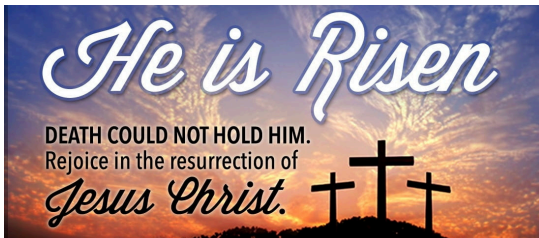




# Park Avenue Christian Church NEWS March 30, 2026

## Jesus Meets Us



Jesus met many people during his time on earth. Now it is Resurrection Day and Jesus wants to meet us! All 4 Gospels tell the story of Jesus resurrection, but each one tells it a little differently.

I have never been in an earthquake, but I can imagine it is very frightening. That is how resurrection day begins in Matthew 28:1-10. It begins: “After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. 2 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.”

The Marys have come to mourn the loss of their friend and teacher. Can you imagine their shock when the earth shakes and an angel descends from heaven and rolls away the stone. The angel tells them, Jesus has risen from the grave and they should go tell the disciples to go to Galilee. The women immediately leave to go tell the disciples. But before they get there they see Jesus. They fall at his feet to worship him. They are overjoyed. It is an earthshaking moment for them.

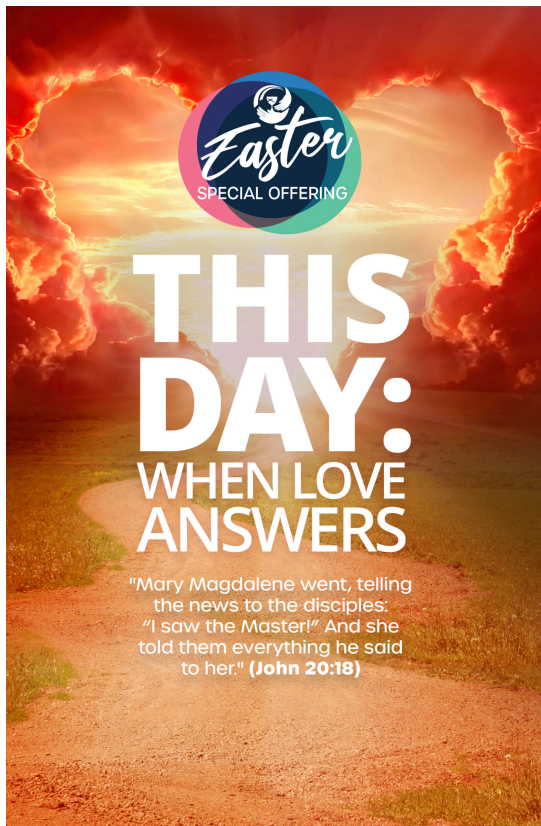
Jesus is full of surprises. Even death has no final power over him. We come on Easter morning to experience once again the surprise; Jesus has risen from the dead! We come to feel the joy, experience the hope, celebrate the life-giving love of our Lord and Savior.

Blessings,  
Pastor Alice

Thank you to all those who donated money for the Emergency Fund.. We were able to help someone with gas to go see family in the Hospital in Iowa City, and provide food or gas for 3 other families. Unfortunately, that used up all the gas cards and almost all the grocery cards we had been able to purchase with your gifts. If you haven't had an opportunity to give to the Emergency Fund, there will still be time this Sunday, Easter.

### **BIBLE STUDY**

The Bible study group has decided to continue to meet to continue their exploration of the Gospel of Matthew. We will meet on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:30. This week we will meet in the church library and the rest of the month we will meet in the Fellowship Hall. You are always welcome to join us.



### **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**

#### **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

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. Please sign-up in Narthex to help us plan for food.

# 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

Park Avenue Christian Church

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:

- Prayers for Donna and the mission in Peru. They have raised enough money to have a well dug, so they no longer have to transport water, but their present electrical system will not be strong enough to run the pump in the well. So, they are praying for funds to install a solar system to run the pump. Please pray for Donna and her mission.
- Prayers of joy for Don and Deb. Prayers of joy and celebration
- For Jackie who was baptized on Sunday.

## Concerns to pray for:

- Prayers of healing for Tammy P and Kim's friend Tammy.
- Prayers of healing for Twila and Jim and Glenys.

# Our Life Together

## **Wed Apr 1**

Bible study group 6PM

## **Thu Apr 2**

Maundy 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

## **Wed Apr 8**

Bible study group 6PM

## **Thu April 9**

Retirees Breakfast 9AM

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## **Sun April 12**

Holy Bucket Collection

Worship 10:30AM

## **Mon April 13**

Church Women United (CWU) luncheon and meeting 11AM

## **Wed Apr 15**

Bible study group 6PM

## **Sat April 18**

Disciple Men Breakfast and Fellowship 8AM

## **2026 Earth Sunday Sunday, April 19**

“Our Power, Our Planet”

New Beginnings CC

8631 Hickman Rd., Urbandale

3:30 Workshop on solar power

4:00 Worship service, a shared ministry of: Covenant Christian Church, Elkhart

Christian Church, Highland Park Christian Church, New Beginnings Christian Church, Norwalk Christian Church, Park Avenue Christian Church

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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)

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**BUT FIRST,  
COFFEE**

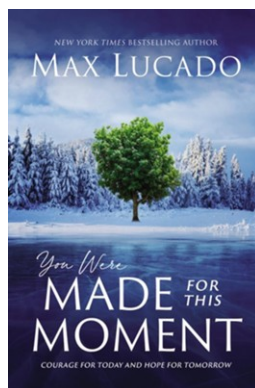
A red coffee cup icon with steam rising from it, sitting on a red saucer.

## 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**

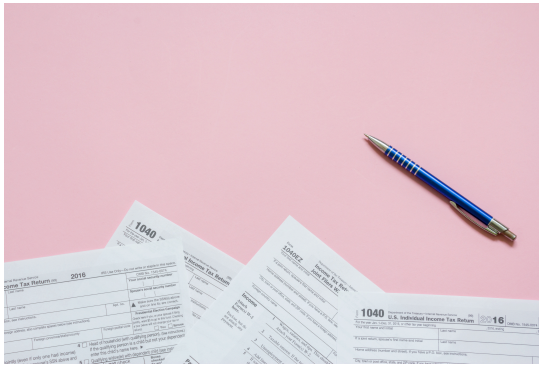
**Facebook: PACC Family**

# 2026 Christian Conference Center Camp Dates. 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



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