



# the *Encourager*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST  
JANUARY 2020

## CHOOSE KINDNESS

*KINDNESS* has really been on my heart and mind lately. Maybe it's because I recently spent five weeks in Texas where it just seems like everyone was kind . . . something I have noticed over the years as a general quality found in our southern states. While kindness isn't limited to the south, it just seems to be more noticeable, at least to me. I believe kindness is a choice, an indication of what is part of a person's individual make-up, his or her core/inner self. Kindness is very Biblical. Kindness is one of the nine components of the Fruit of the Spirit listed in Galatians 5: 22 -23. In Paul's letter to the church in Colosse, he again emphasized kindness just like he had in his letter to the churches in Galatia: "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." (Colossians 3:12, NIV) Paul also referred to kindness in his Ephesian letter, "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." (Ephesians 4:32, NIV). Paul had witnessed plenty of cruelty in his life; including the cruelty that he had once dished out when, as Saul, he was persecuting Christians. Seems to me that Paul came to acknowledge that more good can be accomplished through kindness as opposed to criticism, harshness, and hatred. *(continued...)*

## Church Events

- 1.1  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!
- 1.4  
Helping Hands Pantry
- 1.6  
ROMEO Club
- 1.11  
NPYG Pancake Breakfast  
RCC Board Meeting
- 1.12  
LIFE Groups
- 1.14  
Blanket Ministry Work Day
- 1.18  
Helping Hands Pantry
- 1.26  
LIFE Groups

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When I was in high school, I attended a Glen Campbell concert (Who? Some of you may be asking.) Back in the early to mid-70's, he was quite popular. The chorus of his hit song, *Try A Little Kindness*, goes like this: "You got to try a little kindness. Yes show a little kindness. Just shine your light for everyone to see. And if you try a little kindness, then you'll overlook the blindness of the narrow-minded people on the narrow-minded streets." I wonder if the song writers had II Peter 1:3-9 in mind when they wrote the lyrics to that song. (Read that passage and see what you think.) Cathy and I recently went to the theater to see *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*, the movie about Mr. Rogers. I didn't watch *Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood* growing up but wanted to see the movie because I wanted to see just how Fred Rogers was portrayed. Everything I had ever heard or read about him was that he was a very kind, gentle, and caring person. After doing some additional research, two quotes by Mr. Rogers caught my attention: "There are three ways to ultimate success. The first way is to be kind. The second way is to be kind. The third way is to be kind." and "Imagine what our real neighborhoods would be like if each of us offered as a matter of course just one kind word to another person."

Even as I am sitting here having typed that last quote, a tear came to my eye. Such a simple thought of offering one word of kindness to someone, yet how challenging that can be. How much more attractive and appealing is kindness compared to criticism? How much more pleasant and positive will our homes, our workplaces, our neighborhoods, and yes, even our churches be if we all embrace kindness rather than cruelty? How much more effective will we be as Christians if kindness is our "calling card" rather than complaining? Finally, in 2020, how much brighter will our light shine for everyone to see and for God to be glorified when we choose kindness?

"At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life." (Titus 3:3-7, NIV)

**ATTENTION BROTHERS:** If you are listed to serve (i.e. prayer, preside, communion, scripture, usher, etc.), please meet in the Youth Office (across from the men's restroom) at 10:20 am

**Those to Serve –January 5, 2020**

**Children's Church: Grace Sharp, Julia Garcia**  
Communion Trays: Jean Foster, Judi Rogers, Mary Spohnholz  
Audio/Video: Mark Murray  
Security: Joe Nicosia  
Nursery: Delores Warkins, Sandi Riffle  
Greeters: N. Vikki Hacher S. Holly Bertram  
Mailbox: Brenda Mohler, Colleen Crown  
Computer: Brenda Mohler  
Worship Director: Sid Long  
Prayer: Scott Seigrist, Ernie Stubblefield  
Scripture: Jeremy Schulz  
Ushers: Scott Weir, Marcus Price  
Preside: Stan Gregory

1A Peter Gaddis	2A John Castree
1B Larry Jones	2B Greg Peck
3A Ron King	4A Jaye Lavern
3B Jordan Siracusa	4B Doug Soter

Shut-Ins: Maupins  
Kingdom Kids: Jeff & Kathy Hagerman

**Those to Serve –January 12, 2020**

**Children's Church: LeAnne Douglas, Sandi Riffle**  
Communion Trays: Jean Foster, Judi Rogers, Mary Spohnholz  
Audio/Video: Ken Maupin  
Security: LIFE Groups  
Nursery: Julia Garcia, Deanna King  
Greeters: N. Brenda Mohler S. Weirs  
Mailbox: Brenda Mohler, Colleen Crown  
Computer: Pam Reese  
Worship Director: Jordan Siracusa  
Prayer: Chris Youssi, Scott Weir  
Scripture: Steve Adkins  
Ushers: Jeremy Schulz, Doug Soter  
Preside: Marcus Price

1A John Parker	2A Ron Willis
1B Simon-Peter Broughton	2B Joey Nicosia
3A Ken Lynch	4A Justin Reese
3B Scott Seigrist	4B Tim Firm

Shut-Ins: Adkins  
Kingdom Kids: Bret & Jerrica Hagerman

**Those to Serve –January 19, 2020**

**Children's Church: Pam Reese, Asha Price**  
Communion Trays: Jean Foster, Judi Rogers, Mary Spohnholz  
Audio/Video: Jordan Siracusa  
Security: Ken Maupin  
Nursery: Pat Seifert, Holly Bertram  
Greeters: N. Pat Williams S. Liz Willis  
Mailbox: Brenda Mohler, Colleen Crown  
Computer: Sara Maupin  
Worship Director: Ed Long  
Prayer: Ken Maupin, Marcus Price  
Scripture: Simon-Peter Broughton  
Ushers: Stan Gregory, Joey Nicosia  
Preside: Chris Youssi

1A Ernie Stubblefield	2A Bret Hagerman
1B Joe Nicosia	2B Jose Cervantes
3A Jeremy Schulz	4A Adam Zomok
3B Wayne Morris	4B Tyler Zomok

Shut-Ins: Kings  
Kingdom Kids: Elizabeth Soter, Naomi Gibson

**Those to Serve –January 26, 2020**

**Children's Church: Sandy Youssi, Sara Maupin**  
Communion Trays: Jean Foster, Judi Rogers, Mary Spohnholz  
Audio/Video: Justin Reese  
Security: LIFE Groups  
Nursery: Grace Sharp, Pam Reese  
Greeters: N. Judi Rogers S. Gibsons  
Mailbox: Brenda Mohler, Colleen Crown  
Computer: Mary Riley  
Worship Director: Ken Maupin  
Prayer: Ken Lynch, Stan Gregory  
Scripture: Wayne Morris  
Ushers: Mark Murray, John Parker  
Preside: Jose Cervantes

1A Steve Adkins	2A Chris Youssi
1B Jordan Siracusa	2B Marcus Price
3A Jeff Hagerman	4A Ed Long
3B Jerry Gibson	4B Scott Weir

Shut-Ins: Lynch  
Kingdom Kids: Cathy Firm, Asha Price

## The Disciples

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PRAYER  
FOLLOW  
NETS  
PETER  
TEACH  
JAMES  
FISHERMEN  
MATTHIAS

PHILIP  
BOAT  
DISCIPLES  
SIMON  
GALILEE  
JOHN  
BARTHOLOMEW

THOMAS  
JOHN  
ANDREW  
PREACHING  
MATTHEW  
JUDAS  
THADEUS

# Pantry Sub List

Justin Reese	815-299-0762	Jaye Lavern	815-608-4465
Elizabeth Soter	815-721-0405	Jeremy Schulz	630-418-0371
Cameron Maupin	815-978-3362	Ken Maupin	815-262-1487
Mary Riley	815-988-7440	Sara Maupin	815-262-0303
Tammy Weir	815-751-0866	Naomi Gibson	815-742-2291
Katie Schulz	630-418-0372	Cathy Firm	815-298-6341
Maxine Byrne	815-494-2512	Liz Willis	815-494-0595
Joan Schmidt	815-708-3993	Brenda Mohler	815-505-7205
Pat Seifert	815-871-7236	Tim Firm	815-914-1782



# Prayer List

- **Anneka Broughton**
- **Jason Willis**
- **Ken Maupin**
- **Lea Schorer** – no visitors at this time please
- **Jan Morris**
- **Pat McRill**
- **Dar Hinrichs**
- **Frances Hughes**
- **Larry Borrison**
- **Evie Garon**
- **Becky Zomok**
- **John Parker**
- **Brenda Hill**—friend of the Cervantes family who was diagnosed with cancer
- **Kevin Eley** – Bolen’s neighbor who is battling cancer
- Sonya Puentes** – friend of the Cervantes family; has cancer
- Andrew-James Broughton**—suffering complications from cancer treatments
- Bolen’s nephew Tim** – dealing with chronic knee issues and scoliosis
- Donny Hoffman**- Chuck Mausehund’s nephew who has cancer and is going through chemo treatments
- Pete Denby** – friend of the Lyman’s who is awaiting a liver transplant
- Sabrina Freter** – a friend of Katie Schulz who was diagnosed with acute myelogenous Leukemia
- Lisa Broege** – friend of Dar Hinrichs, diagnosed with MS
- Clara** – friend of the Kemps who is undergoing tests for a mass found in her abdomen
- Kate Marschang** – daughter of a friend of Jackie Garcia who is being treated for ovarian cancer
- Dennis Ritlinger**– Danielle Kemp’s Uncle who is being treated for prostate cancer
- Brandi Ostergard** – friend of Wendy Williams who has cancer
- Steve Burdge** – Sally Battha’s nephew; liver transplant
- Dave Bogenschutz** – friend of Dustin Arreguin who is dealing with a rare form of cancer
- Mary Enfield** – had surgery on her fractured vertebrae and is now at home recovering
- Charlene Govert** – friend of Gayle Bolen who was recently diagnosed with cancer
- Frank Lott** – is now under hospice care
- Earline Nipps** – is being monitored by her doctor to figure out why she has dizzy spells, passes out sometimes, and has yo-yo-ing blood pressure
- Lonny Fortin** – Lonny has been having some back pain
- Chris Isom** – in room 125 at Van Matre, recovering from stroke
- Dan Matthews** –Sandy Youssi and Kathy Hagerman’s brother, dealing with a severe infection

## FYI...

Over the next few weeks, Ashley will be working on changing the church’s email address. She will continue checking the old email address for a short period of time, to make sure that nothing gets missed but please start sending any email that is church related to [NorthParkCofC@gmail.com](mailto:NorthParkCofC@gmail.com). You will continue to receive emails from the old address for the next couple weeks while Ashley is working on converting everything but you will start seeing emails from the new address once she is back in the office. If you have any questions, just ask!!

# JANUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> No Bible Study Rick Comstock's bday	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Pantry 10:00am
						
<b>5</b> 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship Julie Cavallar's bday	<b>6</b> ROMEO Club	<b>7</b> Jason Willie's bday	<b>8</b> 7 pm Bible Study HHP Food Delivery	<b>9</b> 1-3 pm Pantry	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> NPYC Pot-oke Breakfast 9 - 11 am RCC Board Meeting
<b>12</b> 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship LIFE Groups Wayne Duckman's bday	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Blanket Ministry Work Day	<b>15</b> 7 pm Bible Study	<b>16</b> Joan Schmidt's bday	<b>17</b> Ryan Gregory & Wayne Morris's bday	<b>18</b> Pantry 10:00am LeAnn Douglas & Alma Smith's bday
<b>19</b> 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 7 pm Bible Study HHP Food Delivery	<b>23</b> 1-3 pm Pantry	<b>24</b> Jodi Long's bday	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship LIFE Groups	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Britiany Garcia's bday	<b>29</b> 7 pm Bible Study	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Mary Riley & Deanna King's bday	

# NEWS & EVENTS

--Please remember that if you have donations for Essentials you can drop off on the first Thursday of every month from 5—6 pm.

--We will be having a potluck today after worship, to have some last time of food and fellowship before the Kemps leave for Texas

--NPYG is selling tickets for a Pancake Breakfast on January 11th to help raise money for their trip to Winterfest. Tickets are \$5 a piece.

--Joan Letsinger has put some pamphlets with a schedule to read the Bible in a year in the rack by the nursery, everyone is welcome to take one!

--Because of the way the Christmas and New Year holiday falls in the calendar this year, Ashley will not be in the office much from December 23rd - through January 5th. If you need something church related during that time please call/text Ashley

--Area wide singing at North Park today at 2:00 pm

--Ashley is working on a project and would LOVE any old pictures you have with people from North Park in them. They could be pictures of events at North Park, at RCC, or just a group of friends fellowshiping with each other. If you have them in digital form, you can send them to [npcc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:npcc@sbcglobal.net) but if you only have hard copies, you can bring them to church and she will scan them and get them back to you asap. Trying to get a good sampling from every decade so any help is greatly appreciated!!!

--We will not be having Wednesday night Bible study on New Year's Day

--Vickie Williams has a new address: 5138 Morning Glory Lane Loves Park, IL 61111 her phone number is 252-646-4709

## December 29th, 2019

There Is Sunshine In My Soul

Welcome

Encamped Along the Hills of Light

Prayer

Walking Alone at Eve

Nothing but the Blood

Lord's Supper

Giving

The Greatest Command

(dismiss for Children's Church)

Matthew 22:34-40

Sermon: *Won't You Be My Neighbor*

How Sweet, How Heavenly

Family Time

Prayer

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The North Park Church of Christ is committed to sharing Jesus with our community and the world; while encouraging the spiritual development of our youth, strengthening the bond of our families, and serving the needs of our senior adults to build a church known by its love and message that flows from the very heart of God.

*Where Friends Learn to Live and Love Like Jesus*

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