



Park Avenue Christian Church NEWS

May 11, 2026

What Are We Doing Here?

Where Do I Begin?



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John 3:12-20

If you noticed during worship this Sunday, at the beginning of our Prayers of the People portion of our service, I mentioned our micro food pantry that sits outside of our church.

This is a pantry that is open to anyone who is in need of food that is placed inside. Since I am new, I do not know the history of when this particular pantry was built and began serving the community. The story of a lot of these boxes, at least in my experience, is that they get filled, partially emptied, and then they sit for a very long time. This can be for a few reasons: 1) the box is located somewhere people aren't walking, 2) the food put in them isn't viable because of allergies or dietary restrictions, 3) no one is refilling them because "no one uses them." Park Avenue doesn't have any of these problems. Three times last week, the pantry was filled, and it was completely emptied twice. This is something to celebrate, our church is making an impact for the people who are in our community, praise God! I wanted to write about our micro pantry for a couple of different reasons. We should celebrate and praise God for the opportunity to serve those who are in need; it is one of our greatest callings as a community of faith. I also wanted to reiterate that this is not a budgeted ministry item in our annual budget, so the specifics about filling it are not a church decision, but they are made by individuals and families. So if you decide you are looking for a way to make an impact this week, feel free to bring some supplies for our pantry! Or spend some time in prayer that we continue to make an impact so that the name of Jesus and his love rings out in Des Moines.

We had a wonderful Mother's Day celebration in church on Sunday, and I want to thank Linda, but especially all the grandmothers, mothers, and children who decided to be part of our music in different ways on Sunday. Seeing families praise God together will always be one of the best things about being a part of our community of faith. Looking forward to the rest of the month, I am excited



to be continuing on with our *Where Do I Begin?* Sermon Series, and we will look at my favorite New Testament verse this week, and next week we will revisit Pentecost as we celebrate the birth of the church! I am also looking for your help on our June Sermon Series, so please fill out an FAQ card when you are in worship so we can spend June exploring your questions in our sermon time. You can drop those cards in the offering plate or fill them out and leave them in the box next to my office. A good old-fashioned email or text works great too! I will be back in Kentucky next week, 05/18-23, but no worries, I will be with you in worship with you every Sunday this month. Please reach out if you have any needs or would like to stop by the church and talk. My cell phone number is 731-415-2948 if you ever need to reach me.

Love and Peace,
Pastor Zach Hardy

Many Prayers to be said:

- Prayers of comfort for Glenis and Adam on the death of loved ones
 - Prayers for healing for Dean and Pastor Willa and others.
 - Prayers for Linda's healing from her surgery.
 - Prayers for the young people heading to graduations.
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Our Life Together

Thur May 14

Retiree's Breakfast 9AM

A decorative card with a light beige background and a thin gold border. The text "Congratulations Graduates!" is written in a large, elegant, dark green serif font. Below the text is a small gold floral ornament. The card is framed by green leafy branches in the corners.

*Congratulations
Graduates!*

*Wherever You Go, God Is
There With You Always*

Sun May 17

Graduation Sunday

Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal 9:15AM

Worship 10:30AM



Elder Meeting with a light lunch 12PM

Mon May 18

Stewardship Meeting 6:30PM

Thurs May 21

Disciple Men Food and Fellowship 6PM

Sun May 24

Pentecost

Adult Choir Rehearsal 9:30

Worship 10:30AM

Mon May 25

Memorial Day

Fri May 29

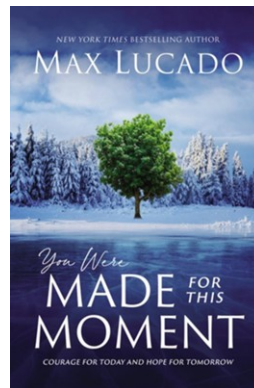
Bingo Night! Supper and Bingo 6:30PM



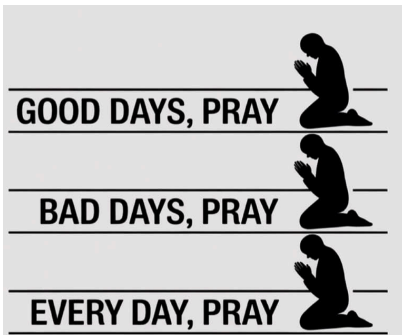
Coffee Fellowship
10 – 10:30 AM

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
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 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

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

Day Camps @ the CCC

Open to all kids who have
completed grades K-5th!

\$50/per kid, per session

Sessions run from 7:45a-3p.

Each session must have a minimum of 8 kids
Guardians will be given the option to move
the child to a different session of their choice



[More Information available at](https://www.newtonccc.org/summer-day-camp)

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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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