

Park Forest Village
United Methodist Church
July 2021 Mosaic



Greetings, brothers and sisters at Park Forest Village UMC,

My name is Gregg Kohlhepp, and I am thrilled by the opportunity to join you in bringing the glory of God and the ministries of Jesus Christ to the world around us. My wife, Nicole, our six-year-old daughter, Alayna, and our one-year-old, Alex, join me in expressing our excitement with this new journey in our lives.



As I write this, I am struck by the energy that comes with new beginnings. I have always embraced newness. For four years, growing up in Pittsburgh, I managed two morning paper routes. I didn't like getting out of bed before 5:15am, but I enjoyed riding my bike around the stillness of our sleepy neighborhood. I loved watching the sun rise over the leafy trees at the end of Fox Drive as I finished up my route for the day. I even valued the quiet tranquility of a morning flurry as the skies lightened to reveal the gray clouds of winter.

For me, the calling to pastoral ministry brings that same excitement of those daily new beginnings. **"Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert" (Isaiah 43:19).**

But this type of excitement is different - since change typically arrives with anxiety and fears of the unknown. As a child, I spent several summers moving from one parsonage to another in western Pennsylvania. I feared what I did not know. In those moments, June was filled with the dread of packing boxes and saying goodbye to teammates and friends. Then, July was consumed with the uncertainty of settling into a new house and searching for new friends.

For me, the prospect of change that I once feared now deepens my commitment to those we serve. **"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9).**

So now as I stand with you, I realize that all the pieces of my life – my times with church and camping ministries, my work as a teacher and coach, and my bonds with family - have been leading to this moment. As you get to know my heart and my family, I fully believe that together, we will be able to do the work of God's kingdom, step by step and day by day.

For me, **"I will walk by faith/ even when I cannot see. Well, because this broken road/ prepares your will for me" (lyrics by Jeremy Camp).**

I look forward to walking this journey alongside each and every one of you!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Gregg



We will be continuing in person worship on Sundays for July. Similar to June, masks are not required for those who are fully vaccinated. However, it is still encouraged as there may be at-risk or people who are not fully vaccinated attending services. Conditions are being consistently evaluated and policy will be updated as needed. As usual service will be held at 9:15 am.



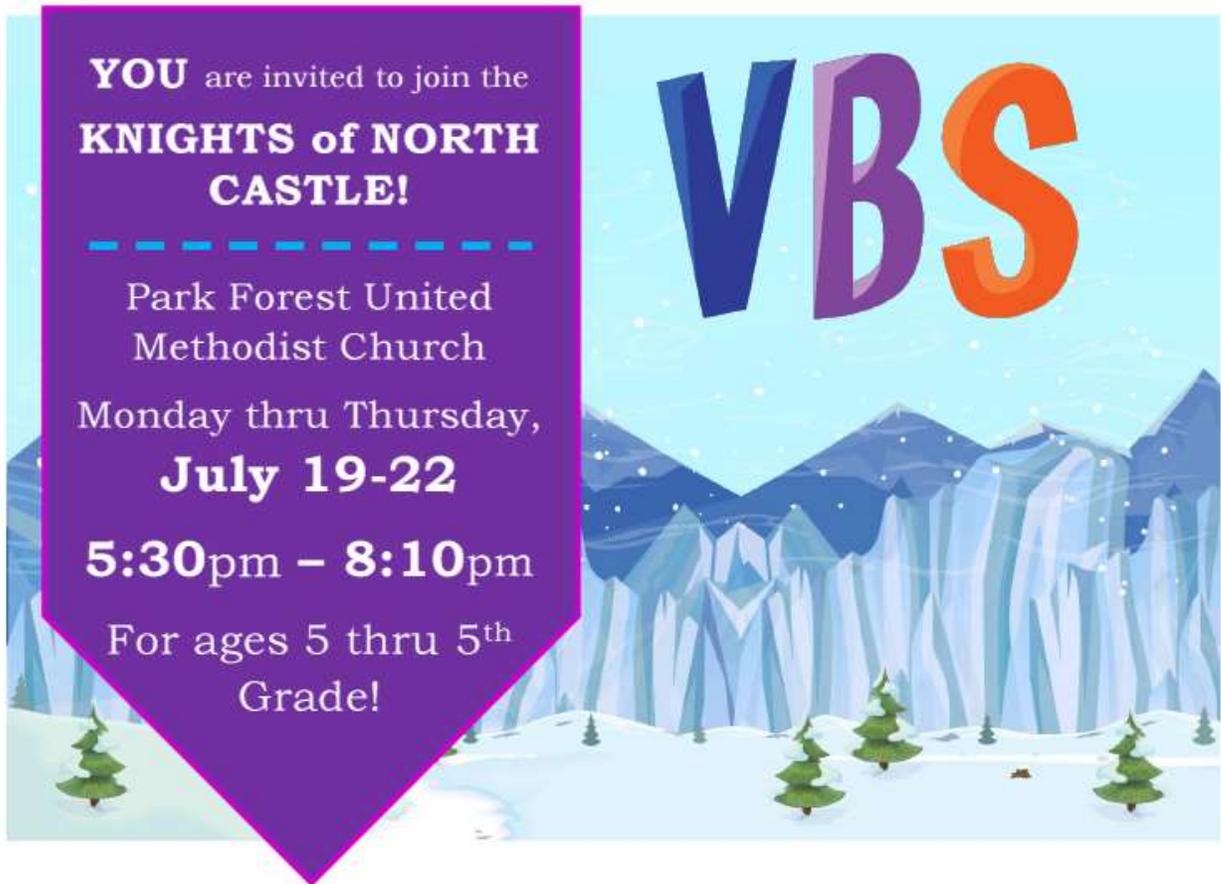
COFFEE AND MUFFINS!

Join us next Sunday after the worship service for coffee and muffins and perhaps a slice of watermelon as we greet Pastor Gregg and his family. We will gather outside the front doors. See you there!

If you or someone you know would like a paper copy of the Mosaic mailed to them please let us know! In addition if there is an event or occasion you would like listed let us know by email or in person by the 20th of the month prior to the event.



The PFVUMC annual yard sale will be held on July 17th at the church. If you are available and willing to lend a hand that day please let us know! For more information contact Kathy Seymour at 814-235-5567/krseymour@me.com or Deb Harris at 609-790-3334.dffbif@comcast.net. To reserve a table to sell your own items, contact Pam Arbogast at 814-238-2230 or Pam's cell at 814-880-3452.



Armor Up with Truth, Justice, Peace, and Faith!

It will be a fun time held mostly outside. There will be canopies to protect from the sun or rain. Kids will be in Pods of 5-6 with a vaccinated teen or leaders.

Register through the website www.pfvumc.org/vbs

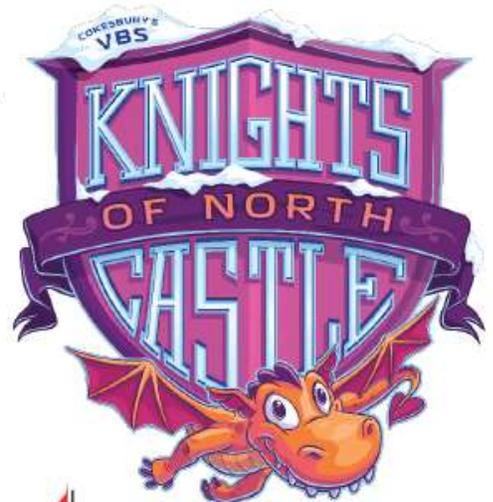
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Sunday 4th Worship 9:15 am – Pastor Tom Yackley

Sunday 11th Worship 9:15 am – “Setting Our Hope” with Pastor Gregg Kohl hemp

Monday 12th SPRC meeting, 6:30 pm (in person in the Prism)

Monday 12th Church Council meeting, 7:30 pm (in person in the Prism)

Saturday 17th Yard Sale

Sunday 18th Worship 09:15 am – “He Is Our Peace”

Monday 19th thru Thursday 22nd VBS, 5:30-8:10 pm

Wednesday 21st Church Trustees Meeting, 7 pm

Sunday 25th Worship 9:15 am – Rooted and Grounded in Love

MEET THE AUTHORS:

Nathan was born in Virginia but has lived in PA for the last 14 years. In 2019 he graduated from Penn State with Bachelors of Science in Agribusiness Management with minor in Supply Chain and Information Systems. In his free time he like to read and alpine ski.



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We would like to extend our thanks to the monthly readers. If you have any comments or suggestions for the monthly Mosaic please let us know!