

# Park Presbyterian Church

May 2024

## Monthly Park Branches



*"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."  
Galatians 6:9 NIV*

Dear Friends,

Well, spring has really sprung in Beaver! Each morning sees rising temperatures, as well as more and more green enfolding the landscape.

This same time of year also means weeds...lots of weeds!

If you are like me, the above picture illustrates a reality we are all facing, just now, as we look at our lawns and gardens.

Many years ago, the Apostle Paul spoke to a reality in our world today: The fact of evil. In keeping with the teachings of Jesus, as well as the gospel writers, Paul spoke to evil as a strong and persistent force in our world, a force that intrudes upon—even disfigures—the good world God has made.

*What is to be done?*

To my mind, the fact of weeds—the fact of evil in the world, if you like—can sometimes distract us from the need to fertilize the grass. As just about any lawn care professional will tell you, one way to combat weeds is to “crowd them out” by growing denser grass around them. This limits the weed’s ability to get light and water, even to propagate themselves. And so—just last week—I put down my spring application of Scott’s Turf Builder with Weed Control because, well, the above photo is pretty much what my lawn looks like, just now!

Of course, all this is to say that we need to do all we can to get good things to grow in our world.

How do we do this?

To my mind, Paul speaks to this task in a most helpful way in his letter to the Romans:

*“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”* Romans 12:21 NIV

I am drawn to this passage because it centers around having what is good “crowd out the bad”—like the grass in my lawn is beginning to do to the weeds just now. Elsewhere in the gospels, our Lord speaks to letting God be the final judge of those who pursue evil. What a challenge this is! I am pretty sure I know what is grass—and what is weeds—in my lawn! Our Lord, knowing my tendency to get things wrong commands patience in the lawn that is our world. It is not to me—or to us—to do the judging. What is left to me—and to you—is do what is good and honorable—what is just and true—in our daily lives.

And so, as you join me in battling unwanted weeds in your lawn or garden just now, take a few moments to see where you can continue to do good—or can begin to do some good. Make a start—and keep at it!

As you do this, rest assured that you will grow in goodness and grace, for our Lord is the Master Gardener. You will not lack for the fertilizer you need!

Faithfully,

Todd

## NEWS AND NOTES:

### Pictorial Directory

The Membership Involvement Committee is sending a great big thank you to all the people who volunteered and helped us with the directory photo event. We are now in the process of compiling the directory.



### It's Almost Graduation Time

We are looking for the names and information of those in the church family who will soon be graduating from high school, technical school, or college so that we may recognize them for their accomplishments. Please contact Kristin, Administrative Coordinator, with this very helpful information. Her email address is [adminoffice@parkpres.org](mailto:adminoffice@parkpres.org).

### From Your Finance Commission:

First Quarter 2024:

	January	February	March
Income	\$ 33,125.39	\$ 22,249.32	\$ 25,797.78
Expenses	\$ 22,664.04	\$ 22,606.79	\$ 24,358.08
Balance for the Month	\$ 10,461.35	(\$ 357.47)	\$ 1,439.70
Balance for the Year	n/a	n/a	\$ 11,543.58

Quarterly Report of funds administered under the Endowment Policy, revised 4/11/23:

	Balance as of 3/31/2024
Permanent Endowment Fund *	\$50,900.24
Park Presbyterian Endowment Fund **	\$300.00
Nesbitt Scholarship Fund ***	\$ 26,742.94

\*Funds are permanently held by the Presbyterian Foundation and cannot be accessed.

\*\*These funds may be accessed by the Session under the protocol set forth in the Endowment Policy

\*\*\*Administered by the Nesbitt family and distributed by Park Church





For flowers that bloom about our feet,  
For tender grass, so fresh, so sweet,  
For song of bird, and hum of bee,  
For all things fair we hear or see,  
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!

Ralph Waldo Emerson



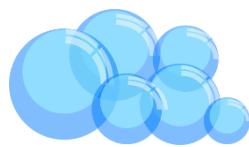
Our "Chia-Pet" like grass heads have really grown. You can just imagine the squeals of delight, oo's and aaah's when the children came back after the weekend and they saw the many sprouts! We'll be giving our grass heads a hair cut soon, as they are looking a little shaggy.



We enjoyed our Easter party with egg dyes, egg hunts, a bird nest snack and a bunny hop.



We all took turns blowing bubbles for a Bubble Art project.



We liked singing an old-fashioned spinning wheel song as Mrs. Huwe spun wool into yarn. Here we are taking yarn and weaving it into cloth. Our piece of fabric will be on display for the upcoming Spring Program and Art Show.





We had a lot of fun treating our stuffed animals in a well-equipped veterinary clinic.. We even checked for broken bones. We met Fleury the dog (thank you, Mrs. Walker), who helped us learn important pet safety rules.

We LOVE experiments, all kinds of experiments. Here we are experimenting with color mixing, an egg in vinegar, and baking soda and vinegar in our volcano. We weren't quite sure how big of an eruption there would be. And look at our egg that sat in vinegar for six days, there's no shell now and the egg is bigger, rubbery and squishes.



Our trip to College Square Elementary School was a lot of fun!



#### A Look Ahead:

Finishing up with April and then into May is always a fun and busy time.

Our Spring Program and Art Show will be held on April 25th.

The children have a wonderful program and many art projects to share with their families.

One of the many special traditions at Park Preschool is the class quilt. Dee Byers will transform the children's drawings into a beautiful keepsake quilt. We enjoy displaying the quilts from previous school years.

We are planning a Moving Up Celebration on our last day of school. Families are invited to share a picnic meal on May 23rd at 10 a.m. We are excited to celebrate the growth and achievements of all the children.

We may be small, BUT we are mighty! Park Preschool is growing beautiful little people and future leaders. Registration for the 2024/2025 school year is now open.

Thank you to all who have taken an interest in our growth. Your donations of items, time, monetary gifts, and support have been greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Huwe & Ms. Britney



## The Center Update

Good morning! I wanted to give you a few updates that we would love for you to pass along to anyone who may be interested.

1. We are currently looking for a classroom coordinator for our middle school students this summer. This could potentially become a more permanent position throughout the school year. Please contact Jen Miller for more information.
2. Our golf outing is July 14. We would love golfers, sponsors, and baskets for the basket raffle. A brochure can be found at: <https://www.midland.center/golf-outing>
3. We have a ton of programs this summer for youth, as well as for adults. Check them out here:



## YOUTH

## EVENTS & TRIPS

## ADULT & FAMILY

### Summer Youth Programs

*We will be closed May 24- June 17*

**June 18– August 9, 2024** (except July 15-19)  
**Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday**

**5:30-7:30pm**

Open to **all students K4-12th grade**

Dinner, age-appropriate lessons & activities, Biblical curriculum, reading & math skills, STEM, enrichment classes in the arts, guest speakers, artists, and authors, community gardening, service projects, and so much more!

### Hiking Club

**Wednesdays 5-7:30pm**

**June 5 & 19 July 10 & 24 August 14 & 28**

Open to students in 4th grade & older

### Music Class

**Tuesdays 4:00-5:00pm**

Open to students in 4th grade & older

### Basketball Camp

**July 15-19, 2024** at the Midland Gym

**9:30-11:30am** for kids ages 8-12 years

**11:30am-noon** lunch for all campers

**Noon -2:00pm** for kids ages 13 years & older

*All programs, camp & trips are free to attend.  
Permission forms are available at The Center or  
you can register at [www.midland.center](http://www.midland.center).*

### Off-Site Trips

Each week students will have the opportunity to attend off-site trips & events:

**June 21:** Fun Fore All (4th– 12th grade)

**June 28:** Moon Park Splash Pad(K4-3rd grade)

**July 7:** Pirates Game (4th-12th grade)

**July 12:** Children's Museum (K4-3rd grade)

**July 26:** PGH Zoo (K4-3rd grade)

**August 2:** Bowling @ Sim's (4th-12th grade)

**August 9:** Party in the Park (K4-12th grades)

### Parade

**4th of July** - open to all kids to ride your bike with Communicycle or on The Center's float. We will decorate the float & bikes on July 3 during programming at The Center.



### Thrift Store

701 Midland Ave

All adult clothing \$4/children \$2

Hours: **Wednesdays & Fridays, 10:00am-6:00pm, Saturdays 10:00am-2:00pm**

### Women's Fitness

**Mondays 6:00-7:00pm**

Open to ALL women—meets at 57 5th St

### Food Bank & Paper Products

Meets the **2nd Monday** of each month from **5:30-7:00pm**. No ID or proof of income is required, basement level 754 Ohio Ave

**June 10 July 8 August 12**

### Communicycle

Communicycle will be open **Wednesday evenings from 6:00-8:00pm**. Anyone (kids or adults) interested in learning how to **earn a bike** or fix bikes are welcome! The trailer will be in the Center parking lot or community—**keep up-to-date of the location** on our FaceBook page.

### Back-to-School Event

**August 2024: Date TBD**

Free haircuts, backpacks, school supplied, and more! In partnership with Mt. Calvary church.

This past month we have had quite a few students requesting Bibles and attending churches for the first time. We have also had several moms we work with attending churches with us and seeking to understand Jesus and the faith we have. Please join us in praying that the seeds that have been planted have fallen on fertile soil and will grow deep roots, that the Lord will change the trajectory of generations because of the faith that is being cultivated now.

Always, we are ever grateful for your partnership and support!

Jen Miller  
Executive Director  
The Center  
[www.midland.center](http://www.midland.center)

## SUMMER READING FUN



Envision yourself in a hammock with a glass of lemonade Or on your front porch with a glass of iced tea AND A GOOD BOOK! Books must be chosen from the Park Library and read within the dates of June 2 – August 25. We will once again have our “bingo cards” to complete. More information in the coming days!



SAVE THE DATE!!

--VBS--

June 12, 13, and 14

“Fruits of the Spirit”

PARK PRESBYTERIAN AND VANPORT PRESBYTERIAN

are once again joining together

All are welcome to participate at

**Vanport Presbyterian Church**

Look for more information to come!

# Mark Your May Calendar!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			Adult Education 1:30pm Room 206	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Men's Bible Study 6am The Memorial Room</li> </ul>		
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Adult Education 9:30 am Children's Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11 am		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Playdates at Park 10am-11:30am</li> <li>Facilities Meeting 7pm Flex Space</li> </ul>	Adult Education 1:30pm Room 206	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Men's Bible Study 6am The Memorial Room</li> <li>Bells Practice 6pm</li> <li>Choir Practice 7pm</li> </ul>		
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Mother's Day	12	13	14	15	16	17
Adult Education 9:30 am Children's Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11 am		Playdates at Park 10am-11:30am	Adult Education 1:30pm Room 206	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Men's Bible Study 6am The Memorial Room</li> <li>Preschool Move-Up Day 9am Guild Hall</li> <li>Bells Practice 6pm</li> </ul>		
Celebration Sunday	19	20	21	22	23	24
Outdoor Worship 10 am Weather Permitting	26	Church Office Closed Memorial Day	27	28	29	30
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Jack Berenbrok	5/3	Margaret Pauley	5/3	Richard Gourley	5/7	Eric Ringer	5/7
Scarlett Kruzelyak	5/10	Dee Byers	5/16	Dan Humphries	5/22	Charlie O'Neill	5/22
Joan Lanctot	5/24	Will Hummel	5/24	Susan Cooper	5/26	Joy Gifford	5/28
Jack Vaughn	5/28	Luke Hardy	5/29	Chuck Snitger	5/31		