



The Grapevine

August 4, 2020



Pastor Sonna's New Email!

Pastor Sonna has a new email address!

You may now contact her at:

revsonna@parkwaychristian.church

Worship with Parkway Online—Sunday, August 9 at 10:30AM!

Worship service for this coming Sunday will be recorded and a YouTube link will be provided on our Parkway Christian Church page where you can view the service by simply clicking on the link. **We will revisit having in-person services in Sept./Oct.**



Drive by Parade—

Sun. August 9 @ 1:30PM

You are invited to participate in a drive by parade this coming Sunday! The plan is to meet at the church parking lot between 1:30 – 1:45pm. to line up and decorate our vehicles. Then, at 2:00pm., we will leave the church and head out to visit some of our homebound members. Feel free to decorate your vehicle and/or make signs. We will be socially distancing/mask wearing around each other and those we visit. We will drive by, honk, waive, smile, and let them know: We miss you! We care about you! God loves you! Your Parkway Family loves you!

After the parade, we will return to the church parking lot briefly for fellowship and refreshments. Please remember to wear your facemask! If you plan to attend, please let Jan Day know by phone/email at 217-341-8202, janiferday@yahoo.com so we can plan accordingly. We hope to see you there!

Tech Work Group Opportunity:

Would you be interested in being a part of the team that brings worship service to our Parkway community online? As part of this indispensable team, you would help with the pre-recording of worship service, sound, video uploads, and edits. The weekly meeting times are Wednesdays at 6PM and Saturdays at 6PM. If you would like to join the tech work group, please give Sonna a call or email her, 479-561-4701, revsonna@parkwaychristian.church.

You Can't Isolate Alone—Nathan Maddox, Elder

Lynda and I had a few anxious days last week, caused by the same thing that is creating anxiety for many people. Our son Philip was sick with many of the symptoms of COVID-19. Our prayers were answered Friday afternoon when we learned that his COVID-19 test was negative. We called him when we got home from work Friday evening to let him know how happy we were with the negative test results, and to see how he was feeling. We let him know that if he needed us for anything we could come down to his place over the weekend. We also let him know that if his test had come back positive one or both of us would already be half way there. We would load him and his dog in our car and bring him home to take care of him. He said that made no sense at all because one or both of us would end up riding in a closed vehicle with someone who is COVID-19 positive. (He failed to factor in the parent/child relationship when calculating the risk.) We explained all of the precautions we would take – including everyone wearing masks, using gloves, and spraying everything in sight with anti-viral spray before we left down there and when we unloaded up here. We told him we would worry about him being down there alone. How would he get food and medicine? Who would take his dog for walks? Who would do his cooking and cleaning? When he continued to express his doubts about the wisdom of our plan, I said rather sternly “Philip, you can’t isolate alone!”

You should feel free to take the time to run that phrase through your mind a few times – but Philip wasted no time in pointing out the absurdity of “you can’t isolate alone.” What I meant with that somewhat unartful phrase was that he could lock himself away for 14 days, but someone had to be there to take care of the things he could not do. He would need support, and he is relatively new to the community where he lives and has no family in that town. He may have thought it ridiculous for one of us to spend three hours in a car with an infected person, but it would have happened. (Lynda would not have taken “no” for an answer.)

I think we are all feeling somewhat uneasy about what is going on in the world now. We are uncertain about the future, and frustrated by our lack of control in the present. Some of us might feel anxious and adrift. After weeks and months of forces beyond our control changing our daily lives we may feel uneasy, alone and sometimes even isolated. But here’s the good news. You do not have to isolate alone. Whether the isolation or anxiety is physical, emotional or spiritual, our Lord and Savior will not leave your side, and Parkway is your family. None of us has all of the answers, and none of us is strong enough to do this alone, but we have each other. If you feel yourself in need, reach out. You are not alone.

May God bless us all.

Building Use:

If your committee/group (under 10) would like to meet at the church, please schedule with the church office. The church office hours are M-F from 8AM—2PM. While you are in the church, please know that face masks and social distancing are required and you will need to sign in and out. Upon entry, please follow the posted safety instructions/guidelines. The church building remains closed to any outside groups and large church groups/committees (more than 10).

Board Reports Reminder:

Please send in your board reports by this coming Friday, August 7. The board meeting is next Tuesday, August 11 at 6:00pm. Thank you!

Thank you to the Moving Team!

A big “thank you” to our July mowers for keeping the church lawn looking sharp all month long: Peg O’Connell, Judy Large, Rick Schmitgen, Dave Boyce, Kelly Huser, Elizabeth Heady, and Larry Werline.

Thank you, Schmitgens!

A big “thank you” to Rick and Sonia for their time and talent putting a fresh coat of paint on the wooden sign and disciples chalice that faces Lindbergh Blvd. It is much appreciated and looks great!



August Birthdays:

Rita Werline, August 5; Sandy Klyber, August 16; Linda Reed, August 19; Richard Seelbach, August 21; Jaxon, August 24; Ina Woodworth, August 25; Kathy Alexander, August 26; Sharon Holmes, August 26; Al Fagg, August 27; Lynda Maddox, August 29; Peg O’Connell, August 29.

August Anniversaries:

Bob and Jan Grant, August 16; Jim and Shelley Marsaglia, August 21.

Our Prayers for Joys & Concerns

WE CHOOSE TO SERVE: Helping with projects at church; pulling weeds for a neighbor; being mindful of others feelings.

PRAYER CONCERNS: *CCIW Prayer Calendar*—FCC White Hall, FCC Winchester, Iglesia Cristiana de Milwaukee † *Kelly Huser*—Jim M.—health concern; Alex M.—safe travels back to college and staying safe at school; our church leadership staying strong during this difficult time † *Lynda Maddox*—My friend, Donna M. in ICU—she has been fighting pneumonia and other infections and was recently moved to a nursing home and she now has the virus † *Jan Grant*—Silent concern; prayers that Katie’s moving in goes smoothly † *Liz Hoffman*—My friend, Michelle, in hospital with a migraine † *Megan Forness*—Adysen L., teen daughter of my colleague Adam—prayers of strength, courage, healing, and treatment answers are needed for her and her family as she has been in and out of the hospital for cancer treatments for several months and at the moment she is not doing well † *Marsha Funneman*—My brother-in-law, Mike—he suffered a stroke—no long-term neurological effects, but he is now seeing specialists to prevent future issues; my great nephew, Kaleb † *Janet Medley*—Alice C.’s cancer surgery on Thursday; Lisa W. still has a lot of rehab ahead; co-worker’s daughter, Adesyn, is seriously ill † *Gayle Burg*—Health concerns; Carl Gold; Rita Howard (Unity for Christ) †

JOYS: *Gayle Burg*—God painted the most beautiful sunrise this morning—it was breathtaking † *Kelly Huser*—Thanks to all working on the new nativity scene—much appreciated † *Rick Schmitgen*—My grandson, Chandler, has gotten a job!!! † *Jan Grant*—The marriage of Elizabeth VanNess and Travis Hill † *Janet Medley*—Lisa W. released from hospital after 7 weeks †

Continued Prayers: All those who are struggling with the effects of the global pandemic; Medical staff and volunteers; Barb A.; Karen Alsup; Samantha Giannone; Deb Dennison; Gary Wood; Ann Knutson; Harvey H.; Lisa Tomisino; Steve A., Karen A., Dana A.; Kathy Alexander; Jim Marsaglia; Gertrude Koehler; Joe—homeless man; Lora Cline; Virginia Armour; Diane Elliff; Gavin Pope; Margaret Woodall; Vee Maday; Garnette Winch; Sarah Smith; Scott Kaufman; Sandy Klyber; Our Service Members and their families.



Parkway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

“Inviting Disciples.....Sending Apostles”

“Come Learn.....Go Serve”

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