

Park Presbyterian Church

Thursday, October 28, 2021

Weekly Park Branches

This Week's Sermon

"Good Fruit"

Scriptures

Revelation 21, 22 (selected verses)

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Dear Friends,

As I write this, I am but hours away from closing on the sale of my home in Piqua, Ohio—pictured above.

This lovely Queen Anne design has been a most majestic home base for me. I am not the builder—or first owner—of this beauty, however. By my count, there have been five different owners since this design, by the architect A. J. Whitlock, was completed in the year 1894. Each owner has made improvements—expansions—to the original structure; the most recent owners, for instance, fenced in the back yard and saw to major landscaping of the property. Thankfully, all I have had to do, over my ownership, has been to keep everything neat and tidy. The only big-ticket item I had to address was a new heat exchanger for the furnace!

I will miss this house—it has blessed me in many ways, but—all the same—I am equally grateful for my new(er) home in Beaver, and, first and foremost, the opportunity to begin a new journey with all of you! Thank you all, so very much, for your continued welcome and willingness to share and care! And please know how pleased I am with the property at 201 Pin Oak Drive—the former home of George and Bev Harry. It is such a gem!

No journey starts from scratch. There have been previous events along the way. As each owner of my Piqua home has contributed, in some way, to what you see above, so, too, have those who have gone before us—added to the reality we now experience, as individuals, and as a church family here at Park Presbyterian. All Saints Day—which falls on November 1st, and Monday, this year, is a reminder that each of us stands upon the shoulders of those who have gone before us. They worked hard—they provided—and they often sacrificed—for us. They helped, each in their own way, to shape us into the people we are today.

As we prepare to worship God on Sunday I invite all of us to reflect upon the foundations laid—and improvement provided—for our lives by those who have gone before us, the saints we will remember and honor in worship. Together, they have introduced us to Christ and have opened our lives to God's Spirit. May we be grateful for them—and continue to bear good fruit in our lives!

Faithfully,

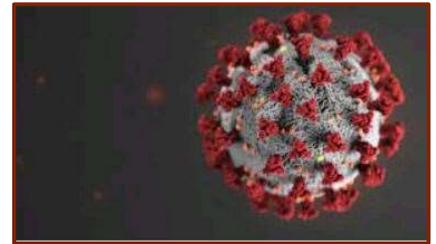
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Sunday Worship as Park Apart

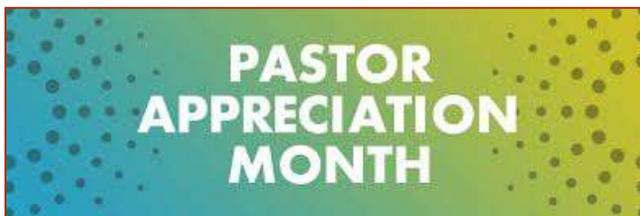
The worship video will be available on Sunday at 11:00 am and you can continue to find us anytime thereafter at <https://www.parkpres.org/swl-sunday-worship-live>. The bulletin for the service can also be found on the [Sunday Worship page](#) of our site. If you have announcements or prayer requests, please send them to Pastor Todd on Sunday morning via text at 612-554 6527 or email at revallen@parkpres.org.

Mask Policy

Due to the highly transmissible nature of the Delta variant, the Session strongly encourages masks to be worn by all, vaccinated or unvaccinated, out of consideration for fellow church members and guests. Should you forget your mask, disposable masks are available in the sanctuary. Thank you for your cooperation in this new policy as we strive to serve one another well.



October Is Pastor Appreciation Month!



We are so blessed to have our new pastor, Rev. Todd Allen! We look forward to a long and exciting season of ministry together!

We appreciate you, Pastor Todd!

Monthly "Fellowship Sundays" Following Worship



Beginning next month, we will enjoy time together with friends and neighbors following worship on the first Sunday of each month. For November, there be an additional time of fellowship on the 21st, Christ the King Sunday, as we celebrate and give thanks for the Kingship of Christ and the blessings of our lives. We are seeking volunteers to host these events. A sign up sheet is on the table in the Gathering Area.

Facilities Commission Meeting

The November facilities meeting will be Tuesday, November 2nd. We will meet at 9:00am at the Brighton Hot Dog Shoppe.



Celebrating Birthdays next week:

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| Blair Phillips | 11/03 |
| Mary Gaydos | 11/03 |
| Kathy Bittner | 11/05 |
| Cyndie Glover | 11/05 |

An Overview of Per Capita

Deeply rooted in Presbyterian history — the first-known mention of per capita dates back to 1734 in a letter to ministers — per capita makes it possible for the Office of the General Assembly (OGA) to organize and manage General Assembly, as well as to staff and support special committees and commissions, provide legal counsel for churches dealing with staff issues and seek ways to minister to a growing immigrant population.



Throughout history Per capita has provided the OGA with the means to strengthen the connections of our work and build lasting relationships to help all Presbyterians share God’s love through mission and ministry. Per capita funds allow the OGA to support the ministry and witness of congregations and mid councils **in many ways, such as:**

- Gathering church leaders from presbyteries and synods for training events
- Supporting work in the area of ordered ministry, helping all Presbyterians respond to God’s call in their lives as teaching elders, ruling elders, and deacons
- Providing necessary tools to develop and administer ordination exams to seminarians preparing to become future pastors
- Maintaining Church Leadership Connection, the online system that supports the call process for pastors and congregations
- Supporting the Presbyterian Historical Society, ensuring that our witness to the gospel today will be preserved for future generations, just as we have learned about the history of past generations
- Providing a Presbyterian presence at ecumenical groups and gatherings in this country and worldwide-- extending our mission efforts and our work for peace and justice far beyond what we can do by ourselves to promote Christian unity

As a congregation we derive many material benefits from our Presbyterian association through General Assembly, Synod of the Trinity, and the Beaver-Butler Presbytery. To learn more about the ministry of the Synod of the Trinity and Beaver-Butler Presbytery, visit syntrinity.org and beaverbutler.org.

The Book of Order states, “God calls believers today to be disciplined and generous in giving support to the ministries of the church. Per capita is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together by supporting various ministries in our church. Per capita allows us to work with other churches to further the witness and mission of Jesus Christ in the world. To this end, per capita is a form of stewardship at the presbytery, synod, and General Assembly levels allowing us to use our gifts, talents, and resources to promote the mission of the triune God.”

*The Park Church Finance Commission highly recommends reading an article “Stated Clerk: What per capita pays for, why it matters” by J. Herbert Nelson which was published in the January 2, 2020, *Presbyterian Outlook*.*

Have you submitted your Per capita for this year? If you are not certain, contact Lucy Flynn. If you haven’t submitted for this year, please consider doing so during this final quarter of 2021.

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| Beaver-Butler Presbytery | \$29.44 |
| Synod of the Trinity | 2.40 |
| General Assembly | 8.98 |
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| Total for 2021 | \$40.82 |

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” 1 Peter 4:10.