



Parker Global Methodist

THE OLIVE BRANCH

April 2023



A Word From Pastor Alex



Have you ever heard of “Jesus Juice”? I discovered it when I accidentally made a pot of caffeinated coffee thinking it was decaffeinated! I haven’t had caffeinated coffee since October of 2022. Unbeknownst to me, I started drinking the caffeinated coffee and within a few minutes I was praising God for all the energy I had! I knocked out my sermon and Bible study in record time! I went back for more “Jesus Juice” and realized I was drinking caffeinated coffee! Later that night I could not fall asleep. I was so wired that I tossed and turned throughout the night. What’s my point? You don’t need caffeinated coffee to be wired for Jesus. Get into the Word of God and I promise you the Holy Spirit inside you is stronger than any coffee you will ever drink.

Blessings,
Alex

5th Sunday Songfest

Sunday, April 30th, our service will be a Songfest! Please list your five favorite hymns by scanning the QR code and filling out the form online. :



Potluck Luncheon

Join us Sunday, April 30th, after worship for our next Potluck Luncheon. Bring your favorite dish to share as we enjoy this time of fellowship.

RECOMMENDED BIBLE READINGS FROM PASTOR ALEX FOR MARCH:

- Day 1: Mark 11:15-18 (Cleansing of the temple)
- Day 2: Mark 12:41-44 (The widow gave all she had)
- Day 3: Matthew 26:1-16 (The plot to kill Jesus)
- Day 4: Luke 22:17-20 (The Last Supper)
- Day 5: Matthew 26:31-35 (Jesus predicts Peter's denial)
- Day 6: Matthew 26:36-46 (The Prayer in the Garden)
- Day 7: Matthew 27:45-46 (Jesus dies on the cross)
- Day 8: Matthew 28:1-9 (The resurrection of Jesus)

I call the above passages the “cliff notes” of the Bible. It’s something I used a few years ago from my Quest Study Bible. Why the suggested Bible readings? We are Global Methodists and the primary foundation of who we are is found in Scripture. Theologian Albert Outler coined the phrase “Wesleyan Quadrilateral.” It involves four aspects that shape our spiritual journey: reason, experience, Scripture, and tradition. While all of these are important to shaping our relationship with Jesus Christ, nothing is more important than Scripture. In the words of John Wesley (founder of Methodism), “O give me that book [Bible]! At any price, give me the book of God!” (Preface to Sermons on Several Occasions) But I think Joshua 1:8 says it best, “This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall read [and meditate on] it day and night, so that you may be careful to do [everything] in accordance with all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will be successful.” (Amplified Bible)





SPECIAL DAYS

Birthdays

4th Danielle Swem
20th Pearl Guidas

Dates To Remember

5th Seder Meal
6th Maundy Thursday
7th Good Friday
8th Men's Breakfast
9th Happy Easter
17th Council Meeting
18th Worship Committee
30th Songfest/Potluck

Ways To Give

Give on Sunday in the offering plate.

Mail check to

908 S. Tyndall Parkway
Panama City, FL 32404

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

April 17th @10:00 AM



Prayer Group

Join us every Monday at
9:00 am for Prayers.

You can submit a
prayer request anytime
on our website:
mypumc.org, by
emailing or calling the
church office.

Congregational Care Report

During the month of March the following care was given by our
Congregational Care Committee:

Cards mailed:5, Visitation: 1, Transportation:15, Home Communion:1, Follow-up Ministry: 25
If you would like to help with this vital ministry contact Pastor Alex or Judy Cholewinski.



Join us for the next

MEN'S BREAKFAST

FOOD x FELLOWSHIP x FAITH

April 8th @ 8:00 AM

If you have questions about any
program or ministry Parker GMC
offers, contact the church office.

Phone: 850-871-4747

Email: office@parkergmc.org



Finance Report

Happy Easter! The good news for the month is first. After the attorney we hired dropped the ball, I was able to contact the IRS concerning the name change for our church. The paperwork was faxed to the correct IRS office on 3/23/23. Thanks to Trustmark Bank for sending our 26 page fax free of charge. On Monday, 3/27, we received the letter from the IRS acknowledging our name change to Parker Global Methodist Church. We current are working on changing the name on our bank accounts and CD's, and Shelly will be ordering new checks and deposit slips.

I touched base with FEMA again on 3/24 concerning the additional \$2000 and closing our claim. I was promised a call back Monday, which didn't come. I will be following up again

Again this month we had more expenses than income. This seems to be an ongoing problem and we are having to transfer funds from savings each month to cover expenses. Any additional tithes or gifts will be of great help

We also had to pick up the paperwork on requesting our 501c3 tax exempt status, as the attorney had not done that either. It is pretty detailed but we are tackling it as a team and hope to have it sent off to the IRS in the next couple of weeks.

May the Lord bless you and our church through this Easter season.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

Dawn Bellows, Treasurer

You can now watch a worship service, register your attendance, submit a prayer request, update your contact information & find information about upcoming events on our website:

www.parkergmc.org

Follow the link

or scan the QR code!



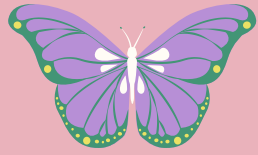
Ladies Luncheon

The ladies will meet on April 13th at 11:30 AM for the April Ladies Luncheon. Bring a Friend!

HELP NEEDED

We are looking for some leaders for the new Youth group to be able to start up. If you are interested in working with pre-teens and teens, please call the church, The kiddos are eager to get started.

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Missions News

Dawn Bellows has been busy crocheting shamrocks and bunnies for Emerald Shores Rehab and Nursing Home's St. Patties Day Party and upcoming Easter celebration.

Parker Global Methodist Church donated two cases of baby formula to the women's shelter.

The Missions Team delivered teacher supplies, snacks, and reward prizes to Parker elementary. We also prepared and delivered 80 Easter treat bags to the residents of Emerald Shores.

We will continue to collect bingo prizes through August.

If you know of an in-house or community need in which we could help, please let Gail know.

This is what missions has been up too lately. Thanks to all who made this possible!

Many thanks from Parker Elementary and Emerald Shores!!!.

Gail Woodham
Missions Chair



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 5th – Passover Seder Meal, 1:00 pm and 6:00 pm.

April 6th – Maundy Thursday service, 1:00 pm.

April 7th– Good Friday Service, 1:00 pm and 6:00 pm.

April 9th Happy Easter

Sunrise service, 6:30 am in front of the church.

Easter service 10:30 am.

Before our Easter Worship, at 10:15 AM , we will meet at the cross
in front of the church for prayer.

Feel free to bring a flower to lay at the cross. Invite your family
and friends as we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ!

Come join us as we celebrate Jesus!



"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?'" ~John

11:25–26