



# Park Avenue Christian Church NEWS

March 2, 2026

## Jesus Meets the Samaritan Woman



While Pastor Alice is on vacation we welcome Tammy Tyschen back to the pulpit. Her scripture for Sunday is John 4:5-42, the woman at the well.

Unlike Nicodemus who we met last Sunday, the Samaritan woman has seen nothing of Jesus' miracles, has heard none of his teaching. She lives in Samaria and Samaritans and Judean Jews have nothing to do with each other.

It is daring that Jesus and the disciples have stepped across the border in the first place. Then as the Samaritan woman reaches the well for water, she finds Jesus sitting there resting. And once again Jesus dares to cross the social borders and ask this woman for a drink of water. She is a Samaritan, she is female and she has had several "husbands."

Samaritans believed a Messiah was coming, but this woman had no idea he was the man asking her for a drink of water. An important point in this story is that Jesus cares about this woman, her community and their welfare, even though they are outsiders.

This story reminds us in the church today that persons who may enter our doors who we consider a "nobody" an outsider, is somebody in the eyes of Jesus. We are excited to hear how Pastor Tammy shares insights into this the third person Jesus meets on the way to the cross.

Blessings from afar,



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

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### **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.

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### **OFFICE UPDATE**

Pastor Alice is out of the country until March 9. If you need pastoral care or know someone who needs a visit please contact the Chair of the Elders, Susan Johnson or Chair of the board, Mary Ann Hannan. Pastor Alice will be back in the office on Wednesday, March 11, and in the office from 9:30 to 2:30 on Thursday, March 12.

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:

- Joys including the over \$4,000 the church raised for the DMARCC Food Pantry.
- Gods healing power
- Rose Brees going home
- Charlene and Doran Cole are home and in worship

## Concerns to pray for:

- Prayers for healing for Pastor Douglas who serves the church in Jamaica.
  - Continued prayers for healing for Dara.
  - International unrest.
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## Our Life Together



### EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

Order an Easter Lily or Begonia in honor or memory of loved ones.

The plants will be used to decorate the sanctuary and narthex areas on Easter Sunday.

You may take home your plant after worship on Easter Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup> Thank you.

To order a plant, fill out the form below, staple your check to the order form and place it in the offering plate on Sunday or mail it to the church...3219 SW 9<sup>th</sup>St. Des Moines, IA 50315

**Deadline for flower orders is March 10, 2026. Please include payment with your order.**

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Lily " 6      \$15 each      # ordered \_\_\_\_      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Begonia 6"    \$13 each      # ordered \_\_\_\_      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Wed Mar 4**

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

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### **Sun Mar 8**

Daylight Savings Time Begins

Adult Choir Rehearsal 9:15AM

Women's Choir Rehearsal 9:45AM

Worship 10:30AM

Congregational Life Meeting 12PM

### **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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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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**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.**



**Recharge the Whole Family**

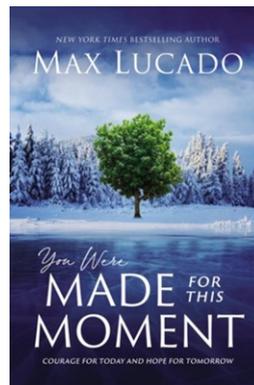
**BUT FIRST,  
COFFEE**



**Coffee Fellowship  
10 – 10:30 AM**

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

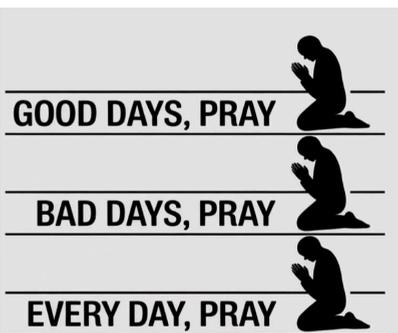
**Adult Book Study, meet  
in the Library  
Sundays 9:30AM**



**In depth look and  
discussion on Max  
Lucado's You Were  
Made For This Moment**

**Sunday Prayer Group  
at 8 pm**

**Facebook: PACC Family**



# 2026 Christian Conference Center Camp Dates

**SUMMER 2026  
CAMP DATES**

FAMILY CAMP	JUNE 5-7	Registration Opens November 1, 2025
GRAND 1	JUNE 13-14	
JR 1	JUNE 14-19	Watch for more information and the registration link!
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	

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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