

Park Hill Christian Church



NEWSLETTER

October 14, 2021

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When Our Secret Lives Become Not So Secret

There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed or hidden that will not be made known. What you have said in the dark will be heard in the daylight, and what you have whispered in the ear in the inner rooms will be proclaimed from the roofs.

--Luke 12:2-3 NIV

I can't be the only minister thinking about these words of Jesus this week. It is tempting to write a sermon (or church newsletter column) about this week's news. As a lifelong Kansas City Chiefs fan, it is nearly impossible for me to feel sorry for anybody in the Las Vegas Raiders organization (they will always be the Oakland Raiders to me), and I have to just shake my head in wonder at the resignation of Raiders coach John Gruden. The friendly guy in the Corona commercials turned out to be pretty darn racist, sexist, homophobic, transphobic and probably every other kind of -phobic and -ist once the world got to read his emails from over the last decade. As Jesus declared (sort of), "What is typed in your private email shall be leaked to the media."

Before "Yeah, but what about . . ." escapes your mouth, let me state a few things.

All the people quoting Jesus this week regarding this story have a point. "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone . . ." Which one of us would want our own emails, texts or deleted social media posts and tweets broadcast to the world? I'm old enough to remember life before the internet, smartphones and social media. My college friends and I all agree that if social media had been around back in the day when we were young and stupid(er), none of us would be employable. We have a solemn compact that the print pictures and videos from those days must be destroyed or hidden somewhere with Raiders of the Lost Ark-level booby traps. All of us have moments where we have said or done lousy things that we wouldn't want broadcast. God forbid the whole of our lives is summed up by our worst moments.

Also, Gruden is a scapegoat, a guilty scapegoat but still a scapegoat. Reporters and columnists are rightfully pointing out that somebody leaked Gruden's emails to ruin his career, but there are hundreds of thousands of emails which currently remain hidden. Who knows what other NFL owners, coaches and general managers have written in their emails? Just ask last week's NFL scandal, Urban Meyer, coach of the Jacksonville Jaguars, who was filmed dirty dancing with a young woman—not his wife—when he lied to his team and said he was visiting his grandkids. In an era where one person with a phone can take a picture or video and instantly send it around the world, hypocrites should beware.

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Prayer Requests

- ❖ Continued prayers for **Randy Green, son of Harrell & Judy Green**, who is in the hospital dealing with health issues.
- ❖ Prayers needed for **Judy Green** who is receiving at home from minor surgery.
- ❖ Please pray for **Trisha Trussell (sister of Merry Moment's teacher, Christie Holferty)**, who had surgery yesterday and is recovering in the hospital.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR:

Gary Bjorn, Harrell Green, Wendy Lashbrook, Bruce & Susan Moberly, Pat Porter, Ben & Norma Phillips, Mary Jo Rinke, Marian Russell, Cindy Stehl, Jon Warren, Carolyn Waterman, Julie Waddle and 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

- ❖ Please pray for **Grant James Garrett**, (pictured below with his little brother) who was diagnosed with Aplastic Anemia and needs a bone marrow transplant. Grant is the 6-year-old grandson of a friend of Paula Kimbrell.



- The only cure to his rare disease is chemotherapy followed by a bone marrow transplant.
- To learn more about Bone Marrow Donor Opportunities visit: https://my.bethematch.org/s/join?language=en_US&joinCode=marrow17&gclid=EAlaQobChMlvrgq9LG48wIVbXFvBB2vRA-fEAYASAAEgLWPPD_BwE

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.

We are here for our beloved Park Hill Christian Church family.



Please notify us when you want to be removed from the prayer list.

FACE MASK MANDATE REINSTATED (and extended) EFFECTIVE August 2 to November 4, 2021 or later



MASK REQUIRED

Anyone aged 5 and older is required to wear a mask in all public places, regardless of vaccination status, per order of Kansas City Mayor Quentin Lucas.

EVENINGS

Athens Church will be using Sanctuary (nursery, infant room, 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 their Worship Service.



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**

Faith Keepers and Friendship Classes meet on **Sundays** after Worship in their respective classrooms.



Faith Community Church Event
October 16th Life Center 2-9pm



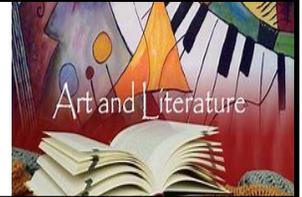
Ian's Rainbow Flu Foundation
drive thru flu shot clinic on
October 17 from 9:30 to noon

at Platte Woods United
Methodist Church.



Athens Church Meeting
October 17th in Meade Hall
from 9-10:30am

Art & Literature Club
October 19th in
Meade Hall at noon



Fuller Center for Housing
of Greater KCBBQ & Auction
October 21st from 5-8pm

at Gladstone Community Center
6901 N. Holmes St. More Info [Here](#)

Outreach **Outreach Meeting**
October 28th
5pm in Pathfinder's Class



PHCC TRUNK OR TREAT
Saturday, October 30th
4-6pm in back parking lot



PRIVATE EVENT
In Life Center
October 29 – November 1



Micah Ministry
Hygiene Kit Assembly

October 31st after Worship
in Path Finders Class



This latest scandal connects with a long line of public figures caught with their public personas not matching up with their private behavior. Whether it is in entertainment (Bill Cosby, Woody Allen, Harvey Weinstein, Lori Loughlin, etc.), politicians (Donald Trump, Bill Clinton, Andrew Cuomo, Matt Gaetz, etc.) athletics (US gymnastics, the Houston Astros, Robert Kraft, etc.) or business (Wells Fargo, Jeffrey Epstein, Tesla, etc.) there is plenty of unethical behavior to go around. What remains hidden is unquantifiable but surely awful. What should the consequences be when this terrible stuff gets revealed?

A current toxic political kerfuffle arrives in the form of so-called “cancel culture.” I won’t wade into it except to say as a Christian minister I believe in two concepts that may be relevant: grace and repentance.

Grace involves the love and forgiveness God offers to us which we cannot earn and do not deserve. Yet, God’s grace does not always free us from earthly consequences for our unethical actions. Scripture consistently declares that God detests false apologies and empty words from insincere people whose lousy deeds come to light. Likewise, true repentance involves acknowledging one’s moral failures, accepting the consequences of those failures being found out, seeking to make restitution and committing to not repeat them. No, I don’t think a person’s professional life should be irreparably harmed due to a single bad email or tweet, but patterns of behavior (such as Gruden’s and presumably many other higher ups in the NFL) remain a different matter. I believe God loves John Gruden, stands ready to forgive him and desires for him to grow and change from this experience, and I also think a person in power cannot exercise that power ethically while holding the beliefs revealed in Gruden’s emails. Caring people can only hope this experience causes Gruden to do better than empty phrases like “I don’t have a racist bone in my body” or “I never meant to hurt anybody.”

Most of us aren’t going to hold positions in the public eye, but all of us must constantly assess whether our private beliefs and behavior match what we present to the outside world. Jesus taught that we are our best selves when our actions match what is in our hearts and when our deeds match our convictions. Jesus taught us about the dangers of the divided self and desires for us to live lives of wholeness. Sometimes we are wise enough to see the divisions and change them with God’s help before the consequences become devastating to our lives. Other times, we remain stubborn and prideful and refuse to do so. In such cases, God’s grace may come to us in the form of a public disgrace. I call such painful moments grace, because sometimes it is only when we feel the pain of our broken behavior intensely that we are willing to change for the better.

When our secret lives are revealed resulting in a crash and burn moment, we can be thankful God is there to offer grace and help us change for the better. I believe God’s grace and transforming power is available to everyone, even people wearing clothing with Raiders logos.

Grace and Peace,
Rev. Chase Peebles





In person or virtually via 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.



Fall has arrived and we are preparing for that most boo-tiful time of sharing:

TRUNK OR TREAT!!

Merry Moments and the Worship Committee invite you to join the fun,

October 30th from 4 to 6 pm in

our back parking lot. We will have trunks, treats, grilled hot dogs, and lots of

cuteness. Wear your Halloween costumes and come join us. You can also donate

candy or cash towards the supplies, and of course, bring those great trunks and

treats! Let's make this fun community Halloween event exciting for everyone.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR TRUNKS, and

FOOD TABLE – please send an Email to office@parkhillcc.org If you can help– so

we can see how many trunks we will have. We can't do this fun event without

your help! Please consider

volunteering.

ATTENDANCE NUMBERS for Sunday 10/10/21

Face Book Live: 49 views
YouTube Channel: 6 views
Livestreaming: 12 views
In person: 34 attendees

Social Media Data:



Past 7 days

Twitter (Oct.): 2,387 impressions, 201 profile visits, 98 mentions, 1 new follower

Facebook: 179 people reached, 65 engagements, 1 link click, 9 comments, 3 shares, 21 reactions

Instagram: 102 impressions, 2 profile visits

Website: 122 page views, 76 unique visits, 1,286 pages viewed

Online Newsletter: 8 clicks

Online Sunday Sermon: 8 clicks

Flu Clinic



Don't FORGET!



Ian's Rainbow Flu Foundation is having to consolidate flu clinics this year with Urgent Care Express (who gives out our vaccines) because they are so busy and their staff is stretched thin. We would still love to help keep your congregation healthy and we invite you to join us at our drive thru flu clinic on:



**October 17 from 9:30 to noon at
Platte Woods United Methodist Church
7310 NW Prairie View Rd, Platte Woods, MO 64151**

This will once again, be a drive thru clinics so no one will need to get out of their vehicle!

Thank you for your understanding.

Ian's Rainbow Flu Foundation



Annual Stewardship Campaign
Details will be mailed soon!!



The preschoolers were lucky to have **Strum**, the ukulele band perform for them this week!



Thank you so much ladies, you were awesome!



Outreach Ministry

at Park Hill Christian Church



The Worship Committee is asking for candy and monetary donations for our Trunk or Treat Event on October 30th. A collection bin is in the Narthex for candy. You can drop off monetary donations in the church office anytime before October 30th.



**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS
TO PROVIDE TRUNKS
AT THE EVENT,**

send an email to
office@parkhillcc.org
if you can help!
The more trunks
the merrier it will be!

Thank you!

Hygiene Kits for the Homeless distribution by Micah Ministry



We are collecting travel and full-sized personal hygiene items (bar soap, body wash, lotion, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, dental floss, toothpaste, razors, combs, hand sanitizer, deodorant, lip balm, tissues, mouthwash, etc.) for hygiene kits that we will assemble on October 31st after Worship in PathFinders Class and give to Micah Ministry. A collection bin is in the Narthex for personal hygiene donations. Full-sized shampoo, conditioner, body wash, lotion is also needed – it will be put in pill bottles for individual kits. We are also taking cash/check donations, special envelopes are in the Narthex and Sanctuary and can be put in collection plate or dropped off in the church office. **We appreciate any and all help with this project!!!!!!**
Please plan to help us assemble the kits on Halloween following worship.



Women's
Ministry



GKC October Regional Evening DWM Dinner Meeting

Independence First Christian Church
125 South Pleasant
Independence, MO 64050

Thursday, October 28, 2021

Registration 6:00 PM
Meal 6:30 PM \$6.00
Meeting 7:15 PM

*You're
Invited*

Reservations: Martha Schmidt 816-358-4522 or bottlemrs@aol.com

RESERVATIONS NO LATER THAN MONDAY OCT. 25

Speaker
Rev. Terry Diehl
"Christians Working on the Border"

Zoom meeting will be available, to join:

<https://rockhurst.zoom.us/j/91214342797?pwd=OW9ncW9HZVFIWjNWMjhraXIOdnIVQT09>



Men are always welcome!

If your church would like to host Regional Evening DWM meeting or to recommend a speaker contact Rev. Karen Yount karenyount39@yahoo.com

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Sunday Service:

Join us at 9:00 am

Live Streaming available at
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