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**Christian Education  
9:00 a.m. on Sundays**

**We are always looking for Sunday School Educators and Volunteers for upcoming events. Please see page 4 and you will find a volunteer sign up sheet that you can fill out and drop in the offering basket on Sunday or mail to the church office!**



**Check Out the Following Events  
in the Community:**

**Spring Fling**

*(Bazaar featuring Home & Yard Decor)*  
**Friday, April 4, 5-7 p.m.**  
**Saturday, April 5, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.**  
**First Presbyterian Church, Milan**

**St. Joseph Day Celebration**

*(Dinner and Auction)*  
**Sunday, April 20, 4:00 p.m.**  
**Farrell Hall, St. Pius X Church, Rock Island**  
*(Reservations needed by Tuesday, April 15)*  
*(Reservation forms available in South Park church office or you may call Sr. Germaine Cupp, 283-2214, if you have questions)*

**Church Office: 786-6466 Fax: 786-6470 Pastor Virginia's Cell No: (309) 716-9515**  
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**Church Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:00-4:30 p.m.**

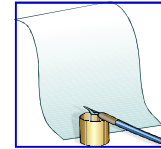
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**SOUTH PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**TOUCHPOINTS**

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**From the  
Pastor's Pen**

***"Without vision, the people will perish"***

Proverbs 29:18

Progress continues on implementing our new Vision for the church. Folks are capturing the excitement and possibilities emerging as we hold fast to all that has served the church well in the past and move forward to new adventures.

Speaking in mathematical terms we are adding and multiplying – not subtracting and dividing!

We will be holding some seminars in the coming weeks to discuss your questions and ideas. The first of these events will be Wednesday, April 2 at 1:00 p.m. Some of the elders will be here as well as me to present the progress made to date and to solicit your views for the future.

In case you were not at the Annual Meeting of the church allow me to review some of the theoretical base for what we want to accomplish. **First of all we will maintain and enhance what we offer to young families and children in the church.**

**Secondly we will add a new emphasis on ministry to older adults.** We have many people in this congregation who have accumulated the wisdom that grows out of years of experience. They are spiritually mature and intellectually keen. They have honed their God-given gifts and talents to a sharp edge. They have refined their values. They know what is important to pass on to succeeding generations.

It is because of the work and dedication of this older generation that we enjoy the presence of South Park church here in Rock Island. Now it is time to fine tune our ministry for and with these folks. We will focus on what they have to offer the kingdom of God and at the same time provide a rich and varied ministry that will enrich their own lives.

We are in a position to expand and enhance our ministry. Let's enjoy this special time together.

*Rev. Virginia Murray*

## Touchpoints Publication Schedule

Next Touchpoints will be mailed on **Thursday, April 24**. The deadline for articles to be submitted is **Sun., April 20**.

### Church Services Schedule

(see enclosed April calendar for all events)

**Church Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8:00-4:30**

**Wednesday, April 2**

11:00 am Mid-week Worship Service

**Sunday, April 6**

Parish Nurse  
9:00 Church School  
10:00 Worship Service

**Communion**

Sanctuary

**Wednesday, April 9**

11:00 am Mid-week Worship Service

**Sunday, April 13**

9:00 Church School  
10:00 Worship Service  
5-6:30 Middle School Youth  
7-8:30 High School Youth

Sanctuary

**Wednesday, April 16**

11:00 Mid-week Worship Service

**Sunday, April 20**

Churches United Food Pantry  
Parish Nurse  
9:00 Church School  
10:00 Worship Service  
3-5 South Park Spring Fling for Children  
Touchpoints articles due

Sanctuary

**Wednesday, April 23**

11:00 Mid-week Worship Service

**Sunday, April 27**

Recycling  
9:00 Church School  
10:00 Worship Service  
5-6:30 Middle School Youth  
7-8:30 High School Youth

Sanctuary

**Wednesday, April 30**

11:00 Mid-week Worship Service

## Points of Interest

**Circle of Virtue** - We will meet on **Tues., April 1**, at 9:30 a.m. in the Dining Room. *Maxine Patterson*

**Book Club** - We will meet on **Sat., April 12**, at 9:30 a.m. in the South Park Church Library. Everyone is welcome. We will read and discuss the book, Circle of Grace by Penelope Stokes. Call Dorothy Meyer, 793-1323, if you have any questions.

**Covenant to Care** - We will be meeting on **Thurs., April 3, 7:00 p.m.**, at **Jesse & Lee Evans' home**. Please read Chapters 2 and 3 of the book, "Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference?" by Philip Yancey. We will then meet at **Margaret Grossman's** on **Tues., April 15, 7:30 p.m.** Please read Chapters 4 and 5. If you have any questions please contact Brenda Thompson.

**V.I.P.** - VIP will meet on **Tues., April 22**, at noon for our monthly potluck in the Dining Room. Everyone is invited to gather for good fellowship and learning. Our program will be presented by **Angel Hong**, speaking to us about chiropractic care.

The host committee will be led by Jean Wilson. Barbara Weber will give devotions, LaNeva Birkel will be our MC. Please bring a dish to share, your own table service with a cup and/or a glass. Beverages are provided.

Anyone that is unable to attend the potluck is welcome to come for the program at 12:45/1:00. Come, bring a friend and have fun while learning. For more information call 787-3830. *VIP/D. & B. Berg*

## Church Events Calendar

**Week of April 1 - 5**

**Tues., April 1**  
9:00 T.O.P.S. (every Tues.)  
9:30 Circle of Virtue in Dining Room  
6:30 Handbells (every Tues.)  
6:30 Fellowship  
7:00 Membership Development

**Wed., April 2**  
1:00 Church Vision Seminar  
7:00 Choir Rehearsal (every Wed)

**Thurs., April 3**  
9:30 PW Mission  
7:00 Covenant to Care

**Week of April 6 - 12**

**Mon., April 7**  
1:00 Circle of Faith  
3:00 Personnel  
3:15 Tutoring (every Mon.)  
7:00 C.E.

**Tues., April 8**  
1:00 Finance  
3:30 Stewardship  
7:00 Circle of Love

**Wed., April 9**  
6:30 Church in Society

**Thurs., April 10**  
10:00 PP&E  
6:00 Men's Brotherhood

**Sat., April 12**  
9:30 Book Club

**Week of April 13 - 19**

**Mon., April 14**  
4:00 WEM  
7:00 Worship/Music

**Tues., April 15**  
7:30 Covenant to Care

**Wed., April 16**  
5:00 Meal Site

**Week of April 20 - 26**

**Mon., April 21**  
1:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry

**Tues., April 22**  
12:00 VIP

**Thurs., April 24**  
7:00 Deacons

**Week of April 27 - May 3**

**Mon., April 28**  
1:30 PW Coordinating Team  
6:30 Session

**Thurs., May 1**  
12:30 PW Gathering at South Park Church



**Sunday Attendance:**

	Mar 2	Mar 9	Mar 16	Mar 23
10:00 Service	124	125	152	185

**Income:**

Mar 2	\$7,077.77
Mar 9	\$5,128.00
Mar 16	\$5,797.00
Mar 23	\$4,561.23
Mar Food Pantry	\$85.00
<b>One Great Hour of Sharing</b>	<b>\$1,011</b>



**Address Changes:**

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Kenn Logan 2754 1/2 12th St A Rock Island, IL 61201	Miranda Wells 4604 30th Ave Ct. Rock Island, IL 61201
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Helen Phillips  
16914 70th St  
Reynolds, IL 61279

**Deaths:** Keith Weeber, Beverly Linn

**Meal Site** - Thank you to those who provided food and helped serve at the Meal Site on Wednesday, March 19. There will be a sign up sheet in the Parlor in March if you would like to help provide food for the April 16 Meal Site.

**Subconjunctival Hemorrhage**

Subconjunctival hemorrhage is a sudden appearance of blood in the white area of the eye. The bleeding may be frightening, but it is not painful or serious. The bleeding is under the conjunctiva, the transparent membrane that covers the white of the eye.

by Joanne Stice

**Signs and symptoms:**

A small, painless collection of bright red blood over the white of the eye.

Swelling may occur in the affected area of the conjunctiva. The blood color changes gradually to brown or green before disappearing.

The condition doesn't interfere with vision.

**Causes:**

Usually spontaneous bleeding with no known cause. It may follow coughing, sneezing, vomiting or direct injury to the eye. The blood vessels of the conjunctiva are fragile and frequently leak.

**Risk increases with:**

Use of anticoagulant drugs.  
Use of mind-altering drugs.

**Expected outcome:**

The blood should be absorbed in 2 or 3 weeks. It is unlikely any scarring will occur.

**Treatment:**

No specific measures.  
Compresses don't help or hasten healing.  
Medication is usually not necessary.  
No restrictions in activities.

Joanne Stice, Parish Nurse

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Yet, there is great power in music to relax, to renew and to recreate. Why not use a choir membership as a means for spiritual renewal?

Relax when you sing. Enjoy the experience. Enter into it with all your attention. Then choir membership becomes a pleasure, as well as a duty. We invite members of the congregation to join us and share this beautiful and spiritual experience.

**Let it be known to all the world  
Christ has risen-He has risen indeed!**

Kenn Logan  
Director of Music

**Thank You from Youth Leaders** - After a few months at South Park we have much to be thankful for. We have had the opportunity to meet the youth of South Park and to get to know them. We have enjoyed our time together through bowling, inner-tubing, and studying God's Word.

With the onset of spring we also have much to look forward to. We have a number of future events planned, including a service event with the Rock Island Family Christian Care Center. More than anything, we are excited to have the opportunity to continue to learn and grow with the youth group through fellowship and study. We would like to thank the congregation for all of its support and look forward to a blessed spring season.

In God's Peace,  
Adam Langdon and Brittany Delcourt,  
South Park Church Youth Leaders



**Presbyterian Women - Mission Work Day, 9:30 a.m. April 3, South Park Church.** We will continue to work on mission projects. Come join us!

**Church Women United - Annual Meeting, April 4, Broadway Presbyterian Church.** Registration 9:00-9:30 a.m. Lunch to follow meeting.

**Presbyterian Women Presbytery of Great Rivers Spring Gatherings**  
2 locations, 2 speakers, 1 theme  
**"God Will Make All Things New"**

Our speakers are coming from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) and have news and information for all Presbyterians - **all are invited to attend.**

**Rev. Dr. Alice Petersen** will be at Galesburg First Presbyterian Church on Friday, April 11.

**Kathy Montgomery** will be at Green-Valley First Presbyterian Church on Saturday, April 19.

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. at both locations. Lunch will be served - cost is \$6 - reservations are necessary. For further information call or see Harriet Plutz.

**Men's Brotherhood** - We have a great program for you on **Thursday, April 10, at 6:00 p.m.** **Mr. David Foy and Ken Schroeder** are going to talk about fishing and their experiences on the Mississippi. They really sound interesting. The cost is still only \$6.00 - what a bargain. Bring a friend - see you then!  
Gary Hendren and Bob Coatney



**Presbyterian Women Gathering** - On May 1, 12:30 p.m., at South Park Church, Associate Professor of Nursing at Black Hawk College, **Becki Maxson**, will present "Health and Wellness for a Long and Happy Life". Tips to not only live longer, but live **WELL!**

**Ladies Afternoon Out** - Let's gather at 12:30 pm on Saturday, May 17, in the Ed. Center for the movie "**Mrs. Palfrey at the Claremont**". Please bring a snack to share. Coffee and tea provided. All ladies and their guests are invited.

Fellowship Committee, Maxine & LaNeve

**Worship service every  
Sunday at 10:00 a.m.**  
**Church School classes  
at 9:00 a.m.**

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

*Spring* will soon arrive which means flowers blossoming and new life beginning all around us. This time of year always brings fresh ideas and excitement to many. The Christian Education Department has begun discussing spring and summer events. See below for highlights:

Sunday April 20th, 3-5 p.m., we will be hosting a Spring Fling for the children of South Park and our neighboring community, offering a variety of spring activities and games.

Vacation Bible School, week of June 16-20, from 6-8 p.m., at South Park Church. I have reached out to our neighboring churches by inviting them to join us for this event.

Our Youth Program has been moving ahead, with an ice cream social, a trip to Snow Star, and a game night planned at the end of the month.

Communicant Classes have been underway by the direction of Bill Leatherman; we are looking for mentors for the 5 youth that are participating this year.

The new spring curriculum has arrived and we look forward to what new lessons are ahead. We are always looking for Sunday School Educators and Volunteers for upcoming events. Below you will find a volunteer sign up sheet, please fill it out and drop it in the offering basket on Sunday or mail to South Park Church!

Graduation Recognition will be on Sunday, May 18. High School and College graduates will be recognized for their accomplishments during service with a reception to follow in the church Parlor. We are asking graduates and/or parents to complete the Graduation Bio (enclosed blue sheet) to share your accomplishments and future plans. Please send completed form along with a wallet size photo of graduate to South Park Church. Even if you are not able to attend this special recognition, we would like to publish your accomplishments in Touchpoints. If any questions, please contact me or a member of the C.E. Committee.

With great appreciation, *Lisa Raya, C.E. Director*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL EDUCATORS & VOLUNTEERS

*Volunteering just 1 hour, 1 Sunday a month will greatly support Christian Education*

Circle the date(s) you would be able to assist:

April 13   April 20   April 27   May 1   May 8   May 15   May 22   May 29

Can you volunteer for Jr. Church?      Dates Available: \_\_\_\_\_

Can you volunteer for VBS (6/16-6/20, 6-8 p.m.)? \_\_\_\_\_

Drop sheet in offering plate on Sunday or mail to South Park Church, 1501 30th St., Rock Island, IL 61201, Attention: Lisa Raya, C.E. Director, or contact Lisa at

563-324-3239 ext.1221 or e-mail: [lraya@iowatrains.org](mailto:lraya@iowatrains.org)



## Dedicated

The spirit and the love of Christ were evident during this Easter season at South Park Church as it is everyday.

Our Lenten services were very inspiring and uplifting in preparing us with the excitement of the coming resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. There were a lot of distractions during this time of self-examination and dedication. We had a change in time, cold winter weather and St. Patrick's Day celebrations, yet we were able to focus on the true meaning of our Christian lives. Thank you to Pastor Virginia, to the many committees of the church family, choir members, members of the bell choir and our youth for sharing all their talents to help in the celebration. I think that the word, **dedicated**, would describe our congregation members.

The choir is an example of dedication. Choir duties may seem rather confining at times. We have heard that the bus man often takes a bus ride for his holiday, and that the professional golfer plays golf for relaxation. We also know of professional musicians who chase away the cares of the day at the piano or organ and even by singing a song. Often it is impossible to take that weekend trip; the invitation for Wednesday night that we must refuse with regret; or it might be impossible to join the club that meets on the same night as choir rehearsal.

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**To My Church Family and Friends** - Thank you for your prayers, concerns, visits, and cards while I was in the hospital and since I have been home. Thanks, too, to Virginia and Joanne for your visits. I have been enjoying my Prayer Shawl and want to thank the ladies who are doing this and Harriet Plutz for bringing it to me with a prayer.  
*Kay Pierceson*

**With Appreciation** - Thank you for your recent donation of diapers for our program. It is amazing to see the girls on our doorstep that are not able to keep their babies dry. You have helped with this cause. Thank you, *Church of Peace*

**Fill the Box** - We have only one Sunday to bring toilet paper and bath soap for the Church of Peace Emergency Assistance Program. **Don't forget, March 30, everybody bring something.**

*Church in Society*

