



Park Avenue

Christian

Church

NEWS

December 15,

2025

Joseph's Angel



This week the choir and I will be telling the story of Jesus' birth in scripture and song. My message will be based on the story in Matthew 1:18-25.

Last week we read of Mary's angel who came to her with life-changing news that she would become the mother of the Son of God.

Our story this week takes place after Mary has told Joseph that she is going to have a baby, but that she hasn't been unfaithful. Poor Joseph how is he supposed to believe that story? Matthew is the only Gospel that tells Joseph side of the story.

We know Joseph is a faithful Jew, a descendent of King David. In that time, an engagement was a binding contract. He and Mary were legally "married" they just didn't live together yet, and had not consummated the marriage. He knows that Jewish law says he has one of two options when his fiancée turns up pregnant. He can divorce her or he can publicly state she has been unfaithful and she will be stoned to death.

Like Zechariah and Mary, Joseph is frightened when the angel appears to him but unlike the other two, there is no record of a verbal response from Joseph. We know Joseph cared about Mary and was a compassionate person because he had decided to quietly divorce her. But then God sends an angel who declares "do not be afraid." Even though Joseph does not respond verbally we know he believes the angel and takes Mary to be his wife.

This week may we have the faith and courage of Joseph. May his story remind us that God sent Jesus into an imperfect world where not everything was as ideal as our Christmas pageants make it appear. Go forth with faith and courage.

Pastor Alice

THRIVING BOOK STUDY

Even though POWER PACC children's program is not meeting this week and there is no meal, the adult book study will be meeting. We will meet at 6:00 p.m.

Joys we are thankful for:

- Prayers of Thanksgiving for the wonderful Children's Christmas program last Sunday. Check it out on Facebook or YouTube.



Concerns to pray for:

- Prayers for courage for Bev and Ralph and the Woods family
- Prayers for healing for Rose, Bill and Pastor Alice's sister-in-law—Cheryl

Our Life Together

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.
Adult book study 6:00PM

Thur Dec 18

Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:30PM

Sun Dec 21

Adult Choir Rehearsal 9AM
Worship - Christmas Cantata - 10:30AM

Wed Dec 24

Christmas Eve Service 7PM

Thur Dec 25

Christmas Day!!!!

Sun Dec 28

Worship 10:30AM

Wed Dec 31

POWER-PACC – No activities this week.

Thur Jan 1

New Years Day

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	Combs and brushes
Sugar Free Candies	Hair Clips, Head Bands
Sugar Free Gum	Ink Pens
Cracker Sandwiches	Pocket Notebooks
Nuts, Peanuts	Puzzle Books
Hand Cream	Playing Cards
Men's Cologne	Over the head necklaces
Deodorant	Lap Blankets
Socks	Hand Games
Handkerchiefs	Insoles
Shoehorns	Wall Calendars

We will divide donations between the sacks.

Thank you for your continued support.

Outreach Ministry

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.**



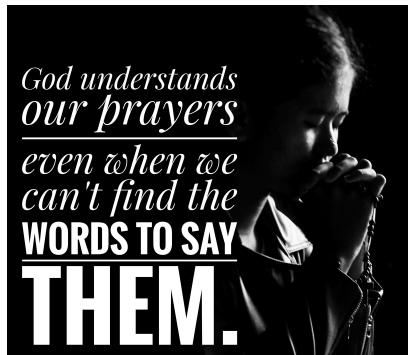
**Coffee Fellowship
10 – 10:30 AM**

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**



**Cashless Giving
One Time or Recurring**

**Sunday Prayer Group
at 8 pm**

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