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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



February, 2013

Good Conversation

"Speak Lord; your servant is listening."

- 1 Samuel 3:10

Prayer is about listening. Sometimes it is easy to forget that. Prayers can easily be about asking or protesting, complaining or rejoicing in thanks. The great thing about prayer is that it is alright to be all of those things, but one must be weary if listening doesn't seem to surface more than the others. Prayer can be a conversation with God and conversations are a two way process. It's understandable, though, how we can sometimes forget to give God, God's due when we take a look at the conversations we have on a regular basis.

In my humble opinion, something commonly missing from all of our conversations is the expectation that we can come away changed from them. Sure, most of what we talk about centers around not so important things like favorite meals, whether or not we've done any household chores, or if we have made sure the DVR was set to record tonight's program while we're out, but there are those deep conversations that do come up between friends and family and strangers that bring with it a promising possibility of transformation. I've noticed that the bigger news stations and political figures, especially, can teach us to miss this transformation. We're taught that conversation is expressing (or beating over another's head) our opinion. We are taught that a disagreement means we cannot get along and, sadly, if another believes differently on one or two issues, they are cast into those groups we ignore. We label each other liberal or conservative, mindless follower or elite, Gentile or Jew, slave or free...you get the point. All of these misfortunes can stem just from a conversation turned argument, turned shouting match. And all of these tragedies happen when we forget those great truths that we don't know everything, we are far from always right (even when we're certain of it), and there are others out there with more knowledge and experience than us.

Is it so strange then, that our time of prayer can be transformed into something so similar? Now, I'm not suggesting that everyone's prayers turn into a shouting match or that all of us think we're smarter than God. I

hope not, at least. But I am suggesting that our prayers can be crowded by our wants, our opinions, our thoughts, and our worries to the point where we don't take time to sit quiet in the stillness of God's voice. Where we begin in prayer is not where we should be when we're finished. God does speak, though it may mean an entire day, week, month, or months of listening attentively to hear what he has said. Yes, prayer is a moment to unload those burdens weighing us down, but it is also an opportunity for transformation, of emerging in a different place than we were before. If others could see us praying these prayers, they might think us crazy as we weep, we laugh, and we look like we're talking to ourselves, but we know God is present in that moment, listening to us in a way we're incapable of listening to others.

So take your prayer life seriously and let it influence your conversations with others, not the other way around. When you approach God give God space to speak into your lives and allow yourself the space and the time to listen. Expect to be transformed the moment you call upon God. And may your conversations with others be the same. When you encounter someone from a different background or with differing opinions, don't let it be an excuse to close up and shut them out, but an opportunity to learn and grow you. For arms wide open receive a lot more than arms folded while we scoff.

Parkwood United Methodist Church Lent/Easter Calendar

Feb 12 - Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Supper hosted by United Methodist Men: 6:15pm. Public is welcome.

Feb 13 - Ash Wednesday - Worship Services at 6:30am and 7:00pm

Feb 17 - Valentine Dinner hosted by United Methodist Youth: 5pm to 7pm

Mar 17 - Saint Patrick's Day Luncheon hosted by United Methodist Women: 12 noon immediately after services.

Mar 24 - Palm Sunday services - Children's Palm Processional. Services begin 11am.

Mar 28 - Maundy Thursday - 6:15pm Common Meal followed by 7pm Communion and stripping of the altar.

Mar 29 - Good Friday - 12 noon to 3pm: Vigil in sanctuary with attendant present; public welcome. Tenebrae service at 7pm.

Mar 31 - Easter Sunday - Sunrise service at dawn (6:45am); Church service at 11am; No Sunday School.



Bible Quiz on David on page 12.....



The Youth are excited about all the wonderful things coming this year. But first we would like to Thank each and every one of you for all the support

you gave us in 2012.

The Valentines Supper is February 17th from 5 - 7pm. Reservations will be taken the following times: 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30 and 7:00. The menu has changed a little don't worry we will still have the traditional spaghetti. We will also have Lasagna year! And of course we will have a Gluten Free and Vegetarian choices. We are however looking for someone who knows how to operate the Coffee maker. We would like to be able to serve coffee this year. So if anyone is willing to show us that be great.



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The reservation sheet will be posted on the Youth Board so please sign up to come and enjoy great service and awesome food and off course wonderful fellowship and love while supporting our Youth.



We will soon be taking donations for the Easter egg hunt that will be hosted by the youth at the Church again. So be on the lookout the youth are working their magic to bring God and friendship to our community and our wonderful congregation.



The holiday season has passed and our sanctuary is lovely but bare. Won't you take a Sunday and put some beautiful flowers in the church to enhance it. I am willing to make the arrangement for you if you wish, or if you are lucky enough to have something blooming in your yard, that would be great.

If everyone would put flowers in the church once or twice a year, we would always have something lovely to enjoy. It is a good way to remember a birthday, anniversary or just honor our Lord for all his blessings.

Thanks for your support, Betty Byrd 919-544-1380

SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

The Seekers Class

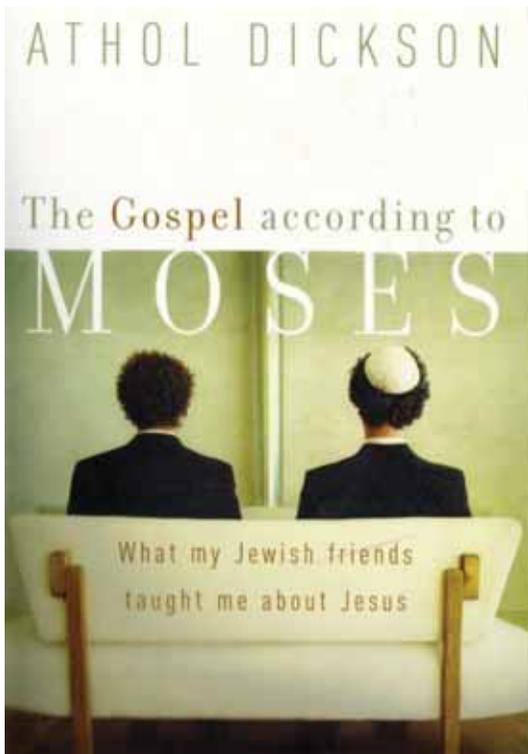
[Adam Hamilton](#) delivered the sermon at the Inaugural National Prayer Service, Tuesday, January 22. The Rev. Adam Hamilton, pastor of The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection, in Leawood, Kansas, and known for his skilled preaching and centrist views, delivered the sermon at the inaugural National Prayer Service at the Washington National Cathedral.

Sunday the Seekers Class will begin their Lenten study a little early using Adam Hamilton's **24 Hours That Changed the World**. Having already done three studies by Hamilton, we are looking forward to this one, It has received rave reviews. Please join us for this exciting study.

the Jacob Class

the Jacob class is doing a verse by verse study of the book of Luke. You only need to bring your Bible to class. We meet in room 1 at 9:30 am.

Tuesday Morning Study Group



For all who are interested, we will begin the study of “The Gospel According To Moses” on Tuesday, January 15th at 10:00 AM at the church. If there is enough interest, we could also have an evening group. Ideally, we should have at least six people in order to have a meaningful discussion.

The book we will be using – “The Gospel according To Moses” by Athol Dickson – is the account of a gentile who was invited to participate in a Jewish study of the Torah. In his writing, Mr. Dickson untangles the truths of Torah and helps us discover what is found in the Christian gospels. It is a testament of how much Christians and Jews have in common.

The book is available on-line for \$6 to \$7 at Amazon.com or Abesbooks.com





News From the Leadership Team.....

During its monthly meeting on January 20, the Leadership Team discussed several topics. A major concern was the announcement made earlier in the month that Jazzercise is moving to a new location and the effects this move would have on our church. The good news is that we will be able to make more effective use of the Fellowship Hall. The sad news is that this opportunity to reach out into the community is no longer available. The sound equipment which Jazzercise had allowed us to share will be removed but we have already had a donation of a new theater system which will allow us to continue the Friday Night movies. The refrigerator that has been in our hallway for the last eight years will also be removed and replaced by another donated cooler; bottled water will continue to be available for purchase.

We also discussed our financial status. Bob Newlin has already informed the congregation that we finished 2012 with a small surplus in our General Fund. This surplus will provide us with funds needed to operate even when we have lost the income from Jazzercise. We are also looking for other potential sources of income to supplement our giving and the Trustees are investigating what upgrades would be necessary to our facility to allow us other options.

We are looking forward to an exciting and productive year as the congregation reaches out to make new disciples for Christ in South Durham.



Knit – Purl – Pray

Parkwood United Methodist Church

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

2nd and 4th Saturday

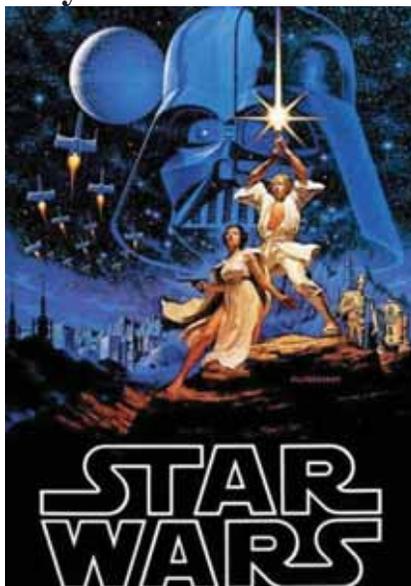


The ladies of KPP will offer some of their handcrafted items for sale on Sunday, November 11, after worship service.



Legend has it that Valentine was a priest who served during third century Rome. There was an Emperor at that time by the name of Claudius II. Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those that were married. With this thought in mind he outlawed marriage for young men in hopes of building a stronger military base. Supposedly, Valentine decided this decree just wasn't fair and chose to marry young couples secretly. When Emperor Claudius II found out about Valentine's actions he had him put to death.

Friday Nite Movie Presents



Friday, February 1st. @ 7:30 pm

Previews of Coming Attractions for 2013*

March 1	Courageous	2011	Alex Kendrick, Ken Bevel
April 5	A Night to Remember	1958	Kenneth More, Honor Blackman
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



United Methodist Men: We will meet for breakfast at 8am on Saturday, February 16th. at Beneties Restaurant on Hwy. 55 at 8:00.

Thank you for a successful Chili cook-off. Congratulations to Mike Dube' for his "4 Meat Chili"; this years winning chili

Calendar:

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, - February 12th at 6:15 pm
Parkwood Flea Market Hot Dog & Hamburger sale 7 am till 11 am**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU



Birthdays

- Lauren Key Feb. 1
- Beverly Jones Feb. 3
- Monica Eiland Feb. 6
- Pat Nestler Feb. 9
- Mary Greene Feb. 10
- Jeanne Schwarze Feb. 14
- Kyle Dube' Feb 21
- Charlotte Thompson Feb. 24
- Pam Skidmore Feb. 26

Anniversaries

- Wayne & Marietta Abbott Feb. 9

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

Manna From Heaven

“The children of Israel left Mt. Sinai and marched to Kadesh. When problems arose, the people fell to murmuring. “And when the people complained, it displeased the Lord: and the Lord heard it; and His anger was kindled; and the fire of the Lord burnt among them, and consumed them that were in the uttermost parts of the camp” (Numbers 11:1). Every time the people complained the glory of the Lord appeared. He was displeased with their groaning and complaining.

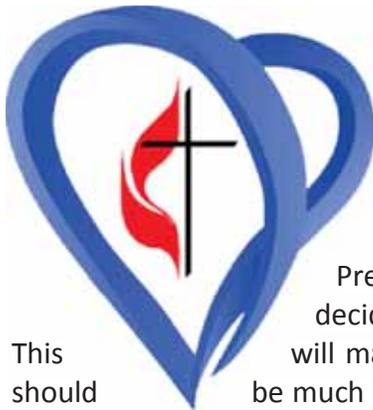
We can be sure that the Lord is displeased with many of the criticizing, complaining saints today. They are everlastingly finding fault and nothing seems to please them. God doesn't want it that way for you, my friend. He wants you to be happy, joyful Christians.

Our there in the wilderness, what do you think they wanted? ‘We remember the fish, which we did eat in Egypt freely...but now our soul is dried away; there is nothing at all, besides this manna, before our eyes” (Samuel 11:5,6). They couldn't catch fish out in that wilderness—there weren't

any lakes. I'm of the opinion that in Egypt they were tired of the fish, but now that is what they remembered.

So they start to complain about the manna. It is miraculously provided by God every day, but they don't like it. It was God's food; it gave them complete nourishment. Manna, of course, is a picture of the Lord Jesus and the Word of God which reveals Him.

Let's not sit back and say how terrible the children of Israel were. How about you, my friend? That manna speaks of Christ. How do you feel about him? Do you get tired of Him? Many Christians get tired of manna. A lot of people get tired of Bible study. I think it is safe to say that the largest segment of the church today does not want Bible study. The predicament of the church today is due to the fact that folk have turned from the Word and are trying to feed somewhere else other than on the manna which God has provided."



United Methodist Women

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The Parkwood UMW officers met on January 6, 2013, to begin planning for a new year. The officers for the New Year are President Susan Oglesby, Vice President Pam Skidmore, Secretary Florine Layman, and Treasurer Pat Nestler. We decided to recommend to the membership that the meetings be held at the church. will make it easier for those new to our church and community to find us, and parking be much easier. We also decided to hold several meetings on weekends so that those who work or are unable to come in the evenings might be able to attend meetings. Some programs have been scheduled, and others will be added during the next few months.

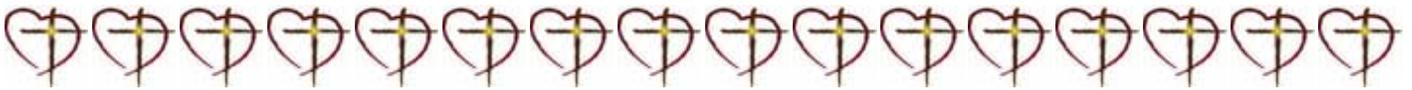
On Thursday, January 24, the first general meeting was held. After enjoying a covered dish dinner, we shared joys and concerns of our members and church family. Susan distributed gift bags in appreciation for our support during the past year. Natalie led a devotion that encouraged us to rely on the LORD for strength and guidance to complete the tasks we have been called to do. Each part was supported with scripture. Minutes and the treasurer's report from the November meeting were accepted. Pat presented the proposed budget for 2013, and it was adopted by the members. Jan Schwarze presented a report from the committee that is working on policies and procedures for UMW receptions held at PUMC. Pam presented a number of ideas she has gleaned from attending district meetings. The goal is to encourage younger members of our church family to become participants in UMW and share in its supportive fellowship and mission focus.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 28th, 7:00 pm at PUMC. The program will be Call to Prayer and Self Denial. A special offering is usually collected to support a specific mission selected by the Women's Division of GBGM. For more information about UMW visit the website www.corriodordistrictUMW.org. Check the PUMW bulletin board for Action Alert, District Mission Study on "Immigration and the Bible," NCUMW 39 and under event, and PUMW's report of community and mission giving for 2012.

2013 UMW Officers



Susan, Pat, Florine, Pam



LENT AND HOLY WEEK AT PUMC

By Herb Schwarze

What is Lent? Lent is a time when Christians, primarily those of the Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, Anglican and Roman Catholic denominations prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, which starts 40 days, not counting Sundays, before Easter. Why are Sundays not counted? Sunday is always a day of celebration, therefore it cannot be counted in the 40 fast days. The 40 days remind Christians of the 40 days and nights Jesus spent in the desert without food and water, and being tempted by the devil. Christians spend 40 days preparing themselves to rejoice at the resurrection of Jesus Christ at Easter.

We begin our Lenten observation with a brief service and distribution of ashes at 6:30 AM, and again at 7:00 PM, on Ash Wednesday. During the service the Pastor will lightly rub the sign of the cross on the worshipper's forehead using ashes from the burning of the palm leaves saved from the prior year Palm Sunday service. Ashes are the biblical symbol of repentance, sorrow and humility. The ashes used to mark the sign of the cross symbolizes that through Christ's death and resurrection all Christians can be free from sin.

The 14 Stations of the Cross are displayed throughout the church for worshippers to follow and pray. Holy week begins on Palm Sunday, the 6th Sunday of Lent. This day marks Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, where He was greeted by crowds waving palm branches and proclaiming him the messianic king. We begin our Palm Sunday celebration with a procession of children waving palm branches and placing them on the altar.

Maundy Thursday marks the observance of Jesus' betrayal, arrest, trial and sentencing. Our Maundy Thursday service begins with a common meal consisting of bread, cheese and fruit, followed by a communion service. This symbolizes Jesus' last meal with his disciples, during which he taught them a "new" commandment: "Love one another even as I have loved you. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples." (John 13:34-35). The Eucharist is followed by the removal of the paraments, or "stripping of the altar", during which Psalm 22 is read. This symbolizes the

abandonment of Jesus by his disciples and the stripping of Jesus prior to his crucifixion. The people leave the sanctuary in silence.

The Tenebrae service, or service of darkness, held on Good Friday evening, characterizes Jesus' crucifixion and death. A series of readings and meditations are done in stages while candles are gradually extinguished, symbolizing not only Jesus' death but of the hopelessness in the world without God. The service ends in darkness with a final candle, the Christ candle, carried out of the sanctuary symbolizing the death of Jesus. The service concludes with a loud noise which depicts the closing of Jesus' tomb.

The church is open and attended from 12:00 Noon to 3:00 PM on Good Friday for prayer and meditation in remembrance of Christ's crucifixion.

Easter morning begins with a sunrise service which commemorates Mary Magdalene finding the empty tomb - denoting that Jesus has in fact risen. The resurrection is celebrated at our 11:00 AM service.



Cub Scout Pack 495



"Scout Sunday is on February 10 and there will be a reception afterwards. Anyone who participated in the scouts are encouraged to bring their past scout souvenirs to the reception. A special cake for this special occasion celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Pack has been ordered. Eddie Hanson will bring the cheese straws and the drinks. Eddie will need volunteers to bring snacks and to help set up and clean up afterwards. Please contact Eddie Hanson if you are interested in helping."

The Way We Were....



Can you identify any of these kids or adults? (Sorry, we know that one lady is Linda Youngblood).

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 Please have all newsletter information to Ron Byrd at crabbyron@yahoo.com
 By the 25th of the month.

LORD'S DAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SABBATH
3 8:30 Trustees 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Nominations Committee Mtg. 3-5 GS Rms 5,7	4 9:30 Senior Exercise	5 5:30-6:30 GS R5	6 9:30 Senior Exercise	7 6-8 Cubs Rm 7 7 Cubs Rms 1,3,4,5,6	1 9:30 Senior Exercise 7:30 Movie Night Presents "Star Wars"	2 7 RTP Fellowship
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Bible Review

BIBLE QUIZ

Prepared by Bill Ickes, Berlin Pennsylvania

1. Who were three prophets who communicated God's will to David?
2. A score of David's children are mentioned by name, but only one girl. What was her name?
3. Where was God at the second battle in the Valley of Rephaim?
4. Why did David weep on eight occasions recorded in the books of Samuel and Chronicles?
5. Which experience of David's life does Jesus cite?
6. Why was David angry at his nephews, Joab and Abishai, sons of Zeruih?
7. What parable prompted David to pronounce judgement on himself?
8. How did David escape from Gath?
9. Several foreign kings aided David, including Nahash, king of the Ammonites. But what did Nahash's ungrateful son do to David's envoys who came to console him on the death of his father?
10. A woman's vigil preceded the restoration of God's aid to the famine-stricken land during the reign of David. What happened?

Answers in the March issue of....
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TASK	FEBRUARY 3	FEBRUARY 10	FEBRUARY 17	FEBRUARY 24
9:15 Greeters	Jan & Herb Schwarze	Jimmy & Florine Layman	Margaret Eiland & David Thompson	Ron & Betty Byrd
10:45 Greeters	Wayne Abbott and Florine Layman	Charlotte Thompson and Marie Porter	David Thompson	Lauren & Andrew Key
Infant Nursery	Dena Roberts	Dianne Mitchell	Ron Clark	Betty Byrd
Ushers	Ron & Susan Clark	Ron & Betty Byrd	David Thompson and Andrew Key	Clint & Natalie Robson
Altar Guild	Florine Layman	Margaret Eiland	Jan Schwarze	Pat Nestler
Communion Set-Up	Priscilla Thompson and Marietta Abbott			
Altar Flowers	Frank & Brenda Stephens			
Member Care Cards	Betty Byrd	Pat Nestler	Jan Schwarze	Margaret Eiland
Counters	Isaiah Lincoln and Herb Schwarze	Herb Schwarze and Margaret Eiland	Margaret Eiland & Dianne Mitchell	Dianne Mitchell and Eddie Hanson
FT & Lection Reader	Margaret Eiland	Priscilla Thompson	Ron Byrd	Betty Byrd
Fellowship Refreshments	Pam Skidmore	Florine Layman	Jan Schwarze	Lauren and Andrew Key
Office Help	Jan Schwarze	Peggy Moore	Andrew Key	Margaret Eiland
Lead Armor Bearer	Beth Bradshaw	Tiffany Jackson	Caroline Mitchell	Hope Roberts

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