



# Park Avenue Christian Church NEWS March 23, 2026

## Two Parades



Six weeks has gone quickly. This Sunday is the last week in Lent. Jesus has met interesting people on his journey and now he has arrived in Jerusalem. Now in Matthew 21: 1-11 we read of his triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Many of his followers have heard from the disciples that Jesus would be entering Jerusalem riding on a donkey. A huge crowd gathers and going before Jesus they spread their cloaks and waved branches of palms to welcome Jesus. They sang out: “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” They were so excited and happy. But what were they expecting? Did they think Jesus had arrived to pull together an army to overthrow the Romans? Many thought that was what a Messiah would do. A crowd so happy to see Jesus, but by Friday would be calling Pilate to crucify him!

On the other side of the city a second parade was forming. The Romans had arrived in all their glory, on horseback, in shining armor. They were there to squelch any riots that formed around the Jewish holiday of Passover. People lined the street to watch them parade into the city. A solemn parade with very different expectations.

This Sunday we will have a celebration. We will welcome Jesus by waving Palms. We will sing. We will celebrate Jackie Fox’s baptism. We will enjoy this beautiful day, even though we know some difficult days are ahead.

Blessings,  
Pastor Alice

## **THANK YOU,**

There aren't enough words to say thank you to the Staff and all the volunteers who worked to pack up all the offices and the library. We will still need help removing the things left for worship on Easter. Thank you everyone for sharing your time and your muscles.



## **EASTER SPECIAL DAY OFFERING.**

This Day: When Love Answers... On that first day of the week, grief and uncertainty were met with resurrection hope. Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and proclaimed, "I saw the Master!", bearing witness to a love that answered her sorrow with new life. Through the Easter Offering, we respond to God's resurrection love by sharing in God's work in the world. The offering provides vital support for the general ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), including health and social services ministries.

We will have offering envelopes in the bulletin for the next 2 weeks. Please consider giving an extra gift to support the important ministries of the General church, like Search and Call, which was very helpful to our search team.

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## **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.

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Worship 10:30AM

### **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.

## **Thursday April 2 - Maundy Thursday**

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# **Maundy Thursday**

### **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.

## **Friday Apr 3 – Good Friday**

A moving re-creation of the crucifixion in scripture and action. 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.



APRIL 5TH  
JOIN US FOR A MORNING OF

# Easter Activities and Worship

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8:45 Pancake breakfast  
9:30 1st Easter Egg Hunt  
10:00 2<sup>nd</sup> Easter Egg Hunt  
10:30 Easter Worship

All Are Welcome!!



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## Joys we are thankful for:

- Pastor Zach and Rachel have found a place to live
- For the upcoming baptism
- Josh coming forward to make his confession of faith.

## Concerns to pray for:

- Prayers of Healing for: Tammy, Larry, Jim, Twyla and Dara.
  - Prayers for Lynn Natz, wife of Pastor Don from Bloomfield who will have surgery this week.
  - Prayers of comfort for the families of: Ivan, Phyllis and for Melinda on the death of her daughter.
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# Our Life Together

## **Wed Mar 25**

POWER PACC – Last night for our spring session - Meal 6PM, Activities 6:30PM

## **Fri Mar 27**

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

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## **Sun Mar 29**

Palm Sunday

Adult Choir rehearsal 9:15AM

Children's Choir Rehearsal 10AM

Worship 10:30AM

## **Mon Mar 30**

Mission Jamaica Pizza Ranch Fundraiser, Norwalk Pizza Ranch 5-9PM

## **Thu Apr 2**

Mondy Thursday soup supper and service 6PM

## **Fri Apr 3**

Good Friday Service 6:30PM

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## **Sun April 5**

Easter

Pancake Breakfast 8:45-10AM

Easter Egg Hunts 9:30 & 10AM

Adult Choir Rehearsal 9:30AM

Worship 10:30AM

## **Thu April 9**

Retirees Breakfast 9AM

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### **OFFICE UPDATE**

Upon Dara's retirement, 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.

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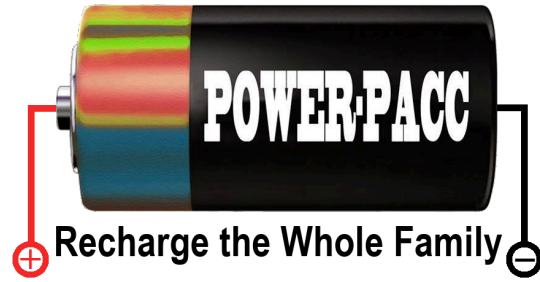
## **New Church Email Address**



## 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)

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

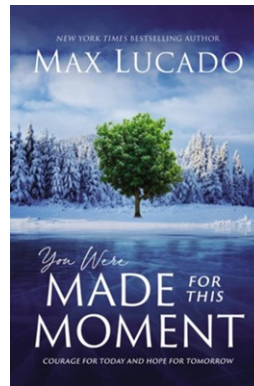


**BUT FIRST,  
COFFEE**

**Coffee Fellowship  
10 – 10:30 AM**

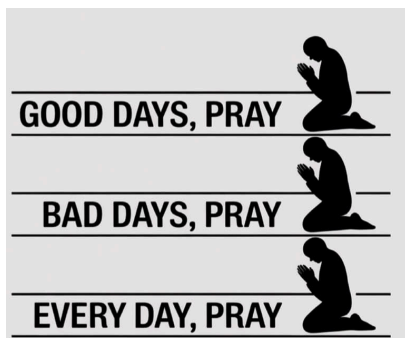
Please sign up to make coffee for this Fellowship time for future Sundays.  
Thank you!

**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**

# 2026 Christian Conference Center Camp Dates. May 1st is the last day for Early Bird pricing.

## 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 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	

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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