

Park Hill Christian Church

NEWSLETTER

September 17, 2020

Praising
LOVING.
Serving



Remembering The Saints

Now, brothers and sisters, you know that members of the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints;

--1 Corinthians 16:15 NRSV

Wasn't this past Sunday great? What a blessing it was to have Rev. Dr. Larry Patterson back at PHCC!

I hope you heard his wonderful sermon either in person or online. If not, you can still do so on our web site, YouTube or Facebook. He preached from the first chapter of Matthew, Jesus' genealogy on his father's side. This meant elder Jill Watson had to pronounce some difficult biblical names (Amminadab? Zerubbabel?), but as she promised, she read the names "like a boss." His sermon title was "How Far Back Do You Remember?" He invited PHCC to think of how far back we remember in our own lives and family trees, and how far back we remember in our own experience of this congregation and its family tree. He highlighted a few "saints" of the church during his time as pastor.

The interesting thing about the Gospel of Matthew's genealogy of Jesus (Luke provides Mary's family tree) is who gets included in it. Three names pop out: Tamar, Rahab and Bathsheeba. The names are first of all notable, because they are all women. Jewish genealogies of the time pretty much exclusively listed men. The second reason their names are notable is because their stories don't make the men around them look very good.

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Join us on Sundays at 9am
In person or on-line

WORSHIP

In person Sunday Worship or
watch on You Tube, Facebook Live
or Live Stream on our website



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 church

Facebook Page: Park Hill Christian Church KCMO

You can live stream on our website

<https://www.parkhillcc.org/> Choose the *streaming* option from top menu.



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.



Prayer Requests

- ❖ Prayers requested for Harrell Green who is in the hospital with an infection in his right leg.
- ❖ Denise Waddle's sweet Mom, Lorraine Vandersteen, peacefully left this earth Saturday evening, September 12th. Her loving, giving spirit will be so missed here. May she find eternal rest in God's kingdom, ♡ Please pray for her family and loved ones.
- ❖ Prayers for **Barbara Geer** who continues to recover from a fall earlier this year.
- ❖ Prayers requested for **Ben & Norma Phillips**. They both are battling ongoing health issues.
- ❖ Prayers requested for **Michael Diggs**. He is the husband of the Platte County R3 Superintendent's and Board of Education Secretary Vickie Diggs. He is battling kidney and bladder cancer.
- ❖ Continued prayers for **Cindy Stehl** who is improving after recent surgery.
- ❖ Continued prayers for **Jerry Kasten** who is experiencing health issues. He is the brother of law of Marilyn Connor.
- ❖ Prayers for **Barbara McCauley** who is experiencing a cancer resurgence. She also broke a bone in her hip. The McCauley family were Charter members.

Continued Prayers:

Edna Annunzio, Werner Beldo, Gary Bjorn, Norma Phillips, Rick Howell, Wendy Lashbrook, Bill Porter, Virginia Long: Martha Fullerton's Mother, Carolyn Waterman, Jonathan Valler, Julie Waddle, Jim & Sharon Sumner's daughter, Susan Yeager, Mary Jo Rinke, Steve Plagmann, The family of Renae Dishman Ronayne, and friends of Martha Fullerton, Rick Rollins, friend of the Hoovers, and Pat Stehl



UPCOMING EVENTS



DISCIPLES MEN - STRONGER TOGETHER



On **September 19th at 10 am** Disciples Men in the Greater Kansas City Region will gather virtually to meet the staff of Disciples Men in the U.S. and Canada and form a steering committee for Disciples Men of Greater Kansas City.

We will meet for one hour by Zoom and hear about a new Bible study developed for men called the Jesus Way and learn about one-day mission projects by men in our own Region. Click on link below for more information:

<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Disciples-Men-.html?soid=1123210376366&aid=kVmtvG4sJek>

Disciples Men is a cooperative effort between the Office of Disciples Men and the General Conference of Disciples Men. . . The [General Conference of Disciples Men](#) (GCDM) is comprised of the [Regional Men's President and Regional Men's Staff Member](#) of each of the 35 regions of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada, and elected members of the Conference Executive Committee. The ODM and GCDM work together ministering the unique needs of men in the church. Our combined mission is to empower men to discover and fulfill their potential as servants of God. This, in turn, strengthens the witness of the total ministry of the church.

OUTREACH

Outreach Meeting in Friendship Class on **Thursday, Sept. 17** at 6pm

There is a virtual **Board Meeting** on Thursday, September 17th at 7pm

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84045069142?pwd=Q2ZPZ2ZLczN2cmJmN1MwWG5TVWZwZz09>

Meeting ID: 840 4506 9142

Passcode: 295008

Dial by your location

+1 312 626 6799 US

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

Find your local number:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kc5cTpNpwD>



Athens Church will be meeting in the Sanctuary on Sundays from 4:30pm to 7pm through December 2020. 

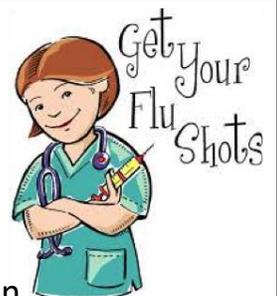
Private Wedding (Rita Istro) will be held in the Sanctuary and Life Center on Saturday, September 26th from 10am to 10pm. A rehearsal will be held in the Sanctuary on Friday, September 25th at 5pm.

October 17, 2020

From 10am to Noon

Drive thru Clinic in church parking lot

More details coming soon from Ian's rainbow foundation.



Tamar's story in Genesis 38 is a tragic but wild one. She married Er, the oldest son of Judah, but Er was killed by God for unrighteousness. During this time, remember, women were considered to be of worth only if they could bear offspring. When a married man died, if he had a wife of child-bearing years, she would be married to her late husband's next oldest brother. That happened and Tamar was married to Onan, Judah's next oldest son. Onan, well, to put it politely, did not live up to his responsibility and was also killed by God. Once again, Tamar was married to the next son of Judah who was still a boy. She waited for him to grow up, but her father-in-law thought she was cursed and refused to let his son have intercourse with her. So, Tamar takes matters into her own hands. She dresses as a prostitute and hoodwinks her father-in-law into intercourse. In the end, Tamar gets a child, Perez, who is in Jesus' family tree. (If that story is too risqué for you, don't blame me. It's in the Bible.)

Rahab's story takes place in Joshua chapter two. In it, two Israelite spies are sent into the city of Jericho. The spies are discovered, so they hide in Rahab's house and she helps them escape. All this sounds nice, except Rahab happened to be a prostitute. Nonetheless she has a son named Boaz who ends up marrying Ruth and is a part of Jesus' family tree.

Bathsheeba gets a bad rap for somehow luring King David into killing her husband and getting her pregnant, but let's get real. How exactly was she going to say no to the king? Her story told in 2 Samuel 11 and 1 Chronicles 3 isn't a pretty one. The all-time best king of Israel commits a major sin and must pay the penalty for it. It's the kind of story families don't speak about, yet Bathsheeba is the mother of Solomon, a pretty major biblical figure and another member of Jesus' family tree.

Why did Rev. Dr. Patterson point out these shocking stories in his sermon Sunday? He did so to point out that the people in Jesus' family tree were far from perfect, but God trusted them to carry out God's purposes. Likewise, the people in PHCC's family tree were not perfect, but God trusted them anyway to carry out what God had planned.



I've been your interim minister for five months now, and in that time I've heard a lot of great stories about "saints" of the church who had passed on. Rev. Dr. Patterson assured me that despite whatever nostalgia may exist for his years here at PHCC things were not all rosy. There was conflict, disagreement and mistakes along with the good times. Even the "saints" he mentioned in his sermon were not perfect people.

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PHCC has many strengths, including a strong 2020 leadership team, but from what I can tell, PHCC has a pretty shallow bench of leaders willing to step up. Like many churches these days, I suspect that come nominating time, there has to be some arm pulling, maybe even pleading to fill leadership roles. If this church is like others I've served, this means some folks who agree to be leaders do so because they have trouble saying no rather than because they have joy or passion for the position. I could be wrong, after all I've only known you during COVID-19 when church activity is much lower than usual, but I'm willing to bet I am not.

A healthy, vibrant and growing church needs people who will step up and take responsibility to make it so. While it is true a church needs an effective minister, the best minister in the world can only do so much without capable leaders with her. I've heard a lot of folks wishing for days past when attendance was higher, the membership rolls were longer, and the money was greater. I've also heard that much of the responsibility for the lack of those things in the present lays at the feet of former ministers. I wasn't here, so I can't speak to the truth of such statements, but in my experience, it takes two to tango. Whatever former ministers at PHCC got right or wrong, a healthy, vibrant and growing church is ultimately the responsibility of its members not its clergy.

There are lots of reasons church folks resist leadership these days. People are busier than ever with more conflicts. People are burnt out from church politics and conflict. Older members have served time in leadership and are exhausted from it. These are all real, but I suspect another reason is that folks feel like they are neither talented enough nor a good enough Christian. Yet Jesus' family tree shows, God works best through people who seem on the outside like unfit candidates for the job. God trusts you with God's plans. Are you willing to trust that God actually knows what God is doing?



In the New Testament, the apostle Paul calls church people "saints" or "holy ones." Why? His letters reveal these people were far from perfect and those churches had real problems. Maybe he understood that what mattered most was God's grace working through imperfect people. God's grace matters more than our imperfections.

If PHCC is going to have a thriving future, it will take imperfect "saints" who feel led by God to lead in this congregation. Are you one of them?

Grace and Peace,
Rev. Chase Peoples

WHAT'S HAPPENING?



SAVE THE DATE

REGIONAL

VIRTUAL!

ASSEMBLY

OCTOBER 3, 2020

We are so very EXCITED to invite you to participate in the 2020 Virtual Regional Assembly. The theme is RENEW. The theme scripture is: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." Though we may not gather in person, we are creating multiple opportunities for us to connect online via Zoom and Facebook LIVE. We are going to have a four part Regional Assembly in order to reach as many people as possible across the life of the region and beyond.

REGIONAL ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 19 - RENEW through Fellowship

Saturday, September 26 - RENEW through Equipping [Workshops]

Friday, October 2 - RENEW through Creativity - Regional Authors Chat/Roundtable

Saturday, October 3 - RENEW through Worship [and Worshipful Work]

Please register TODAY! There is no registration fee; however, we invite you to make a donation to the region to support the ministry of our region as we support congregations across the region. We also ask you to purchase a RENEW T-Shirt to wear during the Regional Assembly Worship on Saturday, October 3. A portion of the proceeds from your T-Shirt purchase will go to an outreach ministry of the region. THANK YOU in advance for your participation, sharing, and gifts!

<https://docgeneralassembly.regfox.com/gkc-regional-assembly-registration>

<https://www.customink.com/fundraising/gkc-renew-shirt>

<https://www.kcdisciples.org/>

Calling ALL Members and Friends of the Greater Kansas City Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Click here to register:

<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Virtual-Regional-Assembly-2020.html?soid=1123210376366&aid=iklc4OTblys>

renew
the spirit within

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Greater Kansas City Regional Assembly

Presents

OPPORTUNITIES TO

RENEW

SEPTEMBER 19
RENEW THROUGH FELLOWSHIP
FELLOWSHIP GROUPS 10AM CST

SEPTEMBER 26
RENEW THROUGH EQUIPPING
WORKSHOPS 10AM CST

OCTOBER 2
RENEW THROUGH CREATIVITY
AUTHORS ROUND-TABLE 6:30PM CST

OCTOBER 3
RENEW THROUGH WORSHIP
WORSHIP 10AM CST

REGISTER NOW WWW.KCDISCIPLINES.ORG



Our Homecoming Event was a Success!

With special guest Dr. Larry E. Patterson

Thanks to all who helped!!

Special shout out to Don Queen who set up tables and chairs and to Julie Kloeppel, who arranged for box lunches.

We had 53 attend in person Worship.

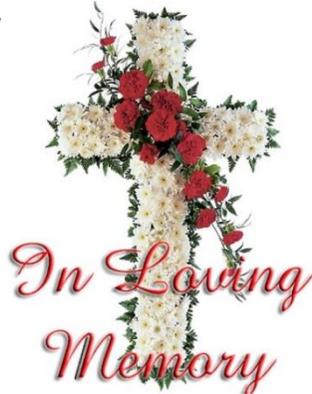


Deb & Tom McPherson with
Larry & Mary Ann Peterson





Denise Waddle's beautiful Mom, **Lorraine Vandersteen**, peacefully left this earth Saturday evening, September 12th. Her loving, giving spirit will be so missed. Please pray for her family as they mourn her passing.



Lorraine Vandersteen

Here is a link to the obituary:
<https://meyersfuneralchapel.com/2020/09/12/lorraine-vandersteen/>

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Marc Peterson

September 26, 2020

Visitation 9:00-10:30 am

Service 10:30 am

Vineyard Church

12300 NW Arrowhead Trafficway

Kansas City, MO 64165

North Main Entrance

Graveside Service 1:30 pm

White Chapel Cemetery

6600 NE Antioch Rd

Kansas City, MO 64119

10:30 am Virtual Service: www.vckc.com/marc

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Walt Morris



Walt Morris turns 96 years young
 on Sunday, September 27th !!

**A Jolly
 Good Fellow!!**

If you want to send him
 a birthday card, here is his address:

Tiffany Springs Senior Living
 9101 N. Ambassador Drive,
 Kansas City, MO 64154



**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE
 NUMBERS for 9/13/20**

Attendance numbers for
September 13th 2020:

- Face Book Live: 69 views
- YouTube Channel: 24 views
- Livestreaming: 15 views
- In person: 53 attendees



Mrs. Jones got a little too used to watching online worship from home.



**MERRY MOMENTS
PRESCHOOL CLASSES
Started on September 8th.
The students made
"Clifford the Big Red
Dog" artwork.**



**Hello from Mrs.
Holferty's Class**

FINANCIAL



Financial Report for PHCC Newsletter

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

Month of August	2020	2019
Income	25,558	26,470
Expense	28,459	30,442
Operating Income (Loss)	(2,902)	(3,973)
Year to Date January-August	2020	2019
Income	161,618	182,144
Expense	170,402	204,638
Operating Income (Loss)	(8,784)	(22,494)

ALLOCATION OF CASH AVAILABLE

As of August 31	2020	2019
Total of checking & savings	91,223	46,731
Merry Moments Funds	(5,924)	974
Special Offering Funds	23,386	41,783
Memorial Funds	10,403	12,328
Fuller Center Funds	21,886	23,886
Total Designated Accounts	49,751	78,971
*Net Cash Available (Short)	41,471	(32,239)

*NOTE THAT \$36,300 OF PPP LOAN PROCEEDS IS INCLUDED IN THE NET CASH AVAILABLE for 2020



Here is the Zoom Login information for the Sunday School Classes going forward...

Topic: Park Hill CC Sunday School
Time: This is a recurring meeting...Sundays at 10:30 am

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7283590567?pwd=ZnITcnVDcHlpSzVHeXV3dUo3Szdudz09>

Meeting ID: 728 359 0567
 Passcode: 018255
 One tap mobile
 +16465588656,,7283590567#,,,,,0#,,018255#

Dial by your location +1 646 558 8656



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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

Madison Upton Peterson

Ministry Support Administrator

Melissa Foley

office@parkhillcc.org

Church Executive Committee

Jill Watson, Carl Kimbrell,
Don Bonjour

Elder Chair

Damon Stewart

Deacon Chair

Don Bonjour

Music Director

Rajean Buffa

Organist

Doris Stevenson

Audio/Video Tech

Kathy Hendrix