



**Park Avenue
Christian
Church
NEWS
December 22,
2025**

Christmas Eve



The Candlelight Worship service on December 24th will be at 7 p.m.

During this worship experience we will hear the whole Christmas story as it is written in the Gospel of Luke Chapter 2: 1-20.

Each child who attends is invited to pick a stuffed animal from those provided to cuddle during the service until the Children's time with Baby Jesus. At that time, they will be invited to bring their stuffed animal to give as a gift to the baby Jesus.

All the stuffed animals have been donated and if a child would like to retrieve their stuffed animal after the service and take it home, they are welcome to do so.

We will sing lots of Christmas carols, communion will be shared, and the service will conclude with a circle of candlelight. Glow sticks will be provided for the children.

This is always a very meaningful and joyous service for all ages. We hope you will join us at 7 p.m. Wednesday evening.

Holy Family's Angel



Sunday, December 28 another angel will appear. God will send an angel once again to Joseph, but this time to warn the family they must flee Bethlehem.

We read this story in Matthew 2: 13-15. This story actually takes place after the Wise Men had visited the baby so we are out of chronological order. The Wise Men's appearance is part of the Epiphany story which will be our worship on January 4.

The angel warns Joseph that King Herod, who heard from the Wise Men that a King of the Jews had been born in Bethlehem, in a fearful rage has sent soldiers in search of this baby King of the Jews. Herod was afraid someone might threaten his power because he had declared himself King. Herod becomes obsessed with finding and killing all baby boys 2 years of age and younger. This has been called the Slaughter of the Innocents.

The angel tells Joseph where to take his family. And so once again Joseph is faithful to a call from God and takes his family and flees to Egypt.

Jesus spent part of his early childhood with someone trying to harm him and ended his life with the Romans successfully harming him. Jesus could have lived his life in fear, but instead he walked in the ways of prayer, justice, compassion, peace and transforming love. And calls us to do the same.

Merry Christmas

Pastor Alice

INSTALLATION OF LEADERS FOR 2026

On Sunday, January 4 we will have a brief service to install our leaders for 2026 and express our appreciation for sharing their leadership with us.

Also on January 4 we will do a Blessing for the Jamaica mission team.

GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree is an opportunity to gift to the church with items they need during the year. On the tree in the gathering area there are ornaments with items on the back which we need. You may take an ornament and bring your gift on Epiphany, January 4. We thank you for helping us supplement budget so we have more for missions.

Joys we are thankful for:

- Don responded well to treatment and is out of the hospital.
- John's sister is off the ventilator.

- The mission in Peru received a donation that will allow them to dig a well for the mission.

Concerns to pray for:

- Bev, and Rose are doing better.
- Please pray for the Search Team and for the pastor God is preparing for your next settled pastor.

Our Life Together

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

Sun Jan 4

Worship 10:30AM

God Squad During Worship

Wed Jan 7

POWER-PACC – Meal and Activities 6PM

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.**

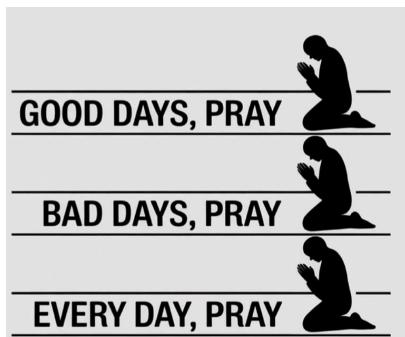
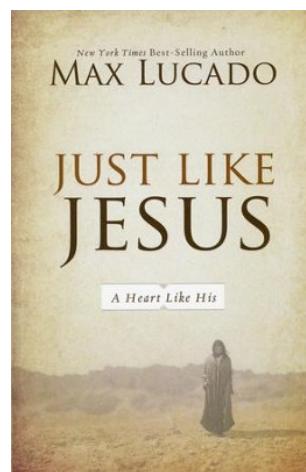


**Coffee Fellowship
10 – 10:30 AM**

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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