

APRIL

PARK AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Sunday Worship 10:00 am

Digital Prayer • 10:30 am on Wednesdays

Chancel Choir Practice • 7:30 pm on Thursdays

Youth Choir Practice • 11:30 am on Sundays
(except 3rd Sunday at 9:20 am)

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service

APRIL 2 - Thursday, 7:00 pm

Experience Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. Featuring communion, and (optional) foot/hand washing.

Good Friday Meditation

APRIL 3 - Friday, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Drop in at Bethany House of Prayer to walk the labyrinth
and/or the stations of the cross.

Easter Sunrise Service

APRIL 5 - Sunday, 6:00 am

With Calvary Church at Robbins Farm Park.

Easter Sunday Worship

APRIL 5 - Sunday, 10:00 am

Featuring brass ensemble and flower cross, and Easter egg hunt after worship.

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| April 7 | PACC Men 6:30 pm |
| April 8 | PACC Neighbors Night 7:30 pm |
| April 12 | Tea & Sweets Tasting after worship |
| April 13 | Council of Deacons meeting 7:30 pm |
| April 16 | Women's Guild 11:30 am |
| April 23 -24 | Rummage Sale set-up |
| April 25 | Rummage Sale 9:00 am - 2:30 pm |

(See more details inside)



The SPIRE

Park Avenue Congregational Church, Arlington, Massachusetts
The Reverend Leah Lyman Waldron, Pastor

APRIL
2026



JOIN US FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

You can join us in person OR virtually at 10:00 am.
An e-mail is sent weekly with a link to Zoom.
Contact office@pacc-ucc.org to sign up.

HOW TO ATTEND VIRTUALLY

Use this link just before 10:00 am: <https://zoom.us/j/742148863>

To participate from your phone (audio only): (929) 205 6099
Meeting ID: 742 148 863

To participate via Facebook:

Go to our Facebook page on Sunday to watch live,
or visit the video part of our page to watch a recording.

Did you miss live worship? Visit: www.pacc-ucc.org/sermons
for a video and an audio recording of the sermon.

THANKS, NICK DOKOS, FOR MAKING THIS POSSIBLE!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR MODERATOR TIM DURNING



You are invited to attend and participate in the discussions at the Council of Deacons meetings. Let Tim know if you would like to address the Council or have agenda items to suggest.

THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

WILL BE ON ZOOM,
APRIL 13, 2026 AT 7:30 PM.

GREETINGS FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Park Avenue Friends!

As we head into Holy Week and the Easter season, I'm thinking a lot about what Jesus' journey must have been like. To go from the acclamation of Palm Sunday, to taking a bold stand against the exploitation of the poor in the Temple, to sharing an intimate farewell dinner with his closest friends and followers — only to then be betrayed by one of those friends, and finally face a public trial, torture, and death on the cross — all while trusting God that resurrection was coming on the other side... it must have taken everything he had.

It sometimes does take all we have to keep going, to keep trusting, doesn't it?

The good news is that God's promise to meet us on the other side of suffering, loss, and even death holds true, every time — even when we have little or no hope left. As we prepare to take this journey together, I pray that we will feel Jesus' presence with us as individuals and as a community. I pray that we will experience God's love both with us now and waiting for us in what is to come. And I pray that we can hold on to hope, for the Resurrection is coming.

Thanks be to God!

Blessings, Leah Reverend Leah Lyman Waldron

Due to schedule changes for Pastor Leah, Bible Study will not meet on its usual 1st and 3rd dates. Watch for updates from her.

April BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Susan Woodin | 17 Cheryl Craigie |
| 2 Susan O'Rourke | 18 Colin Forté |
| 5 Paul Domenichella,
Jackson Jacobo-Zudeck | 20 Davie Lyman Waldron |
| 7 Holly Stumpf | 21 Andy Hart, Liz Dokos, Grace Kane,
Elijah O'Rourke, James Rochon |
| 11 Clark Ewen, Alison Shea | 30 Jill Janssen |

CHRISTIAN ED/YOUTH CHOIR

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School has been very busy this past month learning about God beside us. March ended in a fantastic way with the Palm Sunday pancake breakfast and the Holy Week workshop.

We begin April in a wonderful way with a beautiful Easter service in the sanctuary. There is no Sunday School on Easter; there will be activity bags in the narthex. We'll also have an Easter egg hunt for children after the service with prizes for everyone!

Our wonderful teachers and I are looking forward to using the ideas of our curriculum, *Seeking Justice Together*, as we move into this new section of the church's lectionary. Towards the end of April, the Sunday School will also begin thinking about Youth Sunday which happens in June.

If you are interested in joining our group of wonderful dynamic teachers or if you want to know more about faith formation and Christian education programs in the church, please don't hesitate to ask!

Jude Martowska, judemartowska@pacc-ucc.org

YOUTH CHOIR

Hello Youth Choir singers and families. Thank you for your beautiful singing of "Thy Word" in March!

Our schedule is a bit different because of where Easter falls this year. We sing in church on Easter Sunday, April 5 (with a 9:20am arrival time, and NO rehearsal after church that day). We'll rehearse on April 12 at 11:30, and April 19 is a bit uncertain, but we'll possibly sing in church that morning - will confirm via email!

Andy Hart, hartandrea@comcast.net

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Anita Clarke, hospitalized at MGH with diabetes complications; prayers also for her son, who is facing health issues.

Malcolm Gormley, recovering at home following major surgery.

The family of Mackenzie Martin, as they prepare for a celebration of her life on March 28 in Colorado.

Taryn Hogan and her family, as her mom is in hospice.

Libby and Jesse Victor, who remain at Lahey; Libby is doing well and welcomes visits.

Claudia Nassion's husband, as he undergoes medical testing.

Gwen Phelps' friend, Susan, grieving the loss of her husband, **Howard**.

Jane Flores' sister, for safe travels home from the Philippines.

Debbie Douglas, celebrating the birth of **Margot Ruth**, daughter of her godson **Alex**; prayers also for Alex, a Navy fighter pilot deployed in the Middle East.

Chickie Olson, whose CAR T-cell transplant was successful and she is now in remission.

Norma Allen's niece, who is in a memory care unit.

Holly Stumpf's friend, **Sally**, who was struck by a car.

Pastor Leah's dad, **Bill Lyman**, following successful back surgery.

Debbie Lewis, home after rehabilitation at Care One following a fall and sprained ankle.

*Please continue to keep in your prayers: **Bill Albright and Karen Friedman, Margaret Berman, Bob Burge, Linda and Jim Brinkman, Jeffrey Brody and Richard Sizensky, Anita Clarke, Linda and Don Cohn, Cheryl Craigie, Andrew D'Eon, Jim and Claire Gibbons, Bonnie Hayner, Janet Hoffman, Elena Hogan, Marilyn Janssen, Carrie Keeler, the Lindheim family, Tanya Ozbey, Gwen Phelps, Jody Pickrahn, Jim Saros, Meredythe Schober, and Diane Wells.***

** If you or someone you know at PACC is celebrating a milestone birthday (80's or 90's), please let Maureen Igoe or Leanne Marden know at careministry@pacc-ucc.org.*

PACC GROUPS/MINISTRIES

PACC Men - Tuesday, April 7, 6:30 pm

The PACC Men will meet in the Fellowship Room at the church on Tuesday, April 7, at 6:30 pm. We will order food from a local restaurant, catch up or get to know each other, and hear from Dave Morrisette about his recent trips to Iceland and Portugal. Please let Mike Rich know if you'll be attending. *Mike Rich*, kidlaw.rich@gmail.com or (781)975-0184.

Meet Your PACC Neighbors Night is back! Join us Wed., April 8 at 7:30 pm via Zoom.

Rev. Jude Martowska, Minister of Faith Formation, will be our special guest. You may know Jude from Sunday School and All Ages Together, but this is a chance to learn more about Jude outside of church. And of course, we'll wrap up with a fun round of Two Truths and a Lie!

Women's Guild - Thursday, April 16, 11:30 am in the Fellowship Room

Please bring a couple dollars for pizza. We will be discussing our role for the Rummage Sale. Guild is open to all women of the church—a caring group focused on fellowship and supporting church activities. Join us! Questions or need a ride? Call **Linda Carew** at 617-733-7940 or **Beverly Miller** at 781-646-0030.

Do you enjoy attending Coffee Hour immediately after Sunday services? Would you be willing to “host” a coffee hour 2-3 times a year? We are looking for 2 people to “host” each coffee hour. Hosting involves arriving before the beginning of the service to make coffee, heat hot water, and set out food and supplies, and cleaning up afterwards. Food, supplies and instructions provided. No baking required (*unless you wish to do so*). Please let me know if you are willing to host or if you have questions. Tina Gramm, your Fellowship Deacon, reachable at acg@grammau.net or during coffee hour.

***Lessons from Way of Tea* -- Video and Tea & Sweets Tasting – April 12**

The art of Japanese tea ceremony was brought to its peak during times of dramatic change in war-torn 16th century Japan. Can the core values and lessons of this gentle art of mindfully sharing a bowl of tea support greater peace and connection in our own troubled times? Come to the Fellowship Room after the service on **April 12** to celebrate the release of a short video (with music by Jeff Brody) that explores this question. Matcha tea and seasonal sweets used for tea ceremonies will be available for those who would like to try them.

Park Avenue Congregational Church's Annual
RUMMAGE SALE
SPREAD THE WORD! DONATE! VOLUNTEER! SHOP!

Saturday, April 25, 9:00 am - 2:30 pm

The rummage sale is around the corner at the end of April! Outside of the pledge drive, this is PACC's biggest fundraiser and an anticipated event in the community. It's also a way for PACC to be a resource for the wider community by offering many necessities/items for sale at reasonable prices.

When you can help: During the sale on **Saturday, April 25 from 9 am - 2:30 pm**. Setup and pricing will be on **Thursday and Friday, April 23 & 24, from 9 am - 5 pm**. There may be a crew working on **Thursday evening, April 23**.

Following the sale at 2:30 pm, an energetic clean-up crew is a must.

Volunteers are needed for all three days.

Please save us the trouble of tracking you down. Let us know when you can help.

What kind of items to donate: Like last year, the Epilepsy Foundation will pick up the remaining items after the sale. Please carefully read the lists of items that CAN and CANNOT be donated.

Donations CAN include: Gently used clothing (*clean and in good condition*), shoes, baby items, toys, housewares, books, CDs, DVDs, sporting equipment, tools, small appliances (*must be in working condition*), paintings, picture frames, knickknacks, small furniture, jewelry, and accessories (*like scarves and handbags*).

Please do NOT donate: TVs, computers, medical equipment, pet items, gardening tools/items (*including pots for plants*), power tools, craft supplies, office supplies, seasonal decorations other than Christmas decorations, baskets, mirrors, stuffed animals, and linens.

We're happy to accept donations from you, your family, and friends!

Please bring your donations to church in **boxes**, if possible, so we can box up all the leftover items for the Epilepsy Foundation. We **DO NOT** need bags donated this year. (**Bag Sale starts at 1:00 pm, people can buy a bag for \$7 and fill it with any items still for sale.**)

You can leave donations in the Fellowship Room starting Sunday, April 19.

All donations must be brought to church by 5:00 pm on Thursday, April 23.

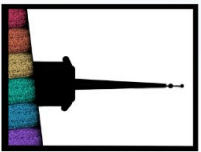
*Questions about the suitability of any item? Need to move items earlier?
Any questions, please contact one of the people listed below.*

Please volunteer, donate, spread the word, and shop to make this fundraiser a huge success! Thank you!

Barbara Wagner and Judy Miller

Questions? Reach us at parkaverummagesale@pacc-ucc.org.





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