

# Park Avenue Christian Church NEWS

January 26,  
2026

## The Beatitudes



Matthew 5:1-12 is the beginning of Matthew's account of the Sermon on the Mount; called the Sermon on the Plain in Luke. In Matthew the first 12 verses are known as the Beatitudes. A beautiful piece of poetry, but do we

fear putting the words into actual practice? In our world today blessings are given to those who are successful, often at the expense of others.

I am deeply troubled by what is happening in Minnesota. No matter what you think about immigration in this country, the kind of violence being used by ICE officers is excessive. I have many clergy and church friends who are among those trying to protest peacefully. What is happening calls me to the Beatitudes. Being poor in spirit, peaceful, merciful and meek are difficult in a culture grounded in fear and competition.

Jesus is speaking to us today in these 12 verses of scripture. Jesus is saying to us; although things are very difficult right now, we can be reassured that Jesus is with us. We are called to be faithful, to curb any judgements and to pray and to care for those who are in need; spiritually, or physically.

This week I encourage you to read Matthew 5:1-12, in a prayerful manner or even as a prayer. If you would like to hear discussion on this passage, it is part of the lesson for the Wednesday evening Bible study at 6:30 p.m. You are always welcome.

Blessings  
Pastor Alice





**With a quorum of the board, there was a unanimous decision of those present to offer a candidate to the congregation for the position of Senior Pastor.**

**A Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday February 15th following worship.**

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### **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.

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

- The Jamaica mission team arrived home safely in the wee hours, Monday morning. We are so grateful and pray they have time to rest and process.
- We celebrate academic accomplishments and family gatherings.

## **Concerns to pray for:**

- Continued prayers for Dara and Sandy B, recovering from surgeries.
- We continue to pray for Bill, Tammy's father, and Logan
- We pray for peace and safety in Minneapolis/St. Paul.



- We pray for all those without power across the southern and eastern states from this huge storm.

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## Our Life Together

### **Wed Jan 28**

POWER PACC – Meal 6PM Activities 6:30PM

### **Fri Jan 30**

Bingo! Supper and Fellowship 6:30PM

### **Sat Jan 31**

Disciple Men Breakfast and Fellowship 8AM

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### **Sun Feb 1**

Children's Bell Choir Rehearsal 10AM

Worship 10:30AM

God Squad Youth Ministry during Worship

Children In Worship Education Ministry will meet following worship.

Worship Ministry Meeting 12PM

### **Wed Feb 4**

POWER PACC – Meal 6PM Activities 6:30PM

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### **Sun Feb 8**

Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal 9:30AM

Worship 10:30AM

Children's Bell Choir Perform

God Squad Youth Ministry during Worship

### **Mon Feb 9**

CE Ministry Meeting 6PM

### **Wed Feb 11**

POWER PACC – Meal 6PM Activities 6:30PM

### **Thu Feb 12**

Retiree's Breakfast

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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

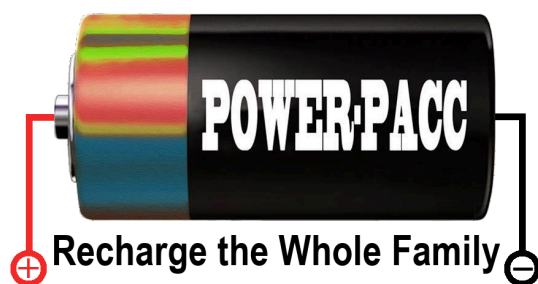




As the weather gets colder, Please help us keep it filled for those in need. If you have any questions please see Lori Durrett 515-971-2020 or Jan Stribling 515-979-2645.

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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