

# Parkman Congregational Church

February 23, 2025

Member of the Conservative Congregational  
Christian Conference

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'Pastor Will's Cell Phone is turned off after 9:00 pm'

If there is an emergency, please call one of the Elders'  
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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30AM

SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICE 7:00PM

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## The Parable Of The Unmerciful Servant

**Matthew  
18:23-35**

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*Ministers: Members of this Congregation*

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## THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, <b>February 23</b>	Sunday school, 9:00 am Fellowship Time, 10:00 am Worship Service, 10:30 am Evening Prayer Service, 7:00 pm
Monday, <b>February 24</b>	Elders meeting, 7:00 pm
Wednesday, <b>February 26</b>	Cardinal Meal Prep
Thursday, <b>February 27</b>	Cardinal Meal Delivery
Saturday, <b>March 1</b>	Pinewood Derby Build Day, 10-4:00 pm AA, 8:30 pm
Sunday, <b>March 2</b>	Sunday school, 9:00 am Fellowship Time, 10:00 am Worship Service, 10:30 am Candy Making & potluck after worship service Evening Prayer Service, 7:00 pm

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### SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH – MATTHEW 19:4-6



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**Not God's plan for my life  
But my life for God's plan  
Not God's vision for our church  
But our church for God's Vision**

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### CANDY FOR CARDINAL MINISTRY



We will be making and selling Easter Candy to support the Cardinal Ministry. Please see Brian or Chris Lanstrum for more details. Below is a list of dates we will be making the chocolate.

Order forms are available in the narthex.

#### **New Candy making Dates:**

Sunday, March 2, 2025 – after service – Potluck lunch

Thursday, March 6, 2025 - 5:30 to 8:30pm

Friday, March 14, 2025 – 5:30 -8:30pm

Thursday, March 20, 2025 – 5:30 -8:30pm

We are also looking for people to sell candy at Parkman Pancake Breakfasts – Please see Sign-up Sheet.

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### Did You Know?

Divorce

The Pharisees come to test Jesus asking Him, "is it lawful to divorce one's wife for any cause?"

Jesus responds by going to Genesis chapter 1 where we see the Lord Institute marriage and how when a man and a woman join together they become 1 flesh. As one flesh the Lord is clear, what God has joined together, human beings are not permitted to separate.

"Because Jesus based His answer on creation, many people and churches have come to the conclusion that the Bible makes no provisions for divorce whatsoever. I think those who take this position mean well and want to understand what Jesus had in view in the best light, but I think this is one of those cases where the text of Scripture is blatantly twisted to such a degree that it cannot be recognized. If Jesus had ceased to comment on marriage at that point, it would undoubtedly be true that He taught that there should be no divorce. However, He said more, and we dare not ignore what He said." – R. C. Sproul

With Jesus' answer, the Pharisees ask another question: "Why then did Moses command one to give a certificate of divorce and to send her away?" To which Jesus responded – because of the hardness of your hearts. We can harden our hearts in countless ways and in doing so we harm those around us. When we join in marriage we are making a covenant and part of that covenant is "for better or worse, through sickness and in health".

Jesus here points out though that because of the hardness of your hearts it is better to give your spouse a certificate of divorce because you will end up harming your spouse more and more as you harden your heart towards God and your spouse. As we walk away from chapter 18 where Jesus has let us know that it is better to have a millstone tied around your neck and cast into the depths of the sea – showing judgment that is coming on you – than to cause one of the Lord's children to sin, this permission that Moses granted the people was actually for the betterment of the spouse who is despised. When we start to see ourselves despise those who we are in covenant with, we need to fall on our knees praying to the Lord of the harvest that He softens our hearts.

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### PINEWOOD DERBY TIME



**March 1, 2025 – Build Day at Bentronix  
10:00 am – 4:00 pm**

**March 22, 2025 – Build Day at Bentronix  
10:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**► RACE DAY ◀**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2025**

**REGISTRATION AND WEIGH IN AT 3:00PM**

**RACING STARTS AT 4:00 PM**

**Refreshments will be served**