

August 5, 2021

Weekly Park Branches

This Week's Sermon

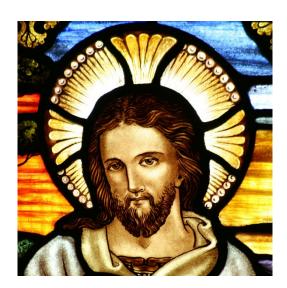
Scriptures

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John 1:1-4 John 3:14-15 John 13:33-35 I Corinthians 10:4 Psalm 46

1 Corinthians 3:11

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Dear Friends in Faith,

As this week has unfolded, the North Sewickley congregation is hosting its annual Vacation Bible School; always one of the most meaningful weeks of summer. Simultaneously the Park church family is saying goodbye to Bob Jones, a saint in our midst. While strikingly different sets of emotions circle around VBS and a death in the church family, there is, perhaps surprisingly, a great similarity.

Both VBS and a life well lived are something to celebrate. Both are deeply centered on relationship ... relationships with those around us and with our Lord. All of Bob's family, friends and former students are grateful for a person who took great interest in them, who cared far more about his students and their lives than the music he was joyfully sharing with them. At VBS we care far more about each little life that we touch than whether they follow all the rules or create perfect crafts to take home.

A church family is a constant circle of life, welcoming new believers and celebrating those who join the church triumphant. It's quite a week my friends...one of the best.

in hope and joy, pastor bob

Sunday Worship as Park Apart

The live worship video will be available on Sunday at 11:00 am, and you can continue to find us anytime thereafter at https://www.parkpres.org/swl-sunday-worship-live. The bulletin for the service can also be found on the Sunday Worship page of our site. If you have announcements or prayer requests, please send them to Pastor Bob on Sunday morning via email: revgoossen@parkpres.org or call/text 724-464-4032.



Farewell Celebration for Pastor Bob

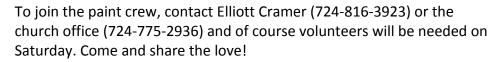
As Park Church prepares to welcome Pastor Todd, we must also prepare to say "good-bye" to Pastor Bob, whose last official day with us is Sunday, August 22. We all know how much the Goossens enjoy the outdoors, so we're bidding them "farewell"

with an outdoor event following the service. It will be a casual Sunday, so wear picnic clothes and your favorite sneakers! We'll be in the church parking lot and will have some seating at the tables in the pavilion, but we ask that you bring your lawn chair. Food and drinks will be provided. Please join us and let's send Pastor Bob and ChrisAnn off with a special Park good-bye and an invitation to visit us often!

The Membership Involvement Committee would like to have some idea of how many of you will be attending. Please fill out the form located at either sanctuary entrance and return it to the Office mailbox in the mailroom or the church office. We'll see you after church on August 22.

Kids' Cars Event During Beaver Car Cruise

This weekend, on Saturday, August 7, from 11-3ish, Park Church will host a Kids' Cars craft in the pavilion during the Beaver Car Cruise. As an outreach event, this will be an opportunity for kids to create a cardboard box race car and then race it around a track in our parking lot. We'll need around 50 boxes, about 12" x 18" of any height. These will be pre-painted so that on Saturday they can be decorated as a race car and take a spin on the track!







Church Open for the Car Cruise

Park Church will be open for the Beaver Car Cruise on August 7 from 11-5. We'll need hosts to monitor the facility as well as volunteers to pass out bottles of water. Volunteer sign-up sheets are in the Gathering Area or you can contact the church office or Roxanne Walker at rzwalker@comcast.net or 412-418-6044.

Fix It Crew

The Fix It Crew will meet again August 14 at 9:00 am. Projects will include painting the table legs on the tables in the pavilion and maintaining an outdoor drain. All are welcome to attend and pitch in!





Disruptive Trends In Ministry

Are you interested in the future of the church? There will be a Zoom workshop entitled "Disruptive Trends In Ministry" held on Wednesday, August 11, at 7 p.m. Join The Rev. Susan Faye Wonderland, Transitional Executive

for the Synod of the Trinity, in considering the work of Carey Neuhoff as he surveys the signs of the times and looks ahead for our congregations. Carey gives us much food for thought as we begin to plan and minster on the other side of COVID. We cannot go back to Kansas, but we may be wise to get a sense of the landscape that is unfolding around us. The deadline for registration is Tuesday, August 10. <u>Learn more and register...</u>

Spaghetti Dinner And Gift Basket Raffle Fundraiser

There will be a benefit for Fire Recovery for Mount Pleasant Church on Saturday, August 21, from 3-7 p.m at the New Galilee Community Center, 606 Centennial Avenue, New Galilee, PA 16141.

Advance sale tickets, \$10 for adults and \$6 for age 6-10 years, are available by contacting Paul Morrison of The Galilean Presbyterian Church at 724-730-2044.





Celebrating Birthdays this Week:

Maggie Leyda 5

Becky Becze 7