

# Park Hill Christian Church

## NEWSLETTER



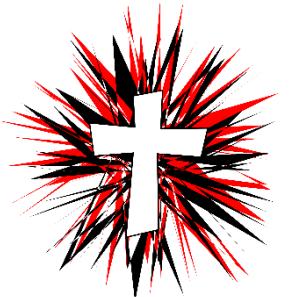
May 28, 2020

Praising  
LOVING.  
Serving



CLOSED THIS WEEK  
DUE TO CORONAVIRUS  
PRECAUTIONS

Join us  
online



Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic we are cancelling all public activities in church building through JUNE. We will live stream Sunday Morning Service: <http://parkhillchristianchurch.yourstreamlive.com/>  
CHURCH BUILDING IS CLOSED - Office is operating.

### Do You Have a Message for Your Fellow PHCC Members?

In order to help us stay connected as a church, I'd like to ask you to share a message with the PHCC congregation. Send me a brief e-mail or text containing an update on how you and your family are doing, a note of encouragement to others, a prayer request or a prayer for others, a statement of what and who you miss at church during the quarantine, etc. I will share it on your behalf during Sunday's worship service live stream. It will be good to hear from one another and to remember the ties that bind us together as church.

You can send your brief message to me at:

Text: 816-383-1829

e-mail 1: chasepeeples01@gmail.com

e-mail 2: minister@parkhillcc.org



Chase Peeples

### Asking the Wrong Questions About Masks

It's happened again. Something rather innocuous has become the latest battle in the ongoing culture wars; this time the fight is over wearing masks. How did a question of the best way to address public health become a partisan cage match with both sides throwing rhetorical Molotov cocktails at each other? One side says wearing masks is political correctness run amok that infringes upon personal freedom. The other side says not wearing masks is ignorant and irresponsible behavior with fatal consequences for society. At its most extreme people who refuse to wear masks have reacted violently when stores

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# SPORT TROPHIES

The numerous sports trophies from the display case in the Life Center are being taken down. If you would like to have one or more of the souvenir trophies or photos, feel free to pick them up in Bread of Life Café **before June 15th**. Carl Kimbrell will dispose of any trophies that are not picked up.



## SPEAC FOOD PANTRY

If you or anyone else you know in Southern Platte County is in need of food during this crisis the SPEAC Food Pantry is here to help you out. Please call 816-746-1057 for an appointment. Monday 9am-12pm or during regular pantry hours Monday, Wednesday & Thursday afternoon 1-3pm and Tuesday and Friday morning from 10am-12pm



If you can donate nonperishable food items for those in need, please do so. Any help is appreciated. A donation bin is in the Narthex.

*Thank You!*

## Prayer Requests



- ❖ Please pray for Norma Biggs. Norma and her husband Claire were members of PHCC for a few years before they moved to Springfield, MO to be close to their grand kids. Norma had a stroke last month and has been in the hospital ICU for two weeks. She is now going to rehab and then home. Prayers requested for both Norma and Claire during this difficult time.
- ❖ The Stehl family would like to request prayers for Cindy Stehl (wife of Doug Stehl, daughter in law of Pat Stehl and sister in law Judy Krtek, Julie Kloepel and Jill Watson) who is suffering severe pain due to a mass on her ovary.
- ❖ Please pray for Rick Rollins who is being treated for stage 3 lung cancer. He is a friend of the Hoovers. Their grandson attended Merry Moments.
- ❖ Pray for Jerry & Jane Hoover, as Jane recovers from a sprained and broken foot.
- ❖ Please pray for Steve Plagmann, The family of Renae Dishman Ronayne, and the family of Sandy Quinly Good, friends of Martha Fullerton.

## Continued Prayers:

Edna Annunzio, Werner Beldo, Barbara Geer, Norma Phillips, Bill Porter, Wendy Lashbrook, Virginia Long: Martha Fullerton's Mother, Gage Schneider, son of a friend of Martha Fullerton, Carolyn Waterman, Jonathan Valler, Julie Waddle, Jim & Sharon Sumner's daughter, Susan Yeager, Denise Waddle's mom: Lorraine Vandersteen and Jack Warren.

## 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



Congratulations on Your  
GRADUATION



Class of  
**2020**



## NEED ASSISTANCE?

Contact the church office at 816-741-1851 if you need help with any errands. We have a team of volunteers in place and can connect you with them.



HAPPY  
FATHER'S  
**DAY**

SUNDAY, JUNE 21ST



**WORSHIP**  
WITH US SUNDAY

Sundays at  
9:00am

Worship Service  
live streaming

# What's Happening

## Executive Meeting

**June 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

Watch for an email for a Zoom meeting invitation.



## Virtual Elder Meeting

**June 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am**

Watch for an email for a Zoom meeting invitation.

**NO JUNE**

**Snack 'n' Sing**



## Church Reopening follow-up meeting June 18

**PHCC Board meeting - June 18 at 7 PM**

Time: 7:00 PM Central Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85670658576?pwd=UFINK1FoUUUVJNzFVdWtVVVNqb29RUT09>

Meeting ID: 856 7065 8576

Password: 205002

Dial by your location: +1 312 626 6799

Meeting ID: 856 7065 8576

Password: 205002

Find your local number:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kWeO5sVHJ>



# YouTube

We now have live streaming on YouTube. You can find the live stream by searching YouTube for **Park Hill Christian Church KC**. There may be some old events under this title so look for the event scheduled for Sunday.

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



require them to do so, and those wanting everyone to wear masks in public have aggressively intimidated people who refuse. Our society may respond this way to questions of wearing masks or not, but these are the wrong questions (and actions) for anyone seeking to follow Christ.

As with every other question, Christians pondering the question of whether or not to wear a mask in public should first look to the life and teachings of Jesus before all other considerations.

No, Jesus never gave instructions on whether or not to wear a mask in public during a viral outbreak, but he did provide instructions about how Christians should treat the most vulnerable in society. COVID-19 has shown itself to be the most dangerous for people who are elderly, people who are non-white without access to quality healthcare, people in prison and people with compromised immune systems—in sum, the most vulnerable in our society.

In his ministry to the sick, poor, hungry and outcasts, Jesus demonstrated how his disciples should show love. From the beggar Lazarus on the rich man's doorstep to the man beaten and left for dead helped by the Samaritan, Jesus taught to be his follower means to care for those who are most vulnerable in their physical condition. In one of Jesus' most startling teachings, he declares whoever welcomes a stranger, provides food, drink or clothing to one without, or cares for the sick or imprisoned person has done the same for Christ himself! In other words, Christ is incarnate in every vulnerable member of society (Matthew 25:31-46).

Building on this Christ-like ethic of caring for the vulnerable, the apostle Paul dealt with questions of individual freedom and responsibility for one's fellow person. In 1 Corinthians 10, Paul addresses a dispute over-eating food sacrificed to idols, a commonplace custom in the Greco-Roman world and maybe the most nutritious food the average person could get. Paul says you have the freedom to do so, after all idols aren't real, but if by doing so a fellow Christian sees you doing so and is influenced to return to a non-Christian religious practice, then it is your responsibility to consider that person's well-being before you exercise your own freedom. He addresses a similar issue in Romans 14 and says, "If your brother or

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sister is being injured by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love.” In other words, you may have the freedom to do something, but if it negatively affects your neighbor you shouldn’t do it.

Jesus said the second greatest commandment after loving God is loving your neighbor, and Paul declares, “The whole law is summed up in a single commandment, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” (Galatians 5:14 NRSV) In other words, if one wishes to follow Jesus and take Christ’s name as a part of one’s identity, the first question to ask in making decisions is how does this choice affect others around me, especially those who are more vulnerable than I am? Just because I have the freedom to do something does not make it right or good in and of itself. Furthermore, as Christians who claim to follow Christ’s example of sacrificing our own comfort and convenience for the sake of others we are called to do likewise (see Paul’s discussion of having the “mind of Christ” in Philippians 2).

So when it comes to wearing a mask or not when we are outside our immediate family or our “bubble” or safety, the question that Christians should ask is what shows love of my neighbor, wearing or not wearing a mask? I have the freedom not to wear one, but what if I am an asymptomatic carrier of COVID-19 and without meaning to I transmit droplets of moisture by breathing or speaking onto someone else, especially someone who’s immune system cannot fight off the virus?

For me, the answer is clear, however effective or ineffective wearing a cloth mask may be, the people who are medical experts say it is better to wear a mask than not if I want to avoid unknowingly spreading COVID-19 to others, especially the most vulnerable. So, as a Christian, I have the freedom not to wear a mask except when it may hurt others. Let the culture warriors rage, I am not basing my decisions upon what either side says anyway.

The question of wearing masks or not reminds us that for this and every question of behavior the choices of Christians should be grounded in Jesus’ clear demonstration of love for others, especially the most vulnerable.

*Chase*



WE SURE DO MISS THESE  
HAPPY SMILING FACES



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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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Don Bonjour

**Elder Chair**

Damon Stewart

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**Organist**

Doris Stevenson

**Audio/Video Tech**

Kathy Hendrix