



# Park Avenue Christian Church NEWS March 10, 2026

## Jesus Heals the Blind Man



This week Jesus is walking along and meets a blind man. In John 9:1-41 we read the story about how one healing caused so much controversy. First Jesus healed him on the Sabbath, which offended the Pharisees. Then the poor blind man now healed is interrogated over and over because they don't believe he was ever blind. They even bring in his parents to verify, yes he was blind from birth.

Some Pharisees think Jesus is a sinner and yet how can a sinner have the power to heal? This story raises all kinds of questions about how we identify evil. Even more difficult are attempts to assign blame or responsibility. Questions of all sorts are asked and most unanswered in this story. So this week we will dive in and ask the question is the world more evil today than in the First Century? How do we defend God's goodness in the light of the evil that exist?

Thoughts I will be pondering this week and I invite you to ponder them with me.

I look forward to seeing all of you Sunday.

Pastor Alice

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**An Open House is planned  
on Thursday March 12th  
for to meet with Pastor  
Zack in the Fellowship Hall  
from 5-7 PM.**

### **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.

### **LENTEN WORSHIP**

Each week we will diminish one candle to acknowledge that God sent Jesus into the world to bring hope and light but there were those who tried to extinguish the light. Who questioned that he was the Messiah, who criticized his ministry and eventually tried to completely extinguish the light of God by killing Jesus.

Each extinguished candle is recognition that we too have times when we have denied Jesus and extinguished some of God's light in the world.

### **HOLY WEEK**

#### **PALM SUNDAY**

Come join the Palm procession as we welcome Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem. This joyous day marks the beginning of a difficult week for Jesus and his disciples.

Hosanna to the Messiah!

#### **Maundy Thursday**

Jesus' last meal with his disciples before his trial, crucifixion and resurrection.

We will remember this special evening together. We will begin at 6 p.m. with a light meal of soup and bread in the Fellowship Hall. Following the meal while scriptures are read of Jesus washing the disciples feet, we will wash one another's hands. We will share in the Lord's Supper and we will read of Jesus' praying in the Garden of Gethsemane, his arrest and trial. Please sign-up in Narthex to help us plan for food.

#### **Good Friday**

A moving re-creation of the crucifixion in scripture and action. Weather permitting this service will be held on the front lawn. You are invited to bring a lawn chair if you wish. The service is about 30 minutes long. This service is a witness to the community so we hope you will invite friends, family and neighbors. It begins at 6:30 p.m.

#### **EASTER, the day of Resurrection**

A day of celebration that begins with breakfast at 8:30, followed by an Easter Egg hunt for the children. Worship at 10:30 will be filled with special music and the reading of Jesus' Resurrection from the Gospel of Matthew.

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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.

## BAPTISM CLASSES FOR ADULTS.

Pastor Alice is offering baptism classes for adults from 9:30 to 10:00 on Sunday mornings through March 22. Anyone is welcome, if you just want a refresher on the spiritual preparation for baptism you are welcome. If you know someone who is thinking about baptism but is unsure, this would be a good opportunity for them to learn more about what it means.

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## Joys we are thankful for:

- Gods healing power
- Spring weather
- Rebuilding happening in Jamaica

## Concerns to pray for:

- Prayers for healing for Pastor Douglas who serves the church in Jamaica.
- International unrest.

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**WE NEED  
YOUR HELP**

The church board approved the Property Committees proposal for removal of the carpet and the asbestos on the hallway and all the offices and library. That means everything must be removed from those rooms. A moving company will move the files and desks and heavy furniture, but the books, pictures etc will be boxed up by us and stored for the month of April.

We are in need of your help. March 18th will be a workday starting at 9 a.m. We will have totes and boxes. If you can help load totes, or using carts move totes we need your help that day. Donuts, coffee and tea will help energize our morning. Can't come until afternoon. Please come, we'll still be here. March 18, 9 to ? If you have totes or boxes you can loan us, please bring them also.

Thank you !

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# Our Life Together

## **Wed Mar 11**

POWER PACC – Meal 6PM, Activities 6:30PM

## **Thu Mar 12**

Retiree's Breakfast 9AM

Meet and Greet with Pastor Zack in Fellowship Hall 5-7PM

## **Fri Mar 13**

Disciples Women's Meeting in Fellowship Hall 6PM (light supper will be served)

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## **Sun Mar 15**

Holy Buckets Collection

God Squad Youth Ministry

Adult Hand Bell Choir rehearsal 9:15AM

Adult Choir rehearsal 9:45AM

Worship 10:30AM

## **Mon Mar 16**

Stewardship Meeting 6:30PM

## **Wed Mar 18**

Church Work Day - Packing 9AM

No Power PAAC – Spring Break

## **Sat Mar 21**

Disciple Men Breakfast and Fellowship 8AM

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## **Sun Mar 22**

Adult Hand Bell Choir rehearsal 9:15AM

Adult Choir rehearsal 9:45AM

Worship 10:30AM

## **Mon Mar 23**

Out to Lunch Bunch 11:30AM – Please sign up.

Council & Board Meeting 6:30PM

## **Wed Mar 25**

POWER PACC – Meal 6PM, Activities 6:30PM

## **Fri Mar 27**

Bingo Night! Food Fellowship & Bingo! 6:30PM

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Happy Lenten Season PACC,

I wanted to give you all an update about my journey as your Timothy. I have completed my second course towards my commissioned ministry. Before Christmas, I shared with you all that I was going to travel to the Holy Land. Thank you to all who helped support in achieving my financial goal, but unfortunately we decided to cancel the trip with the ongoing volatile conflict. Even though we aren't going this year, God will make a way for us to go just not this time. Those of you who helped me financially for my trip to the Holy Land, I

will get the amount that you gifted to me back to you when I receive my refund from the trip.

Grace and Peace,  
Andie Cleaveland  
Timothy

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## 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)

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



**BUT FIRST,  
COFFEE**

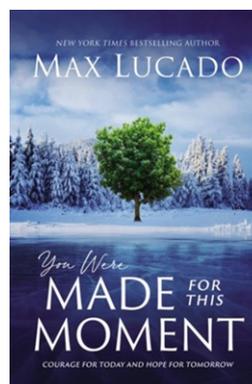
A red coffee cup icon with steam rising from it, sitting on a red saucer.

**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**

# 2026 Christian Conference Center Camp Dates

**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



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.](#)

## Micro Food Pantry & Little Library



Please help us keep it filled for those in need. Please leave non-perishable food items in the grocery cart located in the narthex.

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!

Cashless Giving  
One Time or Recurring



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



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