! Now don't get us wrong, we're not excited about leaving you folk (well, maybe a couple) but we're excited because we've completed our mission. We came to prepare you for a new pastor and we have done that. With the coming of Pastor Coley, Karen and their daughter, Lydia, you are about to start on a new phase of God's work.

As for me, I feel like John the Baptist: "The bride belongs to the bridegroom. The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him, and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom's voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete. He must become greater; I must become less" (John 3.29-30). To be clear, Pastor Coley is not Jesus and I am not expecting to lose my head. Rather, like John, I came to set the stage for something special and it's time for the main act to begin.

Put another way, I am passing the torch.

What you might not understand is what I mean by "passing the torch." That torch goes not to Pastor Coley, but to you. I pass it to those of you at Parkman Congregational who truly accept the charge that comes with being the ministers of this church. I've been working closely with many to keep things going when I leave. Your Elders, Jim and Scott, have worked to make this transition smooth and have prepared to help their new pastor as he assumes his responsibilities here. Our Ministry Team leaders will keep their programs running as our new pastor "learns the ropes." In fact, other than a different set of sermons, you might not notice much change at all in the next couple of months.

And that is the torch I brought when I came in 2013: that the members of this congregation would develop a "ministry mentality." In the Congregational way, we are called to serve Christ through serving others. The pastor comes to equip you-- His people-- for His service (see Eph 4.11-12; also Eph 2.10). We have many in our congregation who have moved from sinner to server. Becky and I rejoice in how you have grown in Christ as you serve Him. Still, there will be more to do. As Pastor Coley settles in, you'll have to move out... into the world. The Great Commission is at the heart of His church: "... go and make disciples of all nations... teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19-20)

Becky and I came to prepare you to answer this call. We've taught many of those commands. As for the actual going out into the world, that will happen under Pastor Coley's leadership. Even then, the actual going will only happen when you pick up your torch and say "Yes, Lord." Becky and I pray that your greatest growth will come after we leave!

We wish "God bless you." That wish becomes a reality when you let Him use you. May Jesus' hope come true in you: "Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:15-16) Amen.

In Him, Pastor Chuck

February, 2015 Administrative Council Meeting Clerk's Report

The Administrative Council met on February 24, 2015 in the library with the following present: Connie Czacherski, Frank Bosak, Eugene and Emily Mach, Andy Juchnowski, Denise Villers, Pastor Chuck Horvath, Tom Gotham, Jim Toth, Fred and Rosie Ogrinc, Dennis and Lily Coz, Kathy Imhof, Kevin Phile, Dave Smith, Laurie Hauser, Mary Mitchell, and Kevin and Diane Beeman.

Average Attendance for February, 2014 — 53 Average attendance for February, 2015 — 57

Dennis Coz called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and Pastor Chuck opened with prayer.

Minutes of the January 27, 2015 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report – Emily Mach reported the Treasurer's report shows a checking account balance of \$4,518.49 as of December 31, 2014 after receipts of \$10,149.90 and checks and transfers in the amount of \$6,966.86 leaving a balance of \$7,701.53 as of January 31, 2015. The savings account had a beginning balance and ending balance of \$26,561.31 as of January 31, 2015.

Facilities Ministry – Kathy Imhof reported the trustees continue with snow maintenance with Tom Gotham working hard at shoveling and snow plowing. Repainting of the fellowship hall walls is underway. Stripping and waxing of the floor in the fellowship hall and hallways scheduled for March 18-19. Carpets and area rug in the parsonage are scheduled to be cleaned April 2. Fire Inspection was held on February 24; there were no safety issues.

Elders' Report – Jim Toth reported that elders are working with Pastor Chuck on the transition from Pastor Chuck to Pastor Coley. It has been decided that pastor Chuck's last day will be on Palm Sunday, March 29. The elders will find someone to give the Easter Sunday message. Pastor Coley should arrive between April 8-15. Suggestion was made for each of the ministry team leaders to create a summary report for their respective teams to present to Pastor Coley. Anyone with future ideas for the church should relay them through Jim Toth to provide to Pastor Coley. Jim Toth will advise when members are able to work with Pastor Coley directly, according to Pastor Coley's schedule. Pastor Barber will assist with support and the CCCC's "link".

Deacons' Report – Connie Czacherski reported they met Sunday, February 22 after church, Fred Ogrinc brought a sample of the welcome packet folder which will include a church calendar, church information, and a contact card visitors can complete. Pew pastors – whenever a regular attendee misses two consecutive Sundays, one of the pew pastors will reach out to that person. Ministering to Pat Bosak (at Geauga Medical Center) and Al Horvath (at Briar Hill) tending to their needs.

Worship – Jim Toth in Denise Toth's absence encourages people to volunteer for children's ministry, and fellowship hour refreshments. As evidenced by the response to Pastor Coley's introduction, it is believed his presence will draw younger people with children and children's ministries will be a real need. Service structure will remain the same for a while until Pastor Coley is settled and comfortable. Frank Bosak responded to the interest in web streaming future services. In order to successfully do this, faster internet service at the church is needed. This is being looked into.

Outreach – Eugene Mach reported they received the licensing on February 24 to be able to show movies on a monthly movie night. Movie nights will be held the third Friday of each month at 7:30 pm beginning March 20. Concessions will be available by donation. Any money collected will be used to help fund summer community service projects. A request has come from the congregation to include a monthly game night in addition to the monthly movie night. Outreach continues to need people to assist with Briar Hill services. The next meeting will be held at the home of Eugene Mach on Thursday, February 26 to plan outreach activities – would like to have 10 activities planned for the remainder of the year. Frank Bosak questioned reviving the Parkman Church Facebook page. Discussion ensued. It was decided to wait until Pastor Coley arrives and let him weigh in on this decision.

Women's Fellowship – no report

Christian Fellowship – Denise Villers reported a calendar of monthly events has been created including monthly movie nights, potluck dinners, church campout, outdoor service and church picnic, progressive dinner, and bowling. The complete schedule will be on the general church calendar and page 6 of this issue.

Discipleship – Pastor Chuck reported Romans 12 course will end on March 1. Beginning March 8 and continuing through March 22 will be a series on the beliefs of the CCCC's. There will be no Sunday school on March 29 or April 5. Gail Duchscherer continues to look for course ideas beginning April 12 and continuing through May. It is preferred that these courses be lay-led until Pastor Coley has a chance to settle in. A suggestion was made to repeat the Christian Basics course with Pastor Coley in attendance and to get his thoughts at the end of class each Sunday. Concerns were also raised that with the potential growth with a new pastor, that we have Sunday school curriculum and teachers available for all ages.

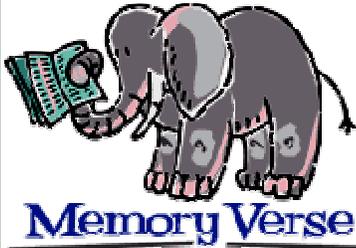
Ministry Placement – no report

Pastor's Report – Pastor Chuck discussed the next steps of preparation for the pastoral transition. Pastor Chuck feels it's best to have a gap between his departure and Pastor Coley's arrival. Discussion ensued regarding announcements of Pastor Coley's arrival.

New Business – Jim Toth reported the pastor search team, elders, and trustees met to determine needs through the pastoral transition and asks that people be prepared to work together to make the transition as smooth as possible.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm. Those in attendance circled for prayer. Andy Juchnowski closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Diane Beeman, Clerk



Monthly Memory Verse for March

The interim pastorate is a time for reflection and preparation. With the coming of a new pastor, we return to the core purpose of any church: the Great Commission. Note that Jesus wants us to make *disciples*, not simply believers. Even as we reach out into our community, we should remember that we are still growing as disciples ourselves.

Matthew 28.18-20: *Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.*

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Adult Courses for March

Our current courses run through March 1st. There will be no Sunday school on Palm Sunday (March 29) or Easter (April 5). For the three weeks in between (March 8, 15, 22) Pastor Chuck will lead a mini-course on the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference. He'll talk about the CCCC Statement of Faith, its Core Values, and the "theology" behind our Congregational form of governance.

We have copies of these CCCC documents punched & ready for your notebooks if you want to add them to the materials you already have.

Thank You for a Job Well Done

The Pastor Search Team (Kevin Beeman, Laurie Hauser, Mary Mitchell, Fred Ogrinc, Jim Toth, Jr., and Cherie Villers) has finished its work. Thank you so much for helping our congregation find God's choice in Pastor Coley.

For all of you who supported the PST in your prayers and with your comments & questions, thank you as well.

Here we have the passing of another type of torch. Our Elders are now the "men in the middle" for Pastor Coley. As we get closer to his coming, these two will coordinate the process by overseeing everything from PR to the parsonage.



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Half a dozen of us met at the church to clean the kitchen in lieu of our meeting in February. We are going to continue the process this month. If you can, meet us at the church on **Monday, March 9th at 6:30 p.m.** (earlier than usual). If we have enough of a crew, maybe some of us can work on painting in the social hall!

Hope to see you there!

Submitted by Denise Villers



Final Sermon Series

Our season of Lent began on Ash Wednesday, which was on February 18th. Normally, Pastor Chuck will pick an Easter themed series for this time of year. With the coming of Pastor Coley, though, he has chosen a different theme: *God's Word for His Pastor and His People*. This theme consists of three Biblical commands for pastors and three more for the congregation. Here are the titles and core Scripture readings:

15-Feb-15	1	Know Your Stuff	I Samuel 17.40,45-47	II Timothy 2.15
22-Feb-15	2	Of Coaches & Christians	Numbers 27.15-20	Ephesians 4.11-13
1-Mar-15	3	No Guts, No Glory	Joshua 1.1-6	II Timothy 1.6-8
8-Mar-15	4	We're Getting Married	I Chronicles 29.22-24	Ephesians 5.22-32
15-Mar-15	5	Smart Sheep	Deuteronomy 4.3-6	Hebrews 13.17
22-Mar-15	6	Up in Arms	Exodus 17.8-13	Colossians 3.12-17

Pastor Chuck's final sermon, "Doors," will come on his final Sunday, March 29th.

Feed-A- Friend Free Meal

The next Free Meal will be on Wednesday, March 25, 2015

We will be serving Corned Beef Dinner from 5:00-6:30 pm.

All are welcome - Bring a Friend



BIRTHDAYS

9th - Connie Czacherski

10th - Raymond Beeman

25th - Crystal Villers

30th - Mary Mitchell



Birthdays



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME starts on the second Sunday in March and ends on the first Sunday in November, with the time changes taking place at 2:00 a.m. local time.

With a mnemonic word play referring to seasons, clocks "spring forward and fall back"—that is, in spring the clocks are moved forward from 2:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m., and in fall they are moved back from 2:00 a.m to 1:00 a.m.

On Sunday, March 8 at 2:00 am, move clocks ahead (Spring Ahead) one hour.



FOR THOSE IN NURSING HOMES or ASSISTED LIVING:



Remember our Shut-ins

Golden Living Center - Gary Parnaby
Woodlands - Ida Kukuljevic
Briar Hill - Laura Dietrich, Elmer Stall,
 Al Horwath

THOSE DEALING WITH LONG TERM ILLNESS



- † Nathan Brown - MRI
- † Mary Szelloosi-Severe back problems
- † Mason Murray - 4 yr. old battling Cancer
- † Dan Hatten - Breathing problems
- † Al Horwath - Not doing well (Briar Hill)
- † Freddie - Medical issues
- † Laurence Mayer - Surgery on March 5th
- † Jeanne & Dawn - Continued prayer
- † ISIS forgiveness & they come to Christ
- † JoAnn O. - Cancer has returned
- † Christian Business Owners
- † Cardinal (and all) Schools
- † Hedge of protection around the Coley Family
- † Leotta Lanstrum - Healing of fingers after accident
- † Bob M. - Mini Stroke and is grieving over loss of daughter
- † Paisley Hunter Phile born 2-2-15 daughter of Titus & Amanda
- † Pollozi - Praise, no more Cancer
- † Allison - Continued health issues



RICHARD GATES
 ANNE UNGARD
 GEORGE WEBB
 LAURA DIETRICH
 JEAN GILES
 AL HORWATH
 DALE GATES

CHARLIE DALE
 ANN R.
 RICH THORN
 VICKIE SALYER
 ROSE DALE
 SHANNON COOK
 PAT BOSAK
 MATT HERING
 PHYLLIS THOMAS
 IRENE PEAIRS
 IDA KUKULIEVEC
 ELMER STALL
 JOYCE U.
 MASON MURRAY



THE FAMILIES OF:

Eileen Mitchell
 Ken Janssen
 Evelyn Lester
 Denny P.
 Stella Ohl

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.

Christian Fellowship

Many of these are opportunities for you to bring your friends & neighbors and expose them to your church family without the pressure of a "church service".

March 20th – Friday evening – 7:30 p.m.

Movie Night at PCC (the first in a year-long series)

March 29th – Sunday

**Potluck Luncheon – Farewell to
Pastor Chuck & Becky**

April 5th – Sunday

Easter Breakfast

April 17th – Friday evening – 7:30 p.m.

Movie Night at PCC

(Date yet to be determined) – Sunday

**Potluck Luncheon – Welcome to
Pastor Will & Karen**

May 15th – Friday evening – 7:30 p.m.

Movie Night at PCC

June 19th – Friday evening – 7:30 p.m.

Movie Night at PCC (outdoors - weather-permitting)

June 21st – Sunday

Father's Day Brunch & Strawberry Social

June 26th – 28th

Annual Camp-out (location yet to be determined)

July 17th – Friday evening – 7:30 p.m.

Movie Night at PCC (outdoors - weather-permitting)

July 26th

Annual Outdoor Worship and Picnic (Overlook Park)

August 21st – Friday evening – 7:30 p.m.

Movie Night at PCC (outdoors - weather-permitting)

August ____ - Sunday

Summer Fun Day

September 12th - Saturday

Progressive Dinner

September 18th – Friday evening – 7:30 p.m.

Movie Night at PCC (outdoors - weather-permitting)

October 16th – Friday evening – 7:30 p.m.

Movie Night at PCC

October 18th – Sunday afternoon

Bowling and dinner at The Hot Dog Shoppe

November 20th – Friday evening – 7:30 p.m.

Movie Night at PCC

December 4th – Friday evening – 6:00 p.m.

Hanging of the Greens

(Dinner provided – come help decorate the church for Christmas)

December 12th – Saturday – 6:30 p.m.

**Adults' Christmas Potluck Dinner and
Chinese Gift Exchange**

(No movie night in December)

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

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Judee Lombardo (440) 532-9314

Bonnie Phile (440) 548-4815

Denise Toth (440) 632-0278

Sandy Toth (440) 636-5246

Barb Thorn (440) 548-2712

Lilly Coz (440) 548-5093



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Calendar of Events ~ March, 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 Fellowship Time 10:30 Worship Service	2 Elders, 7:00 pm	3 Praise Team, 6:30 Cub Scouts, 7-8:00 pm	4	5 7:00 pm, Discuss NT Readings	6 Boy Scout sleep over— Social Hall	7 AA, 8:30 pm
8 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 Fellowship Time 10:30 Worship Service Daylight Saving Time	9 Women's Fellowship, 7:00 pm	10 Praise Team, 6:30 Cub Scouts, 7-8:00 pm	11 Ministry Team Leaders Meeting - 7:00 pm (Parsonage)	12 7:00 pm, Discuss NT Readings	13	14 20'-s-30's 2:30 pm Dave & Busters AA, 8:30 pm
15 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 Fellowship Time 10:30 Worship Service	16 Mission's, 7:00 pm	17 Praise Team, 6:30 Cub Scouts, 7-8:00 pm	18	19 7:00 pm, Discuss NT Readings	20 Movie Night - 7:30 pm	21 AA, 8:30 pm
22 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 Fellowship Time	23	24 Praise Team, 6:30 Cub Scouts, 7-8:00 pm	25 Free Meal, 5-6:30 pm	26 7:00 pm, Discuss NT Readings	27 Ladies Tea - 2:00 pm	28 AA, 8:30 pm
29 Palm Sunday 10:30 Worship Service 11:30 Potluck Luncheon - Farewell to Pastor Chuck & Becky	30	31 Praise Team, 6:30 pm Cub Scouts, 7-8 pm	Memory Verse: <u>Matthew 28.18-20</u> : Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."			