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Parkview Church Newsletter 2025

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Connecting people to Jesus and one another.

“In The Clearing of the Heart, We Will Hear and See God”

During the season of Lent, we choose to personally honor the 40 days that Christ spent fasting and resisting temptation in the desert before He began His ministry. We commemorate and observe these 40 days by fasting, as He fasted, from something that the good Lord has put on our hearts to put aside so that we can better hear and focus on Him. Now, when we fast, be it from food or the things of our leisure, many things will begin to surface in our souls. Firstly, we might notice that the temptation, fears, and insecurities that we have burrowed deep down inside will start to show up. Why? Because when we take away the things that help to distract us, satisfy us, and help us to cope, we begin to hunger for relief and satisfaction in our bellies but also for the things of the flesh. Furthermore, when we are without the things that we may lean upon, this is when we will notice that our fears and insecurities will also surface because we are vulnerable and absent from their “nourishment.” When we take all these things away, it truly reveals what our identity and confidence stand upon.

Now, I want you to imagine spending every day of your life listening to the radio and the TV turned all the way up while you are scrolling through a phone that is constantly giving you the latest updates on everything, all while being present with a house full of people around you (not too far off from how we live now, is it?) You are constantly in the company of sound, other people, different opinions, a variety of information, and even the comfort of having much of your security and knowledge easily provided unto you. But then, God tries to speak to you, do you think that it will be easy for you to hear Him in this sort of environment?

So, you decide to go out into the woods to better hear Him and you find a large clearing there. It is quiet, there is no one around, no noises, no opinions, or inputs, sources of security, and no other company. It may seem peaceful being there during the day, but then when nighttime rolls around, you may begin to feel nervous, afraid, lonely, and perhaps even tempted to go back. After all, it is just you there. What if someone tried to ambush you? What if the silence of your own thoughts begins to make you feel that you were losing your mind? What if being alone made you realize that you hate being alone and that you don't like to be by yourself? When we fast and begin to seek God, we often will experience similar feelings because in silencing all the noise of our vices, we are left with who and what we truly are and what we truly think and feel.

When Jesus fasted in the desert, Satan took advantage of this thing and tried to tempt Him, because He was vulnerable. However, Satan soon saw what Jesus was really made of when He resisted his advances and clung to the Father for every word and all His strength. But wait a second, we came out here to this clearing for a reason. We did it so that we can better hear God. Let's say that you decide to stick it out and instead of letting the atmosphere turn itself against you, you take advantage of the setting that you are in. There is no one there to distract you, no more noise or visual static, and no other voices. The clearing is vast, beautiful, wide-open, and full of opportunity. You decide to take your longing and desperation to have your vices and securities back and you instead place them into one single desire, the desire to hear God's voice that in this alone you might be fulfilled. You put your focus, hunger, and desperation into the direction of the Lord and suddenly, you hear this sweet, still small voice telling you that you are loved, protected, and held together. It is the voice of God. You begin to listen to Him and the words that He speaks become food for your stomach and company for your lonely spirit. Now, you aren't feeling so afraid, insecure, and lonely anymore but you begin to feel confident, satisfied, courageous, and fulfilled with His presence. You realize that you weren't alone when you first got to the clearing, for He was with you the whole time and that you were more distant from Him when you were back home with all the noise.

Fasting is so important because it exposes us to the revelations of what we are really made of and what we hide deep within ourselves that God might expel the drainage in us and fortify us and lead us in His truth, His purpose, and in His direction. If we are never quiet, we will never receive His words and His plan to rebuild us and if we are always full of everything else, we will never be desperate to receive the fullness of God.

“Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

-Matthew 4:4

“For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread^[u] the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” -John 6:55-58

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“Children’s and Youth Ministry”

10:00AM Nursery (birth– Pre-K)

10:00AM Kid’s Church (Pre-K-4th Grade) Lead teacher Melora Newsome

Junior Youth (5th-8th grade)

Senior Youth (9th-12th grade)

1st and 3rd Sunday each month after Sunday Service

All Youth and Junior Youth stay in Service, with classes offered after service.

All our workers are background checked and completed Safe Ministry training with the Global Methodist Church. If you want to join that team, please see Melora Newsome.



Lent Soup Suppers

Starting March 19th, and then every Wednesday evening until Easter. 4:45PM-6:15PM

Please sign up to donate a crockpot full of soup or deserts. Sign up sheet is in the entry.



Blessings in a Bag is Changing!

Parkview Church now provides meals for Maddox Lang Preschool, about 46 meals per week. We will be converting a room in our church to store and collect items for the bags. This will also allow us to partner with Maddox Lang for back to school support and Teacher Appreciation Days.

This will start in January 2025. We will provide more information soon.

Save the Date!
VBS is June 16th– June 20th
The theme is “Lack of....”

Youth Summer Mission Dates: July 7th-July 11th

The Youth will be volunteering at several local charities to see how we can help in our own community.



We are currently collecting aluminum pop cans for the children’s ministry.

Please place them in the trash can by the pop machine on in a bag by the barn.



Ways You Can Support Parkview Church



Kroger Rewards Program:

Did you know that Parkview Church receives “free money”. This “free money” comes to Parkview thru members and friends of Parkview who participate in the Kroger Community Rewards Program and link their Kroger Plus Shopper Card to Parkview Church, (Organization #YF860).from the Kroger Community Rewards Program. If you have enrolled, thank you. If not, enrollment is a simple process. If you already have a Kroger Plus Shopper Card, just go to www.kroger.com and link your Kroger Plus Card to Community Rewards for Parkview. Each time you use your Kroger Plus Shopper Card it earns cash for Parkview! If you do not have a Kroger Plus Shopper Card it is an easy way for you to save money and help Parkview when you also enroll in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. Enrollment in the Kroger Community Rewards Program is free and does not affect any other rewards such as fuel points.

If you are already enrolled in the Community Rewards Program you will notice that “Parkview Church” appears on the bottom of your receipt.

If you have any questions, on the Kroger Community Rewards Program, feel free to contact Melora Newsome, 937-416-7026.



Many tasks, indoor and outdoor, are required to maintain our Church, including resetting the sanctuary after funerals and events. All of these tasks are completed by volunteers. All skill levels and ages can assist.

Please let our Administrative Assistant know if you are able to help with light cleaning, such as dusting blinds and window sills, washing windows, helping with vacuuming, and cleaning the pew chairs. Any abilities are welcome!

If you see something in the building or on the church grounds that needs maintenance, there are maintenance work request forms in the lobby. Fill out and drop in the hanging file folder in front of the office door.

We have a pile of work order requests that need to be completed currently, and we need volunteers to help with those orders.

**Items we currently need donated: box cutters, weed trimmers, weed spray. Donations will be labeled as church property and kept in the maintenance room. In the spring, we will need help with weeding and laying mulch.

We have interviewed someone to start as a Custodian! Raven Burns is one of the home-school co-op moms who is at the church every week on Monday and her daughter is a member of one of our girl scout troops. Raven also works part-time for Kettering Medical and has passed a background check. Melora is going to work with Patti Rang and Pastor get her trained.

Tithing on your required minimum distribution:

If you were 72 before 2020 and have an IRA or 401K, won't you think about donating a portion to the church. Thank you all for being so faithful with your tithes and offerings. This is an easy way to increase your contributions without actually outputting dollars.

Please check with your financial advisor to determine how you may want to handle your RMD (Required Minimum distribution) this year. It has been a very good way to provide a tax exempt contribution to the church. Hopefully, you may want to consider this option, depending on your circumstance. Rules changed for those who were not 71.5 in 2019. The new age requirement is now 72 for (RMD).



Greater Dayton Emmaus Do you know someone who is ready to experience the WALK to EMMAUS? Contact the registrars today! Dates and contacts on www.daytonemmaus.org

Service Opportunities and Updates

(listed alphabetically)

Adopt-a-Family: Collection of Christmas gifts for needy families in the Miamisburg area. Coordinators: Susan Orndorf (Orndorf.Susan@gmail.com) or Tracy Ball tracymeloral@aol.com

Blessings in a Bag: Provides food and snacks for children in the Miamisburg elementary schools that have food insecurity. **See Children's Ministry page for big updates!**

Blood Drive: Sign up online to donate blood at www.donortime.com. Schedules for 2024 are available in the welcome area. Thank you to all the volunteers who share their hour and greet visitors to our church while donors are here. Your time is important and we appreciate you! **Please pick up an updated donation date card in the entry. Next date is March 17th, 2025 1-7PM.** Blood donations are desperately needed.

Register at: www.donortime.com. **Please tell your friends and family to donate. Thank you Parkview Donors!**

Matthew 25 Trips to Blue Ash on the 2nd Wednesday and the 2nd Monday of the month. Contact Melanie Fox for details. melanie-fox39@hotmail.com (See more information below.) **PILL BOTTLES ARE NO LONGER BEING ACCEPTED!**

Planting Seeds: Service Opportunities and Updates

Planting Seeds: As a 100% volunteer organization, we are always looking for additional volunteers as the need is great. Please go to <https://plantingseedsgives.org/volunteer-1> and register for SignUp Genius to see all of our times available. This is a great opportunity for anyone, including students looking for service hours, to see and be a part of what God is doing in our community. Donations of new and lighted used furniture and household items are always welcomed as well as monetary donations.

Website and Social Media News!

The website and social media team has completed several updates across all our publicity platforms.

1. The website underwent a total redesign that went live shortly before Easter.
2. The address for the Facebook page has been updated:
<https://www.facebook.com/ParkviewChurchMiamisburg>
3. The Instagram page has been updated and linked to our Facebook page https://www.instagram.com/parkview_church_miamisburg/
4. We have a new YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@ParkviewChurchMiamisburg>

Join Us on YouTube! Here's How!

Each week's service is shown live on our website, along with services for the last 3 weeks. But what if you want to watch a service from a month or 2 ago? Visit our YouTube Channel.

There are 3 ways to easily find our YouTube Channel:

1. From our website, click on the YouTube Icon at the bottom of each page. It will take you directly to our YouTube Channel.
2. From our Facebook page, click on the About tab. You can find our YouTube Channel link under Website and Social Links
3. You can also search YouTube for Parkview Church Miamisburg.

Once you find our channel, we recommend you:

1. Subscribe so you are notified when new services are posted
2. Like Videos that you watch
3. Share Videos on your social media platforms.

These 3 actions help other people find Parkview Church and hear the good news of God's love.

Services for You



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Have some clutter you need to get rid of, replacing items or are you downsizing? Call Planting Seeds at 937-388-4122 or request a pickup on line at www.plantingseedsgives.org.

Planting Seeds distributes new and lightly used home furnishings, appliances and household goods to needy families in partnership with several local charity organizations. Currently areas of highest need is bedding, pillows (new only), towels (bath and kitchen) and cookware.

If you would like to learn more about the ministry, and see videos and pictures of how God is blessing families in our area follow us on facebook @ Goddoesdeliver, or our website noted above.

Planting Seeds is a non-profit, 501(C)3 organization with all donations being tax deductible.

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Miamisburg Food Pantry “Helping Hands”

224 Maple Ave, Miamisburg, OH 45342 (937) 866-9323 >Call to make an appointment

Must show proof of Miamisburg residence such as: rent receipt, current mail, and meet income guidelines set by the Dayton Food Bank and federal/state guidelines.

Hours: Monday 6-8PM, Wed and Fri 2-4PM



With God's Grace Mobile Food Pantry

www.withGodsgracepantry.org

No proof of residency or income required.
Miamisburg Nazarene Church
1216 Richard St. Miamisburg, OH 45342

2nd Monday of the month: 6:00-7:30PM



Threads Clothing Pantry

33 Lawrence Ave. Miamisburg

Call Monday-Friday 9:00AM-4:00PM to make an appointment

Open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings and Wednesday evenings by appointment only.
Operated by Miamisburg Christian Church

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PARKVIEW
CHURCH

**Worship
Sunday at 10:00AM**

Pastor: Rev. Paola Bellini

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Prayer Requests or Thanksgivings

pray@parkviewmiamisburg.org

General Office Communication

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Men's Coffee and Conversation

When: Tuesday Mornings
Time: 9:30AM-11:00AM
Where: In Room 115
Ask Doug Fox if you have questions



Sunday Morning Bible Study at 9:00AM

Charlie and Pam Lemaster, Leaders



THE MONDAY NIGHT CLASS AT 7PM

Meeting at Canterbury in West Carrollton



Sunday Morning at 11:00AM

Berman Layer, Leader

All are welcome for fellowship!

Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays 9:30-11:00AM
Check with Wanda Heiney, 937-428-5826



Game Day

Do you enjoy playing cards or dominoes? Come join us on the 1st Saturday of the month at 2:00PM. (Except holiday months when we meet on the 2nd Saturday)
Bring a fun loving spirit and snack. Contact Mary Helen Welch 937-723-0809 or Don Fox 937-838-0312

Big Bang Southside Boxing Club

Boxology 101 with Coach B

Basic Boxing and Life Instruction

All people are welcome: men and women, old and young, beginners and experienced.

Saturdays 1:00PM-3:00PM in the Choir Room

Early Morning Prayer Group

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00AM-7:00AM

New Men's Group

Join us on the 2nd Sundays after service. We will spend time working on a bible study specific to men.
Next meeting on March 9th.

Praise and Prayer Meetings

Thursdays at 10:00AM
Lead by Pastor Bellini or Suzzi Luken

MARCH

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Janet Fresh	03/01
Denny McNeil	03/03
Don Fox	03/12
Phyllis Heitz	03/13
Wanda Heiney	03/15
Marie Snader	03/18
Susan Paden	03/23
Chuck Fugate	03/26

APRIL

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Anniversaries

Sara and Lee Burchett (15)	04/17
Don and Melanie Fox (66)	04/17

Birthdays

Suzzi Luken	04/01
Kenlee Gore	04/03
Jane Cotterman	04/04
Nate Davis	04/05
Molly Blanton	04/14
Oliver Luken	04/16
Joni Hartley	04/17
Bill VanDoren	04/23
Loretta Marler	04/24
Zac Marcott	04/26
Bentley Marshall	04/28
Melora Newsome	04/28
Lynn Vogt	04/28
Barbara Ricketts	04/29

News from the Lead Team:

- We will be working to get the security system back up and functioning this month. An email will go out when it is active again.
- The Trustees are working on establishing a Junior Trustee team that will get the youth involved in more projects around the church.
- Nate Davis coordinated mower repairs and maintenance in February to ensure we are ready to mow this spring.
- Melora plans to have a flower/mulch donation taken in this spring to provide flowers for the landscaping out front. Last year the flowers were provided by my Girl Scout Troop 35155.
- VBS is planned for June 16th—June 20th
- Baptisms are being planned for this spring.

Thank you!

February is a month about loving one another. The group that puts together the Caring Baskets certainly reflects that by the items they chose to put into te caring baskets.

Love,
Berman and Vi Layer



UPCOMING Events

March 5th: Ash Wednesday Service 7:00PM

March 9th-15th: Children's Performing Arts, Shows are on Friday and Saturday

March 17th, 1-7:00PM Blood Drive

March 19th: 4:45PM-6:15PM Lent Soup Suppers Start on Wednesday evenings until Easter

March 29th: BSA Troop 402 Pancake Breakfast

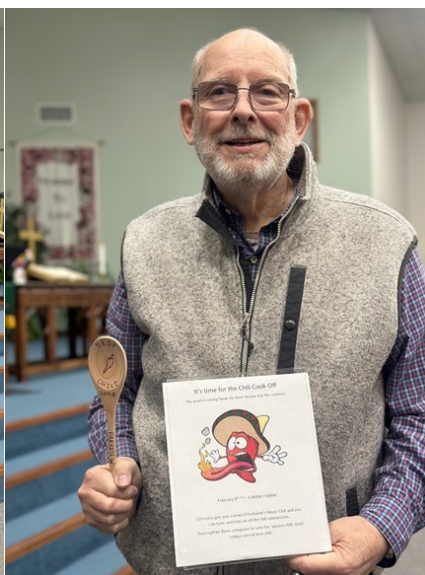
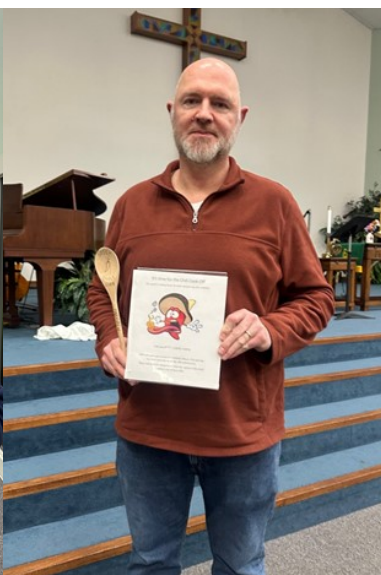
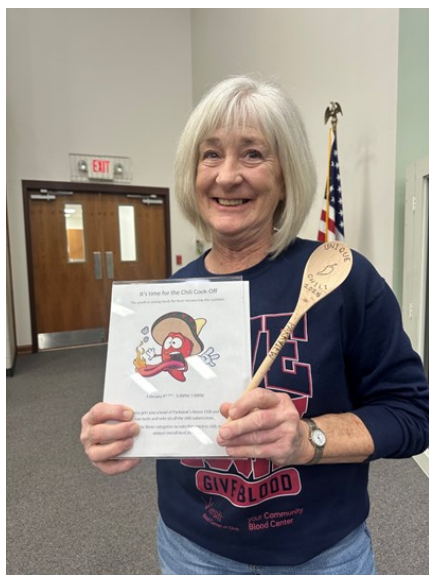
April 13th 7:00PM- Scioto Ridge Boys Performance

April 18th: Good Friday Service 7:00PM

April 20th: Easter Services: 7:00AM and 10:00AM Easter Breakfast served between the two services. Please sign up to bring a casserole.



“What’s Happening in the Church”



Thank you to all that participated in the Chili Cook off fundraiser. Diana Marcott won for most unique chili. Kevin Fugate won for hottest chili. Charlie Lemaster won best overall chili. Also pictured were our three hottest chili participates.



Boy Scout Sunday

