

Park Hill Christian Church

NEWSLETTER

September 16, 2021

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Hybrid Worship

How many people are worshipping during Park Hill Christian Church's worship services? On Sunday mornings at PHCC, one may find 30-40 people sitting in person in our sanctuary. Since our sanctuary comfortably seats 300 (maybe more), the room appears rather empty. Yet, each week one can find in the newsletter attendance figures that as many as 2 or 3 times as many people participate online. How do we reconcile these numbers?

PHCC is fortunate to have volunteers like Dan Duddy and Kathy Hendrix who keep our online streaming happening on multiple platforms (Facebook, YouTube and the church website). When I came to PHCC in April 2020 just after the Covid pandemic forced us to close the building, I was amazed at how much work had already been done to livestream the service over the internet. Most other churches were having to ramp up significantly in terms of technology and effort just to get to PHCC's level. Dan and Kathy deserve thanks for their hard work.

I had hoped that as the Covid pandemic seemed to decline following the availability of vaccinations earlier this year that by now PHCC's worship attendance would return to pre-Covid levels. Unfortunately, with the rise of the Delta Variant and the ongoing refusal of many people to get vaccinated, that return to full in person worship has not happened. For the foreseeable future, it seems future Covid variants and partisan political fights over the non-political medical necessity for vaccination will continue. Thus, PHCC's worship will continue to be a mixture of people participating in person and online.

Over the last year, the buzz word in denominational and clergy circles has been "hybrid worship," meaning worship services with in person and online participants. I've read numerous articles with headlines like "When God Closes a Church Door, He Opens a Browser Window." Although I might find an occasional good idea, most of these articles amount to a shrug over where worship services are heading. Everyone knows online participation is here to stay, but few claim to know what that really means.

PHCC folks who participate in worship online tell me they do so for two main reasons:

1. Concerns over safety during Covid;
2. Flexibility of schedule, i.e. it's convenient to watch in your sweats rather than spend most of your Sunday morning getting dressed, heading to church and so on.

Both reasons make sense to me. In addition, the online options allow PHCC members who are out of town and even out of state to be a part of worship. Safety, convenience and overcoming geographical distance are clearly the benefits of online worship.

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Prayer Request

- ❖ Please pray for **Mary Seever**, the mother of one of our vendors who has health issue.
- ❖ Please pray for long time Church Member, **Betty Connell** who is finishing up a precautionary 2-week quarantine in Florida (her roommate tested positive for Covid, Cards are encouraged/welcomed at: Betty Connell c/o Solaris Health Care 500 Crockett Blvd., #105B, Merritt Island, FL 32953
- ❖ Continued prayers for **Devin Doll** who is recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- ❖ Continued prayers for **Cindy Stehl** as she deals with Ovarian Cancer complications.

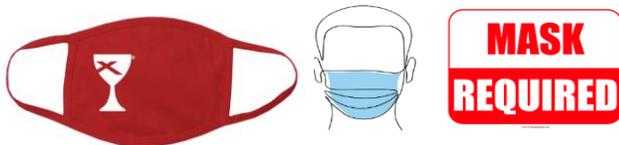
CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR:

Gary Bjorn, Harrell Green, Wendy Lashbrook, Pat Porter, Ben & Norma Phillips, Mary Jo Rinke, Marian Russell, 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

FACE MASK MANDATE REINSTATED (and extended) EFFECTIVE August 2 to September 23, 2021



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

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.



WHAT PROGRESS ARE WE MAKING IN THE SEARCH FOR A NEW PASTOR?

- Our congregation's Board has consulted with our Regional/Area Minister regarding our Search for a new Pastor.
- We have appointed a Search Committee. The members are:
Doug Doll – Chair
David Denig
Deb Turpin
Anna (Kloeppel) Anderson
Damon Stewart
Jessica Waddle
Julie Kloeppel
Alana Doll
Jill Watson – Ex Officio (PHCC Board Chair)
- Our Search Committee has met with our Regional/Area Minister for an orientation.
- We have completed a Congregational Profile, Position Description and information packet for pastoral candidates.
- Our Regional/Area Minister has sent profiles of candidates to the Search Committee; they are being considered.
- The Search Committee will create a short list of possible candidates.
- The Search Committee will interview candidates on the short list.
- One Candidate will be recommended to the Congregational Board on _____.
- Our congregation will vote on the recommended candidate on _____.
- We will join in worship with our Regional/Area Minister to install our new pastor.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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**

SPORTS – Gym Schedule

to be announced soon



Faith Keepers and Friendship

Classes meet on **Sundays** after Worship in their respective classrooms.

Anti-Racism Training on Zoom

September 15, 29 and October 13, from 6:30-8:30 pm.

<https://sacchome.shelbynextchms.com/external/form/6ca86948-5b7f-417c-b89a-ebfc17c55098>



PHCC Quarterly Board Meeting

September 16th at 7pm in

Friendship Class. Don Bonjour leading.



TALL OAKS ANNUAL GALA

September 17, 2021

Silent Auction 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Live Auction / Dinner at 6:30 pm

More info at: [2021Gala | Tall Oaks](#)

Art & Lit Club Meeting

Tuesday, September 21st



in Meade Hall from 11:30am to 2pm



Outreach Meeting

September 23rd at 5pm

in Friendship Class **DATE CHANGE**



Friday, September 24th

in Life Center Gym

3pm until Sat am.



Join us in **Pathfinders Class** on **Sundays** after worship for donuts



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There are downsides to online worship as well, at least it seems to me. One doesn't get to be greeted in person by friends and fellow members. One isn't in the sanctuary to hear the music sound at its best. One doesn't get to talk and share greetings with others before and after the service. One doesn't get to sit and be still without staring at a screen—something increasingly rare in our society. One may participate in communion with one's own wine and bread (or bagel and orange juice), but I wonder if something is lost not being in the same room together for communion? Granted, since our Covid precautions prevent people from coming up to the altar to receive communion, I realize something may already be lost even in person.

No matter our preferences or even necessities concerning in person or online worship, our "hybrid worship" is not going away. Offering online options for worship remains clearly preferable to not doing so. Therefore, how can we work together to limit any downsides to not being present in the sanctuary? We may want to explore things like announcing during the service the names of people joining the service online. We may want to take online prayer requests. I am aware of churches that have staff or volunteers running chat rooms during a service to connect with people who are online. These ideas and others need to be explored.

Major concerns for me remain how to connect with visitors online and how to help participants be more than passive viewers. When I stop and think about it, however, I must admit that even in the days before online worship became the norm, most churches I have been in have done lousy jobs of welcoming visitors and being anything other than spectators to the "show" happening at the front of the sanctuary. The real question is how do we do better at both things whether in person or online? It will take concerted effort by church staff, volunteers, and lay leaders to help new people feel connected and to try new things in worship to involve all participants.

Whether you are joining worship at PHCC in person or online, I am just glad you are making it a priority in your week. In the end, the point of worship is to offer God praise and live out the truth that God is God and we are not. Secondly, the purposes of worship are to offer spiritual encouragement for daily living and connection with fellow Christians. Whatever way we take part in worship, these are the goals we must keep in mind.

Grace and Peace, Rev. Chase Peoples





**Madison (Upton)
Peterson**

Congratulations

To Madison (Upton) Peterson on her Ordination to Christian Ministry!! Some of you may remember Madison who went on our mission trip, worked with the Youth group, and lead VBS in previous years here at Park Hill Christian Church. She also worked at Tall Oaks.



The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Greater Kansas City Region and
Lee's Summit Christian Church
Invite your presence and prayers
For the Ordination to Christian Ministry of

Madison Jayne Peterson

Saturday, October 2, 2021 at 1 PM
Lee's Summit Christian Church
800 NE Tudor Road
Clergy are invited to robe (red stoles) at 12:30

Join us at Llyewellyn's (301 SE Douglas St)
for cake and celebration following the service



For those who are not able to attend
in person, the service will also be
live-streamed on Lee's Summit
Christian Church's
Facebook and YouTube



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.



Reconciliation Ministry Special Offering Sept. 26th and Oct. 3rd



Now, in the aftermath of the death of George Floyd, violence against Asian and Pacific

Islanders, and the deadly inequities of the Coronavirus Pandemic, is the time for our Church to strengthen its commitment to actively seek God's justice. Reconciliation Ministry is the church wide mission fund which supports programs and program partners that enable full human flourishing for everyone in every community. As followers of Christ, we believe every life is precious and valued in God's beloved community. Your generosity has supported our ability to provide grant awards to Bethany College's Equity Community Guide, Diversity Audit and the Region of Greater Kansas City's Becoming Beloved Community Program, as well as denominationally-sponsored educational events such as Facing Brokenness and Love is an Action Word webinars.

ATTENDANCE NUMBERS for Sunday 09/12/21

- Face Book Live: 25 views
- YouTube Channel: 8 views
- Livestreaming: 16 views
- In person: 32 attendees

Social Media Data:



September 1 to date

Twitter: 4,576 impressions, 242 profile visits, 111 mentions, 2 new follower

Facebook: (past 7 days) 71 people reached, 38 engagements, 1 link clicks, 24 reactions

Instagram: 20 reached, 232 impressions, 4 profile visits

Website: 110 page views, 65 unique visits, 1,421 pages viewed

Online Newsletter: 8 hits

Online Sunday Sermon: 11 hits



We celebrated **Clifford the Big Red Dog's Sept. Birthday!** We read his books, made artwork and had birthday cookies.



We also reviewed our **colors!** We had a different color each day and ended the week with a **rainbow** day!!



Outreach Ministry

at Park Hill Christian Church



DONATIONS NEEDED

Micah Ministry needs the following children's clothing:

Toddler girl size clothes, size 24mos/2T

Girl underwear sizes:

- 2-3
- 4/5
- 6
- 7

Boy underwear sizes:

- 5
- 8
- 10
- 12



Thank you!

Thanks for your help! There is a collection bin in the Narthex for donations.



PLEASE NOTE!!

This month's Outreach Meeting has been postponed one week (from 9/16/21) to Thursday, September 23rd at 5pm in PathFinders.

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Sunday Service:

Join us at 9:00 am

Live Streaming available at
[http://p23.worshipstream.com/
115/ParkHillChristianChurch](http://p23.worshipstream.com/115/ParkHillChristianChurch)

Interim Minister

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Damon Stewart

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Don Bonjour

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