

# Park Hill Christian Church

## NEWSLETTER

January 21, 2021

### The Kind Church

During a conversation I recently had with a minister friend of mine whom I've known since seminary days, we each reflected on the congregations we have served. Each of us remarked about the strengths and weaknesses of this congregation or that one. Some had great theology, others were involved in exciting ministries, but each of us knew what it was to be in a church that looked great on paper but had an unhealthy, even toxic, culture. We both agreed that rather than a church with a rich history, strong theological pronouncements and vibrant ministries in the community, we would rather have a kind church. A church can do a lot of things right while still getting the most basic things wrong. I'd rather be in a church where people were kind, even if it was struggling, than a church that by all outward appearances was doing great but didn't practice kindness.

Kindness seems so basic. We are taught to be kind when we are young. It is a building block of human social interaction. Yet, in adulthood, we are not rewarded for kindness. Instead, we are often rewarded for aggression, the pursuit of profit above all else, and the beating of competitors by any means. We are rewarded for climbing our particular social ladder, usually at the expense of others. Kindness doesn't result in awards or social recognition. In fact, practicing kindness may ensure one doesn't achieve the self-centered goals others prize.

It seems like common sense that church people would be kind people, but that has not been my experience. Church people are still people, and when people spend all week long engaged in behavior that often runs contrary to kindness, it's ridiculous to expect them to show up at church and act in a different way. Church board meetings can become mirror images of corporate board meetings and business sales meetings. Church events can resemble social events which are Darwinian in their participants' pursuit of social status. Sometimes at church, kindness is a matter of empty words alone.



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*Praising*  
LOVING.  
*Serving*



  
Kindness  
Matters.



Join us on Sunday  
for 9am

WORSHIP

in person or on-line

In person Sunday Worship or  
watch on YouTube, Facebook Live  
or Live Stream on our website



We have live-streaming available on  
**YouTube**. You can find the live stream  
by searching YouTube for **Park Hill  
Christian Church KC**

Sunday's service will also  
be livestreamed on church



Facebook Page: Park Hill  
Christian Church KCMO.

Click on link provided to view.



You can live stream on our website  
<https://www.parkhillcc.org/> Choose the  
*streaming* option from top menu.

## PRAYER REQUEST

- ❖ Prayers requested for **Justin Garrett** of Athens Church. His mother, Joyce Marie Garret, passed away on December 30<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for their families as they mourn her passing.
- ❖ Please continue to pray for **Harrell Green** as he recovers from a leg amputation. Please pray for Judy Green and their children too.
- ❖ Prayers requested for **Ben & Norma Phillips**. Ben is battling ongoing health issues. Norma had recent surgery and pneumonia.

### Continued Prayers



#### **KEEP THESE IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Edna Annunzio, Werner Beldo, Gary Bjorn, Norma Michael Diggs, Phillips, Rick Howell, Wendy Lashbrook, Virginia Long: Martha Fullerton's Mother, Cindy Stehl, Barbara McCauley, Matt Maddill, friend of Doug & Melanie Doll, Carolyn Waterman, Jerry Kasten, Jonathan Valler, Julie Waddle, Jim & Sharon Sumner's daughter, Susan Yeager, Mary Jo Rinke, Steve Plagmann, The family of Renae Dishman Ronayne, friends of Martha Fullerton, Marion Russell, Amanda Steitz, Pat Stehl, and Rick Rollins, friend of the Hoovers.

### Let us join you in prayer...

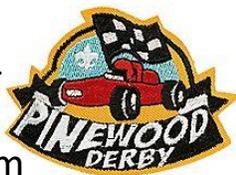
Contact the church office, or have a loved one contact us, if you have been admitted to the hospital, would like a special visit, or would like to be placed on the church prayer list. Please notify us when you want to be removed from the prayer list. We are here for our beloved Park Hill Christian Church family.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

<p><b>Athens Church</b> will be using the Sanctuary on Sundays from 10:45am to 12pm through 2022.</p>	<p><b>Scouts Meeting</b> on Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in Sanctuary</p>
<p><b>Oromo Evangelical Christian Church</b> will be meeting in the Sanctuary on Sundays from 12 Noon to 3pm.</p>	<p><b>Board Meetings</b> will now take place quarterly in 2021. Meetings will occur in March, June, September and December.</p>
<p><b>All AA meetings</b> are meeting virtually via Zoom (879 6644 1777 * 173083)</p>	<p><b>February 13</b> Private Wedding in Sanctuary At Noon (rehearsal on Feb. 12 at 5pm)</p>
<p><b>Scouts</b> meet at 6:30pm in Meade Hall on Mondays &amp; Tuesdays.</p>	<p><b>HAPPY Valentine's DAY</b> February 14<sup>th</sup></p>
<p><b>LIFE CENTER GYM PRACTICES</b> Basketball (<b>Krtek</b>) on Mondays and Thursdays at 5:30 – 7pm (<b>Horst</b>) on Mondays at 7pm, Tuesdays at 5:30pm and Wednesdays at 8pm (<b>Disher</b>) at 7pm on Thursdays Basketball (Timberwolves) on Tuesdays and Fridays at 7:30pm Basketball (<b>Denig</b>) on Wednesdays at 6pm <b>Northland Sports Alliance</b> will practice on most Saturdays through February.</p>	<p><b>Virtual Elder Meeting</b> on February 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am</p>
<p><b>OUTREACH MEETING</b> January 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm in Friendship Class</p>	<p><b>Presidents 's DAY</b> Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup></p>
<p><b>Scouts PINEWOOD DERBY</b> Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 8am to Noon in Gym Build Day, Friday 1/22 at 8pm</p>	<p><b>LENT BEGINS</b> <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> February 17<sup>th</sup> Service at 6:30pm <b>NO BREAD AND BROTH</b></p>
<p><b>Scouts BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET</b> February 27<sup>th</sup> at 5pm in Meade Hall</p>	



Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>



## Kind Church

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In my career, I've had the experience of serving a church that was really good at welcoming new people, but those new people rarely stuck around long. I always wondered why we were so bad at keeping the people we attracted. I'd assume it had to do with cultural trends that don't value commitment, people coming who had issues which made being a part of a community difficult, and competition from larger churches with deeper pockets. As I look back on that experience with a little distance, I have begun to think that the real problem was that the church just wasn't very good about being kind to one another, much less to new people. New folks who showed up would feel initially welcomed, but as they tried to get involved, to build relationships and to share their talents, I believe they met resistance. There was an insider clique that sustained itself like the "cool table" in a middle school lunchroom.

In my newsletter articles, emails and sermons, I have tried to highlight the assets of Park Hill Christian Church. I believe one of its assets is the kindness of its people. Granted, I've only known this church during the COVID pandemic, and things are far from normal, so maybe there's a mean streak I haven't encountered yet, but I have been impressed with your kindness towards one another. I know that I haven't been here long and there is such a thing as a honeymoon period, but I've appreciated going to board meetings and executive committee meetings without afterward feeling like I needed to seek counseling for PTSD. I've taken note of members who have taken it upon themselves to reach out to other members who have been isolated during the pandemic. I've seen your generosity in giving to community groups that meet human needs. I've watched your conversations over Zoom and occasionally in person while social distancing. I have seen that staff are appreciated rather than being treated like "the help." There are a lot of small ways I have seen the kindnesses of PHCC.

Every congregation has its own culture. Each church has a way of being which results from its particular history and the amalgam of interactions between the people who make it up. I've learned that despite efforts to teach church folks to be kind, it seems like congregations either are or are not kind, no matter what is taught. It's a strange mystery to me how people who may act kind as individuals can take part in a group, especially a church, that cumulatively results in unkindness, but myriad examples of just this dynamic exist. I know PHCC is not perfect. It's made up of human beings who have broken places inside of them after all. I'm aware of some of the past fights and controversies in the life of the church. Yet, at least in the parts of PHCC I have seen, kindness is a part of this church's culture and one of its assets.

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."

I am only the Interim Minister after all, so maybe I'm off base here. Perhaps, I don't know "the real" PHCC. If so, I'd love to hear from you how your experience of the church has been different. I'd also love to hear if you think my impression of the church's kindness is correct.



Grace and Peace, Rev. Chase Peoples

# SUNDAY SCHOOL



**MAKES A  
DIFFERENCE**

In Sunday School we are now participating in a discussion series is entitled "Resurrection Now: Delighting in Our Salvation" by Richard Rohr. We start the class at 10:15 and take a few moments for sharing of celebrations and concerns. The audio/video for the session starts promptly at 10:30. We will have a discussion after the video is completed. Please join us. The process of logging in is very simple. Even if you do not have the zoom software, there is opportunity for you to just dial into the session via your telephone. If you have any questions relative to logging into the session, email Pete Fullerton at [petefullerton2012@gmail.com](mailto:petefullerton2012@gmail.com)

## Join Zoom Meeting by using the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7283590567?pwd=ZnlTcnVDcHlpSzVHeXV3dUo3Szdudz09>

**Meeting ID: 728 359 0567**

**Passcode: 018255**

One tap mobile: +1646558 656,,7283590567#,,,,,0#,,018255#

Dial by your location: +1 646 558 8656



## COVID-19 information and advice

**UPDATE!**



### COVID-19 Vaccine Update for Platte County residents:

<https://plattecountyhealthmo.municipalonline.com/pview.aspx?id=52575&catid=563>

### for Kansas City residents:

<https://form.jotform.com/210117358088152>

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE NUMBERS for Sunday 1/17/21

Face Book Live:	72 views
YouTube Channel:	25 views
Livestreaming:	17 views
In person:	20 attendees



# Valentine Box Project



There is an interest in the church to send out Valentine Boxes to our college students and military personnel this year. We are asking for donations of treats which should be **store bought** and placed in the collection box in the Narthex at church.

Suggestions include: cookies, chips, gum, granola bars, beef jerky, hot chocolate, instant oatmeal, microwave popcorn, etc., all individually wrapped. Also, personal items such as lip gloss, hand sanitizer, hand lotions, etc.

## PLEASE NOTE

even if we sent a box to someone last year, we still need to be **NOTIFIED THIS YEAR** of their name and current address.

**We will need these items before Monday, February 8th.** We are also requesting donations of **cash** for the postage. Please take the cash to Melissa, PHCC secretary. If you prefer a check, please make it out to Paula Kimbrell and mail to the church with a note that it is for the Valentine Box Project.



**PLEASE NOTE-** even if we sent a box to someone last year, we still need to be **NOTIFIED THIS YEAR** of their name and current address. Email names and addresses of the college students and military personnel that you would like to receive a Valentine Box to Paula Kimbrell ([pjkimbrell@yahoo.com](mailto:pjkimbrell@yahoo.com)).

**We will need these addresses by January 29th.**

Thank You 

*Valentine Box Committee*



*Happy Valentine's Day*



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# FINANCIAL



*\*Last week's report was inaccurate.*

*Apologies for the confusion.*

<b>Financial Report for PHCC Newsletter</b>		
<i>(Adj for deprec &amp; loan principal &amp; not including designated inc/exp)</i>		
<b>Month of December</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Income	24,976	25,391
Expense	27,329	27,039
Operating Income (Loss)	(2,353)	(1,648)
<b>Year to Date January-December</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Income	254,594	301,755
Expense	242,507	296,913
Operating Income (Loss)	12,087	4,841
<b>REUNION CAMPAIGN</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
Income (Contributions Received)	-	16,150
Expense (Loan Principal Paid Down)	-	16,150

<b>ALLOCATION OF CASH AVAILABLE</b>		
<b>As of December 31</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Total of checking & savings *	73,297	75,467
Special Offering Funds	20,290	33,767
Memorial Funds	11,453	9,903
Fuller Center Funds	21,886	23,886
Total Designated Accounts	53,629	67,556
Net Cash Available (Short)	19,668	7,912

\*NOTE THAT \$36,300 OF PPP LOAN PROCEEDS IS INCLUDED IN THE TOTAL OF CHECKING & SAVINGS FOR 2020.

# PreSchool News



# JANUARY 2021



Preschoolers at play and work  
Letter of the week: Uu



JANUARY BIRTHDAY

# Happy Birthday!

Somebody lost his first tooth!  
Hope the tooth fairy visits!



# Help Wanted!!

The church has a need for an IT and Media Support Specialist. This person will provide backup support for our in-house and streaming events along with some light IT responsibilities. This is a paid position with 4-6 hours of work each Sunday. You will primarily be assisting with sound and video checks on Sundays along with monitoring Sunday service on our web page, Facebook and YouTube. There will be some IT responsibilities such as hardware setups, windows updates, system backups and user support.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Melissa at the church 816-741-1851 and leave an email address or phone number for us to contact and arrange a Zoom interview.



**IT and Media  
Support Specialist**



You did it!  
*Congratulations*



**Kara Beldo** graduated from Missouri University of Science and Technology with a B.A. in Multidisciplinary Studies with a STEM focus and Teaching Project Lead the Way Certification. Kara was commencement speaker at her December 19<sup>th</sup> graduation.

She has accepted a teaching position in the Park Hill School District.



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**Sunday Service:**

Join us at 9:10 am

Live Streaming available at  
[http://p23.worshipstream.com/  
115/ParkHillChristianChurch](http://p23.worshipstream.com/115/ParkHillChristianChurch)

Interim Minister

Reverend Chase Peoples

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with Young People

Vacant

Ministry Support Administrator

Melissa Foley

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Don Bonjour

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Damon Stewart

Deacon Chair

Don Bonjour

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Rajean Buffa

Organist

Doris Stevenson

Audio/Video Tech

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