



Park Avenue Christian Church NEWS

January 12, 2026

Calling All Disciples!



On Sunday, January 18 our scripture lesson is John 1: 29-42. The author of John gives us the story of 2 key moments in Jesus' life; his baptism and the call of the first disciples. Last Sunday, our guest preacher, Tammy Tychsen gave some very helpful insights on Jesus' baptism according to the Gospel of Matthew.

Just as it is helpful to get more than one accounting of any event in order to get the whole picture; the same is true of the Gospel accounts of Jesus' ministry. New Testament scholar, Sandra M. Schneiders understands John's account not to be a description of the actual event but rather a focus on the signs that might lead others to belief in Jesus as the Son of God. Perhaps the author assumed his readers already knew the Jesus story. Remember, the Gospel of John was written later than the other Gospels and some of Paul's letters.

Our primary focus on Sunday will be upon John's story of the calling of the first Disciples and our calling to come to Jesus. Just as Jesus invites Andrew "Come and see." Jesus invites us to come and see and know Jesus as our Savior. I look forward to worshiping with you Sunday.

Blessings
Pastor Alice

BIBLE STUDY

On Wednesday evenings during POWER PACC, the adults will meet from 6:30 to 7:30 in the library to study the Gospel of Matthew. A lesson schedule is

available from Pastor Alice if you would like to join the group or if you would like to read through Matthew, even if you are unable to attend in person.

Joys we are thankful for:

- Joys: We rejoice the Bill and Sady were back in worship with us after surgery and illness. We rejoice that Dean is cancer free.
- Prayers for the Jamaica Mission team who leave this week for their mission trip. We pray for safe travel. We know there is much work to be done.

Concerns to pray for:

- Prayers of comfort the Bev's family and Bruce's family.
- Prayers for healing for Sandy and Terry.
- Prayers for those struggling with mental illness.



Beverly Ann Woods, 88, passed away on January 1, 2026.

On behalf of Beverly Woods' family we thank our wonderful church family for your Love and thoughtfulness throughout her illness and at the celebration of her life. We are blessed!

Our Life Together

Wed Jan 14

POWER PACC – Meal 6PM Activities 6:30PM

Sat Jan 17

Disciple Men Breakfast and Fellowship 8AM

Sun Jan 18

Worship 10:30AM

God Squad Youth Ministry during worship

Mon Jan 19

Stewardship Meeting 6:30PM

Wed Jan 21

POWER PACC – Meal 6PM Activities 6:30PM

Sun Jan 25

Worship 10:30AM

Mon Jan 26

Council & Board Meeting 6:30PM

Wed Jan 28

POWER PACC – Meal 6PM Activities 6:30PM

Fri Jan 30

Bingo! Supper and Fellowship 6:30PM

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New Church Email Address

SOMETHING NEW

The church now has its own email address. office@paccdoc.org We are asking that you add this to your email and use it, especially in the month of January. While Dara is out for her knee surgery, we ask that you not send church business to her personal email. Her job will be to heal and rest. Please use the new church email address. office@paccdoc.org

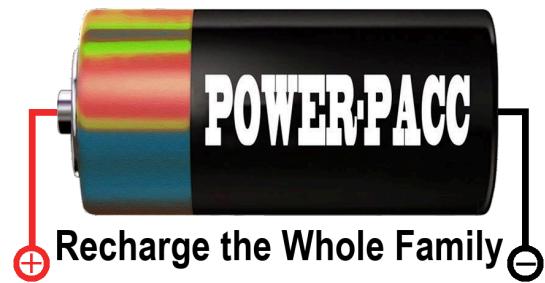


Micro Food Pantry



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.**





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

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



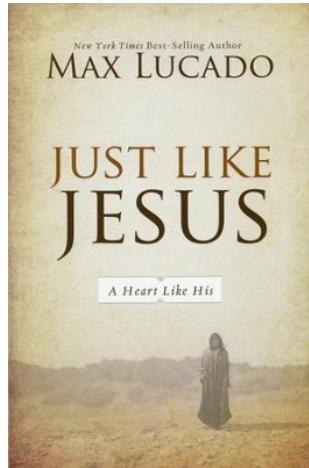
**Cashless Giving
One Time or Recurring**

To submit Prayers, Celebrations, Announcements or Calendar items, please email reply to this email.

**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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