



Park Presbyterian Church

September 24, 2020

Weekly Park Branches

This Weeks Sermon

“Connectivity”
Rev. Bob Goossen

Scriptures

[Philippians 2:1-13](#)

Contact Us

RevGoossen@parkpres.org
724-775-2936



Dear Park Family and Friends,

A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. (Acts 16:14)

Do you have eager ears? I'm not thinking about someone who slips up quietly behind the kitchen door to hear what the grown-ups in the house are discussing. Nor am I onto the one who sidesteps around a room, looking at the pictures on the walls but listening in on someone's conversation so they can run home with the latest. I'm thinking about eager ears in the best sense of the concept as being a good listener. When we have eager ears, we are listening to what someone shares with us, focusing, not interrupting, re-phrasing when we aren't clear and asking curious questions.

Listening with curiosity, rather than 'here we go again,' is a gift we give to one another. Eager ears build relationships and open opportunities to learn and grow. When Paul went to the river's edge one morning he was looking for someone with eager ears for the gospel. Lydia responded. I am curious about the other side of this conversation. Did Paul have eager ears too? Did he ask curious questions about her life, her work, what brought her out that particular day? My sense is that he did, that he spent time listening and building a relationship with Lydia and the others on the river bank. It was then that she could receive and welcome the good news.

I'm curious what you are curious about—favorite place to stop for ice cream; secret hobby; most challenging thing to discuss with a friend. Listening to the hearts of those around us is the best avenue to discover how God is working in their lives. Curiosity begets curiosity. When we spend time listening with integrity the love of Christ will flow in ways we can only imagine. And, when the opportunity is right, we can share the good news. May we always have eager ears!

in the joy of the journey that is ours, pastor bob

Sunday Worship as Park Apart

The live worship video will be available on Sunday starting 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.



Pastor Nominating Committee Report

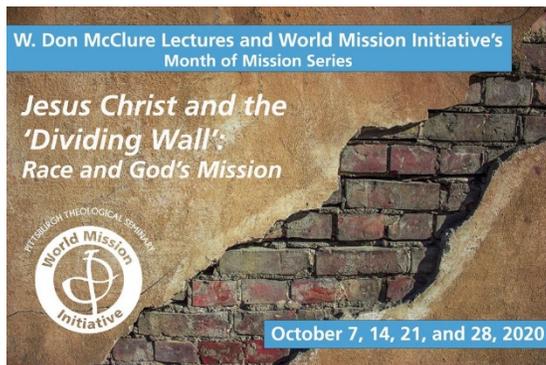
The summer was incredibly busy for your PNC. Countless hours were spent individually as each of us read and took notes on the 10-page candidate Personal Information Forms and dove even further into the internet for more research. We also met again and again in order to discuss the candidates and narrow down our findings. In mid-August, we moved into the interview phase.

Please continue to be patient and to hold us in prayer as God guides us to find the right pastor for our beloved Park Church.

Rachel Becze, Kaley Davis, Luke Hardy, Susan Ivey, Sandra Parker, Gail Rackley, and Matt Stewart

Cookbook Update

The Membership Involvement Commission is in the process of assembling the recipes for the Park Church Cookbook. It's not too late to submit some recipes. While we have over 75 recipes, they represent just a small part of the congregation. So if you haven't submitted a recipe(s), please consider doing so. We really would appreciate it. Our plan is to have the cookbook ready for sale in November, before Thanksgiving. Please send your recipe(s) to Ginny Flick at ginny.flick@gmail.com or 199 Virginia Drive, Beaver, PA 15009.



October Series on Racial Healing

Mission matters. Race matters. As our nation continues to grapple with the consequences of racial injustice, we as Christians need to have a truthful conversation with one another on how our understanding of race impacts the way we engage in God's mission. Join us for this virtual McClure Lectures and WMI Month of Mission Series from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, where we will gather online for four Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm to explore issues of racial justice with world-class speakers. This will be an opportunity to connect and learn with people from all over the country. Then

Park Church will have a separate follow up discussion via Zoom beginning at 8:30 pm. A link to the meeting will be sent via email several days prior each week.

In addition to these four lectures, there will be also six pre-recorded workshops that can be accessed and used in the future by participating churches and individuals.

This will be a free event for everyone, but registration is required. Please click to [REGISTER HERE](#). The connection link will be provided closer to each event.

Presbyterians Today magazine now available online

Do you read the PC-USA publication *Presbyterians Today*? Now there's a new online digital edition that lets you thumb through the magazine just like the familiar paper copy. If you're on a mobile phone or tablet, you can swipe with your finger to move around pages. On a desktop computer, use your mouse or keyboard. You can easily zoom in or out to make the print as large as you'd like. A robust search function lets you hunt for exactly what you're looking for—either in the current issue alone or in the online archive of the past year's issues. When you find something that you want to keep, you can download or print it—a range of pages or the entire issue. With the tap of a button, you can also share an article on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or Pinterest—or by email. And of course, the links in every issue are live. Just tap on any web address, and a new tab will open with the content you've selected.



We invite you to explore the new [digital edition](#) today!



World Communion Sunday October 4

We invite all to prepare for World Communion on the first Sunday in October. For those worshipping at home you might like to bring a favorite international bread. For those worshipping in the sanctuary we will use a pre-packaged communion wafer and juice cup. These may be picked up, just like your bulletin, as you arrive.

Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

We need your help! As you know, our food pantry has helped feed many of our neighbors over the last 6 ½ months. Although a great cause, just keeping it open and stocked has worn out our original seven food pantry members. We are looking for people that may want to help shop and stock once every 2 weeks. If you think you could help with this, please contact Bob Davis at rij6davis@gmail.com or 724-312- 3309. Thank You, Park Church Mission Commission



Cards for Sale

Betty Brosch has made some festive new greeting cards for sale. They are on a rack in the corner of the gathering room. All proceeds will go to the air conditioning fund. The cards are blank on the inside, perfect for any occasion!



Celebrating Birthdays this Week:

Rachel Becze	26
Rich Reed	27