



Park Avenue Christian Church NEWS

February 2,
2026

Who Are We?



We continue our journey through the Sermon on the Mount in the Gospel of Matthew. Sunday we will read Matthew 5:13-20. It is rather a mishmash of thoughts. Jesus is still primarily speaking to his disciples, but a crowd is also listening. Jesus first uses two metaphors to describe who he expects the disciples to be.

In the first he calls them salt. Salt was extremely important in the 1st century not only did it flavor food; it preserved food. Just as salt does little by itself, the disciples are to be in community. To flavor the community with the love of God, just as salt flavors meat.

Next Jesus called the disciples to be light. What good is a candle if it is covered with a basket so the light does shine? Jesus wanted the disciples to be a light for his followers. Both of these images can apply to us as followers of Jesus. We are to be a preserver of the faith, which requires energy. It means sharing our faith with others and inviting others to join us in worship. That can be hard, if we repeatedly get “no thank you”. But we must keep sharing. We are called to be the light of Christ in the darkness of the world. Light brings hope, especially right now people need to see your light shine.

Thank you for being the salt and the light of Park Avenue Christian Church.

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.

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.

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.



Ash Wednesday Service

Lent begins on Wednesday, February 18 with an Ash Wednesday worship service. Everyone is welcome to come at 6 p.m. to share in the POWER PACC meal. Then at 6:30 children and adults will go to the sanctuary for a 30-minute worship experience that ends with the service of Ashes. The children will be providing special music for the service.

What is Lent?

Lent is the 40-day period leading up to Easter, (excluding Sundays) that starts on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter. It is a time for reflection, repentance, and prayer.

Joys we are thankful for:

- We welcome Jackie who made her Confession of Faith on Sunday.

- The Children's Bell Choir brought great joy to our worship Sunday.
- We celebrate the announcement that a Settled Pastoral candidate will come to the congregation for a vote on February 15.
- Fellowship of Bingo Night.



Concerns to pray for:

- CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR HEALING: for Dara, Rose, Marlene, Sandy and Donna's sister, Linda. Prayers for Briley who is undergoing tests.
- PRAYERS OF COMFORT FOR: the Philips and Kelsey families and for Adrians' family.
- PRAYERS FOR ALL THOSE STRUGGLING WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES.

Our Life Together

Mon Feb 2

Property Meeting 5:30PM

Wed Feb 4

POWER PACC – Meal 6PM Activities 6:30PM

Sun Feb 8

Adult Choir Rehearsal 9:30AM

Worship 10:30AM

Mon Feb 9

CE Ministry Meeting 6PM

Wed Feb 11

Staff Meeting 11AM

POWER PACC – Meal 6PM Activities 6:30PM

Thu Feb 12

Retiree's Breakfast 9AM

Sun Feb 15

Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal 9:15AM

Worship 10:30 AM

God Squad Youth Ministry During Worship

Congregational Meeting after worship to present a candidate for the Senior Pastor

Elders Meeting 12PM

Mon Feb 16

Stewardship Meeting 6:30PM

Wed Feb 18

Ash Wednesday

POWER PACC – Meal 6PM

Ash Wednesday Service 6:30PM

Sat Feb 21

Disciple Men Breakfast and Fellowship 8AM

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 7
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 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 & 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.**



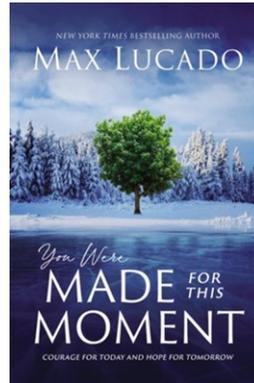
BUT FIRST, COFFEE

Coffee Fellowship 10 – 10:30 AM

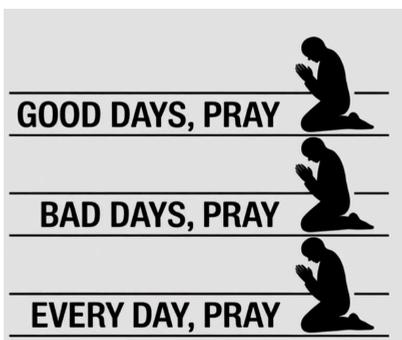
Please sign up to make coffee for this Fellowship time for future Sundays.

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**



**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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