



# Park Avenue

## Christian

## Church

## NEWS

# December 8,

# 2025

## Mary's Angel



On this third Sunday in Advent we will read of the Angel Gabriel's visit to young girl named Mary, who will be the mother of the Christ child. Our Scripture is; Luke 1: 26-38.

Some interesting notes about the story of Mary in the Gospel of Luke. Luke is the only gospel in which a woman speaks and Mary has more to say than any of the other women. Poor Mary is just going about her household chores. Young women in the 1st century didn't go to school, so she is left to help her mother with household duties. We know she was engaged to a man called Joseph, but was still living at home. When suddenly the angel Gabriel appears before her to tell her she is going to have a baby, not just any baby but the Son of God. Of course Mary was afraid. Gabriel assures her, as he did Zechariah, that God will be with her.

But what a huge ask from God. What will her parents say? What will the neighbors say? What will Joseph say! But in spite of all that Mary responded, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word."

In a world filled with greed, oppression and war perhaps the thing we need to hear the most is not about the angel's visit, but Mary's response. Mary's song, also called the Magnificat is her prophetic words on what will happen when the Messiah comes. If time this week I encourage you to read those words in Luke 1: 46-55.

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.

### **CHRISTMAS SPECIAL OFFERING**

December 14 and 21 we will be receiving our Special Christmas offering. This offering supports the ministry of our Region, the Upper Midwest Region. It supports Camps and Conferences, Search and Call, Pastor support, and much more. Please plan to share in this special offering.

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## **Joys we are thankful for:**

- Tammy received a good report
- We were able to have worship, even though it snowed some.
- A wonderful Hanging of the Greens service with lots of volunteer help.

## **Concerns to pray for:**

- Bill is in the hospital, but cannot have visitors. Cards can be sent to their home address for Bill and Carolyn
- Rose who is recovering.

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## **Our Life Together**

### **Wed Dec 10**

POWER-PACC – Meal 6PM

Lessons and book study 6:30PM

Children's Christmas Musical Rehearsal

Mission Jamaica team meeting 6:30PM

### **Thur Dec 11**

Retiree's Breakfast 9AM

Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:30PM

### **Sat Dec 13**

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

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### **Sun Dec 14**

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

Worship - Children's Christmas Musical - 10:30AM

### **Wed Dec 17**

POWER-PACC – No activities this week.

**Thur Dec 18**

Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:30PM

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**Sun Dec 21**

Adult Choir Rehearsal 9AM

Worship - Christmas Cantata - 10:30AM

**Wed Dec 24**

Christmas Eve Service 7PM

**Thur Dec 25**

Christmas Day!!!!

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## **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

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## 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.

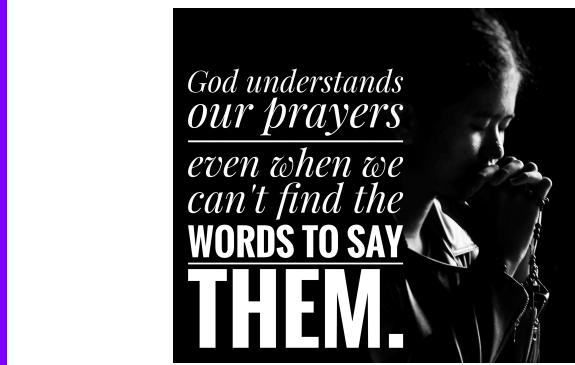
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**Power-PACC is  
Wednesdays! Meal  
and activities for all  
ages.**



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

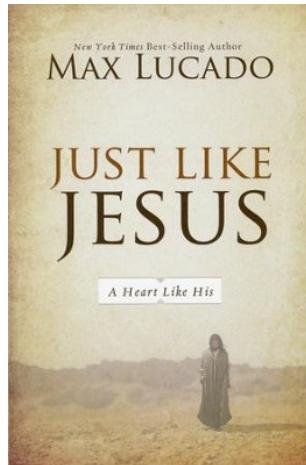
**In depth look and  
discussion on Max  
Lucado's Just Like  
Jesus**



**Coffee Fellowship  
10 – 10:30 AM**

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

Thank you!



**Sunday Prayer Group  
at 8 pm**

**Facebook: PACC Family**

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One Time or Recurring



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