

BELIEVE...BELONG...SERVE...

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Jesus came into Galilee announcing God's good news, saying, "Now is the time! Here comes God's kingdom! Change your hearts and lives, and trust this good news!"

Mark 1:14-15

The Newsletter of Parkwood United Methodist Church



April, 2013

How is it with your soul?

That's a question I hope we see asked more and more within our church. It's a simple, easy to remember phrase, but when the reply is serious and thought filled; the results could lead to a dramatic growth in someone's faith formation. How is it with your soul? Have prayers become difficult? Have you been estranged from your daily devotion and scripture readings? Has the week been filled with an inexplicable joy that has motivated you? Has God felt a little more distant than usual? All of these questions and more can be represented in the one. So I ask you: How is it with your soul?

This question, in particular, was used quite frequently in the small groups of the early Methodist movement. Faith formation and holiness was and is an important concept within the church. So when these groups met for prayer, scripture, and encouragement, this question was pertinent in discovering how people were or were not growing in their faith from day to day, week to week. For the response to be fruitful, trust had to be abundant between those that met. If there is no trust or, worse, fear that one may gossip the pouring out of the hearts that takes place, the response may be guarded and unfruitful.

I share this question because I feel we need to move towards taking this question and the idea of our small groups seriously. Currently, we are looking to build up our Sunday school small groups and place more focus on our need for formation through our encounter with God's word. Later on in our journey together, I want us to take a look at new small groups that can be formed to focus on other aspects of our formation. And as these groups take shape and as they meet regularly to discover what

needs to happen for small groups to thrive, they will learn to ask the rest of the congregation: How is it with your soul? My prayer for us is to emerge from this Lenten season with a newfound courage to answer this question in truth so that we can begin the journey towards seeing fruit in all of our small groups as we grow closer to God and our neighbors.

SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

The Seekers Class

The Seekers class will begin a study featuring “The Way” by Adam Hamilton. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall with the other Sunday School classes for the six weeks that it takes to do this study

Please bring your Bibles to class. Sunday school starts at 9:30 am. Feel free to join us at any time.

the Jacob Class

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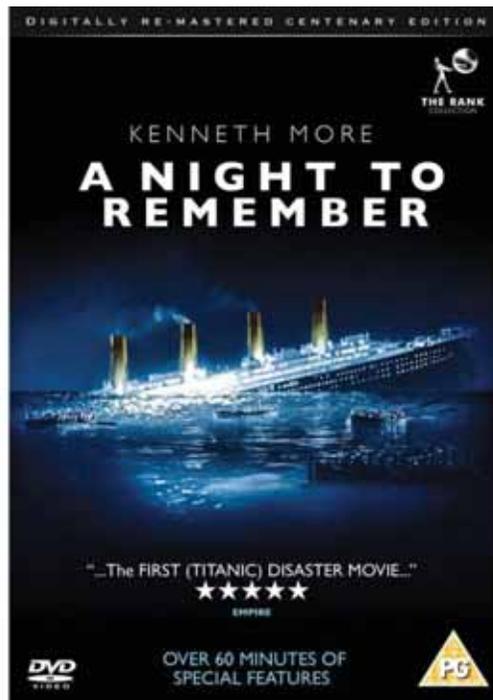
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Knit – Purl – Pray



Parkwood United Methodist Church
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
2nd. and 4th. Saturday

The Friday Nite Movie Presents:



April 5th, 2013 @ 7:30 pm

Previews of Coming Attractions*

May 3	Bonhoffer, Agent of Grace	2000	Ulrich Tukur, Johanna Klante
June 7	Billy: The Early Years	2008	Armie Hammer, Stefanie Butler
July 5	True Grit	1969	John Wayne, Kim Darby
Aug. 2	To Sir With Love	1967	Sidney Poitier, Judy Green
Sept. 6	The Preachers Wife	1996	Denzel Washington, Whitney Houston
Oct. 4	Damn Yankees	1958	Tab Hunter, Gwen Verden
Nov. 1	Captains Courageous	1937	Spencer Tracy, Freddie Bartholomew
Dec. 6	Polar Express	2004	Tom Hanks, Chris Coppola

*subject to change

What's Your Favorite Movie of all Time????

Let us know and we'll see if we can track it down and show it!

Send favorites to: crabbyron@yahoo.com



A few of the United Methodist Men went on a field trip to see the “Titanic Artifact Exhibition at the Museum of Natural Science in Raleigh in March. They were (top left) Jimmy Layman and Linnie Skidmore and (lower) Ron Byrd.



UM MEN: We will meet for breakfast at 8am on Saturday, April 20th at Beneties on Hwy. 55 at 8:00.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU



Birthdays

Jimmy Layman 4-4
Laura Wittman 4-5
Courtney Clark 4-7
Caroline Mitchell 4-9
Betty Byrd 4-12
Christopher Mitchell 4-13
Susan Oglesby 4-14
Bill Schwarze 4-14
David Thompson 4-17
Cameron Clark 4-18
Nathan Moore 4-20
Haley Schwarze 4-22
Betty Lou Whitaker

Anniversaries

Kyle and Robin Willson 4-27

Send birthdays and anniversaries to crabbyron@yahoo.com



You are cordially invited to join the Chancel Choir at Parkwood United Methodist Church. The choir meets weekly on Wednesday nights from 7:30





May I Say!

By Dr. J. Vernon McGee

In the Shepherd's Hands

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. (John 10:27-29)

I believe in the eternal security of the believer and in the insecurity of the make-believer. If a shepherd called his sheep one morning and out of five hundred sheep in the sheepfold one hundred came out and followed him, then I would conclude that those one hundred were his sheep. And I would also conclude that the other four hundred were not.

Friend, When He gives to them eternal life, that means they don't earn it and they don't work for it. He *gives* it to them. Note that it is *eternal* life. It is forever. If it plays out in a week, or in a year, or until they sin, then it is not eternal life. After all, they are not really His sheep if the life does not last forever. The sheep may be in danger, but the Shepherd will protect them. They may be scattered, but He will gather them up again. May they backslide? Yes. Will they perish? No. The sheep may get into a pigpen, but there has never yet been a sheep in a pigpen that stayed there. Sheep and pigs do not live together. The sheep is always a sheep. No enemy, no man, no created being can pluck them out of the Savior's hand. This is wonderful.

One time a fellow gave me the argument that one can jump out of His hand because we are free moral agents. Listen to the passage. It actually says "no created thing shall pluck them out of my hand." He is the Shepard. He is God. If you think you can jump out, the Father puts His hand right down on you, and you can't do any jumping. Brother, He's got you and you can't get loose.

When I say to you that He gives me eternal life and I shall never perish, you may accuse me of bragging. No, my friend, I am not bragging on myself; I'm bragging about my Shepard. I have a wonderful Shepard. He won't lose any of his sheep.

(From *Edited Messages on John*)



United Methodist Women

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The Parkwood UMW met on Thursday, March 21 in the church sanctuary with fifteen members attending. Charlotte Thompson and Pat Nestler were our hostesses the evening. President Susan Oglesby extended greetings and opened the meeting prayer. A few minutes were spent sharing joys and concerns. The minutes and the treasurer's report from the February were accepted as printed.

Our unit received a Seven Star Certificate from the District UMW for 2012 recognizing that our unit participated in mission giving through each of The Channels of Mission Giving. Those honored or remembered by our unit during 2012 are shown in parentheses:

- Pledge to Mission

- Special Mission Recognition Pin (*Susan Oglesby*)
- Gift to Mission Card
- Gift in Memory Card (*Elizabeth Corbett, BJ Dube, Emily Gillis, Allen Yung*)
- World Thank Offering
- Candle Burning (*Betty Byrd, Susan Oglesby*)
- A Penny and A Prayer

Charlotte shared with us some information from the Prayer Calendar. She began by reading Hebrews 10:19-25. In this passage we are encouraged to move toward love and good deeds and to encourage each other in serving God. From the Prayer Calendar she told us about organizations and individuals that are living out this mission. One of the most touching stories shared was a conversation between a Deaconess from Ohio and a young child. After a discussion of God's creation, the child responded, "That's cool!"

Vice president Pam Skidmore presented a program on prayer. As part of her presentation she led us in a prayer practice session. We closed our eyes and followed her directions:

1. Visualize something that you associate with God's love
2. Get comfortable
3. Breathe
4. Let go of all those to do lists for a while
5. Place a person you are praying for into this picture and pray for them
6. Before ending your prayer session remember to include yourself

After the program was completed, we discussed a few items of old business. We made some progress in planning a workshop for making prayer bead bracelets. Jan Schwarze agreed to lead the workshop and will set a date soon. The bracelets are assembled in such a way that each bead represents an area of prayer. It also has beads that remind us to be silent and listen to God. Watch for dates. Participation is not limited to UMW members. We encourage anyone who is interested to join in!

On April 27 District Mission Studies will be held at Front Street UMC. Participants will choose between "Haiti: Challenges and Hope" and "Poverty." There is more information posted on the UMW bulletin board.

Our April meeting will be held on Saturday, April 20th at 10:00 am the church. We hope that those who may not be able to come on week nights will find that this weekend daytime meeting will fit in their schedules. The speaker will be Susan Rayle, President, Corridor District UMW. We are also offering child care for children eight and under; however, we do need to know by Thursday, April 18 if you plan to come and need childcare. Please contact Pam Skidmore at 919-405-2007 if you would take advantage of the service.

Cub Scout Pack 495



Cub Scout Pack 495 celebrates its 50th anniversary on Sunday afternoon, April 14th from 2-4PM at PUMC. Please come out and enjoy a chili cook-off, hotdogs, games, Scout activities, and much more. If you have any memorabilia (photos, stories, uniforms, etc.) related to Pack 495, please bring them. Contact Cubmaster David Bailey (davidl.bailey@sas.com / 919-656-5089) for more information.



April 15th the Tax man cometh!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Then the whole assembly rose and led him off to Pilate. And they began to accuse him saying, "We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of TAXES to Caesar and claims to be Christ, a king."

Luke 23: 1-2 NIV



Yom Hashoah Holocaust Memorial Service Sunday, April 7, 2013

3:00 p.m.
at Beth El Synagogue
1001 Watts Street
Durham, NC 27701

Internment 1942- 1945: A Personal Story Dr. Susan Cernyak Spatz

Charlotte resident Dr. Susan Cernyak Spatz became a refugee in Prague from

her native Vienna after the Anschluss in 1938. By 1942, she was interned in the Theresienstadt concentration camp, and then in Auschwitz-Birkenau. Liberation came in 1945 after a forced march to the West.





There is now bottled water available for purchase in the refrigerator next to the water fountain in the hallway. Please pay \$1 for the half liter bottles. Proceeds will benefit the Pastor's Discretionary Fund which Nathan uses to help meet the needs of those less fortunate.

Answers to last month's Bible Quiz:

- 1 Abimelech (Judges 9:6)
- 2 Solomon (1 Kings 11:7)
- 3 Saul (1 Samuel 31:4)
- 4 David and Ahab (2 Samuel 12:15-18) and 2 Kings 21:1-29)
- 5 Azariah (also called Uzziah) 2 Kings 15:5
- 6 Athaliah (2 Kings 11:20)
- 7 Zimri and Manasseh (1 Kings 16:15-18 and 2 Kings 21:1)
- 8 David (2 Samuel 18:33c)
- 9 Hoshea (2 Kings 17:1-6)
- 10 Zedekiah (2 Kings 25:7)

Bible Quiz for April It Is Written

- 1 The Bible's first mention of writings calls for the annihilation of what people?
- 2 Name the two craftsmen who engraved items on the Tabernacle service?
- 3 In the sole Gospel account of Jesus actually writing, with what and on what did he write?
- 4 A Phoenician woman, who was queen of Israel, forged letters to obtain something for her husband. What did she want for him?
- 5 Which two prophets ate honey-flavored scrolls?
- 6 Who was told to write "Maher-shalal-hash-baz on a large tablet?
- 7 What kind of record did Jeremiah write and place in a jar?
- 8 Mordecai wrote letters to 127 provinces telling the Jews of the king's permission for them to defend themselves against their enemies. How were these letters delivered?
- 9 Who sent a threatening letter to King Hezekiah?
- 10 Who wished his words to be letters of lead set into carved rock?

Believe.....Belong.....Serve... is usually published on the 30th of the month.
Please have all newsletter information to Ron Byrd at crabbyron@yahoo.com
By the 25th of the month.

2013 Crop Walk Team



It was a great day for a walk! Especially important because Peggy Moore walked the entire 4.8 miles as PuMcY, our not-so-extinct dragon! (See photo below.) That kind of dedication deserves something extra. Please help your PUMC Team to feed the hungry. Please be generous.



PuMcY is the green dragon in this picture; not the "strange one" in the tan hat.

LORD'S DAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SABBATH
	1 9:30 Senior Exercise	2 5:30-6:30 GS R5	3 9:30 Senior Exercise	4 6-8 Cubs Rm 7 7 Cubs Rms 1,3,4,5,6	5 9:30 Senior Exercise 7:30 Movie Night	6 7 RTP Fellowship
7 8:30 Trustees 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 3-5 GS Rms 5,7 5-7 UMYF	8 9:30 Senior Exercise	9 5:30-6:30 GS R5	10 9:30 Senior Exercise	11 6-8 Cubs Rm 7 7 Cubs Rms 1,3,4,5,6	12 9:30 Senior Exercise	13 9-11 Knit, Purl, Pray 7 RTP Fellowship
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TASK	APRIL 7	APRIL 14	APRIL 21	APRIL 28
9:15 Greeters	Marie Porter	Herb & Jan Schwarze	Jimmy & Florine Layman	Margaret Eiland and David Thompson
10:45 Greeters	David Thompson	Lauren & Andrew Key	Ron & Betty Byrd	Betsy Newlin and Priscilla Thompson
Infant Nursery	Dianne Mitchell	Ron Clark	Betty Byrd	Ron Clark
Ushers	Ron & Betty Byrd	David Thompson and Andrew Key	Clint & Natalie Robson	Ron and Susan Clark
Altar Guild	Jan Schwarze	Pat Nestler	Charlotte Thompson	Priscilla Thompson
Communion Set-Up	Pam Skidmore and Betsy Newlin			
Altar Flowers				
Member Care Cards	Pat Nestler	Jan Schwarze	Margaret Eiland	Betty Byrd
Counters	Frank Stephans and Isaiah Lincoln	Isaiah Lincoln and Herb Schwarze	Herb Schwarze and Margaret Eiland	Margaret Eiland & Dianne Mitchell
FT & Lection Reader	Jan Schwarze	Herb Schwarze	Pat Nestler	Margaret Eiland
Fellowship Refreshments	Ann Farmer	Betsy Newlin	Pam Skidmore	Jan Schwarze
Office Help	Margaret Eiland	Ron Byrd	Marietta Abbott	Jan Schwarze
Lead Armor Bearer	Tiffany Jackson	Caroline Mitchell	Hope Roberts	Beth Bradshaw

MINISTRY TEAM FOR APRIL 2013 *If you can't serve on your day, please arrange for a substitute. Thanks