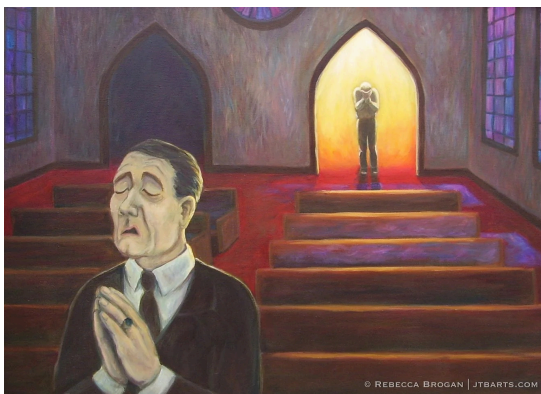




Park Avenue Christian Church NEWS

October 20,
2025

Humility and Forgiveness



On Sunday the 26th we will look at one of the parables from the Gospel of Luke; Luke 18: 9-14.

As preparation I would encourage you to read the first 8 verses of this chapter. Jesus has been in conversation with the disciples but also answering concerns of the

Pharisees (church leaders of the time, similar to Rabbis today). Jesus often uses parables to teach.

Karl Barth, a Swiss Reformed theologian titled his reflections on the parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector; “The Sloth and Misery of Man.” Barth points out that there is a clear distinction between the goodness of God the Creator and the sinfulness of the creature. He goes on to say; “this is clearly the point Jesus wants his audience to comprehend. The Pharisee sees his status before God to be a result of his own actions. His prayer is about what he is doing. The tax collector is ashamed of his actions. His prayer is about what he has done.”

Who among us hasn’t felt a little self-righteous on a Sunday morning. “I thank you God for the chance to worship you this morning unlike my neighbor who chose to mow his lawn this Sunday morning.” Jesus reminds us that we are to be careful about humility. Sometimes the only time we gain humility is when we mess up “big time.”

Blessings,
Paster Alice

THANK YOU

Thank you for the recognition of staff and pastor. We are grateful for Carmel apples, a lovely reception last Sunday and DQ gift cards. Pastor Alice was surprised with beautiful cards from the Power PACC children and youth last Wednesday. Stop by the pastor's office and see the cards brightening the bookshelves.

Update from Your Search Team:

Our Congregational Profile is complete. We look forward to looking at potential settled pastors.

Please reach out to any of the members with any questions.

As always, please keep the church in your prayers as we take this next step forward in our church life.

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Joys we are thankful for:

- Interesting vacations
- Visitors in worship
- All the children for God Squad
- Gratitude Monday

Concerns to pray for:

- Prayers for healing for Nicole, Twila, Sady.
 - Prayers for support, healing and courage for Bev and her family.
 - Prayers for Pastor Willa, who serves at Woodburn and for Pastor Arlene, the Interim pastor at Highland Park.
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Our Life Together

Wed Oct 22

Power-PACC – Meal 6PM

Lessons and book study 6:30PM

Sun Oct 26

Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal 9:15AM

Children's Choir Rehearsal 9:50AM Perform during Worship

Worship 10:30AM

Tue Oct 28

Council and Board Meeting 6:30PM

Wed Oct 29

Power-PACC – Meal 6PM

Trunk or Treat 6:30PM

The Boo Bash (6 - 8th Grades) 7:30 - 8PM

Sun Nov 2

All Saint Sunday

Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal 9:15AM

Adult Choir Rehearsal 9:45AM

Worship 10:30AM

God Squad Youth Ministry During Worship

Worship Ministry Meeting 12PM

Tues Nov 4

Election Day

Wed Nov 5

Power-PACC – Meal 6PM

Lessons and book study 6:30PM

Fri Nov 7

Pasta Dinner Hosted by Disciple Men Fellowship 5 - 7PM

**Power-PACC is Back
Wednesdays! Meal
and activities for all
ages.**

**BUT FIRST,

COFFEE**

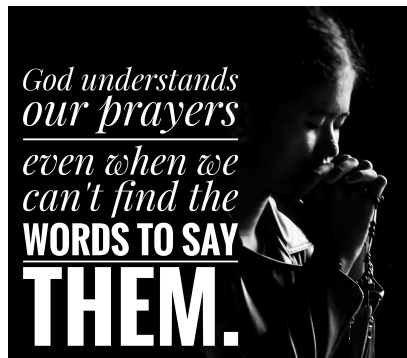
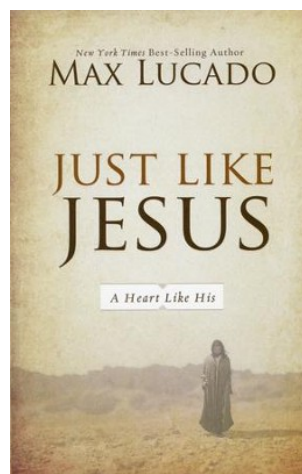


**Coffee Fellowship
10 – 10:30 AM**

Please sign up to make coffee for this
Fellowship time for future Sundays.
Thank you!

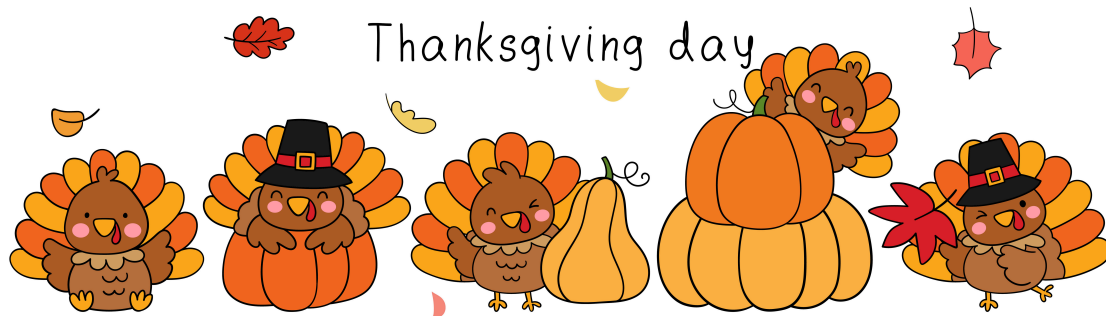
**Adult Book Study, meet
in the Library
Sundays 9:30AM**

**In depth look and
discussion on Max
Lucado's Just Like
Jesus**



**Sunday Prayer Group
at 8 pm**

Facebook: PACC Family



Outreach Projects are when the people from our congregation help us do something good beyond our church doors. It is time to help the children at Park Avenue Elementary School with Thanksgiving Dinner. We will turn your cash into \$35 gift cards from Aldi. The social worker at the school knows families that need the most help and will be handing out the gift cards. We have **5** Sundays before Thanksgiving.

Sandy Duff, Lois Birmingham, Rose Brees, and Linda Poil are here to help take your donations.

With much appreciation,
PACC Outreach Ministry



**WED.
OCT
29TH**

**COME JOIN US FOR A
NIGHT OF FUN !**

**Free will offering meal 6:00pm
Trunk or Treat 6:30 - 7:30pm**

**Park Avenue Christian Church
and Watrous Heights Neighborhood
association are jointly hosting
this year.**







Park Avenue
Christian Church
PASTA DINNER



Friday, November 7, 2025
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall – 3301 SW 9th Street

MENU

Baked Pasta ~ Meatballs
Salad ~ Bread ~ Dessert

FREE WILL OFFERING
Supporting the Youth Church Camp
Scholarship Fund

Sponsored by: Park Avenue Christian Church Disciples Men's Fellowship

Cashless Giving
One Time or Recurring



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