

# ***BELIEVE...BELONG...SERVE...***

*Serving Parkwood for 51 years*



*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



**August, 2013**

## **We're Having a Baby!**

Ok...most of you already knew that, but Laura and I are getting very excited because a new little one is joining the family between the 27<sup>th</sup> of August and the 4<sup>th</sup> of September. That's not very far away and so we're busy making preparations at both of our churches to make sure everything goes smoothly while we're gone. So that you know what's going on, I wanted to take time to tell you what the plan is. The Book of Discipline, or the book that houses the basic rule of The United Methodist Church, allows clergy two months of paternity/maternity leave for healing and for growing together as a new family. Laura will be taking both months away from Epworth, while I'll be taking one full month away. My leave will begin when the baby is born and include four Sundays. Now, don't you worry as those four Sundays are in good hands. Our Lay Speakers (Bob Newlin, Margaret Eiland, Ron Byrd, and Linnie Skidmore) will take a Sunday each to lead and preach. Instead of taking a full second month away, I will be back to preaching after those first four Sundays. However, I will be working from home during those next four weeks so that I can continue to look after the new baby, a recovering mommy, and a big brother learning the ropes. Also, I have been talking to other ministers in

the area that are prepared to help out in that first month if there are any emergencies that come up. Just contact me if something happens and I'll pass on the information.

Now there is one other important bit of information to pass on. When do you get to see the little baby? Laura and I are fine with having visitors after the baby is born; we just ask that you contact us first to find a good time. We'll also ask that any visits aren't too long because baby and mommy will be needing as much time as they can to rest and grow in their new life together. But, please, let us know if you'd like to see the baby. When we last found ourselves on leave, our past congregations were so respectful of our time that we didn't see anyone, but that is not what we want. And don't worry; baby Allen and his big brother Cameron will be visiting Parkwood UMC with mommy on that first Sunday I'm back from leave. We appreciate all the prayers we can get during this time and we are so excited to meet Allen and introduce him to all of you!

## **SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES**

### **The Seekers Class**

The Seekers is finishing up a study of Genesis using the Immersion studies series and will be proceeding to Exodus. Come join us as we study and what these books mean and how they apply to our life today.

### **the Jacob Class**

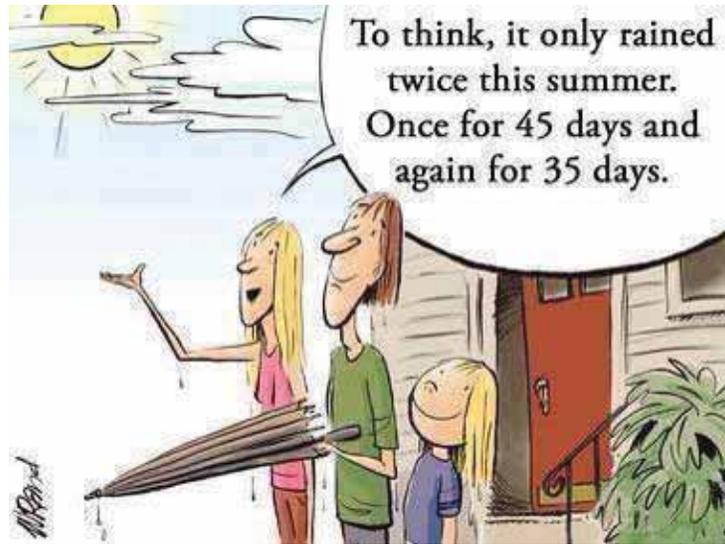
the Jacob class will begin a study of the book of Acts. There is no study book other than your Bible and, if you want one, a commentary of your choice. The class will start promptly at 9:30 am. the Jacob class meets in room 1.

## **Make Every Day Count: Youth Sunday School**

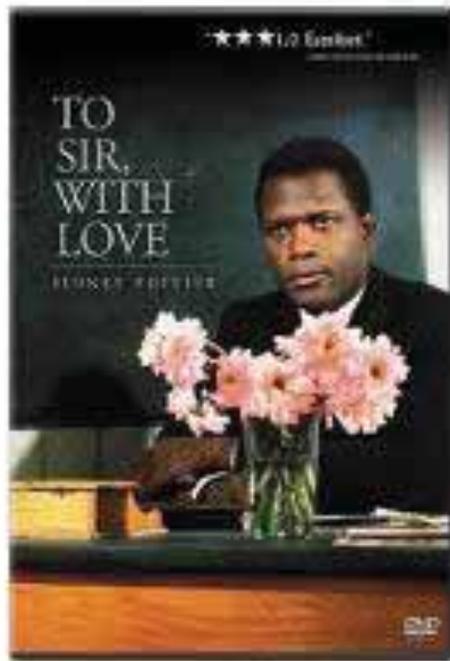
**Attention, Youth. We've started a new study just for you called Make Every Day Count. This study talks about ways that you can make each day count whether it is a peaceful day or a sour day, a grateful day or a stressed out day. This study is written by Max Lucado, a minister from San Antonio, Texas. There is a book that might be available but we will discuss the points he makes and some questions that have been prepared just for young people. The end of each chapter has a Daylifter page that will give you something to think about and take with you as you start your week.**

Many thanks.....

Ron and I want to thank our church family for all the love and support you have shown us during the illness and death of my sister, Bobbie. Your cards, calls and food were greatly appreciated. Bobbie was a remarkable person. She started her own business when she was in her sixties. She imported organic honey from New Zealand. Bobbie's website is [Thewildbee.com](http://Thewildbee.com), and her daughter, Kim, has put a beautiful tribute to Bobbie on the "Our Story" link page; scroll to the bottom of the page and click on "A Tribute to Our Queen Bee". I recently found out that Bobbie is on Utube talking about her honey. If you would like to check her out go to [youtube.com](http://youtube.com) and put the following in the search box: **R9XnXagmk6A**  
Blessings to you all, Betty



## Friday Nite Movies



**Friday, August 2nd. @ 7:30 pm**

### Previews of Coming Attractions

Sept. 6 The Preachers Wife  
 Oct. 4 Dam Yankees  
 Nov. 1 Captains Courageous  
 Dec. 6 Meet Me in St. Louis

\*subject to change

1996  
 1958  
 1937  
 1944

Denzel Washington, Whitney Houston  
 Tab Hunter, Gwen Verden  
 Spencer Tracy, Freddie Bartholomew  
 Judy Garland



**UM MEN: Our next meeting for breakfast will be at 8am on Saturday, August 17th. at Beneties on Hwy. 55 at 8:00.**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU**



**Birthdays**

Roger Jarrell 8-10

Janice Jarrell 8-12

Judy Roseberry 8-16

Jim Roseberry 8-20

Peggy Minor 8-30

**Anniversaries**

Norris & Marie Porter 8-18

Send birthdays and anniversaries to [crabbyron@yahoo.com](mailto:crabbyron@yahoo.com)

## Knit – Purl – Pray



**Parkwood United Methodist Church**

**9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. Saturday**

## *United Methodist Women*

Parkwood UMW took July off!!! Our next meeting will be our annual dinner out meeting on August 22. This year we will go to El Agave on Hwy 55 (former Golden Corral/O'Brien's building). Plan to be there by 6:15 PM. In order to let them know how many will be attending, please sign up on the list on the UMW board or contact Susan ([susanoglesbyo@netscape.net](mailto:susanoglesbyo@netscape.net) or 919-544-9183) or Arlene ([amccloskey3@nc.rr.com](mailto:amccloskey3@nc.rr.com) or 919 544-1526) by August 20. A menu will be posted on the UMW board with the signup sheet.



We're celebrating those lazy days of summer in our own way with our

### THIRD ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Come join us for an afternoon of fun, fellowship and fabulous creations  
(of your own makings)

Sunday, August 11

Time to be decided. Check the board for a sign-up sheet.

*Questions? Call Betty Byrd at 919-544-1380*

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



## The Chancel Choir



"The Chancel Choir will resume weekly rehearsals beginning on Wednesday, August 21, 2013 from 7:30 - 9:00 PM in the sanctuary. ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US! If you have musical gifts you would like to consider sharing on a less frequent basis (one Sunday service only or occasionally during the worship service), please let Desiree Davis-Omburo know, so she can help you arrange to share your talent!"

READ THIS VERY SLOWLY... IT'S PRETTY PROFOUND.



Too many people put off something that brings them joy just because they haven't thought about it, don't have it on their schedule, didn't know it was coming or are too rigid to depart from their routine.

I got to thinking one day about **all those people on the Titanic** who passed up dessert at dinner that fateful night in an effort to cut back. From then on, I've tried to be a little more flexible.

How many women out there will eat at home because their husband didn't suggest going out to dinner until after something had been thawed? Does the word 'refrigeration' mean nothing to you?

How often have your kids dropped in to talk and sat in silence while you watched 'Jeopardy' on television?

I cannot count the times I called my sister and said , 'How about going to lunch in a half hour?' She would gas up and stammer, 'I can't. I have clothes on the line. My hair is dirty. I wish I had known yesterday, I had a late breakfast, It looks like rain' And my personal favorite: 'It's Monday.' She died a few years ago. We never did have lunch together.

Because Americans cram so much into their lives, we tend to schedule our headaches.. We live on a sparse diet of promises we make to ourselves when all the conditions are perfect!

We'll go back and visit the grandparents when we get Steve toilet-trained. We'll entertain when we replace the living-room carpet. We'll go on a second honeymoon when we get two more kids out of college.

**Life has a way of accelerating as we get older. The days get shorter, and the list of promises to ourselves gets longer. One morning, we awaken, and all we have to show for our lives is a**

## litany of 'I'm going to,' 'I plan on,' and 'Someday, when things are settled down a bit.'

When anyone calls my 'seize the moment' friend, she is open to adventure and available for trips. She keeps an open mind on new ideas. Her enthusiasm for life is contagious. You talk with her for five minutes, and you're ready to trade your bad feet for a pair of Rollerblades and skip an elevator for a bungee cord.

My lips have not touched ice cream in 10 years. I love ice cream. It's just that I might as well apply it directly to my stomach with a spatula and eliminate the digestive process. The other day, I stopped the car and bought a triple-decker. If my car had hit an iceberg on the way home, I would have died happy.

Now...go on and have a nice day. Do something you WANT to...not something on your SHOULD DO list. If you were going to die soon and had only one phone call you could make, who would you call and what would you say? And why are you waiting? (PLEASE CALL ME) smile

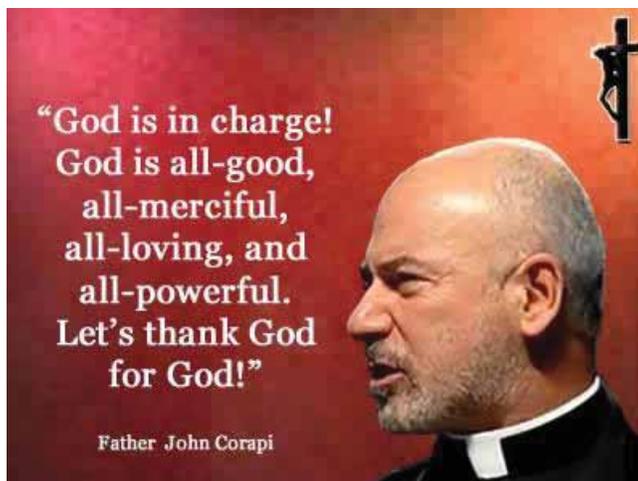
Have you ever watched kids playing on a merry go round or listened to the rain lapping on the ground? Ever followed a butterfly's erratic flight or gazed at the sun into the fading night? Do you run through each day on the fly? When you ask 'How are you?' Do you hear the reply?

When the day is done, do you lie in your bed with the next hundred chores running through your head? Ever told your child, 'We'll do it tomorrow.' And in your haste, not see his sorrow? Ever lost touch? Let a good friendship die? Just call to say 'Hi'?

When you worry and hurry through your day, it is like an unopened gift....Thrown away.... Life is not a race. Take it slower. Hear the music before the song is over.

Show your friends how much you care. To those I have sent this to... I cherish our friendship and appreciate all you do. We have some history together. 'Life may not be the party we hoped for... but while we are here we might as well dance!'

Life is just too short! Let's go eat some ice cream!



LORD'S DAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SABBATH
				<b>1</b> 6-8 Cubs Rm 7 7 Cubs Rms 1,3,4,5,6	<b>2</b> 9:30 Senior Exercise 7:30 The Friday Nite Movie presents: "To Sir With Love"	<b>3</b> 7 RTP Fellowship
<b>4 8:30 Trustees</b> 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 3-5 GS Rms 5,7	<b>5</b> 9:30 Senior Exercise	<b>6</b> 5:30-6:30 GS R5	<b>7</b> 9:30 Senior Exercise	<b>8</b> 6-8 Cubs Rm 7 7 Cubs Rms 1,3,4,5,6	<b>9</b> 9:30 Senior Exercise	<b>10</b> 9-11 Knit,Purl,Pray 7 RTP Fellowship
<b>11 9:30 Sunday School</b> 11:00 Hymn Sing and Cookout 12 Finance 3-5 GS Rms 5,7 Ice Cream Social	<b>12</b> 9:30 Senior Exercise	<b>13</b> 5:30-6:30 GS R5	<b>14</b> 9:30 Senior Exercise	<b>15</b> 6-8 Cubs Rm 7 7 Cubs Rms 1,3,4,5,6	<b>16</b> 9:30 Senior Exercise	<b>17</b> 7 RTP Fellowship
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<b>TASK</b>	<b>AUGUST 4</b>	<b>AUGUST 11</b>	<b>AUGUST 18</b>	<b>AUGUST 25</b>
<b>9:15 Greeters</b>	Jimmy & Florine Layman	Margaret Eiland and David Thompson	Ron & Betty Byrd	Marie Porter
<b>10:45 Greeters</b>	Betsy Newlin and Priscilla Thompson	Rona & Susan Clark	Wayne Abbott and Florine Layman	Charlotte Thompson and Marie Porter
<b>Infant Nursery</b>	Dena Roberts	Betty Byrd	Ron Clark	Dianne Mitchell
<b>Ushers</b>	David Thompson and Andrew Key	Clint & Natalie Robson	Ron & Susan Clark	Ron & Betty Byrd
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Priscilla Thompson	Marietta Abbott	Florine Layman	Margaret Eiland
<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	Priscilla Thompson and Marietta Abbott			
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Arlene McClosky			The Skidmores
<b>Member Care Cards</b>	Jan Schwarze	Margaret Eiland	Betty Byrd	Pat Nestler
<b>Counters</b>	Ron Byrd and Roger Jarrell	Roger Jarrell and Ann Farmer	Ann Farmer and Frank Stephans	Frank Stephans and Isaiah Lincoln
<b>FT &amp; Lection Reader</b>	Ron Byrd	Betty Byrd	Bob Newlin	Peggy Moore
<b>Fellowship Refreshments</b>	Brenda Stephans	Betty Byrd	Betsy Newlin	Dena Roberts
<b>Office Help</b>	Andrew Key	Margaret Eiland	Ron Byrd	Marietta Abbott
<b>Acolytes</b>	Caroline Mitchell	Hope Roberts	Beth Bradshaw	Tiffany Jackson

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