



Park Avenue Christian Church NEWS

December 1,
2025

Hope



HANGING OF THE GREENS

Since the weather required the closing of the church yesterday, we will celebrate the Hanging of the Greens this Sunday, December 7. As I said in our short meditation Sunday on PACC Family, the meaning of the word “angel” is messenger. The angels in the scriptures were God’s voice.

Our first angel will have a name, Gabriel, most angels in the Bible don’t have a name. Gabriel visits Zechariah with some incredible news. The scripture for the story is Luke 1: 5-25.

I hope the weather cooperates and everyone is able to worship with us in person or on line.

Blessings

REFLECTIONS

I recently read *STAYING AT THE TABLE, Being the Church, We Say we Are*, by our General Minister and President, Rev. Terri Hord Owens. In her book she shares her vision of what she hopes the church will be. She quotes Micah 6: 6-8, one of the Old Testament prophets.

“With what shall I come before the Lord and bow myself before God on high? I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with 10 thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give

my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God.” Micah 6: 6-8

Rev. Owen writes about how we as Christians need to be known as those who seek a better world. Because we know God’s love through Jesus and have Jesus in our lives, we need to be about sharing that in the way we talk and the way we live our lives. People should want to attend our congregation because they can see the transforming impact of Jesus in our lives.

How can we show that transforming love to others this week?
Pastor Alice

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:

- Jan’s father is better
- SNOW!!!

Concerns to pray for:

- Bill is in the ICU following emergency surgery
- Tammy is having surgery Tuesday
- Snow?!?
- Prayers for the homeless
- for the students at the school in Jamaica
- Donna and mission in Peru

Our Life Together

Tues Dec 2

Council and Board Meeting 6:30PM

Wed Dec 3

Power-PACC – Meal 6PM

Lessons and book study 6:30PM

Children's Christmas Musical Rehearsal

Thur Dec 4.

Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:30PM

Sun Dec 7

Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal 9:15AM

Adult Choir Rehearsal 9:45AM

Worship 10:30AM

Worship Ministry Meeting 12PM

Wed Dec 10

Power-PACC – Meal 6PM

Lessons and book study 6:30PM

Children's Christmas Musical Rehearsal

Thur Dec 11

Retiree's Breakfast 9AM

Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:30PM

Sat Dec 13

Cookie Exchange Fellowship Hall 9:30 - 11:30AM

Sun Dec 14.

Children's Choir Rehearsal 9:30AM - Perform during Worship

Worship 10:30AM

Congregational Life Ministry Meeting 12PM

Wed Dec 17

Power-PACC – No activities this week.

Thur Dec 18

Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:30PM

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

Stewardship Update:

We have received 28 Pledges in with a total of \$104,860.
Still time to put in your pledge either by mail or at church.

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



As the weather gets colder, Please help us keep it filled for those in need.
If you have any questions please see Lori Durrett 515-971-2020 or Jan Stribling 515-979-2645.

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



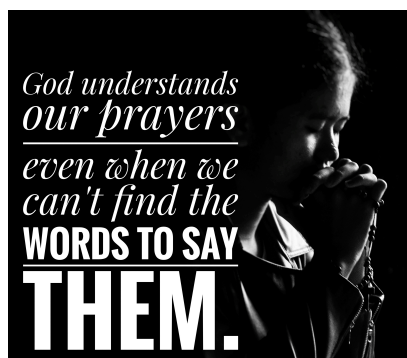
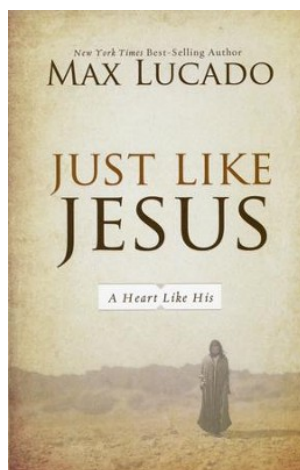
**BUT FIRST,
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COFFEE**

**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

**Cashless Giving
One Time or Recurring**



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