



The SPIRE

Park Avenue Congregational Church

The United Church of Christ

Arlington, Massachusetts

The Reverend Leah Lyman Waldron, Minister

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Blessing of the Pets

PACC's Blessing of the Pets will be on **Saturday, October 5, from 9:00 am-11:00 am** under the beech trees along the Park Avenue side of the church. (Rain location: Narthex.) We'll have cat and dog treats and water on hand, plus coffee and donuts for humans. All kinds of creatures are welcome – including pictures of animals that can't make it in person.



Join us for our first ever beer and hymn sing benefiting Arlington EATS on **Saturday, October 19, from 5:30-7:30pm** in the Parish Hall! Beer and Hymns, born in the UK in 2006 and now world-wide, is a casual gathering of people who like to sing the great hymns of the church, both old and new, with a beer, a glass of wine, or soft drink in hand—and, on this evening, to benefit a great cause. The event

features a hymn sing-a-long with piano led by the talented Andy Hart and a brief "intermission" to learn more about the great work of Arlington EATS. There is a suggested donation of **\$10 per person** for those over 10. Children are welcome.

Bring an appetizer to share! Please RSVP by calling the church office or by email no later than noon on **Monday, October 14** so we can get an accurate count for drinks. If you would like to donate a case of your favorite beer or hard cider or a bottle of wine for the event, or to lend a large cooler with ice, please let Hong Chin know.

DIGITAL PRAYER GROUP



Join us on Wednesdays at 10:30am for live prayer, led by Pastor Leah!

Facebook (@parkavenuecongregationalchurch) and Instagram (@pacc_ucc)

If you can't make it live, leave a prayer request on either page the day before or morning of, or watch a recording afterwards. This is a great way to connect with the Park Avenue community midweek or to deepen your prayer life, especially for people who can't make it to in-person gatherings at PACC. Guests and suggestions welcome!

Greetings from our Pastor!

Dear Park Avenue friends,

You may have noticed that each Sunday, right before worship begins, we read our "Why" - why we are a part of this community, both what we get out of it and what we are here to do. And after we read it, I tell a story about where I saw our "Why" that week: the smiles of middle schoolers grabbing some of our Blessing of the Backpack tags to remind them of God's love throughout the school year; a remark by the pastor officiating a funeral about how beautifully our community supported one of our grieving members; how neighbors stop me to share their appreciation for our hospitality and willingness to host neighborhood meetings; Arlingtonians' enthusiasm for our Town Day booth and the promise of what we can be to the wider community; a PACC adult bringing to the climate rally a PACC youth whose parents had to be elsewhere; a church member hosting an asylum-seeking refugee in their home.

A community that does all that is a rare thing these days. It's also deeply needed, as a constant, living reminder of God's love blossoming right here, right now, among us, in ways that change lives and transform whole communities. People are hungering to be a part of a place like Park Avenue: one that fills us with hope, turns isolation into belonging, and invites us to cultivate lives of profound purpose.

So, this year I am committed to sharing as many of these Why moments as I can, as widely as I can, to inspire new people to join this gem of a community and to inspire folks who are already part of it to engage more fully in the incredible ministry we share.

Will you help me? Send me an email, call me up, or stop me after church to tell me a "Why" moment you've seen or been a part of - and help spread the news that God is doing beautiful things here at Park Avenue!

Blessings,



Reverend Leah Lyman Waldron, Pastor

Groups at PACC

Sarah's Circle

This month we are reading "The Hiding Place" by Corrie Ten Boom. We will meet on **Saturday, October 19, 10:00 am** in the Fellowship Room. Meditation at 9:30 am for those who want to join in. We need volunteers for baked goodies and milk/cream.

Women's Guild

We will meet on **October 17, at 11:30 am** for a brown bag lunch. Hostesses will provide fruit, dessert and a beverage. Please bring birthday greeting cards if you have them to donate and any ideas for a "project" in the future. We look forward to seeing you for a time of fellowship and fun. If you need transportation call either Beverly Miller or Diane Wells.

PACC Men

PACC Men will meet for dinner on **Tuesday, October 15, at 6:30 pm**, at **Gran Gusto**, 90 Sherman Street, Cambridge, MA. Please let Mike Rich or Dave Morrissette know by Sunday evening, October 13, if you plan on attending or if you need a ride.

PSCC Legacy Fundraiser update

If you haven't been to church recently you might not have seen the new chart in the Narthex tracking our progress towards fully funding all the Pleasant Street Legacy projects we voted to pursue. It would be great to get to the upper monetary goal, but it would be even more rewarding to get close to 100% participation. If you haven't already contributed, please consider doing so. Checks can be made out to PACC, with a note in the memo line directing the gift to the PSCC legacy fundraiser. Thank you for considering this, and thank you to all that have contributed so far!



2020 Council of Deacons Election

The PACC Council of Deacons is the general administrative body of the church. Deacons are considered the spiritual leaders of the church. Deacons are elected each fall by direct congregational vote. A full term of service is two years. After a deacon has served two consecutive terms or part thereof on the Council, they are ineligible for election for one year. The ballot contains the names of all members of the church except those who are ineligible.

If you'd like to know more, ask a current or past Deacon. It's a rewarding job. If you are called to join the Council, we hope you will prayerfully consider it.

Ballots for the 2020 election for new members of the Council of Deacons will be distributed on **October 20**. Any ballots not picked up on Sunday will be mailed on **Monday October 21**. **Ballots should be returned to the box in the narthex no later than Sunday Nov. 3 or delivered or mailed to the church office so that they are received by 5:00 pm Thursday Nov. 7.**

The Election Committee will meet on the evening of Thursday, November 7, to tabulate the votes and then begin contacting the top vote getters to determine who is able and willing to serve on the church's governing board beginning in January 2020.

PACC PHOTO DIRECTORY

Good news! We're doing a new PACC photo directory! It is easy to participate and there's no cost. Every participating household gets a free 8x10 photo and a free directory. People will have a chance to order photos, but there's no pressure to do so. This directory is for everyone at PACC, for members and regular attenders and now-and-then attenders. The closer we get to 100% participation, the better it is for all of us to be able to match names and faces of the people we see on Sunday mornings at PACC. **Photography dates are October 3, 4, and 5** at PACC. If you haven't signed up yet, please contact Christine in the office to help you find a time-slot. We may be able to make some arrangements.

Our Sermons are online!

Couldn't make it to worship? Want to share a sermon with a friend? Curious about a book or other resource mentioned during a sermon? Written versions of Pastor Leah's sermons are regularly posted online a day or two after worship, with audio versions following soon after, at www.pacc-ucc.org/sermons.

Christian Education



Dear All,

*Thanks to the entire PACC community for welcoming me so warmly!
I'm so excited to be a part of this church, and it's been lovely getting to know the congregation. I'm looking forward to beginning our fall Christian Education programming, which you can learn more about below.*

Warmly,
Elizabeth Foster

CE CLASSES

Our CE classes will be learning about the history of the early church this fall, using the Shine curriculum! We are currently split into Nursery, Flame Class (PreK/K) and Spirit Class (elementary), but may add an older elementary class soon if possible. If you have not filled out the online registration form or have questions about which class your child is in, please email Elizabeth.

On **October 13**, Columbus Day Weekend, we'll have nursery and one multi-age Sunday school class for children in preschool through grade 3. Older kids are invited to stay in the worship service. On **October 20th**, we'll have music with Andy!

YOUTH GROUP

The youth group will have its first meeting to discuss a possible spring mission trip soon; Rev. Leah and Elizabeth will announce a date shortly. Also, look out for information about regular monthly Sunday youth meetings as well as youth group social outings, coming soon! Email Elizabeth with any questions.



Youth Choir

General schedule for Youth Choir: Rehearsals on the 1st and 2nd Sundays of each month, in the Nicoll Room (after Church/Sunday School, usually 11:15-12:00). On the 3rd Sunday, we have an early rehearsal at 9:20am, and on that Sunday, we sing in the church service during All Ages time.

Mission and Justice Matters at PACC



Mission and Justice Spotlight



Neighbors in Need

Neighbors in Need is a program of our denomination, the United Church of Christ, that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States by giving out grants to local churches making a vital difference in their communities in fulfillment of Jesus' command to "Love your neighbor as yourself." For more information see www.uccresources.com/products/neighbors-in-need-nin-2019-special-mission-offering.

We will receive the offering on Sunday October 6th during World Communion Sunday.

Local

Arlington Eats Market

Arlington EATS Market (formerly known as Arlington Food Pantry) will accept non-perishable food items and household goods. Bring items to church by **Sunday, Oct. 6**. Find a list of high-need items at www.arlingtoneats.org/help/donate-food for the standard-sized, staple items they can You may also donate by check or cash noting that the funds are for "EATS". Thanks for your generosity and thanks to Bryan Mau for delivering our items.

NEAT (Neighbors Eating All Together)

Check <https://neatarlington.org/> for the next **NEAT dinner** at St. John's Church (74 Pleasant St.) usually fourth **Saturdays**, from **5 pm-6 pm**. This is a community dinner -- open to all and free of charge. We need a new coordinator for our volunteer team. Please speak to Mike Rich if you are interested.

Global Climate Strike – September 20-27 – and beyond

PACC folks participated in Arlington and Boston Climate Strike actions on Friday, Sept. 20. Find things you can continue to do to get local, state, national, and world leaders to address the climate crisis at <https://globalclimatestrike.net/resources>.

Mass. Coalition for the Homeless

Mass. Coalition for the Homeless (mahomeless.org) thanked us for our generous donations to the Back To School Supplies Drive and invited us to join a Holiday Build A Bed event as part of their A Bed for Every Child program, Saturday, December 7 10:00 AM to Noon, at their Lynn facility. More info at www.abedforeverychild.org or talk to Mike Rich.

Access Sunday & Disabilities Awareness Week - October 13 - 19

Each year, the second Sunday of October is designated on the UCC church calendar as Access Sunday. It is an occasion when all the UCC joins together in celebrating the gifts of persons with disabilities and the strides that the church has made in being more whole through being more accessible. Find more information and resources at UCC Disabilities Ministries [here: http://uccdm.org/programs/access-sunday/](http://uccdm.org/programs/access-sunday/)

Open and Affirming (ONA) LGBTQIA++ Issues



**National Coming Out
Weekend:
Celebrating Our
Sacred Stories
Featuring the
Just Peace Players
Sunday, October 13
3-5 pm**

**Open Spirit: A Place of Hope,
Health & Harmony
39 Edwards Street
Framingham**

The Just Peace Players will perform true stories of courageous LGBTQ people of spirit, followed by conversation and refreshments.

www.openspiritcenter.org 508-877-8162

Sharing Our Gifts

You are invited to let the Mission and Justice Working Group know of organizations or causes you would like to see us donate to by sending an email to our Mission and Justice Group and then join us at PACC on Tuesday, October 29th at 7:30 p.m. as we allocate the funds.

PACC's Connection to Our Denomination

Join PACC's delegates, Mike and Betty Rich, and leaders of the Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island conferences of at the Third Joint Annual Meeting of the Southern New England Conferences of the UCC in Worcester, MA Friday, November 1 to Saturday, November 2, 2019. The theme is "Cloud of Witnesses: UNBOUND".

Immigration, Asylum, and Refugee Issues

At Town Day we collected additional funds for Boston Immigration Justice and Accompaniment Network (BIJAN, pronounced Beyond)'s clothing, accessory, and snack packages for migrants being released from ICE detention in the greater Boston area. See what's needed here: www.pacc-ucc.org/mission-and-justice

Sign up for PACC's Mission and Justice Ministry's email list by contacting Mike Rich. See more mission and Justice information on our website at : <http://www.pacc-ucc.org/home/mission-and-justice/>



Stewardship

October is the start of stewardship season! As you consider how you would like to support PACC in the coming year, we invite you to think about what you love about PACC and how your financial gifts might support the church to provide that same ministry to others.

Look for a mailing with your pledge card this month. We encourage you to bring in your pledge on **November 24th** and place it in the offering plate along with your offering for that day as a celebration of all that God is doing in and through PACC!

Church Family News

In celebration:

Congratulations to **Luke Jennings**, who grew up at PACC, and **Sarah Laird** who were married on August 24th. His parents are **Linda Ziebell** and the late **Bill Jennings**.

Congratulations to **Merrith Sabo-Jones** and her husband, **Jeff**, who celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on August 25th.

Congratulations to **Carolyn Woodin** and her partner, **Jessica**, who were married on September 14th. Carolyn attended PACC when she was younger and is the granddaughter of **Jeanne Woodin**.

In our prayers:

The family of **Dorothy Sexton** who died on August 22nd. Her family includes PACC members **Ralph and Ella Sexton**, her son and daughter-in-law, and **Claire Gibbons**, her sister-in-law. Her daughter, **Victoria Owen**, grew up at PACC. Dorothy was a PACC member for over 65 years.

The family of **Jennie Wyman** who was 104 years old when she died on Sept. 20th. Jennie joined PACC in 1928, 91 years ago.

Norm Niven, who is at Park Avenue Nursing and Rehab Center after a recent hospitalization.

Brian D'Eon, son-in-law of **Edith and Bob Burge**, who had back surgery.

Sandy Rochon, **Eric Rochon's** mother, who is recovering from hip replacement surgery.

Pam Lepri's uncle, **James**, who is receiving chemotherapy for stomach cancer.

Linda Daggett Barrett, **Meredythe Schober's** cousin, who finished radiation and is now receiving chemotherapy for lung cancer.

Margaret Tuttle, wife of **Mark Tuttle** and mother of **Matthew Tuttle**, who continues treatment for breast cancer.

Jim Williams's stepmother, **Mary Jane**, who was diagnosed with ALS early in the summer.

Linda Victor's husband, **Jesse**, who has a long-standing head injury and recently had a slight relapse.

Margaret Berman's friend, **Jodi Quinn**, who is going through cancer treatments.

Also, please keep in your prayers: Carol Barker, Linda Brinkman, Karen Davies, Janet Doe, Doris Hill, Marilyn Janssen, Anne Jordan, Florence Marshall, Dick Phelps, Linda Jarvis Randall, Marcia Rieth, Alicia Russell, Joan Sorensen, Skip Symonds, Doris Wilson, Timothy Young, and Claire Zia.

* If you or someone you know at PACC is celebrating a milestone birthday (turning 80 or 90), please let Barbara Wagner know. Thank you! *

October Birthdays

Oct. 1	Ryan Colello	Oct. 15	Jeffrey Woodin
Oct. 2	Elijah Young	Oct. 16	Janet Forté
Oct. 4	Madeline Domenichella		Jeanne Domenichella
Oct. 6	Hong Chin	Oct. 21	Pam Holt-Kane
Oct. 7	Karen Stark	Oct. 23	Nick Lindheim
Oct. 9	Bob Burge	Oct. 26	Kiki Putnam
Oct. 10	Susan Chin		Bob Davis
	Nick Dokos	Oct. 27	Cole Hogan
Oct. 11	Tom Janssen	Oct. 30	Violet Lynch
	Gretchen Durning		Linda Cohn

Church Staff and Office Hours

Reverend Leah Lyman Waldron, Pastor

Drop in office hours (subject to change): Tuesday and Wednesday, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Please contact Leah for additional meeting days/times - she is happy to meet with you!
Days off: Friday & Saturday Pastoral Emergencies: Call Pastor Leah directly.

Christine Rochon, Office Administrator

Church Office hours: Monday through Friday, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Elizabeth Foster, Christian Education Director

Please call the office or e-mail her directly at to arrange a time to meet with her.

Jeffrey Brody, Music Director and Organist

Andrea Hart, Youth Music Director

Please call the office to arrange a time to meet with either of our music directors.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 10:00 AM Worship Service, S 11:15 AM Coffee Hour, PH 11:15 AM Youth Choir rehearsal, NR	30 7:00 PM Chorale-PH 8:00 PM Chorale-N	1 6:30 PM Vox Lucens, S,N 7:00 PM Thai Chi, PH	2 6:45 PM English Country Dance, PH 7:30 PM Bible Study, FR	3 2:00 PM Photo Directory Photos, FR 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal-N 8:00 PM FAC PH	4 2:00 PM Photo Directory Photos, FR 8:00 PM FAC-PH	5 9:00 AM Blessing of the Animals, outside 9:00 AM Movement class, PH 10:00 AM Photo Directory Photos, FR 5:30 PM Kalindi Parmar Event, PH
6 Food Pantry Collection 10:00 AM Worship Service, S 11:15 AM Coffee Hour, PH 11:15 AM Youth Choir rehearsal, NR 11:30 AM Fair Meeting, FR	7 7:00 PM Chorale-PH 7:30 PM Finance-FR 8:00 PM Chorale-N	8 6:30 PM Vox Lucens, S,N 7:00 PM Thai Chi, PH	9 6:45 PM English Country Dance, PH	10 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal-N 8:00 PM FAC PH	11 2:00 PM Jay Lane-N 8:00 PM FAC-PH	12 9:00 AM Movement class, PH 3:00 PM Girl Scouts 69203-N&FPR
13 10:00 AM Landon baptism, S 10:00 AM Worship Service, S 11:15 AM Coffee Hour, PH 11:15 AM Youth Choir rehearsal, NR 4:00 PM Navigators, FPR & N	14 Federal Holiday - Church office closed 7:00 PM Chorale-PH 7:30 PM Council of Deacons, FR 8:00 PM Chorale-N	15 6:30 PM PACC Men, Gran Gusto restaurant 6:30 PM Vox Lucens, S,N 7:00 PM Thai Chi, PH	16 6:30 PM ECD Board Meeting, N 6:45 PM English Country Dance, PH 7:30 PM Bible Study, FR	17 11:30 AM Women's Guild, FR 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal-N 8:00 PM FAC PH	18 8:00 PM FAC-PH	19 9:00 AM Movement class, PH 9:30 AM Sarah's Circle, FR 5:30 PM Beer and Hymn Sing, PH
20 Youth Choir Sunday 8:45 AM Learning to Pray, FR 9:20 AM Youth Choir rehearsal, NR 10:00 AM Worship Service, S 11:00 AM mid-month Communion, S 11:15 AM Coffee Hour, PH 1:30 PM Scandi Dancing, PH 4:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 62571, FPR	21 7:00 PM Chorale-PH 8:00 PM Chorale-N	22 6:30 PM Quilters Workshop, PH 6:30 PM Vox Lucens, S,N 7:00 PM Thai Chi, FR	23 6:30 PM MS Concert rehearsal, S 6:45 PM English Country Dance, PH	24 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal-N 8:00 PM FAC PH	25 2:00 PM Jay Lane-N 8:00 PM FAC-PH	26 9:00 AM Movement class, PH
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Sundays in October at PACC

Worship begins at 10:00 am

- October 6** - Worship Service with communion, Food Pantry collection, Fair Working Group meeting
- October 13** - Worship Service with baptism
- October 20** - Learning to Pray, Worship Service with mid-month communion
- October 27** - Worship Service



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