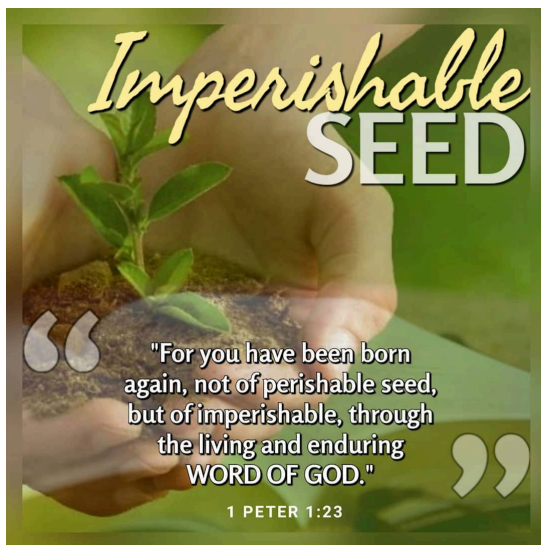




Park Avenue Christian Church NEWS

April 13, 2026

Imperishable Seed



Our family moved 7 times before our move to the house outside Runnells. The first 3 moves were so that John could accept calls to be pastor of a congregation. The fourth move was to Des Moines when John started his PhD program at Iowa State. For the first time in my married life, I was not the pastor's wife and our children were not the pastor's children. There was a genuine confusion about who we were now, what was our purpose?

I imagine that is how the Christians to whom Peter is writing in I Peter 1: 17-23 felt. They had fled their home and had found a few other followers of Jesus and formed a church but it is all new to them. And in this strange land Peter tells us they were either being harassed for their belief or at best marginalized.

Across all time God's people have searched to find meaning and purpose in their life. Peter tells his people that now you have been born anew through Jesus Christ, you have imperishable love, therefore, love one another.

Very soon things there will be a lot of changes for you as a congregation. Moving back into the church building means another work day to put everything back on the new carpet. It will mean we will be saying goodbye and the very next week hello to Pastor Zack and Rachel. Other changes may come along the way. But in all that transition we are comforted by the knowledge that through the Risen Christ we are born anew into an imperishable love.

Blessings
Pastor Alice

PASTOR ALICE'S OFFICE HOURS

Pastor's office hours are going to be more flexible since the Fellowship Hall, her temporary office is also used for many other things.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible study will be held from 6 to 7:30 in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, April 8. We will be studying Matthew Chapters 15-16. Everyone is welcome.

Joys we are thankful for:

- We rejoice that the mission in Peru now has a well so water is accessible. And we pray for them because lately they have been without electricity frequently.
- We celebrate with Betty on her 93 birthday.
- And we pray for safe travels for all who are traveling.

Concerns to pray for:

- Prayers of healing for Carolyn, Betty, Larry and Mary's friend, Linda
 - Donna's student Helen who is facing surgery.
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Our Life Together

Wed Apr 15

Bible study group 6PM

Sat April 18

Disciple Men Breakfast and Fellowship 8AM

Sun April 19

Earth Sunday

Worship 10:30AM

Elders Meeting 12PM

Mon April 20

Stewardship Meeting 6:30PM

Wed April 22

Bible study group 6PM

Fri April 24

BINGO Night, Supper and Bingo 6:30PM

Sun April 26

Pastor Alice's Farwell

Worship 10:30AM

Elders Meeting 12PM

Mon April 27

Council and Board Meeting 6:30PM

Wed April 29.

Bible study group 6PM

Disciple Women May Basket Set Up 6:30PM

Thur April 30

Church Women United May Basket Assy and Delivery 9AM

2026 Earth Sunday, April 19

“Our Power, Our Planet”

New Beginnings CC

8631 Hickman Rd., Urbandale

3:30 Workshop on solar power

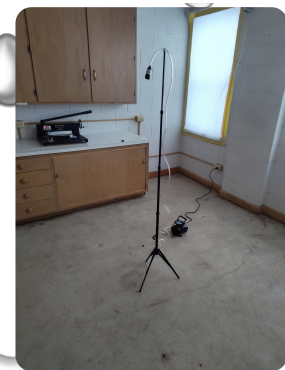
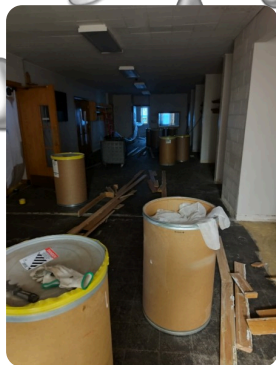
4:00 Worship service, a shared ministry of: Covenant Christian Church, Elkhart

Christian Church, Highland Park Christian Church, New Beginnings Christian

Church, Norwalk Christian Church, Park Avenue Christian Church

Thank You!!

Carpet has been removed and the Asbestos testing has come back clear. New carpet will start being laid this week!!



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.

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

**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**



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



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



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