

March 2020



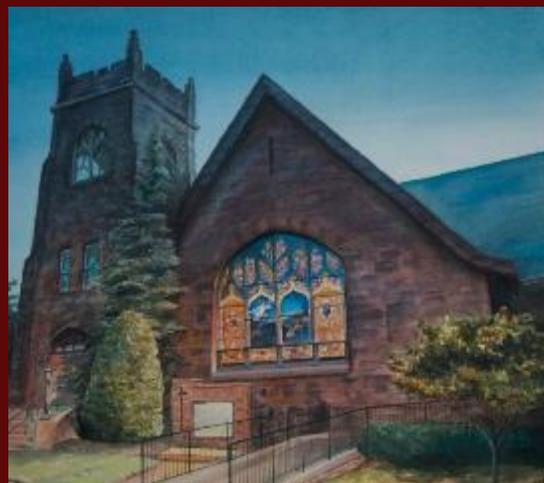
# Park Branches

Park Presbyterian Church  
275 Commerce Street  
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Worship Hour: 11am  
Sunday School: 9:45

***Love God***

***Love Neighbor***



**Great is our Lord, and  
abundant in power; his  
understanding is beyond  
measure.**

**Psalm 147:5**

## **WELCOME TO PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Visitors & guests are especially welcome at Park Presbyterian Church. If you're looking for a church home, we'd like you to consider Park.

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## From the Desk of Pastor Bob

After the great wind, after the earthquake, after the fire, only when there came the sound of sheer silence did Elijah hear the voice of God. 1 Kings 19, paraphrased

One might think that after enough years, whatever vocations God has blessed us with would become clearer. Alas, this season of Lent is one in which I continually feel a great grayness, which has nothing to do with the March mud season. Lent is a time of preparation, of discipline, of focusing on God. It is also a time when I begin thinking earnestly about Holy week and Easter, for the fullness of that time requires some forethought. The Lenten/Easter checklist is a great guide, but that does not remove the challenge of doing mental gymnastics, flipping between the present and the future.

Should we be planning Maundy Thursday's visuals, or listening quietly for God's nudges? Will we focus on the Passion of Christ on Palm Sunday or just the triumphal entry into Jerusalem? And how will we proclaim, with fresh energy, the great joy of Easter Alleluias?

Against my inner tension rubs the Lenten discipline of spending time in contemplation, listening to God. Might God be speaking a simple word to our hearts - listen, listen? "Be still and know that I am God!" says God's Holy Scripture. (Ps. 46:10) This has always been a challenge for me. I'd rather be busy doing, and there's always plenty that needs attention, to get marked off the check list.

Today, as I look out the window, the sun is shining, and it's harder to listen. A few weeks ago the snow was falling gently, sticking on the trees, creating a beautiful picture of darkened trunks and purest white. God's grace gift allowed my inner urge to hurry to the next task to diminish. This picture reminds me of the darkness of our world, coated in the purity of God's love. Love that takes the stress, the strain, the worries and tensions away. Relax, and enjoy the words of a hymn from George Matheson, who in 1882 penned "O Love that wilt no let me go." Maybe there'll be another snowy day.



O Love that wilt not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
That in thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way,  
I yield my flickering torch to thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray,  
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
And feel the promise is not vain,  
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead,  
And from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be.



Faithfully Listening,  
Pastor Bob

*Park Branches March 2020*

# Children at Park

## Worship Time Childcare

Childcare is available for children ages six months through Preschool during Sunday worship time. Please accompany your child to room 210 before or after the Children's Sermon. Please have children in Kindergarten and older accompany you to worship.

### Nursery Volunteer Schedule

**March 1** – Marjie & Charlie O'Neill

**March 8** – Kathy Bittner and Lyndsay Owens

**March 15** – Roxanne Walker and Elliott Cramer

**March 22** – Joyce & Bob Davis

**March 29** – Jackie & Matt Stewart

If you have questions or a skill or gift that you would like to share, please contact Roxanne Walker to discuss how we can put your talents to great use.

## Preschool

February has been a busy and fun month at Park Preschool. At the beginning of the month, we took another walking field trip to Pizza Joes in Beaver to learn all about how pizzas are made. We got to see how the dough is made and got to feel it ourselves! It feels a lot like the



play doh we use in class! We had some yummy pizza together, then took a walk to the Post Office where we mailed special Valentine cards to our families. We worked so hard to learn our addresses, so it was fun to see the "magic" of how our letters went from the Post Office to our homes!

During the month of February, our little sweethearts learned more about the letters Q, R, and S. During "Q" week, we learned all about quilts, queens, quokkas, and we even had "Q" Jello Jigglers for snack time! We are in need of a bit of help creating our class quilt for the year. If you have any sewing skills that you would like to lend to the preschool, we would really appreciate it! Please speak with Anne Berenbrok or email [parkpreschool@parkpres.org](mailto:parkpreschool@parkpres.org). Thank you so much! In "R" week, we made rainbows and listened to records. We used the "rhythm sticks" in music class. "S" week created lots of opportunities for fun learning. If you look up at the classroom from outside, you may catch a glimpse of our "shamrock suncatchers."

February would not be complete without a lovely Valentine's Day party. We spent a fun morning playing games, making crafts, and exchanging Valentine cards. We are learning about being giving and loving our friends and families with a generous heart.

Special thank you this month to Pastor Bob for coming to read to us, and to anyone who spread the word about our registration for next school year. We had a very successful Registration Open House. We were able to fill all of our spots for next year within days of opening registration to the general public! We do have a waiting list, so at this point, any interested students can go on our waiting list.

As always, thank you for your support! If you're interested in helping us sew our classroom quilt, please let us know! :)

Mrs. Amanda Cypher & Mrs. Anne Berenbrok

## Summer Camp Scholarships

The summer camp season is just around the corner, and now is the time to be picking a week for children and youth, ages nine and up, to spend a week at Camp Lambec or Ligonier Camp. The Christian Nurture Commission has some scholarship money available to support Park families in this venture. Please contact Roxanne Walker, Susan Ivey or Kate Saylor for more details.

Both camps now offer some weeks of family camping, specially geared towards those with younger children. Camping options may be found at [camlambec.net](http://camlambec.net) or [ligoniercamp.org](http://ligoniercamp.org).



## Missions Team

### Summer Mission Opportunity

For our summer mission trip, Park Church will be partnering with our friends in the Beaver-Butler Presbytery. During the final week of July (26-Aug. 1), we will have an opportunity to travel to Middle America, just south of Springfield, IL, to help rebuild homes that have been destroyed by a tornado. We are doing this as part of PC(USA)'s Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. For those interested in attending, please notify Elliott Cramer or Bob Davis. More information to follow.

### Food and Clothing Donations

Bins have been placed in the Gathering Area for donations of nonperishable food items and clothing, shoes, or coats. These items will be delivered to The Center in Midland. Thank you for your donations.

### Hungry for Music



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The Beaver High School Tri-M music honor society is partnering with [Hungry for Music](http://Hungry for Music), an organization that places donated musical instruments into the hands of children who demonstrate a desire to learn music and teachers who have students who are willing to learn.

If you have a musical instrument you would like to donate, please contact Evan Linkimer (President of Beaver Area Tri-M) at [elinkimer@gmail.com](mailto:elinkimer@gmail.com).

**Please continue to pray for the workers of Young Life of Nicaragua (Vida Joven de Nicaragua), Tiger Pause in Beaver Falls, and The Center in Midland.**

## Holy Week Schedule

Date	Event	Time and Description
<b>Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Palm/Passion Sunday	11am – Worship with Communion 12pm – Family Easter Egg Hunt
<b>Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Maundy Thursday	7pm – We'll gather around tables in the Gathering Room for an intimate Last Supper experience
<b>Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Easter Sunday	11am – Easter Alleluias

## Easter Flowers

From March 1 through 22, we'll be taking Easter flower orders and payments. Forms will be available during worship for ordering your lilies, tulips, and hyacinths! Please turn them in to Cheryl Leonard, the church office, or in the offering plate.



## Prayer Beads

This Lenten season, a workshop exploring the protestant use of prayer beads will be offered. Based on the book, *A Bead and a Prayer*, by Kristen E. Vincent, it will be held on Wednesdays from March 4-April 1. The sign-up sheet is in Guild Hall. There will be two sessions, an afternoon (2:00 p.m.) and an evening (7:00 p.m.) session. Please call Roxanne Walker, 412 418-6044, if you have any questions. Hope you can join us!



## Walking with Matt



Mat Meyer came under care of the session of Park church when he felt the call to ministry. For the last couple years, he has been attending Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in their evening studies program. This means he is generally traveling to the East Liberty neighborhood two nights a week during the Spring and Fall semesters. As his home church, there are several ways we can walk with Mat in these days. First is to keep him in our prayers, that his studies may be nurturing, his family and work responsibilities be well balanced, and his spirit kept strong. Second, we can be inquisitive, probably enough said. Third, we can offer him financial support. If you would like to do this, please be in direct contact with Mat or Pastor Bob.

## 2020 Nesbitt Scholarship

High school seniors are invited to apply for the E.M. Nesbitt Memorial Scholarship, which is presented annually at Park Presbyterian Church by the Nesbitt family. Graduating seniors from the Beaver area, regardless of their church affiliation, may apply. Applications for the scholarship, named for former Park Pastor E. Marcellus Nesbitt, are available in the Gathering Area of the church and through the Beaver High School counselors. Submission deadline is April 15<sup>th</sup>.

## February Session Meeting Highlights

- Park Church will host the Beaver-Butler Presbytery meeting at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, March 24th.
- The church received a grant from the Beaver-Butler Presbytery for \$475 to be used to purchase a new sign to replace the weathered one on Third Street.
- Life Line Screening has been approved to use Guild Hall on Saturday, May 30th for community health screen testing.
- Session approved the congregation's participation in a mission opportunity with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for tornado damage relief in Illinois during the last week of July.

## Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)

The Park Church PNC was elected on January 26, met with the Transition Team on the 29th and with the Beaver-Butler Presbytery Ministry and Vocations Committee representatives on February 12 for training. They have selected Gail Rackley as their chairperson and begun work on the Ministry Information Form, the church's profile. While we will not be posting their future meeting schedule, they would like you to know that they are planning on meeting most weeks. Together, we will keep you updated on their progress on a regular basis. Please continue to hold this group close in your prayers, the most vital support you can offer.

## Park Church to Host Presbytery

**Tuesday, March 24, 6:00 p.m.**

We are honored to be able to host the Beaver-Butler Presbytery meeting as ruling elder commissioners and pastors gather for worshipful work. We will provide meeting spaces, greeters, worship support and helping hands at various places, along with a good snack at break time. Ginny, Sally and the Member Involvement Commission will be coordinating the snack and asking for donations soon. There will also be sign-up sheets for helpers along the way. If you are curious, visitors are always welcome for all or part of the evening.



In 1958, two denominations, Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. and the United Presbyterian Church of North America joined to form the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America. On January 20, 1959, what had been four presbyteries under the former organization merged into a new presbytery known as Beaver-Butler Presbytery. The merged presbyteries were Beaver (Presbyterian), Beaver Valley (United Presbyterian), Butler (Presbyterian), and Butler (United Presbyterian). Another merger of the southern and northern expressions of Presbyterianism occurred in 1983 to form our current denomination. Today, our Presbytery is comprised of 63 PC(U.S.A.) churches within the bounds of Beaver and Butler counties.

## Church Security



The Park Church security team had its first meeting. The discussions and ideas were well presented. We welcome all ideas, concerns and opinions. We are gathering information as well as experts in their respective fields to guide us through this process. If you would like to be a part of this team, please let Pastor Bob at

revgoossen@parkpres.org, Members: Gary Leonard, Susan Cooper, Amy Grandstaff, Carol Connelly, Dave Linkimer, Karen Capper and Elders Ginny Flick, [ginny.flick@gmail.com](mailto:ginny.flick@gmail.com), or Bob Davis at [rjdavis@gmail.com](mailto:rjdavis@gmail.com) know.

## Redding Up the Church

The paint crew arrived on January 27 and began work in the rear section of our worship space. Each week scaffolding went up and came down as they worked towards the front. The biggest portion of the work is completed, with cracks repaired and new color on the walls and ceilings. Most days there have been four painters applying their excellent craftsmanship to our project. In the upcoming week the trim detailing will be completed, and the doors will receive a fresh coat of poly. We anticipate being back in the sanctuary for worship on March 8 and hosting the Presbytery meeting on March 24.



## Member Spotlight – Kathy and Larry Bittner



Kathy and Larry Bittner are both from Beaver and met, through a mutual friend, at Beaver High School. They were married in 1978.

After high school, Kathy attended Clarion State College and then taught at the Beaver United Methodist Church Preschool before beginning her career with the Beaver School District in 1973. She mostly taught 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, but also had opportunities to teach grades 1, 3, 4 and 6. She retired in 2011. Kathy left teaching for a few years in the late 1970's to pursue a career in computer programming but found that teaching was a better fit with a family.

Larry attended Toledo University, then began his career in the finance industry. He retired as a commercial lender after 40 years. During that time, he worked for the First National Bank of Midland, which eventually became Huntington. During the last 3 years of his career he worked for both S&T Bank and ESB.

Kathy and Larry have two daughters – Lyndsay (born in 1982) and Lori (born in 1986). Both girls attended Beaver High School and married boys from Beaver. Together, they have provided Larry and Kathy with 6 grandkids.

Kathy has been a member of Park since birth, as even her great grandparents were members. Larry joined when they were married. Kathy has been a Deacon and has taught Sunday School. Larry has been an Elder and was the church Auditor. They love Park because they know everyone. To them, Park is a community full of warmth.

In their spare time, Larry likes to golf, and Kathy likes to read and spend time with family.

# Membership Involvement

## Gathering Area Snacks

Gathering Area Fellowship Snacks	
March 1	Kathy Bittner
March 8	TBA
March 15	Ann Linkimer
March 22	TBA
March 29	TBA

Please considering helping with Fellowship by providing snacks after worship. All you need to bring is a sweet to serve 4 - 6 dozen. For those who love to bake, this is your chance to shine!!! Just bring the sweet; salty snacks and beverages will be provided. You can set up either before the service or during the last hymn. Please clean the area after fellowship.

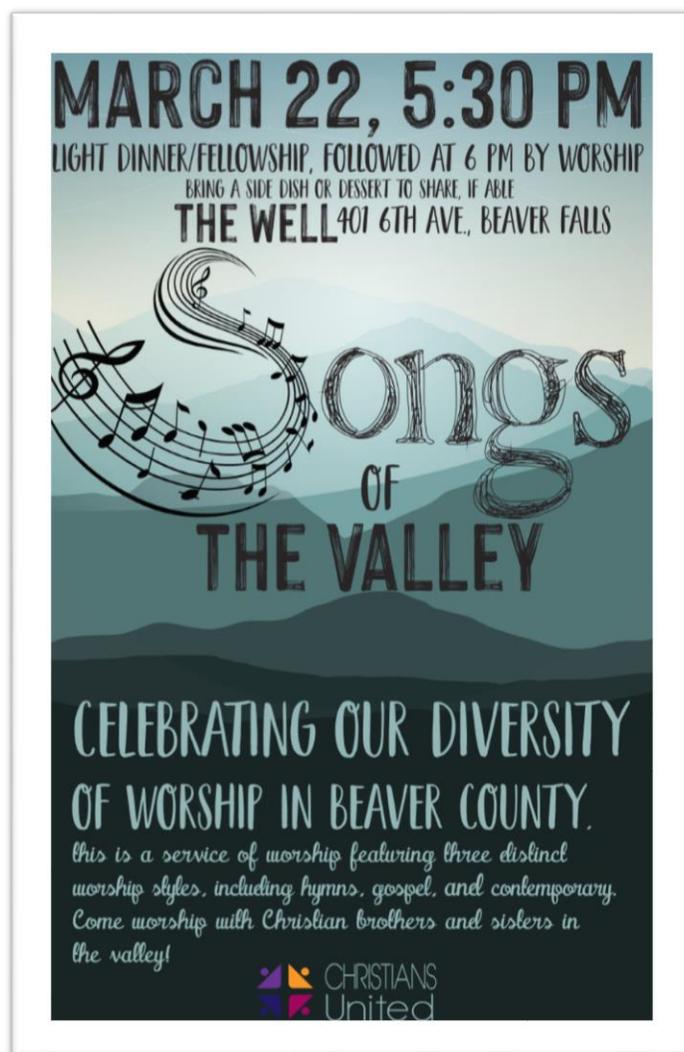
Please sign up on the sheet in the Gathering Area. If you have any questions, please ask Sally Heimbrook or Ginny Flick.

## Park 2020 Cookbook

Our church is preparing a wonderful cookbook featuring favorite recipes from our congregation. The cookbook will be professionally published, and it is certain to become a treasured keepsake. Please submit some of your favorite recipes so you can be represented in our cookbook. Thank you for contributing, as this will help ensure that our cookbook will be a huge success.

## Park Flower Fund

Spring is just around the corner and with that, thoughts turn to the great outdoors and things that grow. Flowers are one of those things. To grow, flowers need care and fertilizer. The same with our flower fund. It needs some "green" fertilizer. If you have enjoyed the flowers each Sunday, please consider a contribution to the flower fund. You can use a purple envelope or just mark "flower fund" on your check. Thank you.



# Park Finances – For Member Information

Here is the monthly statement of all moneys coming into and going out of Park.

Week/Month	Weekly Envelope Contributions	Monthly Expenses
January Total	\$32,649.79	\$10,204.75
January 5	\$9,994.00	
January 12	\$6,675.00	
January 19	\$5,677.00	
January 26	\$4,057.00	
Other Income	\$6,246.79	
<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>\$32,649.79</b>	<b>\$10,204.75</b>

The table above shows the weekly envelope contributions, compared to the monthly expenses for 2019.

Week/Month	Per Capita Annual budgeted amount: \$3614	Cost of Envelopes Annual budgeted amount: \$450
January Total	\$2,530.79	\$328.00
January 5	\$595.00	\$100.00
January 12	\$934.00	\$178.00
January 19	\$671.00	\$24.00
January 26	\$330.79	\$26.00
<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>\$2,530.79</b>	<b>\$328.00</b>

The table above shows the Per Capita and Envelope expenses, along with what has been collected so far. If you have not already done so, please consider paying your Per Capita of \$42 per person and Initial Envelope offering of \$6.00 per family.

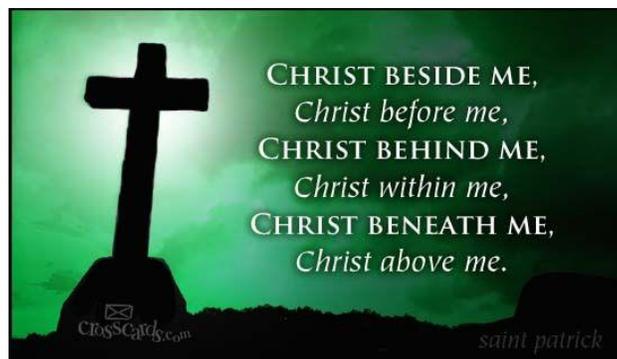
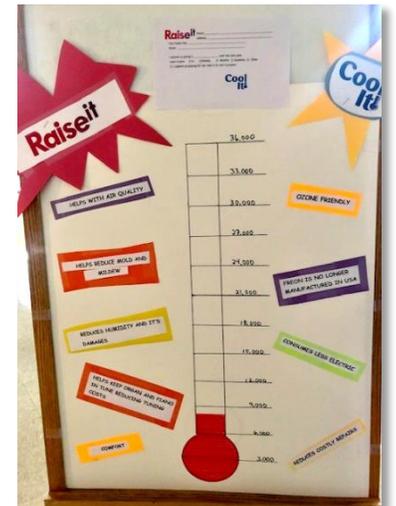
## Raise it to Cool it – Finance

# Raiseit

The Raise it to Cool it fund raiser is on! We have had a great start! Thank you to those who have planted the seed. Just by doing this, we will

increase our comfort during those hot humid days. We have listed some of the benefits of having new air conditioner in previous updates, but the one that is most pressing is that Freon is no longer made in the United States. The

Session has decided to go with new green technology. We feel this is being a better steward of our resources as well as our impact on the environment. Lets keep this important project going. Thank You!!! Park Church Session.



# PARK NEWS BITES

## Sermons Online

Most of the Sunday sermons are available on the Park website.

<http://www.parkpres.org>

Along the top of the screen, move your mouse over "Praise & Worship," then select "Past Services" from the drop-down menu.

## Sunday Morning Opening

We're seeking a group of people who would be willing to occasionally come to church by 9:00 on a Sunday morning to unlock the doors. It is a simple task that requires no mechanical skills, only the ability to walk around to five doors on the ground level of our facility. A sign-up sheet will be available in the Gathering Room.

## Beaver High School's 2020 Musical

The Beaver High School's 2020 musical is **My Favorite Year**. Shows begin with a FREE senior citizen's performance on Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. The performances continue through the weekend with Friday and Saturday evening shows at 7:30pm and a Sunday matinee at 2pm. Come see Park's very own Evan Linkimer and Alyssa Caldwell in the show!

## Hungry for Music

The Beaver High School Tri-M music honor society is partnering with [Hungry for Music](#), an organization that places donated musical instruments into the hands of children who demonstrate a desire to learn music.

If you have a musical instrument you would like to donate, please contact Evan Linkimer at [elinkimer@gmail.com](mailto:elinkimer@gmail.com).



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## March Worship Leadership

1	Ushers	Carol & Bob Fedeles, Bruce & Deb McCowin
	Liturgist	Jan Pasuit
	Sound	Emma & Elyse Schaller
	Child Care	Marjie & Charlie O'Neill
	Communion	Dave Ivey, Anne Berenbrok, Carol Fedeles, Jan Pasuit, Bob Davis
	Fellowship	Kathy Bittner
8	Ushers	Kaley, Karissa & Joyce Davis, Chuck Snitger
	Liturgist	Roxanne Walker
	Sound	Emma & Elyse Schaller
	Child Care	Kathy Bittner & Lyndsay Owens
	Fellowship	TBA
15	Ushers	Clif Dietz, Dave & Ann Linkimer, Hermann Brosch
	Liturgist	Jeff Anderson
	Sound	Bruce McCowin
	Child Care	Roxanne Walker & Elliott Cramer
	Fellowship	Ann Linkimer
22	Ushers	Ron Ringer, Ginny Flick, Rich Reed, Elliott Cramer
	Liturgist	Elliott Cramer
	Sound	Charlie O'Neill
	Child Care	Joyce & Bob Davis
	Fellowship	TBA
29	Ushers	Becky & Bill Becze, Sally Heimbrook, Dave Flynn
	Liturgist	Bob Davis
	Sound	Bob Davis
	Child Care	Jackie & Matt Stewart
	Fellowship	TBA



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays			Anniversaries		
Susan Ivey	1	Dave Ivey	21	Mary Lou & Jack Vaughn	20 <sup>th</sup>
Jay Gourley	6	Jeff Anderson	23		
Karissa Davis	7	Kara Davis	23		
Chrissy Walmsley	7	Dave Linkimer	24		
Benjamin Walmsley	17	Ron Ringer	25		
Phyllis Thompson	18	Jen Wolfe	27		
Kathy Zehnder	19	Bob Hines	30		
Dave Flynn	20				

Park Presbyterian Church is happy to welcome residents from Beaver and surrounding communities to take part in a variety of activities at our church. We love sharing our programs and getting to know those who are not members of our congregation. Here's what's happening this month. We urge family, friends, and neighbors to join us!

March 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:45 Sunday School 11am Worship with Communion – Guild Hall	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 10am Facilities Commission 6pm Handbells 6pm Finance Commission	<b>4</b> 2pm Prayer Beads Study 4:30pm Admin. Commission 7pm Prayer Beads Study	<b>5</b> 7pm Chancel Choir	<b>6</b> World Day of Prayer	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9:45 Sunday School 11am Worship – Back in the Sanctuary! 12pm Mission Trip Meeting 	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 6pm Handbells 7pm Session	<b>11</b> 2pm Prayer Beads Study 7pm Prayer Beads Study	<b>12</b> 7pm Chancel Choir	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 8:30am Fix-it Saturday
<b>15</b> 9:45 Sunday School 11am Worship	<b>16</b> 7pm Deacons	<b>17</b> 6pm Handbells 6pm Safe Church Meeting 	<b>18</b> 2pm Prayer Beads Study 7pm Prayer Beads Study	<b>19</b> 7pm Chancel Choir 	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:45 Sunday School 11am Worship	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 6pm Handbells 6pm BBP Meeting Hosted by Park	<b>25</b> 2pm Prayer Beads Study 7pm Prayer Beads Study	<b>26</b> 6pm Christian Nurture 7pm Chancel Choir	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:45 Sunday School 11am Worship	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 6pm Handbells 7pm Mission Commission				

## CHURCH STAFF/OFFICERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

*Office Hours*  
**9:00-1:00, Monday – Thursday;**  
**Closed Friday – Sunday**

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### Elders

#### Class of 2020

Jeff Anderson  
Bob Davis  
Susan Ivey  
Charlie O'Neill

#### Class of 2021

Elliott Cramer  
Joyce Davis  
Ginny Flick  
Roxanne Walker

#### Class of 2022

Karen Capper  
Clif Dietz  
Sally Heimbrook  
Jan Pasuit

### Deacons

#### Class of 2020

Joe Budicak  
Mary Gaydos  
Gail Rackley  
Sandy Ringer

#### Class of 2021

Anne Berenbrok  
Bob Gourley  
Sandra Parker  
Matt Stewart

#### Class of 2022

Kathy Bittner  
Carol Fedeles  
Dave Ivey  
Jerry Madden