

Park Presbyterian Church

June 4, 2020

Announcements

This Weeks Sermon

“The Big D”
Rev. Bob Goossen

Scriptures

[Psalm 8; Matthew 28:16-20](#)

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Dear Park Church Family & Friends,

As the cool morning breeze drifts into the office, I send you warm thoughts for hope and peace in a time of deep civil unrest in our country. These are difficult days and will continue to be difficult days as we move through the summer. With the grace-filled brush of the Spirit, we can listen intently to the voices of the oppressed, the angry, the unheard. As Christ followers we are encouraged by actions of love and justice: the private action of prayer, the public action of presence and partnership.

You will find in this week's Branches an article from our partners at The Center in Midland as they re-open their doors to the children of their community. They are seeking more volunteers for this summer! Do you feel called? Do you have other ideas for the Park family to consider? Send them to one of the elders or to me, thank you.

We know that all our neighboring counties are going green this Friday and we anticipate that Beaver County will follow along soon. Thus, the questions around when and how we return to worship in the sanctuary are front and center. The Worship Commission is meeting this Thursday and the Session will be in earnest discernment on Tuesday, the 9th. Please hold all in your prayers.

One thing we are working hard on is the ability to transition from recorded worship to a live video stream of our Sunday service. We feel this is an important part of our learnings from these pandemic days. We very much want to continue to serve the whole Park congregation, both those who feel they want to be in the sanctuary and those who feel it is better and safer to continue to maintain some level of distance.

We do know that worship will look and feel different for those in the sanctuary. We will need to maintain physical distance, wear masks, and modify things we love like hugs and singing. Still, the Spirit of Pentecost will reign in our hearts as we lift them to God, together or apart.

This Sunday our worship will include the sacrament of communion. Please bring your juice and bread to your worship center. In the spirit of summer, we will move the Coffee Hour to 9:00. Look for the email to join the Zoom meeting. Our worship service should be available at 9:00 Sunday morning as well.

ever in hope, pastor bob

Sunday Worship as Park Apart

Summer is here, which means our worship time moves to one hour earlier. The worship recorded video will be available on Sunday, start at 9:00am, and you can continue to find us anytime thereafter at <https://www.parkpres.org/swl-sunday-worship-live>. The bulletin for the service can be found on the [Sunday Worship page](#) of our site.

As a reminder, that our worship service is recorded on Thursday to allow time for to produce the video and set it up on the web page. If you have announcements or prayer requests, please have them to Pastor Bob by Thursday at 9 a.m. email: revgoossen@parkpres.org or call/text 724-464-4032.

Powerful Messages

This has been a challenging week in the world, in our country, and in our city. A few members of the Presbyterian church have voiced their thoughts, to help give us all hope.

[A Letter to White Presbyterians](#), from Ralph Lowe, Director of Justice Ministries, Pittsburgh Presbytery
[Stated Clerk Remembers Recent Victims of Racial Violence](#), from the Office of the General Assembly

Pop-up Pantry

WE ARE SERVING OUR NEIGHBOR. The Mission Committee would like to thank everyone who gave and is giving to the Food Pantry. Vanport Presbyterian Church has come along to help us, and their help is greatly appreciated. We have a great group of people who are volunteering their time, talents and money to help our neighbors. The pantry is stocked daily by this group of people with Mission funds along with donations. We are spending one hundred dollars a day and that is not keeping up with the demand. This includes the items left by good Samaritans. You can be very proud that Park is stepping up and reaching out to our neighbors during this unprecedented time. Please pray for this local mission. You can always donate non-perishable food items, personal hygiene items and toilet paper. We have shoppers who are willing to go and purchase items and stock them. Park has a new link coming to our web page for online giving. Check it out at www.parkpres.org.

Remember when doing your weekly shopping for your home to pick up a few extra items – Shopping + 1!!

We Need a Truck!!

The Food Pantry needs your help if you have a truck or trailer. We have partnered with the Center in Midland and they have included us in their Food distribution network! We would need you to pick up 15 boxes from the Center on Tuesdays and bring them to the Pavilion and set them on the tables. If we get enough help we can rotate the responsibility. This is truly a Park-led local ministry. Please consider helping. Call the church office 724-775-2936.



Thank You, The Mission Commission



Reminder – Pentecost Offering

The Pentecost offering helps our youth begin life with a strong start—a solid foundation of faith formed in the first third of life, from childhood through young adulthood.

Donations to the Pentecost offering will be received through the month of June.

Financial Update

During this time of social distancing and the need for streaming of our Church services please remember to mail in your pledges and support. The Church's missions and bills do not take time off during this outbreak. Please fill out your giving envelopes and giving donations to Park Church. Please fill out your giving contributions with your name, envelope number, where you would like it placed, for example: (the chiller, normal pledge or another specific area) and then check amount. Thank You!! Then please place in the mail to:



Park Presbyterian Church, Attention: Financial Administrator, 275 Commerce St., Beaver, Pa 15009

Summer Worship Time and Coffee Hour

Summer is here!!! With summer comes our move to an earlier worship time. Since worship is still online, this means that the video will now be made available at **9:00am on Sunday mornings**. Once we are able to meet in person, the time for worship will be 10:00am through Labor Day.



In addition, the Coffee Hour will also be at 9:00am on Sunday morning. Look for the email to join the Zoom meeting. Our worship service should be available at 9:00 Sunday morning as well.

Raise It to Cool It



The Raise it to Cool it fund raiser is on! We have had a great start! We are just over halfway!!!!

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 a 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. Let's keep this important project going. Thank You!!!

Park Church Session

Park Church and Amazon Smile



Park Church has teamed up with amazonsmile. When you shop online, please use [amazonsmile.com](https://www.amazon.com/amazonsmile) to place your orders. It does not cost you a single cent more and amazonsmile donates 0.5% to Park Church!

Cloth Face Masks

Hand-crafted cloth face masks are available for the Park family! You'll find them inside the 3rd St door during normal office hours, 9-1, Monday – Thursday.

Park Helpers

We have some individuals who are willing to do a grocery run or a pharmacy pick-up. We also have some young adults who might come by and rake a yard or do a little outside work. Contact Matt Stewart, Elliott Cramer or Pastor Bob and we'll try to connect you. Always remembering, safety first.

The Center in Midland is Reopening!

Hello partners in ministry! With everything that is going on in this country and world, God has really pressed on our hearts even more these past few days why He created The Center. It is crucial that His people speak truth and love and grace into the lives of those who are underserved, over-looked, and marginalized, by meeting real needs physically so we can invest in them spiritually. This is the reason The Center exists & we are so anxious to re-open!

We are opening our doors to kids K4-12th grade this summer starting June 29 & will be meeting each Monday-Thursday through August 13 from 4:30-6:00pm. Communicycle will run out of our parking lot each Wednesday evening 6-8pm, as well as at Midland Heights and Midcrest Homes. While our board has decided it is wise to cancel our large camps this summer, we are so excited to begin serving the kids in our community again.

While we open, we will continue to provide daily breakfast, lunch and dinner to the children in partnership with Midland School. We will also continue to provide meals and groceries to the community through our food bank and deliveries to shut-ins.

How you can help:

- **PRAY!** Please ask the Lord to provide all wisdom in planning, an overflow of volunteers and every resource we need. Please ask that He put a solid hedge of protection around The Center from COVID-19 so we can keep our doors open and from the enemy who so desperately wants to destroy and hinder God's work here. Finally- please pray for His Spirit to guide our conversations, especially in regard to police violence and the protests, that we would speak truth in love when necessary and that we would simply listen and understand in empathy even more.
- **VOLUNTEER!** We are in need of volunteers to work with the kids this summer. If you know of anyone who is interested, please have them fill out our volunteer application at the bottom of our homepage at www.midland.center
- **GIVE!** We are always super thankful for donations of paper products or non-perishables!

We treasure your partnership in proclaiming the Gospel of Christ through word & deed!

Jen Miller, Executive Director – The Center, www.midland.center

Thank you!!

Thank you to Sandy Parker and Matt & Ada Stewart for planting the beautiful begonias at the church!!!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Celebrating Birthdays this Week:

Chloe Kraus	4
Tom Schaller	4
Bob Jones	6
June Phillips	6
John Rackley	8
Mallory Lane	9