



Park Avenue Christian Church NEWS November 24, 2025

Hope



Advent begins this Sunday, November 30. The four weeks of Advent are the time for preparing ourselves spiritually for the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. This Advent our theme is: "Calling all Angels". The title is based on a devotional book by that title written by Pastor Erin Wathen, pastor at Grace Immanuel United Church of Christ in Louisville, KY.

"Do not be afraid" is the most frequently repeated message in Scripture. Faith cannot thrive where fear is present. Some of the most inspiring messages inspiring us to overcome fear come in the stories of Jesus' birth. Most of the time the one who brings the message, "do not be afraid" is an angel. So, this Advent we are going to read the message from the angels.

This Sunday we will be hearing the story of the angel of the Lord who appeared to the priest, Zechariah. We will be reading Luke 1: 5-25. Zechariah is in the holy place in the temple where only the priest goes to prepare for worship when an angel appears to him with surprising news. He and his wife Elizabeth are going to have a child! Amazing because Elizabeth is way beyond her childbearing years. What happens next is amazing. I hope if you have time, you will read the story before Sunday.

Blessing



HANGING OF THE GREENS

November 30th is the first Sunday in Advent and a very special service. It is the Hanging of the Greens. Have you ever wondered why we have a Christmas tree in the sanctuary or wreaths on the doors? And what are Chrismon's anyway?

Sunday, members of the church will share the story of these symbols and more, that we use in the season of Advent. We will sing Advent hymns, have special music and hear the story of our first Angel, the angel who appeared to Zechariah, Luke 1:5-25.

You won't want to miss this very special day!

PASTOR ALICE'S OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Alice is in the office from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. each Monday and from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday. You are always welcome to drop by. If you want to speak with her when she isn't in the office you may call her at 515-201-4582.

POWER PACC for adults

Our Wednesday evening adult learning time is still studying Thriving Congregations. Since each chapter is independent you can drop in any week. You don't even need a copy of the book. Discussion is lively, join us anytime.

Joys we are thankful for:

- Aunt Sandy is improving
- 30 meal gift cards for Thanksgiving meals
- · Nicole making Opus choir
- Jan's dad is improving
- 1 church in Jamacia was repaired and open for worship.

Concerns to pray for:

- Prayers for healing for Don, undergoing stem cell treatment
- For Kathy having surgery
- On-going prayers for Bev and Ralph, and Kaylea. Pastor Willa and Pastor Arlene.

Our Life Together

Wed Nov 26

Power-PACC – No activities this week.

Thur Nov 27

Thanksgiving Day





PACC Disciples Women's Brunch





Cookie Exchange

Saturday, December 13, 2025 9:30 to 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall

• Please bring three (3) dozen cookies – one will go to the staff at Park Avenue Elementary and the other two will be to exchange.

Brunch with a brief business meeting followed by a seasonal program and the exchange of cookies with time of fellowship.

 We will also be collecting socks and underwear for Park Avenue Elementary (if you have questions about sizes ask Susan Johnson).



Christmas for Genesis

Let's fill gift sacks for the Genesis Christmas Party. The party will be Tuesday December 23rd for 38 men and 42 women. Outreach will furnish Punch and cookies for the party.

Candy Canes

Sugar Free Candies

Sugar Free Gum

Cracker Sandwiches

Nuts, Peanuts

Hand Cream

Men's Cologne

Deodorant

Socks

Handkerchiefs

Shoehorns

Combs and brushes

Hair Clips, Head Bands

Ink Pens

Pocket Notebooks

Puzzle Books

Playing Cards

Over the head necklaces

Lap Blankets

Hand Games

Insoles

Wall Calendars



We will divide donations between the sacks.

Thank you for your continued support.
Outreach Ministry

Breaking News! Update on Andie Cleaveland

You may remember this past September Andre'a Cleaveland was accepted into the Disciples of Christ Commissioned Ministry Program. This is a 3 to 4 year education program that includes 8 to 9 semester long on-line classes, of which she is just completing her first class. It also includes 3 semesters of supervised instruction. In addition to the classes, she will be attending at least six 1 ½ day retreats. Andie will write several papers on her faith journey and present them to the Regional Commissioning Unit.

The region asks for Andie to have a designated Congregational Care Committee to be supportive and give honest and loving feedback during her journey. They will meet with her quarterly during the first year, then twice a year after that until she has completed the education portion of her journey. Andie may present her final paper to the Care Committee who can also attend her final interview with the Regional Commissioning Unit. The final support for the Care Team comes in helping plan her commissioning service when she is finished.

The Congregational Care Team includes Jan Stribling, Mike Woods, Lori Eggers, Jim Birmingham and Mary Hannan. However, we ask that that all members of the congregation pray for Andie and offer her words of encouragement. We will keep you updated on Andie's progress.

Micro Food Pantry





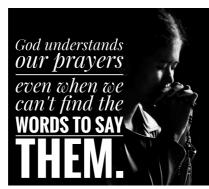


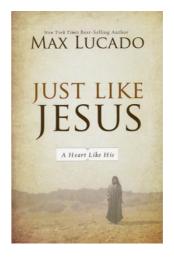
Coffee Fellowship 10 - 10:30 AM

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

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