

Parkman Congregational Church

July 20, 2025

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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30am

SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICE 7:00pm

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**YOU BLIND FOOLS! WHICH
IS GREATER: THE GOLD,
OR THE TEMPLE THAT
MAKES IT SACRED?
- MATTHEW 23:17**

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Ministers: Members of this Congregation

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THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, July 20	Sunday school, 9:00 am Fellowship Time, 10:00 am Worship Service, 10:30 am Outdoor Potluck after service Evening Service 7:00 pm
Wednesday, July 23	Cardinal Meal Prep
Thursday, July 24	CCM Pickup & Delivery
Saturday, July 26	AA, 8:30 pm
Sunday, July 27	Sunday school, 9:00 am Fellowship Time, 10:00 am Worship Service, 10:30 am Evening Service, 7:00pm

SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH – MATTHEW 23: 27-28

(27) "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people's bones and all uncleanness. (28) So you also outwardly appear righteous to others, but within you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

Matthew 23:27-28 ESV

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Did You Know?

The Jews had cemeteries, but many people buried their loved ones in private plots. Of course, God had given the Israelites very strict laws regarding purification and ritual cleanliness, and these laws dictated that people not come into contact with the burial vault, a gravesite, or a sepulcher. Anyone who did have such contact was ceremonially defiled, and he had to go through several days of cleansing rituals before he could resume worship with the people of God and other activities (Numbers 19:11-16). So, those who had private tombs and burial sites regularly applied whitewash to the surfaces of those gravesites so that anyone who happened to be journeying near would see immediately that he was in the vicinity of a grave. No groups in Israel were more judicious in obeying this principle than the scribes and the Pharisees.

But Jesus' point was that the scribes and the Pharisees themselves were like such whitewashed tombs. In their strict observances of Jewish rituals, they appeared to be the very embodiment of men of God. Like whitewashed tombs, they were beautiful on the outside. However, as Jesus noted, even the most beautiful tombs contained dead men's bones and the remains of corpses that would cause defilement if touched. The scribes and the Pharisees were like that. Although they gave the appearance of zeal, faith, and piety, they were spiritually dead inside. As Jesus put it, they were filled with hypocrisy and lawlessness, and John tells us, "Sin is lawlessness" (1 John 3:4b).

- Sproul

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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**



Cardinal Missions Meal

Sign up sheet is posted for donations towards this month's mission meal. We are also looking for volunteers for meal prep and meal pickup day. The prep day will be on July 23rd. Pickup and delivery will be on July 24th.



Anyone that has taken the Financial Peace class is invited to a potluck lunch on Sunday, August 3rd at the Lanstrum home (18351 Grand River Dr., West Farmington, Oh 444491). This will be a good time to reconnect with others who are working through the principles of Financial Peace. Hope to see many of you there.

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Kids Camp will be July 28th -July 30th from 5:30-8:00pm. Sign-up sheet is posted

School Supply Event

Saturday - August 16th from 9:00-11:00am

Back to school is approaching! Set up for our school supply even will be on August 15th from 7:00-8:00pm. We need help with volunteers on August 16th from 9:00-11:00am. The list of school supplies we are in need of is on the banister. Monetary donations are also appreciated. If you are able to help in anyway please reach out to Rebecca Hostetler.

