

# Park Hill Christian Church

## NEWSLETTER

July 15, 2021

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### The Grandparenting Church

Every church I know of which has existed for more than one generation obsesses about getting young families into the church. Older members--who are, let's face it, the majority of most churches today--remember when they were raising their children in the church, and they made friendships which have kept them in church with stronger ties than theology or ritual. These same older church members discovered to their chagrin that the children they raised in the church did not want it, and so Sunday school rooms sit vacant, and it becomes harder to recruit volunteers for Vacation Bible School. What are these faithful older members to do?

Rev. Bill Rose-Heim, the Regional Minister for the Greater Kansas City Disciples of Christ churches, introduced PHCC's search committee to the idea of a "grandparenting church." As a fairly new grandparent himself, he shared there wasn't much that he wouldn't do for his grandkids. As a parent, he had to function in ways that often were not fun such as serving as disciplinarian and enforcer of everything from eating vegetables to curfews, but grandparenting is a different role. Grandparents offer wisdom, give support and provide presence to their grandchildren. As a grandparent, it is easier to accept that your grandchildren exist in a different world than the one you lived in. Instead of the clash of generational perspectives as there is with one's teenage children, enough time has passed for grandparents to support grandchildren doing things differently than how they were done two generations earlier. Perhaps older church members can function as spiritual grandparents to younger generations seeking spiritual meaning and purpose.



Frederick Buechner writes this about grandparents:

***To have grandchildren is not only to be given something but to be given something back. You are given back something of your children's childhood all those years ago. You are given back something of what it was like to be a young parent. You are given back something of your own childhood even, as on creaking knees you get down on the floor to play tiddlywinks, or sing about Old MacDonald and his farm, or watch Saturday morning cartoons till you're cross-eyed.***

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# PRAYER REQUEST

Continued prayers for healing for

- ❖ **Jon Warren**, who is doing a bit better with his health recovery.
- ❖ **Marian Russell** is recovering at home after rehab for her cracked ankle and is wearing a boot on her ankle.



## CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR:

**Liz Benson**, Melissa Foley's sister,  
**Gary Bjorn, Harrell Green,**  
**Wendy Lashbrook, Pat Porter,**  
**Ben & Norma Phillips,**  
**Kay Harvey's niece, Patti Price**  
**Mary Jo Rinke, Marian Russell,**  
**Jon Warren, Julie Waddle**  
and Glenda Peterson's  
brother-in-law: **Jim Shoop**

### PLEASE HELP US KEEP THIS LIST UPDATED!

Kindly report any changes/updates to the church office: [office@phcc.org](mailto:office@phcc.org) or call 816-741-1851

Things always have a way of working out. Never underestimate the power of prayer, faith, and love.



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.



## In Remembrance

**Virginia Long** (Martha Fullerton's mother) passed away on June 13, 2021. The following is a link to her obituary:

<http://obituaries.joplinglobe.com/obituary/virginia-long-1082722039>.

There will be a remembrance reception for Virginia in the sanctuary and Narthex on **Thursday, July 15, 2021 at 6:30 pm**. Her memorial service will be in Joplin on Saturday, July 17 at South Joplin Christian Church.

**Thank you** for the prayers, calls, cards, meals and care when we suddenly lost my niece **Gabriella Broglio** on June 5, 2021, and my mother, **Virginia Long** who passed away a week later. We truly appreciate our church family. We have felt your love surround us through this time.



Blessings, *Martha Fullerton*

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**Athens Church** will be using Sanctuary (nursery, library, and classrooms) on Sundays from 10:45am to 12pm

**Oromo Evangelical Christian Church** will be using Sanctuary on Sundays from 12 Noon to 3pm. They will also have choir practice on Monday evenings at 6pm in Faith Keepers Class.

**FAITH CHURCH** will be using Meade Hall on Sundays from 1pm to 4pm for Worship.



## AA meetings in person

Noon on Mon/Wed/Fri in **Genesis Class** and at 6:30pm on Monday & Wednesday in the **Friendship Classroom**.

**AA Ladies Group Meeting** on Fridays at 1:30pm in Back Parking Lot.

**Scouts** meet at 6:30pm in Meade Hall on Mondays & Tuesdays

## July Basketball Practice

Tuesdays Colvin at 5pm  
Thursdays Colvin at 5pm



**PRIVATE EVENT IN LIFE CENTER** Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup> all day/night

Private Event



## OUTREACH MEETING



JULY 22nd at 5pm  
in Friendship Class

## PHCC CO-ED SOFTBALL LEAGUE



## Starts July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021

On Thursday evenings - double headers  
either at 6:30pm or 8:30pm at  
Tiffany Hills Sports Complex  
8300 NW Old Tiffany Springs Road  
Kansas City, MO 64152

Contact Anna Kloepfel for more information:  
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NOTHING  
NOTHING  
CAN SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF GOD  
ROMANS 8:31-39

REGISTER NOW

DISCIPLES  
VIRTUAL GATHERING

SATURDAY  
08-07-21



Let's be the church  
we say we are.

## Disciples Virtual Gathering August 7

The Disciples Virtual Gathering is an opportunity for Disciples to connect, learn, worship, and imagine new ways of gathering as church. The program will consist of bible lectures, educational workshops, and worship service, with invited speakers and presenters focusing on our theme. Click [here](#) for more information.

## Grandparenting Church

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No, spiritual grandchildren are not going to do church the way their spiritual grandparents have done church. Yet, what they offer their older church members looks a lot like the fun, excitement and wonder which grandchildren offer grandparents. Grandchildren offer the gift of looking with new eyes on the things grandparents long ago ceased to find remarkable. Grandparents are transported back in time to when a butterfly, a dandelion or an ice cream cone was new and thrilling. Likewise, spiritual grandparents receive the gift of remembering what it was like to discover the miracle of God's presence in the highs and lows of life. In return, spiritual grandparents offer testimony that God helps one not only endure the struggles of life but also discover the grace on the other side of them.

At PHCC, I see a lot of older faithful members who have run the race and fought the good fight. For most, their children did not want the church they were raised in. I see and feel that lingering grief. Yet, I want to offer the good news that there are generations of spiritual grandchildren who need spiritual grandparents. The trick to embracing this grandparenting role comes in accepting the spiritual grandchildren who arrive at your church door may look and act like nothing you expected.

On recent Sundays as more of our long-term members have returned to worship post-Covid, I have wondered what the reaction would be to seeing another younger church arriving in the building after them. I have waited for the resentment, or the old territorial church fights I've seen time and again to surface, but instead I have seen smiles and satisfaction that children were once again in the building learning about the love of Jesus.

In our 40 Days of Prayer last year, one of our older members declared, "I don't care if it's our kids or somebody else's kids, I just want to hear children again in this building." I thought at the time what an amazing statement that was. Implicit in those words is the understanding that the division between "our" kids and "their" kids is an illusion, because they are ALL our kids. So, you have welcomed the young Caucasian parents and children of Athens Church, along with the children of Ethiopian immigrants of Oromo Church and now the children of Micronesian immigrants in Faith Christian Church into the PHCC building. All of them are your spiritual grandchildren.

I can't know what the future holds, but I am sure God has more spiritual grandchildren to bring PHCC's way. Some of those grandchildren may come with one of the three other congregations currently worshipping in our space or maybe from other groups or congregations God will send our way. With a new pastor and new ideas and commitments offered by PHCC's younger members, perhaps still other spiritual grandchildren will come to connect with PHCC. They may do church differently than their spiritual grandparents, but whether they realize it or not they come in need of spiritual grandparents to offer wisdom, support and presence.



### GRANDPARENTS

Tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord.  
—Psalm 78:4

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In person or watch on You Tube, Facebook Live or Live Stream on our website: <https://park-hill-christian-church.sermoncloud.com/live>



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 our church

**Facebook Page:**

**Park Hill Christian Church KCMO.**

**Click on link provided to view.**

You can live stream on our website:

<https://park-hill-christian-church.sermoncloud.com/live/>

Choose the *streaming* option from menu.



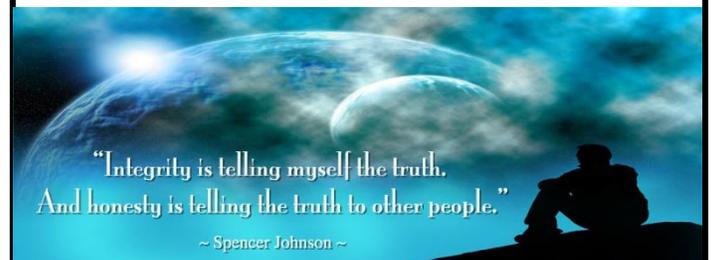
NEW LINK

## Integrity – Living the Truth

The Friendship Class will be studying this LifeGuide Bible Study by Carolyn Nystrom beginning July 18th.

Integrity assumes right and wrong. Integrity keeps commitments, as the prophet Hosea shows us. Integrity tells the truth, a test Abraham failed. Integrity expects temptation and braces for it, as did Joseph in the presence of the demanding wife of his employer, Integrity cultivates endurance, as did Job in the face of overwhelming tragedy. Integrity follows the path of forgiveness a lesson Peter learned at the loving hand of his Lord.

Intrigued? Come join us!



## ATTENDANCE NUMBERS for Sunday 7/11/21

Face Book Live:	27 views
YouTube Channel:	2 views
Livestreaming:	42 views
In person:	46 attendees



## Grandparenting Church

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What Buechner writes about biological grandchildren is also true of spiritual grandchildren: *And of course, along with your genes, they will also carry their memories of you into those times and places too — the afternoon you lay in the hammock with them watching the breezes blow, the face you made when one of them stuck out a tongue dyed Popsicle blue at you, the time you got a splinter out for one of them with the tweezers of your Swiss army knife. On some distant day they will hold grandchildren of their own with the same hands you once held them by as you searched the beach at low tide for Spanish gold. In the meantime, they are the freshest and fairest you have. After you're gone, it is mainly because of them that the earth will not be as if you never walked on it.*

*Grace and Peace,  
Rev. Chase Peoples*



## Park Hill Christian Church ANNUAL FAN DRIVE June 14 – July 15



THANK  
YOU!



THANKS TO ALL WHO DONATED TO THE FAN DRIVE  
TO THOSE IN NEED THOROUGH SALVATION ARMY.  
WE COLLECTED 17 FANS FOR DISTRIBUTION AND  
A CASH DONATIONS WILL BUY ABOUT 4 MORE

THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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## FINANCIAL UPDATE

June 2021

### Financial Report for PHCC Newsletter

*(Adj for deprec & loan principal & not including designated inc/exp)*

<b>Month of June</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Income	26,115	14,518
Expense	31,739	21,748
Operating Income (Loss)	<u>(5,625)</u>	<u>(7,231)</u>
<b>Year to Date January - June</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Income	185,037	117,547
Expense	127,319	121,602
Operating Income (Loss)	<u>57,718</u>	<u>(4,055)</u>
<b>REUNION CAMPAIGN</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
Income (Contributions Received)	8,125	22,625
Expense (Loan Principal Paid Down)		(14,500)
Available for Additional Loan Principal		<u>8,125</u>
<b><i>Balance of Loan Principal paid off July 10.</i></b>		<b><i>5,880</i></b>

### ALLOCATION OF CASH AVAILABLE

<b>As of June 30</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Total of checking & savings	116,265	98,660
Due to Merry Moments	7,487	(3,819)
Special Offering Funds	21,675	23,686
Memorial Funds	31,107	10,403
Fuller Center Funds	16,886	21,886
Total Designated Accounts	<u>77,155</u>	<u>52,156</u>
Net Cash Available (Short)	<u>39,110</u>	<u>46,504</u>

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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

Ministry Leader

with Young People

Vacant

Ministry Support Administrator

Melissa Foley

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Church Executive Committee

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Don Bonjour

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Doris Stevenson

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