

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

Serving Parkwood for 50years



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

Our Mission: Change the world by making disciples!



November 2012

THIS YEAR'S LENTEN CHALLENGE



Your challenge, *should you choose to accept it*, will be to engage in a practice which created tremendous growth among early Methodists: Covenant Discipleship Groups. Here is the Covenant:

1. I will meet for prayer and accountability with a group of 6 others once a week from Wed Feb 22 – Sat Apr 7 at a location other than the church.
2. During Lent, I will engage in daily devotions (at least 30 min) of Bible reading, thanksgiving, confession, and praying for others.
3. During Lent, I will schedule a weekly act of compassion, such as visiting a lonely person or serving someone in need.
4. During Lent, I will schedule a weekly act of justice that will lead to my living more sustainably and/or my becoming a peacemaker.
5. I will be willing to share these experiences within the confidences of my Discipleship Group.

If you are willing to host a group in your home, or mentor a group, please let me know. We will be posting group openings between now and Ash Wednesday. You are free to join whatever group suits your inclination. *Pastor Bob*

SEVERE WEATHER: Worship will not be cancelled. No one should attend if they feel it will put them at risk.

SCOUT SUNDAY: Feb 12. 100th Anniversary of the Girl Scouts. A reception will follow worship.

DURHAM DISTRICT LAY RALLY: Feb 26, 2:30. Mt. Sylvan UMC. There will be a roll call of churches and a photo of our church will be displayed. Our UMYF has been nominated for the Lay Ministry of the Year Award.

PHONE CHAIN: If you do not have e-mail and would like to be notified by phone of critical events in the life of our congregation, please give your number to Henrietta Chimelis at 806-1116

YOUTH HOSTED VALENTINE SUPPER
Feb 12, 5-7pm

Parkwood Methodist
5123 Revere Road, Durham
www.parkwoodumc.org

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER
Feb 21, 6pm

Taste & see that the Lord is good!

BibleZone & Sunday School 9:30
Coffee Fellowship 10:30
Worship 11:00

SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

The Seekers Class

On January 8, the Seekers class will begin one of the Immersion Bible Studies: Colossians and Thessalonians. Everyone is welcome as we look in depth at these books of the Bible.

the Jacob Class

"Dear and Glorious Physician" is a book written many years ago by Taylor Caldwell. Fictionally, she explored the life and times of Luke.

the Jacob class is exploring the works of Luke biblically. Won't you join us as we study the book of Luke; his Gospel in the New Testament and, in the future, the book of Acts.

All you need is your Bible. the Jacob class meets at 9:30 in room 1

Tickle My Funny Bone



"No one knows when that day or hour will come. Even the angels in heaven and the Son don't know. Only the Father knows.

Matthew 24:36



Parkwood United Methodist Women

The Parkwood UMW held their first meeting of 2012 on Thursday, January 26. Before the meeting began, a covered dish dinner was enjoyed by the members. To open the meeting the 2012 officers were introduced. Susan Oglesby will serve as president, Florine Layman as vice president, Judy Roseberry as secretary, and Pat Nestler as Treasurer. We continued by sharing our joys and concerns, and requests for prayer. In appreciation for her service as our secretary, a mission recognition pin was presented to Judy Roseberry. Geri Lam also made a special presentation. Susan donated a large portion of her mother's yarn "stash" to our Knit Purl Pray group. We sorted the yarn, and Geri took all the small amounts of rose colored yarn. She made a lovely shawl that she presented to Susan on behalf of KPP and all UMW members.

The program was "Goal Setting through Faith." Susan, Arlene, Natalie, and Charlotte participated in the program, stressing that living as Christ would have us live is a vital link in accomplishing goals whether they are personal goals or goals set by the group. Charlotte closed this portion of the meeting by leading us in a responsive reading of Psalm 37:23-28.

In preparation for the business session the officers and committee chairpersons met in November and in January. In the business session, members volunteered to make cornbread and desserts for the chili cook off and desserts for the Youth valentine dinner. We voted to make a donation toward the new air conditioner in the kitchen. We also agreed that we would take on the DCIA luncheon on Feb. 21 as a fundraiser with Jan Schwarze serving as coordinator.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, February 23 at the home of Florine Layman. The program will be the annual "Call to Prayer and Self Denial."



Friday Nite Movie Presents:

A Man for All Seasons



Starring Academy Winner Paul Scofield for his performance of Sir Thomas More.

February 3rd, 2012 @ 7:30 pm

Previews of Coming Attractions*

March	2nd	Finding Neverland	2004
April	20th	Paper Clips	2004**
May	4th	The Lion King	1994
June	1st	Laura	1944
July	6th	Book of Ruth	2009
August	3rd	Casablanca	1942
September	7 th	Soul Surfer	2011
October	5th	Abbott and Costello Meet Frankenstein	1948
November	2nd	She Wore a Yellow Ribbon	1949
December	7th	Miracle on 34 th Street	1947

*subject to change

** note change of date



News Flash: the Last American soldier has just left Iraq.....

Come on Buddy.....

We are Outta Here!!!!!!

Welcome Home Boys.....

Our Prayers have been answered.

NOW.....

Let's bring the rest of'm Home.



The UMM want to thank you for making our Chili Cook-off a success. The monies raised will go to support our Outreach Ministries.

And the February United Methodist Men's meeting will be held on Feb. 18th at 9am at the Golden Corral on Hwy. 55.

Knit, Purl, Pray



If you are an experienced knitter/crochet, beginner or a novice; you are welcome. We all have our own level of expertise and love to share.

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

2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month



Now Hear This!!

Come to the United Methodist Men's Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner!

Tuesday February 21st at 6:15 pm.



CALL ME!

For just \$10.00 I made the lovely flower arrangement for the church this Sunday, Jan 29th. I would be glad to help you do the same if you would just call me. Trader Joe's has lovely, very reasonably priced flowers and I would be glad to buy them and put them in a nice vase (yours or one from the church) for about \$10.00. I think fresh flowers make our church look even more special. Please consider my offer. Thanks, Betty Byrd, Phone 544-1380





Facebook to God

Good day my friends,

Have you experienced the power of God? Do you know what to do to feel the Holy Spirit working in your life? First off, you can't feel God's power if your limiting God to Sunday mornings. God is in all of us, at work at all times. We too often bottle Him up, and call on him when we want something. That will lead to a worldly attitude. Not the attitude God wants us to have!

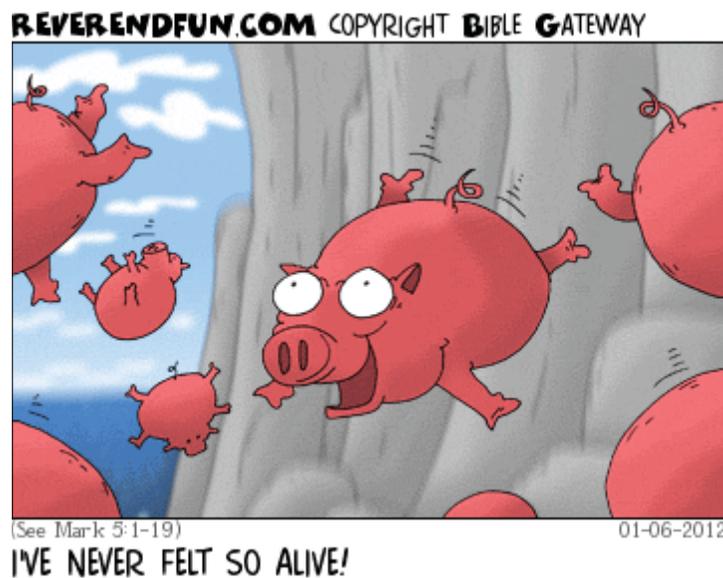
We have to first admit to ourselves that we are broken and not worthy. God cannot fix a heart that is not in need of repair. Every day we do something that dishonors God. But by praying & praising God for sending Jesus to earth for our sins, we invite God to work in our lives.

Second we must not judge others! This is a big step that I find difficult. None of us are perfect, and will never be. We all do some things better than others, and they better than us. If we use our good qualities to build others up, we will again see God at work in our lives.

Third, be **BOLD** in **CHRIST**! I don't mean shouting from the roof tops (I'll do that), but by living a life that is Christ worthy. Whether it be by helping others, comforting the hurting, telling of the Good News that is Christ, we can all be bold in some way. Make it a habit!

Fourth, **READ** and **STUDY** God's word. It is called the bible. If you don't have one, find one and start reading it today! Do this in a quiet place with no noise pollution to disturb you. Start with these four steps and before you know it, you will start feeling different. That is the Holy Spirit starting to do His good works in you!

Be blessed in your lives,
Bob Mayerhofer





Eddie Hanson earned Boy Scouts of America District Award of Merit.

Eddie is an Eagle Scout and Lay Leader of the Parkwood United Methodist Church.



Scott Gibson of Pack 495 has earned the Districts Den leader of the Year award.

Pack 495 is sponsored by the Parkwood United Methodist Men.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

Birthdays
Lauren Skidmore
Monica Eiland
Kyle Dube'
Pam Skidmore

Anniversaries
Wayne & Marietta Abbott 2-9

Send birthdays and anniversaries to ronsphotos@msn.com



Adult and Youth Choir Opportunities

The Chancel Choir meets weekly on Wednesdays from 7:30-9:00 PM and the Youth Choir (ages K-high school) meets weekly on Sundays from 9:30-10:00 AM. Both choirs rehearse in the sanctuary and all are welcome to join at any time!

Betrayal

**Betrayal can wreck a relationship, a marriage, a friendship and a kinship.
You can forgive but the hurt lingers on.
It's like a giant monster; too big to tame.
Sometimes selfishness, anger and jealousy kindles betrayal
The giver will later feel the guilt and the receiver waits for time to ease pain.
Betrayal is treachery; avoid it!**

Shadows

**Shadows appear when the sun is high in the sky.
There are shadows of trees shining on the grass a shadow of me as I pass.
Shadows on lakes and streams making post card scenes,
Shadows are fun; they jump, skip, stoop and run.
They never flee making pleasant company.**

Submitted by a member of the PUMC who wishes to remain anonymous.

Believe.....Belong.....Serve... is usually published on the 30th / 31st of the month.
Please have all newsletter information to Ron Byrd at ronsphotos@msn.com
By the 25th of the month

"Count your Blessings, not your Burdens."

MINISTRY TEAM FOR FEBRUARY 2012

TASK	FEB 5	FEB 12	FEB 19	FEB 26
9:15 Greeters	Jimmy & Florine Layman	Larry & Susan Oglesby	Margaret Eiland & David Thompson	Natalie Robson & Betsy Newlin
10:45 Greeters	Betsy Newlin & Priscilla Thompson	Natalie Robson & Dianne Mitchell	Edna Walker & Jean Paris	Cyndy Shedd & Bob Mayerhofer
Infant Nursery	Dianne Mitchell & Rebecca Mitchell	Ron Clark & Courtney Clark	Marietta Abbott & Beth Bradshaw	Betty Byrd & Courtney Clark
Ushers	Dianne Mitchell & Marietta Abbott	Ron & Betty Byrd	Priscilla Thompson & Natalie Robson	_____ & David Thompson
Altar Guild	Florine Layman	Margaret Eiland	Jan Schwarze	Priscilla Thompson
Communion Set-up	Bev Whitmore & Edna Walker	N/A	N/A	N/A
Altar Flowers		Abbotts		
Member Care Cards	Judy Roseberry	Pat Nestler	Betty Byrd	Cosette Kretzu
Counters	Bob Newlin & Margaret Eiland	Herb Schwarze & Isaiah Lincoln	Norris Porter & Eddie Hanson	Diane Mitchell & Bev Whitmore
FT & Lection Reader	Jan Schwarze & Herb Schwarze	Hope Roberts & Cosette Kretzu	Bob Mayerhofer & Paulette Mayerhoffer	Margaret Eiland & Charlotte Thompson
Fellowship Refreshments	Florine Layman (2x)	Jan Schwarze (2x)	Betty Byrd	Debbie Kavanaugh
Office Help	Marietta Abbott	Jan Schwarze	Peggy Moore	Janice Jarrell
Lead Armor Bearer	Beth Bradshaw	Tiffany Jackson	Caroline Mitchell	Zach Schwarze

If you can't serve on your day, please arrange for a substitute. Thanks!