



# Park Avenue Christian Church NEWS

**January 19,  
2026**

## **In The Beginning**



This coming Sunday, January 25, we will reflect on the calling of Jesus' disciples in the Gospel of Matthew 4: 12-23. This passage describes the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. John the Baptist has been arrested so Jesus moves to the forefront of sharing God's good news.

But Jesus knows he can't share the good news and reach the most people all alone. He needs help and so he reaches out to the first 4 who will become his disciples; Peter, Andrew and Zebedee's sons.

Who does Jesus choose—scholars, scribes, or priests? No instead the first four chosen are fishermen. Hard working laymen who probably had very little education. Jesus sees the gifts within a person, not just what others see on the outside. Jesus invites the 4 to follow him and become fishers of people.

Jesus invites us to do the same; to become inviters, witnesses and messengers. Jesus calls us to share our faith with others; to invite friends, family and acquaintances to come and worship with you, to send a message to those who are hungry or homeless or sick or in prison that not only does Jesus care, but we care.

Blessings  
Pastor Alice

### **OFFICE UPDATE**

While Dara is out of the office recouping from her knee surgery, please be sure to use the church's new email address and if you need to reach the pastor other



than her usual office hours , please call her cell phone; 515-201-4582.

Normal office hours are Mondays 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. and Wednesdays 1:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Thank you.

### **LENT**

Lent begins with on Wednesday, February 18. On that evening, after the usual POWER PACC supper, to which everyone is invited, the children and adults will move to the sanctuary for a 30 minute worship service which include the blessing of ashes. Everyone is invited.

### **EASTER**

Although Easter is over a month away Helen needs our help preparing for the traditional Easter egg hunts. There will be 2 this year. We are in need of plastic Easter eggs and candy that will go in the eggs. Donations can be left at the Christian Education office. Thank you.

### **POWER PACC**

Children and adults will return next week, January 28th with supper at 6 p.m. and programing for children at 6:30 p.m. and Bible study for adults. Adults will be studying the Gospel of Matthew chapters 3,4, and 5. Everyone is welcome.

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

- Prayers for the Jamaica Mission team while they are hard at work at the orphanage
- Prayers for Albergue (refuge) Casa de Esperanza in Peru as they prepare for summer camps.

## **Concerns to pray for:**

- Prayers for Sandy B and Dara who are having surgery this week.
- Prayers of healing for Tammy's father, and for Bill

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## **Our Life Together**

### **Wed Jan 21**

POWER PACC – No activities this week.

### **Sat Jan 24**

Disciple Men Breakfast and Fellowship 8AM

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### **Sun Jan 25**

Worship 10:30AM

### **Mon Jan 26**



Closed 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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### **Sun Feb 1**

Worship 10:30AM

Children's Bell Choir Perform

God Squad Youth Ministry during Worship

### **Wed Feb 4**

POWER PACC – Meal 6PM Activities 6:30PM

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## **2026 Cristian Conference Center Camp Dates**



**WINTER YOUTH RETREATS!**

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

CHI RHO (GRADES 6-8) JAN 23-25  
CYF (GRADES 9-12) JAN 23-25  
JR (GRADES 3-5) FEB 20-22

SCAN ME



REGISTRATION FEE IS \$130  
AFTER JANUARY 16 CHI RHO/CYF IS \$150  
AFTER FEBRUARY 13 JR. IS \$150

<https://www.uppermidwestcc.org/mid-year-retreats>



**SUMMER 2026  
CAMP DATES**

FAMILY CAMP	JUNE 5-7
GRAND 1	JUNE 13-14
JR 1	JUNE 14-19
CHI NON-RUSTIC	JUNE 14-19
CHI RHO 1	JUNE 21-26
CYF 1	JUNE 21-26
BEGINNER	JUNE 29-JULY 1
JR 2	JULY 5-10
GRAND 2	JULY 11-12
CHI RHO 2	JULY 12-17
CYF 2	JULY 12-17
ADAM	JULY 19-24
ADVENTURE	JULY 26-31
JR 3	AUGUST 2-7

Registration Opens  
November 1, 2025

Watch for more  
information and the  
registration link!



2026 Camp Sessions will begin on  
Sundays with 4pm drop-off and  
conclude on Friday with a 2pm pick-up

## **New Church Email Address**



### **SOMETHING NEW**

The church now has its own email address. [office@paccdoc.org](mailto: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](mailto:office@paccdoc.org)

## **Micro Food Pantry & Little Library**

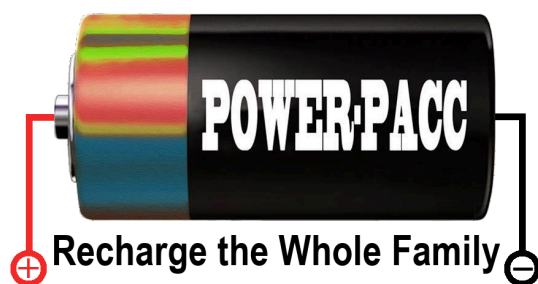




As the weather gets colder, Please help us keep it filled for those in need. If you have any questions please see Lori Durrett 515-971-2020 or Jan Stribling 515-979-2645.

Our little free library is in need of some books. If you have some to spare please share!

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





# BUT FIRST, COFFEE

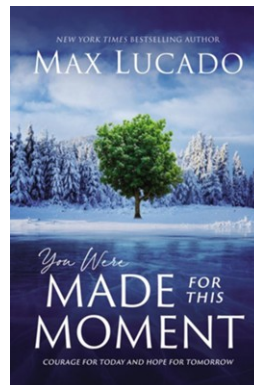
## Coffee Fellowship 10 – 10:30 AM

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 You Were  
Made For This Moment**



**GOOD DAYS, PRAY**

**BAD DAYS, PRAY**

**EVERY DAY, PRAY**



**Sunday Prayer Group  
at 8 pm**

**Facebook: PACC Family**




AARP Foundation Tax-Aide  
volunteers provide free tax assistance  
with several preparation options Feb.  
1 through April 15.

Call 515-650-3613 for [click here for an appointment.](#)


**Cashless Giving  
One Time or Recurring**







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