

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

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Nothing, how little so ever it be, if it is suffered for God's sake, can pass without merit in the sight of God."

-Thomas a Kempis

I remember reading a book for a class at Duke Divinity that gave a tough challenge. It asked if we were willing to commit to a devotional life, spending a set amount of time every day in prayer, in the reading of scripture, and in meditation, without any expectation of being rewarded for it. That last part is the kicker in a world where immediate gratification is king. Do you remember dial up modems? If any youth read this article they'll give an emphatic, "No!" It used to be that waiting a minute or two for a page to load was nothing. If it went for three minutes, though, we'd start to worry. Nowadays, if a page hasn't loaded in two seconds, we're tapping our feet. But that's how our world is. When we do something, we expect results and we expect them now. Amazon.com promises free two day delivery for their Prime members and, as if that were not enough, they're currently working on how to do same day delivery with drones in the sky. Some fast food restaurants (yes we want our food faster, even at the expense of quality) have clocks in their drive thru windows to let us know when to complain if our food isn't ready. And now our checks can clear immediately and be handed back to us at most stores. That is if we still use checks. Cash and card is preferred, because it's faster. But this immediate gratification is hurting our devotional life and, in turn, the spiritual formation of Christians around our country.

As we journey closer to Lent, the call of the season is to slow down. And in our devotional life we have to be prepared to come away without results...at least the immediate ones. Our devotional, interesting enough, isn't there so much for our benefit, but as a gift to God. Just look at the definition

for devotion: *Love, loyalty, or enthusiasm for a person, activity, or cause.* When we commit that time of prayer and the reading of scripture to God, it becomes an offering, and an offering is something we give, not receive. The same is true when we gather for worship on Sunday morning. It was a member of my last congregation who would get frustrated when he heard members of the congregation say, "I didn't like worship today. I didn't get anything from it." His response would always be, "Well what did you put in to it, because that's why we gather...to put in something." We come to offer ourselves back to the God who created us. And it is in offering ourselves freely, with no strings attached, that God has something truly remarkable to work with. It is in giving that we are formed.

And so now it is time for a shameless plug. I want to 'offer' you an opportunity to spend your season of Lent in devotion with God. Beginning the week of March 9th, we will be engaging in a study by Rueben Job that is focused purely on prayer. It will be six weeks of devotions, every day, and a gathering together to discuss what we've experienced and to learn more about what it means to pray. The name of the book is *Listen: Praying in a Noisy World*, and we'll be offering classes on Sunday morning during the Sunday school hour (9:30-10:30) and Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30. If you're gathering with us on Wednesday evenings, you will be invited to break bread with us as we gather. For the first meeting we will be doing BYOF (Bring Your Own Food), but from there we'll discuss some other options for the following meetings. Don't pass up on this opportunity to grow in your prayer life. Below will be a description of the study from the publishers so that you can learn a little bit more. Sign-up sheets are on the table at the entrance to the sanctuary and you can also send me an email if you are interested. Also, even if you're not planning at being at a Sunday or Wednesday Sunday, please consider picking up the book so that you can be in devotion on your own. I am so excited to be in devotion with you as we journey towards Easter.

Blessings!

Pastor Nathan

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As we learn to listen, we find a new depth and fulfillment in our relationship with God and a new experience of God as guide and companion in our lives. The daily prayer pattern includes an invitation, silence, Bible reading, a story, guided time for reflecting and listening, and practical help for developing six specific prayer practices."

Youth Valentines Dinner.....see page 12

Friday Nite Movie Presents:



February 7th. 2014 @ 7:30 pm

Previews of Coming Attractions for 2014*

*subject to change

March	Grease	1978	John Travolta, Olivia Newton-John
April	12 O'clock High	1949	Gregory Peck, Hugh Marlowe
May	Arranged	2007	Zoe Lister-Jones, Francis Benhamou
June	Pajama Game	1957	Doris Day, John Raitt
July	Greatest Show on Earth	1953	Charlton Heston, Jimmy Stewart
Aug.	Dolphin Tale	2011	Harry Connick, Jr., Ashley Judd
Sept.	Rear Window	1954	James Stewart, Grace Kelly
Oct.	The Thing from another World	1951	Kenneth Toby, Margaret Sheridan
Nov.	The Mission	1986	Robert De Niro, Jeremy Irons
Dec.	Remember the Night	1940	Barbara Stanwyck, Fred MacMurry

SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

The Seekers Class

In January, the seekers Class will be continuing their Immersion Study with the Book of Numbers. Everyone is welcome.

the Jacob Class

the Jacob class is doing a verse by verse study of the book of Acts. You only need to bring your Bible to class.

We meet in room 1 at 9:30 am

Study for the Lenten Season

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Knit – Purl – Pray

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



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.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU



Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

- Wayne & Marietta Abbott February 3

Send birthdays and anniversaries to crabbyron@yahoo.com



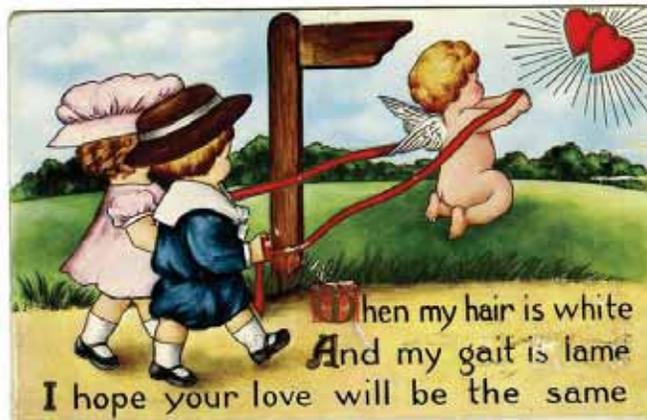
Chancel Choir



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



Vintage Valentine Post Card.



Peter Donald Muse



Departed on Jan. 19, 2014 and resided in Durham, NC.

DURHAM – Peter Donald "Pete" Muse, surrounded by his wife and children, passed away after a brief struggle with cancer on Sunday, January 19, 2014. Pete was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, and uncle. He was a rock of strength to his family, a valued contributor to his colleagues, and a cherished friend to all who knew him.

Pete was born in London, England on January 7, 1950. He moved with his family to North Carolina in 1954. After graduating from Guilford High School in Greensboro, Pete received a B.S. in Biology from East Carolina University in 1972 and a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from North Carolina State University in 1984. Pete pursued his engineering career at Troxler Electronic Laboratories, Inc., Seimens, Inc., General Electric, Inc., and worked the last thirteen years as the General Manager at Instrotek, Inc., where his colleagues became a second family to him. Pete loved walking into the

doors of Instrotek every weekday morning.

Pete is survived by his wife of 25 years, Fran Lewis Muse, daughter Carrie and son-in-law Marcus Ward of Raleigh, daughters Amelia and Melissa and son Matthew, all of the home, and two grandsons, Lucas and Tyler Ward of Raleigh. He is also survived by his mother Mrs. Jean Reed of Durham, his father John Muse and step-mother Donna of Matthews, his brother David Muse of Shackelfords, Virginia, his mother-in-law, Mary Lewis, three brothers-in-law, Frankie, King and Kelvan Lewis, two sisters-in-law, Paula and Wendy Lewis, two nieces, three nephews, two great-nieces, and two great-nephews, in addition to his beloved chocolate lab Bailey, all whom he loved very much.

Pete's greatest love was his wife and his children. This love was evidenced through the values he instilled in them: respect for others, the pursuit of excellence, the importance of education, hard work and careful money management, a love of music, a sense of humor, humility and a loyalty that knows no bounds. He enjoyed NC State basketball and playing guitar with a number of bands, though his favorite performances were with his son Matthew at the family's church. His welcoming heart, wisdom and quick wit made his home a gathering place for friends and family alike. He will be greatly missed, though the impact he has made on family and friends will last forever.

A private service will be held for Pete's family. A celebration of his life for his friends and family will be announced in the coming weeks. In lieu of flowers, gifts in his memory may be made to an education fund founded for his children, c/o Matthew Muse PO Box 12611 Durham NC 27709, marked as Muse Education Fund, or to the Miles for Smiles Fund, Dental Foundation of North Carolina, UNC School of Dentistry, Campus Box 7450, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-7450 to help children born with cleft lip and palate.



SPECIAL NEEDS FOR URBAN MINISTRIES

I want to make you aware of some things especially needed at this time. I also want to call your attention to some items we do not accept.

These are some items needed most at this time.

Dry Milk
Peanut Butter

Cereal
Rice
Spaghetti noodles and spaghetti sauce (in cans or plastic jars)

Gloves for all ages
New underwear for all ages
Blankets (but not electric)

These are items we do not accept:

Appliances, computers (unless new), computer printers, pillows, curtains, baby furniture and equipment, stuffed animals or large toys, mattresses or box springs, medical items or equipment, wire clothes hangers.

Please see the Urban Ministries bulletin board in our front hall where you will find *ITEM DONATIONS GUIDELINES*.

As always, I thank you so much for your continuing support and generosity.
Jan Schwarze



United Methodist Women

The Parkwood UMW officers met on January 6, 2013, to begin planning for a new year. The officers for the New Year are President Betty Byrd, Vice President Pam Skidmore, Secretary Arlene McCloskey, and Treasurer Pat Nestler. We again will be meeting at the church. We will be having our regular meetings in the evenings for the most part. We will also try again holding Saturday morning meetings for special projects. We want to give working women of the church an opportunity to see what the UMW are all about! We have several programs scheduled. We want to have a workshop to make toiletry kits, a retreat, the St. Patrick's Day lunch and of course the Parkwood Flea Market Bake Sale. A few other activities were talked about and we will have more information next month.

On Thursday, January 27, the first general meeting was held. After enjoying a covered dish dinner, we shared joys and concerns of our members and church family. Pam gave the new visitors a prayer bracelet and stated the officers hoped they would come back. Charlotte led us with devotion from Isaiah. Minutes and the treasurer's report from the November meeting were accepted. Pat presented the proposed budget for 2014, and it was adopted by the members. Our goal is to encourage younger members of our church family to become participants in UMW and share in its supportive fellowship and mission focus.

One of our projects this month will be making corn bread or a dessert for the UMM Chili Cook-off on Sunday, February 2nd. There is a sign-up sheet on the UMW bulletin board. The men always look forward to the help with their church fundraiser.

The next UMW meeting will be held on Saturday, February 15th, at 10:00 am at PUMC. The program will be making Toiletry Kits. We will decide at this meeting where these kits will go. One suggestion was Urban Ministries, and Jan stated they are very much need at Urban Ministries. Please bring small toiletry items with you for the kits. A list will be coming out shortly and we will forward to you over the email list. We will be putting together both individual and family kits. Bev Whitmore will be showing us how to put the kits together.

We will also be planning for the St. Patrick's Day Luncheon. We will need a chairman, please pray and think about heading up this project.

We look forward to seeing everyone for fellowship and service.



The Methodist Home for Children has been a project of the Parkwood United Methodist Women for many years. This year donation Sunday for the NC Conference is February 16, 2014. Please consider this as one of your donations for 2014. You can put your check in the collection plate. Bob Newlin will make sure our donations will reach the MHFC. If you would like further information, you may go online to www.mhfc.org.



The UM MEN: Our next meeting for breakfast will be at 8am on Saturday, February 15th. at Beneties on Hwy. 55 at 8:00.

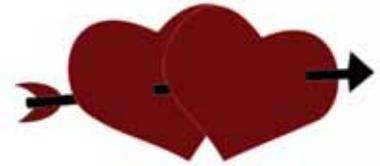
We would also like to thank our congregation for their support of our Chili cook off.

LORD'S DAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SABBATH
						1 7 RTP Fellowship
2 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Chili Cook Off 3-5 GS Rms 5,7	3 9:30 Senior Exercise	4 5:30-6:30 GS R5 Pastor out of office for CFA Mtg.	5 9:30 Senior Exercise	6 6-8 Cubs Rm 7 7 Cubs Rms 1,3,4,5,6	7 9:30 Senior Exercise 7:30 Movie Nite Presents: "The Hiding Place" Pastor out of office for DCOM Mtg.	8 9-11 Knit, Purf, Pray 7 RTP Fellowship
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TASK	FEBRUARY 2	FEBRUARY 9	FEBRUARY 16	FEBRUARY 23
9:15 Greeters	Margaret Eiland and David Thompson	Ron & Betty Byrd	Marie Porter and Priscilla Thompson	Herb & Jan Schwarze
10:45 Greeters	Ron & Betty Byrd	Betsy Newlin and Priscilla Thompson	Ron & Susan Clark	Florine Layman and Ann Farmer
Infant Nursery	Ann Farmer	Ron Clark	Dianne Mitchell	Dena Roberts
Ushers	Frank & Brenda Stephens	David Thompson and Ann Farmer	Ron & Susan Clark	Andrew Key and Linnie Skidmore
Altar Guild	Pat Nestler	Charlotte Thompson	Priscilla Thompson	Florine Layman
Communion Set-Up	Bev Whitmore and Betty Whitaker			
Altar Flowers				
Member Care Cards	Susan Oglesby	Pat Nestler	Jan Schwarze	Margaret Eiland
Counters	Margaret Eiland and Dianne Mitchell	Diane Mitchell and Ron Byrd	Ron Byrd and Bob Newlin	Bob Newlin and Laura Denny
FT & Lection Reader	Peggy Moore	Charlotte Thompson	Marie Porter	Lauren Key
Fellowship Refreshments	Ann Farmer	Lisa Greene	Steve Jenkins and Aida Cancel	Lauren & Andrew Key
Office Help	Ron Byrd	Jan Schwarze	Peggy Moore	Andrew Key
Acolytes	Beth Bradshaw	Tiffany Jackson	Caroline Mitchell	Hope Roberts

MINISTRY TEAM FOR FEBRUARY 2014 *If you can't serve on your day, please arrange for a substitute. Thanks

Parkwood UMYF Presents



Our annual Valentines Day Spaghetti Dinner!!!!!!!!!!!!

Sunday, February 16th, 2014

From 5 – 7 pm

Menu:

Fresh Garden Green Salad w/ Choice of Dressing

From an Old Family Recepte: Spaghetti w/ Sauce

An Assortment of Deserts

Reservation are suggested but walkins are welcome.
There is a sign up sheet in the hall.



Donations help fund youth projects