

Parkman Congregational Church



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

WILL COLEY, PASTOR

Hello Parkman,

Lent is underway and the Cross of Calvary is just around the corner. I say this because Easter Sunday is March 27th and as we look forward to Holy Week and the death and resurrection of our Lord, we have to ask ourselves a question: Do we believe? Do we believe that Jesus is who He said He is? Do we believe that we are sinners in desperate need of Salvation? Do we believe that Christ paid the price, the perfect sacrifice, so that we can be cleansed in the eyes of the Lord? Do we believe we each have a call from God that we need to fulfill?

The New Year is well underway. March is a time when we start to see the light at the end of the tunnel. Winter is almost over, hopefully there won't be much more snow, and it will soon be time to start planting our gardens. The excitement people get from watching their plants grow and the eventual harvest is a blessing from the Lord. It is always amazing that so much can come out of a tiny seed.

And there is a reason for this blessing. God loves His creation. Scripture points out that all you need is "faith the size of a mustard seed". "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, Jesus continues, we could say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there', and it would move. Nothing will be impossible for you." But Jesus starts off saying, "*because you have so little faith.*" The irony here is he is talking to the disciples who couldn't drive out a demon from a person. (*Matthew 17:20*)

Think about that, faith the size of a mustard seed. If only we could have that.

What Jesus is challenging us all to do is continue the conversation with Him. Continue seeking Him, growing more and more in your faith. It isn't a once and for all thing. Yes, you are saved or you are not saved. But once you are a follower we are called to go deeper in our relationship with Him. We are called to "*continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling*" (*Philippians 2:12*)

And there is no better way to do that than within the Body of Christ. As we continue throughout the year the challenge for each of us will be to seek the will of the Lord. This isn't something that ever ends, but when we are intentionally seeking God's will, then we start to see amazing things.

The Congregational Church's structure is based on this. This is just one reason why I love the congregational system. The idea is that the body of believers is supposed to be constantly seeking God's will; if we are doing this than God runs the church, not the pastor, elders, or any individual, or group of individuals. The problem is, if the church body isn't seeking the Lord with their all, well, bad things will happen. And all it takes is one person not seeking God's will that can alter a whole group of people.

So as we continue through this year, continue to seek the Lord. If you do that, you will realize that there is true freedom in the Lord. If you do that, if we all do that, we will see God work mightily here in our area.

God Bless

Pastor Will

February 23, 2016 Administrative Council Meeting Clerk's Report

The Administrative Council met on February 23, 2016 in the old sanctuary with the following present: Pastor Will Coley, Laurie Hauser, Denise Villers, Frank Bosak, Gail Duchscherer, Fred Ogrinc, Dave Smith and Judee Lombardo. Pastor Will called the meeting to order at 7:33pm and Frank Bosak opened with prayer. Minutes from the January 26, 2016 meeting were read and approved as written.

Treasurer's Report - Dave Smith reported a beginning checking balance of \$29,859.64 as of December 31, 2015 after receipts of \$13,387.33 and checks and transfers in the amount of \$41,066.45 leaving a balance of \$2,180.52 as of January 31, 2016. The savings account balance as of January 31, 2016 was \$54,005.31.

Trustees – Fred reported that doors have been ordered for the south entrance and should be replaced in March. A work day is scheduled for May 7th from 9am-1pm with a rain date of May 21st. The plan is to clean the siding on the north side of the church. The organ will be removed from the sanctuary and donated to Henninger's of Cleveland (church warehouse who supplies religious equipment and materials to those in need).

Elders- Pastor Will has been meeting with the Elders addressing the needs of the church and continuing the study the book "Emotionally Healthy Church" and will be bringing to the congregation in the future.

Deacons – Judee reported that the team recently met to organize and review the duties. They are currently providing meals to those that are in need. The Board is also working with Pastor Will on ways to involve members of the congregation into the Sunday morning worship reading scripture and/or prayer.

Missions- Laurie noted that Gary Pettet will be presenting his work on Sunday, April 3rd and David Kimberly will be presenting on Sunday, April 24th. Both services will be followed by a potluck lunch. Laurie also noted that Roger Kruse recently returned from India. The team has agreed to help a 34 year old Parkman resident who was involved in an accident and is now paralyzed have a ramp built at his parents' house where he will be living.

Worship- Frank reported that the purchase of alter cloths for the sanctuary is being finalized. Special thanks to Barb Thorn for helping to repair the old ones for use in the small sanctuary. The cost of the cloths are being provided by both the memorial fund and the worship team. The Team has also finalized the Lent and Easter Services. A 7:30pm Maunday Thursday Service with a 5:30pm Seder Dinner is planned – watch for details.

Women's Fellowship- Judee & Denise reported that kitchen cleaning continues. May 7th the Parkman Alumni Dinner will be held at the Church and will be looking for volunteers to help prepare, serve and clean-up. The next meeting is scheduled for March 14th at the Church hosted by Lilly Coz.

Social Board – Denise reported that on Friday, March 4th a game nights is scheduled to begin at 6pm. Everyone is welcome to join in on the fun – bring a game, snack and friends. Easter breakfast will be served at 9am. A Fondue night has been planned for April 15th.

Christian Education – Gail reported that the team met with Pastor Will and will be continuing with the series Andy Stanley entitled "Christianity". Mailboxes are being looked into for the children's room to help organize their weekly materials. VBS and additional children's classes were also discussed for the future.

Ministry Placement- No report

Pastor's Report- Pastor Will reported that in January he performed three funerals. He also noted that the "Laugh Your Way" Marriage seminar has received positive feedback from those that attended from both within the church and visitors. Pastor Will continues to meet with area churches each week and one of the fun ideas is to begin a softball team. In April Pastor Will plans to attend a Worship seminar with Frank.

New Business – Frank noted that the Church web-site continues to receive activity with listening to the Worship Services and reviewing the monthly newsletter. It was also noted that Windstream is in the process of upgrading the internet service in the Parkman area and the Church's service will be receiving an upgrade which will allow for live streaming of events and services as needed.

Pastor Will adjourned the meeting at 8:15pm and all those in attendance circled for prayer.

Respectfully submitted
Denise Toth



Would you believe?

- 3/6 John 6:1-14- He will provide
- 3/13 John 6:15-21- Walking on Water
- 3/20 John 9:1-12 - The blind can see
- 3/27 John 20:1-18 - The empty tomb

March Memory Verse ~ John 6:27

Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to **eternal** life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.



Did you Know

"His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" John 9:2

There is some irony to this section of scripture. John chapter 9 verses 1-12 is the story of the Blind man. The disciples ask the question of who sinned so that he was born blind. And after Christ healed him, the Pharisees, who had seen him for years begging, said that it was not him, even though they had walked by him regularly for who knows how long. Those who had sight, who could see, did not recognize a blind man. And while there is humor to this, the sad part is, they also couldn't recognize the work of God. Jesus was right there in their midst, showing people what it meant to truly be a follower of God. He was opening the eyes of spiritually blind people, and the religious right, which is what the Pharisees were, couldn't see God working.

God is at work all around, can we see it?

ALL CHURCH WORK DAY

A work day is scheduled for **May 7th from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm** with a rain date of May 21st.

The plan is to clean the siding on the north side of the church.

Please mark your calendars and plan to come and help out.

Please let one of the Trustees know if you can help. There will be a list of other jobs that need to be done posted on the Church bulletin board.

~Kathy Imhof - Chair, Kevin Phile, David Smith, Fred Ogrinc, Andy Light~

Thank you for helping!





It's been a slow start so far this year and not much has been going on. But don't worry spring is right around the corner and things will start to pick up. Lilly Coz will be hosting the next meeting in the church social hall on March 14th at 7:00 PM. All ladies are invited to attend. See you then!

Submitted by: Judee Lombardo

MARCH 2016



- 3/9 - Connie Czacherski
- 3/10 - Raymond Beeman
- 3/17 - Donna Sanislo
- 3/23 - Alicia Patterson
- 3/24 - Joseph & Elizabeth Usher♥
- 3/25 - Crystal Villers
- 3/26 - Jeanne Ebersbach
- 3/30 - Mary Mitchell



March Feed-A-Friend Free Meal
This month's Free Meal will be on Wednesday
March 30th from 5:00—6:30 pm.
We will be serving Meatloaf
Everyone is welcome—Bring a friend!



The Deacons met February 21, 2016. Those present were Judee Lombardo, Cherie Villers, Samantha Gates, Crystal Villers, Emily Mach and Pastor Will. This was the first meeting with the new members voted in at the annual meeting held on January 31, 2016.

Judee Lombardo opened with prayer.

Positions and management duties were filled as follows:

- Chair – Judee Lombardo
- Vice Chair – Crystal Villers
- Secretary – Emily Mach
- Welcome Packet Materials – Samantha Gates
- Cards & Meals – Cherie Villers

General Deacon duties were discussed and explained. These include but are not limited to communion preparation/cleanup, pew pastor, and financial assistance.

Pastor Will suggested new ideas to implement – transportation for those needing a ride to church and involving members in Sunday morning services via reading scripture and/or prayer. Discussion ensued.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 13th.

Cherie closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted
Emily Mach



Christian Education Team

The Adult Sunday School Class will begin the next study in the Andy Stanley series, “**Christianity**” on **Sunday March 6th**. Cherie Villers and Connie Czacherski have graciously agreed to facilitate this next session.

There will be no class on Easter Sunday so all may attend the 9:00 am breakfast.

Please think about joining us on Sundays at 9:00! Books will be available at the first class. Please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule.

Submitted by Gail Duchscherer

Laura Dietrich, 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



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
Mason Murray
Georgia Hatten
Dan Hatten
Mary Scallosi
Chris Reese
Tony Mayer
George Hasman
Joe Mayoros
Laura McConnell
Diane Pettey
Layne
Mike Kler
Clara
Steve

Healing and Comfort:

Clara, Joe Wells, Joe Soltis, Jacob, Damon Pitt, Larry H., Marilyn H., Bertha, Jacob Dade, Denise V., Sophia Fay, Lyla, Marie, Sam, Jordan Patterson, Megan, Andy Lipscomb, Danny G., Sam G., Jim Vaughn, Jim Toth, Craig Marie & Chance, Veronica, Kathy Imhof, Art G., McClain Family, Kay



Loved ones with addictions, Christian Business Owners, Upcoming elections (God's Will), Our local schools, Our Youth, Co-workers Mother, All those with sniffles & coughs



THE FAMILY OF
Kathleen Robinson
Grandmother McClain

Please contact the church office at (440) 548-4829 or email to: parkmanchurch@windstream.net 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.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES



Game Night

Plan to join us for a relaxing evening of snacks and games on Friday, March 4th – beginning at 6:00 p.m. Please bring a snack to share as well as your favorite games. Hope to see you there!

Easter Breakfast

Sunday, March 27th at 9 a.m.

Come enjoy a delicious breakfast before our Easter Sunday worship service. If you would like to help with food preparation, please contact one of our members.

Fondue Night at PCC

Friday, April 15th – Please sign up at the bulletin board if you would like to join us for a fondue dinner. We will coordinate the various courses and will contact all the participants with what to bring. Also, please let us know if you have a fondue pot that we can borrow for the night. This meal is slow and leisurely with lots of fellowship time; bring your friends and join us!

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



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As a church multiplication facilitator with Every Community for Christ (ECC), the church multiplication catalyst of One Mission Society, Roger travels three times annually to India and the South Pacific. He works closely with national leaders by providing encouragement, support, training, and accountability in the oversight of 72 ECC teams. Roger offers ongoing training in the implementation and supervision of church multiplication strategies. Hundreds of new house churches are now being established in villages and communities where little or no Gospel witness previously existed. Glenda provides administrative support and travels with Roger to India for extended ministry once each year. Roger and Glenda are PCC's featured missionaries for the months of March and April. See their newsletter posted on the Mission's Bulletin Board.

Calendar of Events ~ March, 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Praise Team, 6:30 Trustees, 7:00 pm Cub Scouts, 7-8:00 pm	2 Griefshare, 6-8:00 pm	3	4 Game Night, (snacks) 6:00 pm	5 AA, 8:30 pm
6 Communion 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 Fellowship Time 10:30 Worship Service	7 Elder's, 7:00 pm	8 Praise Team, 6:30 Missions, 7:00 pm Cub Scouts, 7-8:00 pm	9 Griefshare, 6-8:00 pm	10	11	12 AA, 8:30 pm
13 <i>Daylight Savings Time begins.</i> 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 Fellowship Time 10:30 Worship Service	14 Women's Fellowship, 7:00 pm	15 Praise Team, 6:30 Cub Scouts, 7-8:00 pm	16 Griefshare, 6-8:00 pm	17	18 Movie Night - 6:30 pm	19 AA, 8:30 pm
20 PALM SUNDAY 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 Fellowship Time 10:30 Worship Service	21 Elder's, 7:00 pm	22 Praise Team, 6:30 Cub Scouts, 7-8:00 pm Cabinet Meeting, 7:30	23 Griefshare, 6-8:00 pm	24 Maundy Thursday 5:30 pm-Seder Meal 7:30 Worship Service	25 GOOD FRIDAY	26 AA, 8:30 pm
27 EASTER SUNDAY 9:00 am - Breakfast 10:30 - Worship Service	28	29 Praise Team, 6:30 pm Cub Scouts, 7-8 pm	30 Free Meal, 5-6:30 pm (Meat Loaf) Griefshare, 6-8:00 pm	31		

Calendar of Events ~ April, 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Memory Verse:						
3 9:00, Sunday school 10:00 - Fellowship time 10:30 - Worship Service Gary & Darla Pettet followed by a potluck lunch	4 Elder's Meeting, 7:00 pm	5 Praise Team, 6:30 pm Cub Scouts, 7-8:00 pm Trustees, 7:00 pm	6 Griefshare, 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	11 Women's Fellowship, 7:00 pm	12 Praise Team, 6:30 pm Cub Scouts, 7-8:00 pm Mission's Meeting, 7:00 pm	13 Griefshare, 6-8:00 pm	14	15 Fondue Night, 6:00 pm	16 AA, 8:30 pm
17 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 Fellowship Time 10:30 Worship Service	18 Elder's Meeting, 7:00 pm	19 Praise Team, 6:30 pm Cub Scouts, 7-8:00 pm	20 Griefshare, 6-8:00 pm	21	22	23 AA, 8:30 pm
24 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 Fellowship Time 10:30 Worship Service David Kimberly, Barnabas followed by a Potluck Lunch	25	26 Praise Team, 6:30 pm Cub Scouts, 7-8:00 pm Cabinet Meeting, 7:30 pm	27 Free Meal, 5-6:30 pm Griefshare, 6-8:00 pm	28	29	30