

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue, Parkersburg, WV 26101 304-428-0504

Sunday AM Worship.....9:30am

Wednesday Bible Study.....11:00am

Sunday Bible Class.....10:45am

Wednesday Bible Study.....7:00pm

Sunday PM Worship6:00pm

“Where you are always welcome!”

“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.” 1 Corinthians 15:58

Another Year Is Dawning

**Another year is dawning,
Dear Master, let it be,
In working, or in waiting,
Another year with Thee.
Another year of mercies,
Of faithfulness and grace;
Another year of gladness
In the shining of Thy face.
Another year of progress,
Another year of praise,
Another year of proving
Thy presence all the days.
Another year of service,
Of witness of Thy love,
Another year of training
For holier work above.
Another year is dawning,
Dear Master, let it be
On earth, or else in heaven
Another year for Thee.**

--Francis Ridley Havergal (1874)



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Recorded
information on many
Bible subjects

TO KEEP IN PRAYER

In an effort to keep our prayer list up-to-date and give adequate focus to all those in need of prayers, please give any updates on prayer requests to the office.

CHURCH FAMILY

Barbara Cramlet
Dot Haught
Nita Faye Leach
Gwen Lucas

Debby Nesselroad
Mary Nesselroad
Dave Nulter

Ray Peters
Summer Rich
Peggy Riddle

Cotton Sayre
Eloise Smith
Dorothy Stevens
Joyce Wright

SHUT-INS

Bob Armstrong
Harvey Caplinger
Naomi Carr
Keith Cowdery

Patty Dawson
Charlotte Deem
Jim & Sallie
Hinzman

Jo Langler
Linda Moncrief
Merilee Morgan
Ed & Lois Porter

Van Putnam
Jenny Reynolds
Bonnie Sams
Sue Vancamp

Cedar Grove

Janet Looney
Helen May
(Verna Huber)
Jean Huber
(Clayton Huber)

Colonial House

Lucille Hardman

Love & Care

Susan Haid
Mildred Gault

The Willows

Doris Newberry
Deloris Boyce
(Jo Langler)
Jenny Reynolds

Stonerise

Healthcare
John Rockhold

Wyngate

Rosellen Allen
(Carol Vincent)

FRIENDS & FAMILY

Jeff Bigler (Becky Inman's father)
Linda Bowie
(Van Sprague's mother)
Kelly Boyce (Jo Langler's boyfriend)
Howard Buskirk (Jo Langler's friend)
Megan Bailey Daugherty
Sharron Daggett (Aidan Klingler grandma)
Brian Decker (coworker, Ken Barnes)
John Doll (Sandy Keller's father)
Curtis Drake (Michael Lucas's bro.-in-law)
Daniel Epler (David Epler's Son)
Christie Hensley (Vivian Fadelvich's niece)
Kim Fought (Jo Goldsmith's brother)
Steve Fought (friend of Bob Miller)
Robert Fox (Ralph Fox's brother)
Jim Frashure (a friend of the Hughes')
Thomas Guerra (a friend of Tabetha Rich)
Steve Fought (friend of Bob Miller)
Gary Herridge (former elder)
Jeff Huxley (Cindy Huxley's husband)
Stormy Huxley (Cindy Huxley's niece)
Mike Inman (bro; Paul, Stan, & Sonya)
Michelle Jones
Allison Kirkland (Gwen Johnson's friend)
Paisley Lemley (d. friend, Tabetha Rich)
Kassie Lucas (daughter of Rob & Pam)

Jane McGrew (Cindy Huxley's niece)
Kay Miller (daughter of Bob Miller)
Marilyn Miskcvish
Ronda Moats-Redman (Brenda Dougherty)
Gloria Morris (Darrell & Norma Vaught)
Chris Morris (friend of Susan Anderson)
Patty Moore (Cindy Huxley's sis.-in-law)
Becky Moyers (Cindy Huxley's sis.-in-law)
Glen & Karen Morrell (Linda Moncrief)
Dave Nicholson (friend of Hofmanns)
Kathy Plant
Dick Rhodes (Carolyn Henry's brother)
Dave Rice (Ralph Fox's friend)
John Rockhold
Jeff Ruppenthal (friend of John Bonar)
Scott Ruppenthal (friend of John Bonar)
Rex Scarbrough (Elizabeth's husband)
Korbin Schaner (Eplers' g-grandson)
Greg Smith (Keith & Eloise Smith's son)
Elsie Smith (Hubers' granddaughter)
Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother)
Sandi Spitler-Klingler (Aidan's grandma)
Hazel Terry (family of Eloise Smith)
Karen Toms (Donna Tice's daughter)
Charlie Tucker (Keith Smith's nephew)
Amy Ware (Jennifer Martin's sister-in-law)

SYMPATHY

Sheri Gaston's mother Mary Mason
passed away. Her funeral was in
Beverly, Oh

Leon Hupp's sister Orless Holpp
passed away on Thursday evening.
Arrangements are pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VISITORS — We are so glad that you are here today! Please fill out an attendance card from the pew in front of you and pass it to the nearest aisle.

BOOK OF THE MONTH — Books of the Month for 2024 will be the Wisdom Literature, beginning with the first part of the book of Proverbs, chapters 1-9.

January: Proverbs 1-9	July: Psalms (Book II) 42-72
February: Proverbs 10-20	August: Psalms (Book III) 73-89
March: Proverbs 21-31	September: Psalms (Book IV) 90-106
April: Job 1-21	October: Psalms (Book V) 107-150
May: Job 22-42	November: Ecclesiastes
June: Psalms (Book I) 1-41	December: Song of Songs

SACK THE PULPIT — The winner of the 2023 Sack the Pulpit contest is PSHS with a grand total of 972 items donated. PHS was very close behind with 952 items donated. There were a total of 1924 items donated to our Food Pantry to help serve our members and our community during the upcoming year. Thank you all for your hard work to accomplish this goal!

LADS TO LEADERS MEETING - There will be a meeting after evening worship today in the multi-purpose room for parents, students, and anyone involved or interested in being involved with the Lads to Leaders program. Please see Kevin Inman or Todd Kirk if you have any questions.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL — Next Sunday, January 14 immediately following morning Bible classes. There was a mistake in the January calendar that listed this month's fellowship meal as January 7. It will be on the second Sunday, January 14 as usual. We apologize for any inconvenience.

MEN'S MEETING — Sunday, January 21 at 4:00 in the multi-purpose room.

SUNDAY YOUTH DEVO — Sunday, January 21 after evening worship.

LADIES' INSPIRATION DAY PLANNING COMMITTEE — There will be a quick meeting after evening worship on Sunday, January 21. If you are interested in helping with this year's Ladies' Inspiration Day, we welcome you to attend! Please see Pam Bayer or Brandi Hescht if you have any questions.

TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP — Sunday, January 28 at the Little Hocking church of Christ beginning at 5:00.

UPDATES TO THE PRAYER LIST

- ♥ Lorana Heartshorn (Carol Collins's sister-in-law) was sent to Morgantown for internal bleeding. A special team was brought in for surgery on Thursday.
- ♥ Jo Langler's is once again struggling with the tremors in her hands.
- ♥ There have been several cases of Covid reported among the residence at Colonial House. Please keep them in your prayers.

Deacons:

Kevin Cochran
Youth: Teens

Doug Hershman
Financial

Jon Hescht
Technology

Ryan Highman
Maintenance

Chris Hofmann
Maintenance

Cody Hoover
Education

Kevin Inman
Lads to Leaders

Kyle Inman
Youth: K-5

Jeff Taberner
Benevolence

We Care Ministry:

Red Team
Roy Halstead

Yellow Team
Rick Stanley

Green Team
Mike & Teresa
Wade

Blue Team
Chris & Terry
Hofmann

Motivation Team
DJ Curry

Operations
Bill Hoover

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coC Live

DOUG'S DISCUSSION

New Again

In the beginning! If you're reading this, you have made it to a new year, which is full of all kinds of exciting possibilities. Who knows what wonderful things are in store in 2024? It is good. That is what God said at the beginning of everything: "God saw all that he had made, and it was very good" (Genesis 1:31). Indeed, when anything is new, we tend to say the same thing. "This is new, it is very good!" I have hope that this year can be even better than last year. I have hope that we can all grow in love and holiness together. I look upon this brand-new year, and it is very good.

Of course, it won't take long before it isn't. In Genesis, the creation account is quickly followed by the fall of mankind. One day, the creation is very good and the next, according to Romans, it "...has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time" (Romans 8:22). Imagine that - thousands of years of childbirth pain. Maybe you don't want to. Our year may follow a similar pattern. Everything new starts hopeful, but then reality kicks us in the teeth. Our own weakness, our own ignorance, creeps up yet again to sabotage what could have been a much better time. Because of this, sometime in the year what started in hope becomes, "Here we go again."

However, hope doesn't need to die this year. God made everything wonderful. Sin caused the fall. THEN Jesus came to redeem. Jesus, while looking forward to a time when creation would no longer be groaning, once said, "I am making everything new" (Revelation 21:5). So yes, this year won't be perfect. This isn't heaven. You won't be perfect. You're not Jesus. But that doesn't mean you can't have a great year. Even when the inevitable no good, rotten, very bad day happens (perhaps caused by your own mistake) remember that the day can be redeemed by Jesus. He makes ALL things new for those who love Him. If something this year goes badly, let the promises of Jesus make your new year new. Jesus is how fallen people hope again.

DECEMBER BOOK OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to everyone that read the books of Titus and Philemon during the month of December!

Debbie Bonar	Sonya Hescht	Addie Miller
John Bonar	Bill Hoover	Bill Mills
Delmas Carr	Sherry Hoover	Kay Mills
Naomi Carr	Jim Hughes	Carol Peters
Mary Daniel	Sandy Hughes	Eloise Smith
Bill Davis	Verna Huber	Steve Taylor
Charlene Donahue	Denny Keller	Paul Saunders
Meva Farris	Sandy Keller	Dorothy Stevens
Charlotte Galloway	Dave Nulter	Mike Wade

SERMON NOTES

Scarred

Scripture Reading Phil 3:13-14

Speaker: Daniel P. Curry, Jr.

Sermon in a Sentence: In this lesson, we learn the value of scars, which remind us of lessons learned and trials overcome; overall, it will be up to us whether we choose to use these scars to shape our future for good and to help others by providing direction for their journey.

Philippians 3:13–14 NKJV

_____, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, _____ those things which are _____ and _____ forward to those things which are _____, I press toward the _____ for the _____ of the _____ call of _____ in _____.

I. Several Scriptures call upon us to remember our past to encourage us to a new level of faithfulness today.

List the ones provided in the lesson.

II. In the word of God, there was One who was prophesied to come and be wounded, not for Himself, but for us.

How was He wounded?

List the Scriptures from the Old and New Testaments provided in this lesson.

What did His wounds provide us?

III. Scars and Service: Ministering through Our Wounds

How can we use our past for the good of ourselves and others?

Hear, Believe, Repent, Confess Faith in Jesus Christ, Be Baptized, Remain Faithful

PM Sermon: Sovereign Over Chance

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 16:31

Speaker: Doug Wells

CURRY CONNECTION

"The Gift of Grace: Embracing the Gift of Unmerited Favor"

Amidst the hustle and bustle, let us not overlook the true beauty which lies not in the extravagant decorations or the lavish presents beneath a tree but in the gift of love and unmerited favor bestowed upon us—a gift so profound that it transcends all things of the world.

The heart of gift-giving echoes the story of a gift given to humanity, not wrapped in glitzy paper and ribbons but expressed through the life, teachings, and actions of a humble teacher born and laid in a manger. It's the story of Jesus Christ, the embodiment of grace, whose life exemplified the generosity of love and forgiveness.

As we enjoy the festivities and exchange tokens of our affection, let's remember the ultimate gift—grace. It's the gift freely given, not earned or bought, accessible to all who are willing to accept it through the obedience of faith (Rom 5:18; Eph 2:8). In the midst of our celebrations, let's reflect on the powerful narrative of the Woman Caught in Adultery (John 8:1-11).

Imagine the scene - a woman brought before a crowd used as a pawn in a test of righteousness. The Pharisees sought to trap Jesus, using her transgression as bait. Yet, in that critical moment, Jesus demonstrated the essence of grace - not by condemning, but by showing compassion and understanding.

In the spirit of this season, let's emulate the grace of Christ. Let's stoop down in humility and understanding. Let's take a moment before rushing to conclusions, but be quick to show love, kindness, and forgiveness. Just as Jesus didn't condemn the woman but instead offered her a chance at redemption, let's extend grace to those around us as He did her.

I love this time of year not because of a particular holiday but because of a state of heart and mind—a season where love and compassion reign supreme. In the midst of wrapping gifts and sharing laughter, let's not forget the most precious gift we've been given—grace. It's a reminder that we are loved beyond measure, flaws and all. As we exchange presents with loved ones, let's remember the ultimate present—Jesus, the embodiment of all grace and truth (John 1:14, 3:16).

May this holiday season be a reflection of the boundless grace that was born and laid in a manger, guiding us to embrace each other with love, understanding, and forgiveness. May grace abound in every corner of your lives! Please accept this gift before it is too late (2 Cor 6:1). 'Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" ' (Acts 2:38 NKJV).

I wish to thank you for the holiday cards! As for my tremors, they are more frequent. But I am trying to stay busy writing my children's books. This is my therapy. I want to thank you for remembering me with cards. I appreciate this.

In Him, Jo Langler



I'd like to thank everyone for the beautiful Christmas cards I received. It meant a lot to me.

Love, Millie Gault

UPCOMING EVENTS

For more information, see the bulletin boards in the foyers at the front and back of the auditorium.

January

- 14 Fellowship Meal - 12:00**
Incorrect in the January calendar as Jan 7
- 21 Men's Meeting - 4:00**
- 21 Youth Devo - 8:00**
- 21 Ladies' Inspiration Day Planning Meeting**
Immediately following PM worship
If you are interested, please attend!
- 26 Ohio Winter Lectures - Fri 6:30-9 Sat 8-5**
-27 Fishfinger Road church of Christ
Theme: Faith on Fire: Igniting
Spiritual Growth & Unity



- 28 Traveling Youth Group - 5:00**
Little Hocking church of Christ

February

- 4-8 88th Annual Freed-Hardeman Lectureship**
Triumph of the Lamb:
The Battle with Evil in Revelation

March

- 22 Walk Worthy Teen Girls Retreat**
-24 Crestfield Camp & Conference Center
Slippery Rock, PA
middle school & high school ages

April

- 6 Bible Bowl Book of Romans (KJV) - 9:30**
Alkire Road church of Christ
- 27 Mid-Ohio Vally Ladies' Inspiration Day**
Hosted by: Camden Avenue
Speaker: Hannah Colley
Theme: Tell Your Story
- 21 49th Annual Southeast Lectureship**
-24 Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies
Knoxville, TN
Encouraged: Finding Comfort in Christ

MINUTE OF MEDITATION

Heard on V96.9 and WVAM 98.1 FM, 107.9 FM, and AM 1450

The New Year

Let's take a minute to reflect on the passing of time as we step into the New Year. For many, this past year was a challenge. However, as the calendar turns, it's a reminder of God's faithfulness even through seasons of change. The book of Ecclesiastes speaks of appointed times and seasons, emphasizing the importance of each moment under heaven. In this New Year, let's embrace God's promise in Isaiah 43:19: "Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" God invites us into a fresh beginning, offering new opportunities and growth. It's a chance to seek His guidance, stepping forward in faith and anticipation of His plans. As we stand on the threshold of the unknown, let's entrust our days into His hands, seeking His wisdom and direction. May this New Year be marked by a deeper reliance on Him, allowing Him to lead us into His purpose and blessings. This has been DJ Curry with a minute of meditation from the Camden Avenue church of Christ, where you are always welcome.

Serving in Worship

January 14, 2024

Elder in Charge

Todd Kirk

Deacon in Charge

Ryan Highman

Song Leader

AM - Kyle Inman

PM - Clayton Huber

Scripture

AM - Kasen Inman

PM - Aidan Klingler

Prayer

9:30 AM - Stan Inman

Close - Rob Hoover

6:00 PM - Ken Barnes

Close - Korey Inman

Communion

AM - Paul Saunders

PM - Daniel Rich

Welcome Center

AM - Marion Goldsmith

PM - Rick Stanley

Wed - Tammy Kerns (Jan 17)

Announcements - Todd Kirk

PA System - Jim Galloway

Projector - Dustin Hughes

Security - Dennis Keller



Interactive Bible Reading Plan

<https://video.wvbs.org/access/interactive-bible-reading-plan>

Jan 7: Job 12-15 & Psalm 7

Jan 8: Job 16-19 & Psalm 8

Jan 9: Job 20-23 & Psalm 9

SOTW: Jesus in the OT

Jan 10: Job 24-27 & Psalm 10

Jan 11: Job 28-31 & Psalm 11

Did God Tempt Abraham?

Jan 12: Job 32-34 & Psalm 12

Jan 13: Job 35-37 & Psalm 13

Jan 14: Job 38-42 & Psalm 14

When Did God Create

Dinosaurs?

Sack the Pulpit

Congratulations to our winner of the Sack the Pulpit contest, Parkersburg South High School!



Total: 935



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Total Items Donated: 1,907

January Food Pantry Needs

Care Group 1: Canned Ravioli

Care Group 2: Spaghettios

Care Group 3: Fruit Cocktail

Care Group 4: Black Beans



Facts and Figures

December 31, 2023

Sunday AM Worship.....220

Sunday Bible Class.....193

Sunday PM Worship.....139

Wednesday 11am Class.....29

Wednesday Bible Class.....150

Contribution.....\$7,432

Membership 2023

Baptisms.....17

Restored/Req. Prayer.....10

Placed Membership.....9

In Search of the Lord's Way

Sunday morning

7:30 on WTAP TV 15

8:00 on WVAM 1450 AM

January 14, 2023

"The Gift of Love"



IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY

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Proverbs
1-9



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We are dedicated to seeking the lost while edifying each other in order that we may all enter the eternal home promised for the faithful.