

Park Hill Christian Church

NEWSLETTER

June 17, 2021

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Which Numbers Matter?

You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you. Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.
--Psalm 40:3 NRSV

As COVID-19 ebbs (hopefully), can a church get back to where and how things were before the pandemic? All signs seem to point towards **NO**. Even before the pandemic, American Christianity was experiencing a shift larger than any one congregation or denomination as younger generations opt out of organized religion even as their belief in God and things spiritual seem as strong as ever. From what I can tell from reports around the country, weekly worship attendance remains lower than before the pandemic and will probably remain that way. **Our traditional metrics for measuring a church's success will continue to show we are failing, but is that really true? We need new numbers to tell us how we are doing.**

For the entire life of most church members, a church's success was measured by two numbers: worship attendance and financial income. These numbers might indicate success if a church were a business measuring customers and income, but a church is not a business, and we were foolish to ever confuse the two! When we look at the example of Jesus, he only had 12 disciples, and one of them betrayed him while the rest abandoned him. He attracted crowds, but the crowds quickly lost interest because the Good News he was offering did not sound good to them. When it came to money, Jesus apparently had none and depended upon the kindness of friends and strangers. He had no buildings, no annual budget and no fundraising campaigns. **Perhaps, we were always looking at the wrong numbers, at least when compared to Jesus.**

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Prayer Requests



- ❖ Please pray for **Jon Warren** who is dealing with a health issue. Pray for a quick healing.
- ❖ Prayer for the **Fullerton Family**. Martha's mother, Virginia Long, passed away on Sunday, June 13th. Martha's niece also died suddenly this week.
- ❖ Please pray for Rev. **Chase Peeples's family**. Chase's father-in-law, Phil Owens, died on Monday, June 14th. The funeral will be Sunday afternoon in Marietta, GA. His death is a blessing because it is an end to his suffering. He has had serious dementia for almost ten years and had reached a point of not knowing anyone in his family. So, we are sad because this is the end of his life, but in so many ways we already said goodbye several years ago.
- ❖ Please keep **Pat Porter** in your prayers. She was recently hospitalized and returned to Presbyterian Manor Nursing Home. She will likely transition to Hospice care next.
- ❖ Prayers requested for **Marian Russell** who is at Ignite Medical Resort in Room #180 recovering from a cracked ankle.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR:

Liz Benson, Melissa Foley's sister, **Gary Bjorn**, **Harrell Green**,
Wendy Lashbrook, **Ben & Norma Phillips**, **Mary Jo Rinke**, **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 or call 816-741-1851

Thanks to Chase and others who offered thoughts, prayers, cards and calls concerning surgery. They worked, and I am appreciative and feel blessed.

Walt Baughman

Dear Church Family

Thank you so much for the prayers! I am now in physical therapy which will get me back to where I was prior to surgery. I am still in treatment to keep me in remission, which are 3 painful shots each month. I am looking forward to when I can make the trip back to KC, but unfortunately it appears to be sometime later this year.

Regards, Barb McCauley



UPCOMING EVENTS

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



Oromo Evangelical Christian Church will be meeting in the Sanctuary on Sundays from 12 Noon to 3pm

AA meetings have resumed to IN PERSON MEETINGS!!!

Noon on Mon – Wed – Fri in Meade Hall and at 6:30pm on Mon & Wed 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

June Basketball Practice

Mondays at 6pm (Middleton) 
Tuesdays Colvin at 5pm **Fisher** at 7pm
Thursdays Colvin at 5pm



OUTREACH MEETING

Thursday June 17th

5pm in Friendship Class



OUTREACH

PHCC BOARD

Quarterly MEETING

Thursday, June 17th

at 7pm in Friendship Classroom.



NEW DATE & LOCATION

JUNE LYDIA CIRCLE

Tuesday, June 22nd

at 6:30pm at Cascone's



Happy FATHER'S DAY
to all Dads
and Granddads
Sunday, June 20th



~~Coffee and Donuts
after Worship in
Meade Hall on
Sunday, 6/20~~



**Book Club in
Pathfinders Class**

Tuesday, June 29th

at 6:30pm (Carleda Williams)



Church Office is **CLOSED** on **MONDAY, July 5th** In Honor of Independence Day

So, if attendance and income aren't the proper numbers to determine success, what numbers are? Here are some I think we might use.

Generosity--Are those who are a part of a church community generous with their time, talents and money or looking at their lives would an objective observer have to say they remain self-centered? At PHCC, I am glad to say folks are generous with their money. The church still gives away 10% of its income from members to community groups serving people in need and the ministry of our denomination, the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ. This generosity is commendable in a time where churches are cutting back on outreach and missions. Also, Helen Wright's gift to the church of income from the sale of her home along with other gifts of church folks will enable us to pay off the mortgage on our building freeing up thousands of dollars a month for ministry. Individual members are stepping forward to make special donations to improve the quality of specific church ministries as well. These are good signs of a church's healthy generosity!

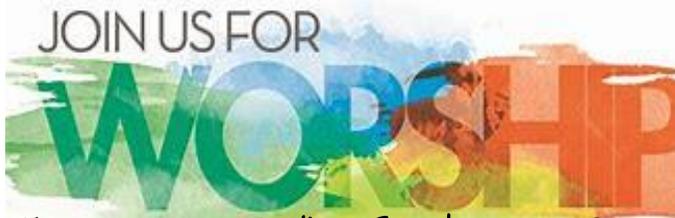
People Impacted by the Church--Now that so many people experienced worship and church events online, there is no going back. People from around the world will encounter our church online and their first "visit" to a church will be through online services and resources. That is not the only way people will be impacted by church ministries. Each week people in need receive help from agencies, nonprofits and ministries we support with money and volunteer hours. Add up all the people impacted by SPEAC, Family Promise, Fuller Center, churches and camps in the KC Disciples Region and Disciples ministries across the country and around the world and we get a large number! Add to that total, the number of people who use our church building, such as Athens Church and Oromo Christian Fellowship, basketball teams, community meetings and more. Finally add to that total people cared for by ministers, church staff, church leaders and members. You get the idea. PHCC impacts a lot of people when we bother to take notice.

There are other ways to measure success which are less tangible, but perhaps even more important. Do people involved in our church--members and non-members--experience God and grow in their discipleship because of the church's ministries? Are their lives transformed by Christ? Are they demonstrating Christ-like love on a daily basis? Ultimately, these are the numbers which truly count.

The numbers which count above all are the number of ways God has blessed us. When we consider that there are not enough numbers in existence to count the ways God blesses us, we become less anxious about the old numbers of worship attendance and income. A church full of people aware of God's blessings will be too busy being thankful to worry about numbers.



Grace and Peace,
Rev. Chase Peeples



In person or Online Sundays at 9am

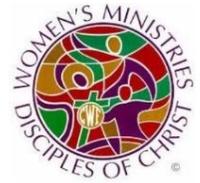
In person or watch on You Tube, Facebook Live or Live Stream on our website: <https://park-hill-christian-church.sermoncloud.com/live>

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 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.

Women's Ministry



June Regional Evening DWM Meeting

Independence First Christian Church 125 South Pleasant * Independence, MO 64050

Thursday June 24, 2021

NO MEAL – Masks Required or TBA Registration and Meeting at 6:30pm Reservations to karenyount39@yahoo.com by Monday June 21, 2021

Speaker

Dan Soliday, CEO Woodhaven Live stream will be available

NOTE: There will be an afternoon meeting at Raymore Christian Church, 2pm, same day

Men are always welcome



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ATTENDANCE NUMBERS

for Sunday 6/13/21

- Face Book Live: 27 views
YouTube Channel: 5 views
Livestreaming: 12 views
In person: 44 attendees



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES MEET IN PERSON IN MEADE HALL FOLLOWING WORSHIP so we can spread out, and are away from Athens and Oromo services. Join us on Sundays! We hope to see you there!

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FINANCIAL UPDATE

May 2021

Financial Report for PHCC Newsletter

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

Month of May	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Income	30,077	22,841
Expense	22,322	18,680
Operating Income (Loss)	7,755	4,161
Year to Date January - May	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Income	158,922	103,029
Expense	95,579	99,854
Operating Income (Loss)	63,343	3,175
REUNION CAMPAIGN	<u>May</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income (Contributions Received)	5,100	14,500
Expense (Loan Principal Paid Down)		(9,400)
Loan Principal to be paid	5,100	5,100
Loan Principal paid down June 7		

ALLOCATION OF CASH AVAILABLE

As of May 31	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Total of checking & savings	133,124	110,548
Due to Merry Moments	9,719	(1,196)
Special Offering Funds	21,675	25,221
Memorial Funds	31,007	10,403
Fuller Center Funds	16,886	21,886
Total Designated Accounts	79,287	56,314
Net Cash Available (Short)	53,837	54,234

DONATIONS NEEDED

Can you help??



Donations Needed for RYC CYF Conference Materials Wish List:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/144EPO4NO4BSTU?ref=wl_share They are asking for donations. It's simple, anyone can go on to the list and purchase something that ships to directly to RYC to be utilized at CYF this year on June 20th-25th at Tall Oaks. Questions? Contact Virginia Fullerton at: (816) 721-1252 or email her at: VirginiaFullerton08@gmail.com

The Micah Ministry has some urgent needs as we head in the hot summer months. Donations can be dropped off Independence Boulevard Christian Church on Mondays and Thursday from 9am to 3pm. There is also a collection box in the Narthex at PHCC.

CURRENT NEEDS:

- *Sunscreen and Mosquito Repellant*
- *Men's small jeans and shorts (sizes 30-36)*
- *Tennis shoes for men and women*
- *Tents, tarps and sleeping bags*



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

We will be collecting (20") box fans to donate to the Salvation Army for the distribution to the needy during the hot summer months. Fans can be purchased at stores like Walmart, Target, Lowe's and Home Depot and dropped off in the Sanctuary. Thank you all for your ongoing support of our Outreach Ministry programs. If you have any questions, call Rob Robinson at (816) 519-1474.



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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)

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Vacant

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Kathy Hendrix

**HAPPY
FATHERS DAY**