



The SPIRE

Park Avenue Congregational Church

The United Church of Christ

Arlington, Massachusetts

The Reverend Leah Lyman Waldron, Minister

JANUARY 2020

January at PACC

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Park Avenue Congregational Church, United Church of Christ of Arlington Heights, Massachusetts, is called for Sunday, January 26, 2020, at 12:00 noon, in the Parish Hall, to consider the following:

1. To receive the report of the treasurer and vote on the annual budget;
2. To receive the reports of the minister, officers, ministries, and other organizations;
3. To approve the Council of Deacons' selection for moderator, vice moderator, clerk, treasurer and financial secretary;
4. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

If for any reason (such as weather) a quorum should not be present on January 26, the meeting will be adjourned to Sunday, February 2, 2020 at 12:00 noon.

Valerie Censabella, Moderator

Linda Cohn, Clerk

Greetings from our Pastor!

Hello Dear Park Avenue friends,

From January 3rd through 9th I will be out of town for the second installment of my Next Generation Leadership Initiative (NGLI) training. You might recall from my first NGLI commitment this past summer that it's a six-year program giving young pastors the tools to become transformational leaders of vibrant local churches like ours. This trip is continuing education rather than vacation; while I'm away I'll be out of communication so that I can focus 100% on learning to better serve and love our church and community. My colleague Rev. Cynthia Good will provide emergency pastoral coverage.

January 5th is Epiphany, the day we celebrate the visit of the Three Magi to the baby Jesus. It's a high point in the Nativity story, balanced out on either side by the precariousness of giving birth in a makeshift shelter and the peril of the Holy Family's flight to Egypt to escape Herod. My friend Matthew, an experienced preacher, speaker, artist, and writer, will delve into this story and what it means for us that our savior spent the first moments and months of his earthly existence (not to mention all of his adult ministry) without a place to call home.

Matthew Works is a dear friend whom my husband Chris and I each met independently, years before we would meet each other. He's our daughter Davie's favorite person to have come for a visit, a terrible enabler for our love of pun-filled jokes, and a voracious film buff. He's also been homeless for 24 years. Matthew lived on the streets of Boston for ten of those years and has spent the last fourteen staying indoors by way of his annual cross-country speaking tour and art show. His message is a simple but powerful vision: that churches would open their doors to provide refuge for the homeless. Those of you who have met Matthew through Bible study know that he possesses keen theological insight, a deep and vibrant faith, a knack for transformative storytelling, and a sense of humor that leavens his prophetic message. I'm actually envious that I won't be here in church to hear him preach! (You've been warned about the puns, though.)

If you'll miss church on the 5th or would like to hear Matthew speak more extensively on opening churches to people in need of shelter, we'll also host a CONNECT event on Tuesday, January 14th that will include a Q&A and a chance to see Matthew's inspiring art up close. It's a privilege to invite him to preach while I'm away, and I hope you will come to hear him preach, speak, or both!

New Year's blessings to you all,



Reverend Leah Lyman Waldron, Pastor

IN PREPARATION FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING ON JANUARY 26

Annual reports: The deadline to submit annual reports is **Friday, January 3**. There will be copies of the combined reports of staff, officers and ministries along with financial information on the table in the Narthex beginning January 19. If you would like a copy mailed to you, please call the office, (781)643-8680.

Important Budget Meeting – PACC needs your input! In order to prepare a balanced budget for 2019 some choices need to be made. The budget meeting on **January 12** (after the Worship Service at approximately 11:30 am) is the opportunity to voice your views and help guide the Finance and Property Ministry in making these decisions. It is a very important meeting for all who care about PACC. Come, learn, and participate.

Lunch to precede Annual Meeting: The Council of Deacons will provide a luncheon preceding the Annual Meeting. You do not have to bring any food; there will be a basket for donations to offset the expense of the meal.

Annual Meeting Childcare: We'll have childcare for young children during the Annual Meeting and a movie for older kids. No need to RSVP, but if you know you'll need childcare, it's helpful to have a rough idea of numbers and ages for planning. Thanks!

Groups at PACC

Sarah's Circle

This month we are reading Paulo Coelho's "The Alchemist". We will meet on **Saturday, January 11, 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 **January 16, at 11:30 am** in the fellowship room for a brown bag lunch. Hostesses will provide fruit, dessert and a beverage. If you need transportation call either Beverly Miller or Diane Wells.

PACC Men

The PACC-Men will sponsor an all-gender gathering at **Woo's Martial Arts, 169 Belmont St, Belmont, MA 02478, on Tuesday, January 7th, at 6:30 pm**. We invite everyone age 10 and up to join us as Tim LaVallee, owner of Woo's Martial Art www.woosmartialarts.com, will present about an demonstrate Chinese martial arts and teach about Asian philosophy. We will order take out from a local restaurant. Please let Mike Rich know if you are coming by 5:00 pm. on the 6th so we can order enough food.

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.

Offering envelopes for 2020

If you indicated on your pledge card that you would like offering envelopes, they are in a box with your name on the table in the Narthex. Those remaining at the end of the month will be mailed. If you would like yours sent sooner, please call the office, (781)643-8680.

Have you sent in your pledge?

Thank you to all the people who responded promptly to our stewardship drive! If you are uncertain whether you returned a pledge card, call the office. Every pledge is important. We depend on these estimates of giving to build our budget for the coming year.



GAME NIGHT IS BACK!

There will be three game nights this coming winter/early Spring. The dates are Saturday, January 25, February 22 and March 28 from 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Please bring games and a food item suitable for 6-8 people and games you would like to share/play with others. If it snows, we will not hold game night on that evening. This is a family-friendly

event. Contact Betty Rich or Cindy Manson for questions.



Volunteers needed to help remove greens

On Saturday, January 4, beginning at 9:00 am we will remove the greens from the Sanctuary and Narthex. If you have questions, speak with Dave Morrissette or Don Cohn. Many thanks to those who assisted with Hanging the Greens and

decorating the church for Advent.

Flower Calendar

Would you like to remember a loved one or share a celebration with the PACC community by dedicating the flowers on Sunday morning? You can do that by signing up on the calendar in the narthex or by contacting the church office

Christian Education



CE CLASSES

Our CE classes are continuing our unit about the history of the early church this month, using the Shine curriculum! If you have not been getting the new weekly Friday CE newsletter, have not filled out the online registration form or have questions about which class your child is in, please email Elizabeth at cedirector@pacc-ucc.org.

Note: This month, we'll have **music with Andy on January 22**. Before music, we'll take some time to learn about ways for CE participants to get involved in worship, including serving as an acolyte!

PACC Family and Friends Winter Creative Arts and Crafts Exhibit

The Winter Arts and Crafts Exhibit for members and friends of PACC is on **February 9**, after church in the Fellowship Room. We welcome submissions from children and adults. Attached is a submission form which Gwen would like to have ASAP so she will know the amount and scope of what is being submitted. There will be a box on the table in the Narthex to place your forms.

If you have any questions, please see Gwen or Karen.



Submission form for PACC Creative Arts and Crafts Exhibit

Name: _____

Type of Art Work being submitted: _____

Medium used in piece submitted: _____ Size: _____

Date Work will be ready for submission: _____

Name of Art Piece: _____

If you have question please see or email Gwen Phelps

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 - Jane Flores	20 - Richard Phelps
2 - Noel Forté, Kathy Richardson	21 - Yvonne Crockett
4 - Stu Belden	22 - Victor McNary
5 - Valerie Censabella	23 - Maureen Gormley, Carolyn Woodin, Polly Ford
7 - Julia Carver, Jim Gibbons	25 - Bonnie Hayner
8 - Ellen Breslin, Diane Wells	27 - Margaret Sherwood
9 - Joscelyn Moore	28 - Peter Domenichella
12 - Linda Anderson, Michael Rich	29 - Cameron French
13 - Becky Jones	



Mission and Justice Matters at PACC

Mission and Justice Spotlight



Opportunities to observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries - 10th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Interfaith Day of Service, Monday, January 20, 2020, 8:30am – 1pm, Levin Ballroom & Usdan Student Center, Brandeis University, 415 South St., Waltham, MA 0245. Come honor and learn from the life of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (1929-1968), pack meals for food pantries and congregations that serve the homeless community and participate in social justice discussions with Brandeis clubs and local non-profits. More details and registration form: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/10th-annual-martin-luther-king-jr-interfaith-day-of-service-tickets-83485552535>. Talk to Mike Rich, Jill Lewis, or Elizabeth Foster about carpooling and chaperoning for youth interested in attending.

Town of Arlington – 32nd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Observance, Monday, January 20th, doors open at 6:45 pm with light refreshments, program begins at 7:30 pm at Town Hall Auditorium, 730 Massachusetts Avenue, Arlington, MA 02476. An evening of inspiration, celebration, and community featuring attorney Michael Curry. More information about the event at <https://www.arlingtonma.gov/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/23020/18?curm=1&cury=2020>

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, Jan. 5**. Find a list of high-need items at www.arlingtoneats.org/help/donate-food. 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 **5:00 pm - 6:00 pm**. This is a community dinner -- open to all and free of charge. Please speak to Hong Chin if you are interested.

Immigration, Asylum, and Refugee Issues

We continue to collect 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

Please check out our website at <http://www.pacc-ucc.org/home/mission-and-justice/> for the latest happenings with our Mission and Justice Group.

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

CONNECT Community Series - Upcoming Events

January 14th at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall - Matthew Works will speak on his message that is a simple but powerful vision: that churches would open their doors to provide refuge for the homeless.

PACC Concert Series – 2020

Tickets in advance - \$18 adults & \$12 seniors/students;

at the door - \$23 & \$15 www.pacc-ucc.org/events/concertseries/

**For Unto Us a Child Is Born: Renaissance Choral Music for the Holiday Season
with Vox Lucens, on Sunday, January 26, 2020, at 3:00 pm**



Join us for a special program of Renaissance Choral Music for the holiday season by our Artists in Residence, Vox Lucens. Under the direction of Holly Druckman, they will perform music from across Europe in a program that spans more than two hundred years of Renaissance music. An artists' reception will follow the concert. For more information about Vox Lucens visit their website: <http://www.voxlucens.net/>

Season's Greetings

You received holiday greetings through the PACC Christmas tree from these friends:

- * Margaret Berman
- * The Brush Family
- * Bob and Edith Burge
- * Ann Bruhn
- * Don and Linda Cohn
- * Catherine Deardon
- * Nick and Liz Dokos and Family
- * Debbie Douglas
- * Connie Dugan
- * Tim Durning, Barbara Wagner, and Gretchen and Rachel
- * Judy Fox
- * The Forté Family
- * Bonnie and Bill Hayner and Family
- * The Hart and Colonnese Family
- * Norma Gormley
- * Tom and Jill Janssen
- * Peg Kyle
- * Buck and Nadine Lombard
- * The McPherson/Sidel Family
- * Beverly and Ken Miller
- * Judy and Hal Miller
- * The Woodin Family
- * Gary & Sheila Pichette
- * The Sidel-McPherson family
- * The Morrissette-Nihan Family
- * Roger Nicoll
- * Mike and Betty Rich
- * The Rochon Family
- * Ella and Ralph Sexton
- * Meredythe Schober
- * Norma Sherwood
- * The Tapper Family
- * Doris Wilson
- * Brenda Wesinger

Church Family News

In our prayers:

Christine Nihan and her family after the death of her aunt, **Sister Thea McCabe**, who died after a long struggle.

Polly Ford and her family after the death of **Paul Corcoran**, a dear friend of the family who was 85 years old.

Jane and Annie Chin, Hong Chin's sisters-in-law, after the death of their father, **Wai Leung Szto**.

Kathy Hogan, mother of **Mike Hogan**, mother-in-law of **Taryn Hogan**, and grandmother of **Reese, Lane, Cole, and Eve**, who has chosen to stop treatments for cancer.

Margaret Tuttle, wife of **Mark Tuttle** and mother of **Matthew Tuttle**, who is recovering from surgery and will move on to the next phase of treatment for breast cancer.

Norm Niven, who is now living in Nashua.

Dick Phelps and Gwen Phelps, who recently moved to Sudbury. Their new address is 20 Northwood Dr., #302, Sudbury, MA 01776

Marcia Reith, sister of **Dick Phelps**, whose condition has improved significantly but is still hospitalized in Brigham and Women's Hospital.

Jamie Kelly, uncle of **Pam Lepri**, who continues treatment for stomach cancer.

Tim Young, uncle of **Josh Young**, who is home receiving hospice care.

Julie Miller, sister-in-law of **Margaret Bell**, who broke her shoulder and arm in a fall, had surgery and is in rehab.

Linda Jones, sister-in-law of **Merrith Sabo-Jones**, who may not be able to be with family on Christmas because her partner, **Bob**, who has pancreatic cancer is in hospice care.

Betty Rich, who has been suffering from pain in her jaw.

Tracey, a friend of **Ann Bruhn's**, who is dealing with health issues.

Also, please keep in your prayers: **Carol Barker, Linda Barrett, Karen Davies, Janet Doe, Doris Hill, Marilyn Janssen, Anne Jordan, Florence Marshall, Linda Jarvis Randall, Alicia Russell, Joan Sorensen, Skip Symonds, Doris Wilson, 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.*

Snow Emergencies

Please check email or the church website for updated announcements. Official snow emergencies (and parking bans) will always cancel church events. We will also post to local television stations (4, 5 and 7) and WBZ radio 1030. Even if the church is open, please do not take unnecessary risks when weather conditions are poor.

Church Staff and Office Hours

Reverend Leah Lyman Waldron, Pastor, Pastorleah@pacc-ucc.org (781)281-9523

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, office@pacc-ucc.org (781)643-8680

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 cedirector@pacc-ucc.org 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.

Pastor Leah will be out of the office from January 3rd through 9th for the second installment of her Next Generation Leadership Initiative (NGLI) training. Rev. Cynthia Good will provide emergency pastoral coverage.

Christine will be out of the office January 20 - January 29. There will be limited office coverage. Please bear with us as we try to respond to voicemails and e-mails.

JANUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 10:00 AM Worship Service, S 11:15 AM Coffee Hour, PH	30 7:00 PM Chorale-PH 8:00 PM Chorale-N	31 6:30 PM Vox Lucens, S,N	1 Church Office Closed 6:45 PM English Country Dance, PH 7:30 PM Bible Study, FR	2 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal-N 8:00 PM FAC PH	3 2:00 PM Jay Lane-N 8:00 PM FAC-PH	4 9:00 AM Movement class, PH 9:00 AM Toast Masters, N 9:30 AM Sarah's Circle, FR
5 Food Pantry Collection 10:00 AM Worship Service, S 11:15 AM Coffee Hour, PH 11:15 AM Youth Choir rehearsal, NR 1:30 PM Scandi Dancing, PH	6 7:00 PM Chorale-PH 7:30 PM Finance-FR 8:00 PM Chorale-N	7 6:30 PM PACC Men, FR 6:30 PM Vox Lucens, S,N 7:00 PM Thai Chi, PH	8 6:45 PM English Country Dance, PH	9 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal-N 8:00 PM FAC PH	10 2:00 PM Jay Lane-N 8:00 PM FAC-PH	11 9:00 AM Movement class, PH 9:00 AM Toast Masters, N 3:00 PM Girl Scouts 69203-N&FPR
12 10:00 AM Worship Service, S 11:15 AM Coffee Hour, PH 11:15 AM Youth Choir rehearsal, NR 4:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 62571, FPR 4:00 PM Navigators, PH	13 7:00 PM Chorale-PH 7:30 PM Council of Deacons, FR 8:00 PM Chorale-N	14 6:00 PM Connect Event: Matthew 6:30 PM Vox Lucens, S,N 7:00 PM Thai Chi, PH	15 6:30 PM ECD Board Meeting, N 6:45 PM English Country Dance, PH 7:30 PM Bible Study, FR	16 11:30 AM Women's Guild, FR 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal-N 8:00 PM FAC PH	17 2:00 PM Jay Lane-N 8:00 PM FAC-PH	18 9:00 AM Movement class, PH 9:00 AM Toast Masters, N
19 Youth Choir Sunday 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	20 7:00 PM Chorale-PH 8:00 PM Chorale-N	21 6:30 PM Vox Lucens, S,N 7:00 PM Thai Chi, PH	22 6:45 PM English Country Dance, PH	23 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal-N 8:00 PM FAC PH	24 2:00 PM Jay Lane-N 8:00 PM FAC-PH	25 9:00 AM Movement class, PH 9:00 AM Toast Masters, N 5:30 PM Game Night, PH & FR
26 10:00 AM Worship Service, S 11:15 AM Coffee Hour, PH 1:30 PM concert series, s & ph (Vox Lucens) 4:00 PM Navigators, FPR & N	27 7:00 PM Chorale-PH 8:00 PM Chorale-N	28 6:30 PM Quilters Workshop, PH 6:30 PM Vox Lucens, S,N 7:00 PM Thai Chi, FR	29 6:45 PM English Country Dance, PH	30 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal-N 8:00 PM FAC PH	31 2:00 PM Jay Lane-N 8:00 PM FAC-PH	1 9:00 AM Movement class, PH 9:00 AM Toast Masters, N 9:30 AM Sarah's Circle, FR

Sundays in January at PACC

Worship begins at 10:00 am

- January 5 - Worship Service (no communion) Guest Preacher
- January 12 - Worship Service with communion, Budget Meeting after
- January 19 - Worship Service
- January 26 - Worship Service, Annual Meeting, Concert Series Concert

THE OFFICE WILL BE **CLOSED JANUARY 1ST AND 20TH**
FOR HOLIDAYS



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