Park Hill Christian Church
NEWSLETTER

January 26, 2023

On the pilgrimage of a lifetime, I was able to travel to the Holy Land with the congregation I was serving. We visited the holy sites we read about in the stories of our faith, walking in the places where Jesus taught, healed, and loved. Many of them were incredibly memorable, helping to make the stories of our faith come alive for me in ways that have completely transformed how I read, pray and experience the scriptures. One day we went to the Jordan River, we read the story of Jesus' baptism and were able to enter those waters as well and I both gave and received blessings. It was such a sacred experience.

I remember pieces of my baptism. I was 10 years old and had been through the Pastor's Class with my older sister and other church friends. It was exciting and it felt so very important, like it was the first really important decision I had made up to that point.

I wonder what you recall about your baptism. Where were you? Who baptized you? What did the water feel like? How did you feel after? Who else was there?

Our journey through Luke brings us to Jesus' baptism this week. Read it this week before you come for worship: Luke 3.7-16; 21-22. As followers of Jesus, we try to live our lives in his footsteps, following his example. Jesus shows us that baptism is important, and it is now one of the holy sacraments that Christians practice–though we practice it in different ways (immersion/sprinkling or infant/believers).

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Weekly

- **Athens Church** will be using the Sanctuary, nursery, infant room, and classrooms on **Sundays** at **10:45am**
- **NCCAKC** will be using Meade Hall on **Sundays** at **11:30am**
- **AA meetings** in person at Noon on **Mon/Wed/Fri** in Genesis Class and at 6:30pm on **Monday & Wednesday** in **Friendship Class AA Ladies Group Meeting** on **Fridays** at 1:30pm in the Back Parking Lot
- **Scouts** meet at 6:30pm in Meade Hall on **Mondays & Tuesdays**

Sunday school is in session!!!

Friendship class is currently studying and discussing the book of Matthew. This class meets every Sunday after the worship service. **Faith Keepers class** is currently meeting and studying "Love For One Another" every Sunday after the worship service.

The group will also be doing lunch together after class the first Sunday of each month.

Church Family Meeting
Sunday Jan 29th

Following worship, stay for a few minutes to hear information and updates about our collaboration with Community CC, the grant proposal to the Region, as well as other PHCC updates.

Look for a Church Family Meeting each 5th Sunday.

Prayers & Thanksgiving

- **Please keep the family of Frances Brown in your prayers. Frances passed away Thursday evening, January 19th.**
- **Please pray for John Peterson as he deals with an ongoing health issue.**
- **Please pray for Walt Morris' family as they grieve his passing. Walt passed away Monday, January 16th.**
- **Please pray for the family of Betty Connell as they mourn her passing. Betty passed away last Thursday, January 5th.**
- **Please pray for Carol Wade's continued recovery.**
- **Please continue to pray for former member Jackie Rockhold as she faces a serious health concern.**
- **Please pray for Barb McCauley as she deals with a continuing health concern.**

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR:

Harrell Green, Ben & Norma Phillips, Mary Jo Rinke, Marian Russell

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.

Free pickleball!

10am - 12pm

Saturdays

ALL

are invited!!

+ community.

INTERGENERATIONAL MISSION TRIP

July 9-14, 2023
Mayfield, KY

Register with $100 deposit by Feb 1st. Scholarships available and we will fundraise. Talk with Rev. Suzanne if interested.

Be The NEIGHBOR

Week of Compassion

Our group will partner to help the community recover from a tornado. Mayfield is intentionally rebuilding in ways that make home-ownership and safe affordable housing more available. We will learn about housing justice and best practices for making housing more accessible for all people For the Mission Trip deposit, people should make their check out to Community Christian with "mission trip" in the memo.

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Baptism is an outward witness of our inner commitment. (Or confirmation in the case of an infant baptism). Its when we have made a commitment or promise to follow in the ways of Jesus, to love how he loved, to serve others; and then we claim it publicly with a ritual. The ritual of entering the baptismal waters is our outward witness, its where we publicly show and celebrate the decision. The Holy Spirit is at work in all parts of this process–from the seeds planted in someone's heart, to their growing desire to follow Jesus, to the ways they experience God, to their decision making, to their entry into the waters,. And the Holy Spirit is at work in the community traveling alongside and celebrating this journey and decision. Come Sunday, as we will remember our baptism and celebrate our belonging to the Christian Community.

Grace,
Suzanne

Outreach Ministry
at Park Hill Christian Church

Valentine Boxes 2023: The Outreach Evangelism Team is taking on this project this year! These boxes will go to our college students and Military personnel. Please share the address(es) of the person(s) you'd like a Valentine box sent to in an email to Paula Kimbrell (pjkimbrell@yahoo.com) no later than **Sunday, February 5. We're asking for donations of prepackaged store-bought goodies to fill these boxes! Please place the goodies in the box located in the Narthex labeled "Valentine Box Goodies Only" by Sunday, February 5th.**

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Sunday Service:
Join us at 9:00 am
Live Streaming available at
http://p23.worshipstream.com/115/ParkHillChristianChurch

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Church Executive Committee
Jill Watson, Carl Kimbrell, Don Bonjour, Judy Green, Tara West

Elder Chair
Damon Stewart

Deacon Chair
Don Bonjour

Music Director
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Saturday's Pickleball Crew!!

January's Fun Fact

It's estimated that the average adult makes about 35,000 decisions each day.