

December 2, 2020



PARK PLACE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Park Place News

A Word from Rev. Alice Hupp

Advent is now upon us. We have been growing and learning and struggling through this unprecedented year. We made it through Thanksgiving distanced, do we have to be distanced at Christmas too? No... It's too much...not Christmas too?! How do we move through these 4 weeks of Advent and not get to sing the songs and hear the music we love so much? How can we enjoy this season together-apart?

Like all humans, we learn to adapt...like Israel, when taken into captivity and learning a new way to worship, we too have and are learning a new way of worship and life. We have been told that there is a light at the end of the tunnel...we long for.....some sense of *normalcy*.

Yet we are reminded in *this* Advent season, that there was nothing *normal* about the coming of the Christ child. Mary *discovers* she's pregnant... forbidden to be with child before marriage... she and Joseph must rearrange their idea of their relationship, their purpose and their path. A child will be born in a stable amongst animals and filth. This year, this season is different...we have a keener sense of expectation, preparing and hoping for renewed life....a promise born out of a dirty stable.

No...we don't like to be separated! No we don't like wearing a mask that fogs up our glasses and makes it uncomfortable to breathe...Yes we miss our hugs

and kisses from loved ones... and



Yes we are hopeful with news of a promising vaccine. Maybe now more than ever we get it...a little better... we long for....we remember.... We are determined to be different after all this...

Come Lord Jesus into our tired and worn lives and bring new life love, peace and joy!

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Church Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday 8-12
Friday 12-4

*Submit newsletter articles to
the church office by Friday.
All articles are welcome.*

Ministry Opportunities



Upcoming Schedule:

We are **DELIVERING** again on Fridays!! Please see schedule on page 7.



INTERFAITH'S Needs for November:

*Canned beans—like Pork n Beans; Jelly;
Mac ' Cheese; Cake Mix*

Each Friday in December from 10:00am-12:00pm you can drop your items by the church. Please let us know you are coming so that we can be sure someone is there.

NEW PHONE #:

If you see this number:

940-277-6920

DON'T DELETE!

This is a number from Park Place Christian Church that will alert you to an event or service coming up.

If do not wish to get alerts simply type **STOP**



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ParkPlaceChristianChurchWF](http://www.Facebook.com/ParkPlaceChristianChurchWF)

Keep your eye on Facebook
for from your Park Place
Christian Church staff and
church family.



Blue aluminum can recycling bins have been placed in the kitchen and Fellowship Hall. There is also one by the soda machine. Please put your cans in one of these bins. Money collected from recycling goes into our Youth Fund.
~PPCC Green Team

Thank you to all of you who participated in our ***Committed to Christ*** series. Don't forget the 6 important areas of Christian living:

- 1) Pray 2) Read the Bible 3) Worship
- 4) Be a Witness 5) Give 6) Serve

December's Outreach Mission

For the month of December we will be collecting *goodies* for First Step. This would include things like:

Stocking Stuffer things...small bottles of hand lotion; gloves etc. for women; small toys and goodies for kids; Walmart gifts cards.

Call the church to drop them off or come on Fridays between the hours of 10:00am-12:00pm.

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CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

We are still meeting...We meet on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00pm.

**Our format is the app. Google Meet, so just download the app and then call in at 1-407-210-0651
Pin# 45370602**

**Contact Sue Gross for any questions.
940-222-5820**

Are you looking for ways to spruce up your home for the holidays and want to add a bit of techy flair? LED lighting is not new but there is a new type of light bulb you should check out. Phillips has produced an LED lightbulb that can be controlled via Bluetooth with any smartphone. There is a free app available that lets you control each "HUE Smart Lightbulb" individually or as a group and some bulbs can be tuned to emit different colors of light and intensity. The app lets you program the HUE lightbulbs to shut off at specific times or gradually brighten on schedule to help you wake up in the morning. The HUE LED smart lightbulbs use 80% less electricity than traditional bulbs, and they come in a variety of shapes and sizes to fit any of your existing fixtures. Besides the free app which controls up to 10 HUE lightbulbs, a smart hub lets you control up to 50 HUE lightbulbs so there are limitless possibilities for lighting your home and adding special lighting for any event. They are available online or locally at Home Depot. White dimmable HUE's cost about \$25 each and color changing HUE's cost about \$50 each. Each bulb lasts 15,000 hours or just shy of 2 years if they were left on constantly. While not cheap, HUE smart lightbulbs will add an exciting new look to any home. As always, if you have any questions about your tech, I am always here to help!



+Mike+

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, December 2nd
Newsletter

Friday, December 4th
10:15am Meals on Wheels (Tucker)

Sunday, December 6th
1:00pm Called Board Meeting ([Zoom](#))
4:30pm Elementary Youth (at Church)

Tuesday, December 8th
3:30pm Called Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 9th
5:00pm Mayo Bible Study ([Zoom](#))

Friday, December 11th
10:00am-12:00pm Mission Drop Off at Church
10:15am Meals on Wheels (Rev. Hupp)

Sunday December 13th
4:30pm Elementary Youth (**at Church**)
2:00pm Congregational Meeting ([Zoom](#))

Tuesday, August 15th
Newsletter

Intercessory Prayer Requests



*In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly.
Psalm 5:3*

MEMBERS

Billie McInturff
Carrie Minniear
Charlie Weston
David Ford
Gaye & Sonny Warren
Weldon Fraker

CONTINUAL PRAYER

Cancer patients
Members & Families of the
armed services
COVID-19 responders/patients
Teachers and schools
Church ministries and leaders
Local, state, & national leaders
Racial issues
International issues

FRIENDS & FAMILY

Addilyn Campbell (Tasha)
Allen Scott McAninch (Greg)
Allen Ben Bryan (Harvey)
Allison Anderson (Carrie)
Angel Dillon-Marose (Traci)
Ann Cowart (Cindy)
Austin & Bethany Laughlin
(Stephanie & Mike)
Ben Mobley (Harvey)
Bethany (Linda Bo)
Bob & Rhonda Elliott (Susan E)

Bradford Family (Woods)
Calvin Rowe (Catherine)
Carmen Enriquez Chavez
(Linda Bo)
Carolyn Arrington King (Linda)
Cheryl (daughter of Irene)
Christie Littlejohn (Sarah W)
Christie Family (Heather)
Cindy Smith (JoAnn)
Cole Scott (Maggie B)
Cook Family
Craig (Traci)
Crickett Herrin (Susan E)
Dakota (Sarah W)
Dave & Francis (Randy M)
David Meyers (Traci)
Dorothy Burrow (Susan E)
Eli & Mandy & Ben Young
(Cardwell)
Eric Peters' Family (Susan H)
Erin Beason (Karen B)
Gabriel, Whitney, Tamra
Pelletier & Family (Carrie M.)
Keegan Speas (Susan E)
Gerry McAninch (Kathryn)
Joyce Downs (Weldon)
Jason (Linda Bo)
Jeff Hughes (Traci)
Jennifer Brown Bartlett (Bryan)
Joe Bernal (Nathan)
Joey (Linda)

John Paulsen (Susan M)
Jonathan Martz (Randy)
Justina Sipes & Family (Megann)
Mable Tetley (Linda Bu)
Margaret Brown (Kathryn)
Martha Collins (Sarah G)
Mike King (Sarah W)
Milo Hensley & Family (Candy)
Milton Family (Susan H)
Monte Elliot (Susan E)
Mr. Vesel (Linda Bu)
Pam Prather Foster (JoAnn)
Patrick George (Harvey)
Peggy Mue (Sandra M)
Ray Dickerson (Linda)
Rene Haub (Sarah W)
Robert Family (Sarah G.)
Robert Cabe (Karel)
Ruth Adams (Lisa)
Sarah V. (Robert)
Sherry Bailey (Weldon)
Tom Wisener (Susan E)

Upcoming Worship

December 6, 2020

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon: *Disruption of Love*

Preacher: Rev. Alice Hupp



December 13, 2020

Scripture: Luke 1:1-4; 26-56

Sermon: *Search for Peace*

Preacher: Rev. Alice Hupp

Record of Faithfulness



October 8—November 9, 2020

Giving Received \$ 4345.00

Specials

Youth	\$ 25.00
Playground	\$ 100.00
Royalties	\$ 3085.70
Nursery Remodel	\$ 42.00
Total:	\$ 3252.70

A Word about Giving Reporting

During this pandemic, activities and services at the church are reduced. For now we will be reporting monthly income.

Youth & Children's Ministry ~ Pastor Heather



As we have entered the Advent season, I want to encourage families to create an Advent wreath at home to light each week, if you have not already created an Advent tradition at home.. This can be a great way to help young ones mark this season of preparing and waiting (and a reminder this season is more than just for parents!)

We do have several At-Home Advent Wreaths available to pick up at the church, or your family can make your own! The picture below is done with playdough and birthday candles!

Each week when you light the candles, follow this ritual from Traci Smith:



Week 1: Light 1 purple candle for hope and ask, "What does it mean to have hope as we wait for Jesus' birth?"

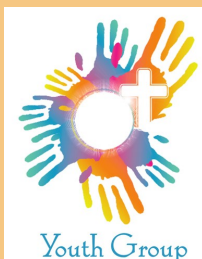
Week 2: Light 1 purple candle for hope and the pink for Love and ask, "What does it mean to have hope and love as we wait for Jesus' birth?"

Week 3: Light 1 purple for hope, the pink, and 1 purple for Joy and ask, "what does it mean to have hope, love and joy as we wait for Jesus' birth?"

Week 4: Light 1 purple for hope, the pink, and 1 purple for Joy, and 1 for peace, and ask, "what does it mean to have hope, love, joy, and peace as we wait for Jesus' birth?"

Christmas Eve: Light all candles, including the center white candle and ask, "How do we experience hope, peace, joy, and the love of Jesus in our lives?" End by singing Silent Night together (or listen to the song if that is more comfortable to your family)

Youth Meetings!!



With winter upon us, we are moving into winter time, we are having to be a bit flexible in our meetings. We will try to meet in person, using our precautions (outdoors, masks, distanced) when weather works in our favor. When weather is too cold or wet, we will meet on Zoom. I will continue to use Remind to send out announcements for what our plan is each week.

No matter how we meet, we will at 4:30-5:30!

Guess what's coming your way just in time of Christmas

Cheese Balls

You will be able to purchase 3 flavors of Cheese Balls..either as individual balls (about the size of a softball) or a three pack with regular, mild or spicy.

Proceeds from the sale will go to purchase lights for the chancel area for better lighting to broadcast.

See Traci Roberts or Mike Moore for more information.

Project Broadcast



Do you feel like you hear about things after they happen? Do you forget to join us for virtual worship on Sunday mornings?

We have heard this so many times during “COVID-time.” and we now have a solution! We are using Project Broadcast to enhance our communications. With this program we will be able to text you reminders that worship is starting in 30 minutes along with other important announcements. The intent is not to spam your phone with text messages, but to target specific reminders that you will find helpful.

Please text WORSHIP to (940) 277-6920 to be added to this list. If you ever feel like we are sending you too many messages, you can let us know or respond to any message with the word STOP and you will no longer receive messages.

GIVE THRU GIVELIFY

Did you know that you can donate to the work of the church on your smartphone through Givelify? You don't even have to leave your couch!

We are so grateful for many of you who are already using this app. Keep it up!! In these hard times giving is down...your donations do make a big difference.

When you give with this app we lose 2.9% of your offering. If you'd like to add back that 2.9% we will receive your donation in its entirety. Thank you for all you do...You DO make a difference to the life of the church!

**PLEASE SOCIAL
DISTANCE AND WEAR
A MASK WHEN OUT
IN PUBLIC**



***Congregational Meeting:
December 13th 2:00pm Zoom***



Christmas Special Offering 2020

This year the Southwest Region has chosen “*Hopeful Path*” as its theme for the Christmas Special Offering. Romans 5:1-5 foreshadowed what this year has proven—that hope doesn’t happen by accident. The image of a path symbolizes the work of crafting hope. Paths are not so much found as made.

Through your faithful contributions this year, The Christian Church in the Southwest has been able to do significant ministry in 2020. We have offered a strong program of learning events around Evangelism, Disciples Identity, Practical Ministry, and Theology. We conducted significant seminars around dismantling racism. We offered multiple resources to congregations navigating this pandemic. As the COVID-19 canceled much of our youth and children programming, the CCSW provided online youth programming in the form of CCSW Adventures with keynotes, activities, and mission opportunities for Children and Youth. CCSW youth engaged in the first ever online anti-racism training for youth in October; Regional staff have become experts on providing pastoral care through telephone and teleconference calls. We even had a Regional Assembly!

Please prayerfully give to the work of our Region this Christmas.

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Meals on Wheels Schedule:

December 4: *Tucker*

December 11: *Hupp*

December 18: *Hamman*

December 25: ***NO Meals***

COME AND SEE WHAT GOD IS DOING IN THIS PLACE!



Park Place
CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Disciples Of Christ

Our Mission - To Glorify God!

- By dedicating ourselves to God's will
- By proclaiming Christ's resurrection
- By loving one another
- By praying
- By sharing experiences in both word and deed
- By being faithful stewards of what God has given us.

Join us this Sunday:

10:45 am VIRTUAL Worship Service
4:30 pm In-person Elem Youth
5:45 pm In-person 6-12th grade Youth

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Opportunities to Serve

- ♦ Pray ~ see our prayer list and remember our playground project
- ♦ Invite ~ family, friends, neighbors to services and events
- ♦ Donate ~ underwear, packaged snacks for Jefferson Elementary School
- ♦ Donate ~ food for Interfaith Food Pantry
- ♦ Participate ~ Christian art class, Faith Formation classes
- ♦ Volunteer ~ help with congregational care or preparing meals Sunday nights
- ♦ Encourage ~ fellowship with other believers
- ♦ Remain faithful ~ in attendance & giving
- ♦ Give Online ~ to the playground, projects, tithes via the website / Givelify



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