



Believe.....Belong.....Serve

The Newsletter of the Parkwood United Methodist Church
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Here We Are to Worship

Worship is an absolute important piece of any church. It's the moment when a majority of the church gathers together around scripture, song and sacrament to rest in God, be formed in God's ways and energized to serve for the week to come. Any of us who have stepped outside our own sanctuary to worship at another church knows that there are many different ways Christians worship. We sing different songs, some newer and some older, we enjoy sermons of different lengths, worship in different spaces, from homes to grand sanctuaries, and the list could go on. There has never been a one size fits all as different communities and different Christians need different opportunities to worship and grow in faith. And there certainly isn't anything wrong with that.

This year we're going to try out some new ways to worship. What I mean by this isn't necessarily changes to our existing service on Sunday morning. Instead, we're going to experiment with new place and new times to worship so that more people in our community can have opportunities to worship with us. One example is our first House Church group that met for worship this January for the first time. A small group of us gathered at one of our houses to fellowship around the dinner table before gathering in the living space for singing, scripture, a conversational sermon, and a time of prayer centered on the question, "How is it with your soul?" A church can be an intimidating place for introverts like me or anyone who's grown up without ever stepping foot in one. How much more receptive could they be if the invitation to worship was a laid back setting with friends like our House Church? Stay tuned, because another House Church group will be formed a little later this year.

Another opportunity to worship that I'm excited to announce will take place for the first time on Saturday, March 28th, at 5:30pm. The service is called 'Come to the Table' and, as the name would imply, centers on worshipping around dinner. It will be a simple service of song, the word, and communion and will take place in the fellowship hall following dinner. I envision a song from Olly Roberts cueing us to the start of worship and signaling last call for dessert and coffee to sip on and eat during worship. Children will be welcome. If they are old enough, coloring books and other activities will be at each of the tables to keep them entertained and there will be a nursery for the younger ones. For our first gathering, at least, the meal will be

potluck and we'll encourage our members to bring enough for any new visitors that might show up. You might be amazed at how many folks would love to come to church, but are unable to on Sunday mornings. Might Saturday evening be a better offering for them? That's what we hope to find out. Oh, and the service and the sermon will be different than what you'll find on Sunday morning. So, feel free to come to both.

As you can see, 2015 holds a lot of new things in store for Parkwood UMC. I have always appreciated the love and support of this church and look forward to new ways for us to grow together through worship. *Pastor Nathan*



SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

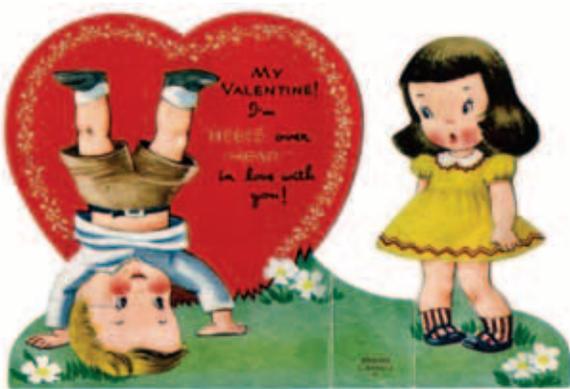
The Seekers Class

The Seekers class will continue its study of selected books of the Apocrypha. We will be studying 2 Maccabees from which the Jews derive Hanukkah and the Catholics Purgatory. These books fill in the time between the Old Testament and the time of Jesus and give us insight into the world into which Jesus came.

the Jacob Class

the Jacob class continues its study of Paul with, starting in February, Galatians, followed by Romans and Ephesians. Herb Schwarze and Ron Byrd will be conducting this study.

The Jacob class meets in room 1 at 9:30 am



Friday Nite Movie



February 6, 2015

2015 Previews of Coming Attractions*

March 6	Amazing Grace	2007	Ioan Grufford & Albert Finney
April 10	Top Hat	1935	Fred Astaire & Ginger Rodger
May 1	Loch Ness	1996	Ted Danson & Joely Richardson
June 5	Bringing Up Baby	1938	Cary Grant & Katharine Hepburn
July 3	Brigadoon	1954	Gene Kelly & Van Johnson
August 7	Million Dollar Arm	2014	Jon Hamm & Bill Paxton
Sept. 4	The Time of Their Lives	1946	Bud Abbott & Lou Costello
Oct. 2	How to Train our Dragon 2	2014	voices of Cate Blanchett & Gerard Butler
Nov. 6	Noah	2014	Russell Crowe & Jennifer Connelly
Dec. 4	Heaven is For Real	2014	Greg Kinnear & Kelly Reilly

*Subject to Change

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Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

Wayne and Mariette Abbott February 9th

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





Parkwood United Methodist Men

The Parkwood UMM will meet on Saturday morning February 21st for breakfast at Beneties Restaurant in the Greenwood Commons shopping center off Sedwick road at 8:00 am

Don't forget the UMM Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 17th.



United Methodist Women

Our first meeting of the year is traditionally a covered dish supper. Pastors Nathan and Laura Whitman and their sons Cameron and Alan were our guests for dinner. We also welcomed a new member Laura Meyers, who has been active with us since the day she arrived last fall.

Pastor Nathan installed our officers. President: Betty Byrd, Pat Nestler, treasurer and Arlene McCloskey, secretary, were all returning from last year. Brenda Stephans will be our new vice president and already busy in her position.

A proposed calendar for the year was presented to the group which they approved. This year we will be having four of our meetings on Saturday mornings at 10:00 to hold mission-driven workshops. Many of our members have expressed their wishes to do so. We also are hoping to bring out more of our ladies that no longer can come in the evenings.

Arlene shared with us some of the many projects the Knit, Purl, Pray had done in 2014 and donated to the UMW a portion of their profits. What a Blessing they are to our group, church and community. **GLORY !!**

Yes, Our Best-loved dinner will be back by popular request. We will be having our Irish Dinner on March 15!

On March 21st we are planning a one day out of town spiritual retreat. This is something we have never done before and are getting excited. All ladies of our church are welcome. If you are interested save that date and let one of us know. The plans are being finalized and we will share more with you soon.

Next month our meeting will be a workshop on Sat morning, February 21st at 10:00 to make hygiene kits. Hope you have been saving your items for us.

The Way We Were



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

Monthly Devotional from Rev. Alistair Begg of the Truth for Life Ministry

A Fullness in Christ

And from his fullness we have all received. [John 1:16](#)

These words tell us that there is a fullness in Christ. There is a fullness of essential Deity, for "in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily."¹ There is a fullness of perfect manhood, for in Him, bodily, that Godhead was revealed. There is a fullness of atoning efficacy in His blood, for "the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin."² There is a fullness of justifying righteousness in His life, for "there is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."³ There is a fullness of divine prevalence in His plea, for "He is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them."⁴ There is a fullness of victory in His death, for through death He destroyed him that had the power of death--that is, the devil. There is a fullness of efficacy in His resurrection from the dead, for by it "he has caused us to be born again to a living hope."⁵ There is a fullness of triumph in His ascension, for "when he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men."⁶ There is a fullness of blessings of every sort and shape; a fullness of grace to pardon, of grace to regenerate, of grace to sanctify, of grace to preserve, and of grace to perfect. There is a fullness at all times; a fullness of comfort in affliction, a fullness of guidance in prosperity. A fullness of every divine attribute--of wisdom, of power, of love; a fullness that it is impossible to survey, much less to explore. "For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell."⁷

Oh, what a fullness must this be of which all receive! Fullness, indeed, must there be when the stream is always flowing, and yet the well springs up as free, as rich, as full as ever. Come, believer, and get all your need supplied; ask largely, and you will receive largely, for this "fullness" is inexhaustible and is treasured up where all the needy may reach it, even in Jesus, Immanuel--God with us.

1) Colossians 2:9 2) 1 John 1:7 -3) Romans 8:1 4) Hebrews 7:25 5) 1 Peter 1:3 6) Ephesians 4:8 7) Colossians 1:19

COMING IN FEBRUARY: THE METHODIST MEN'S FAMOUS
"SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER" FEBRUARY 17TH.



Shirley was the best today since early Oct. Isaiah Lincoln returned today from Afghanistan and came 2 see her. He has 2 return soon

LORD'S DAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SABBATH
1 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 3-5 GS Rms 5,7	2 9:30 Senior Exercise	3 5:30-6:30 GS R5	4 9:30 Senior Exercise	5 6-8 Cubs Rm 7 7 Cubs Rms 1,3,4,5,6	6 9:30 Senior Exercise 7:30 Movie Nite "Spencer's Mountain"	7
8 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 3-5 GS Rms 5,7 5:30 UMIYF	9 9:30 Senior Exercise	10 5:30-6:30 GS R5	11 9:30 Senior Exercise	12 6-8 Cubs Rm 7 7 Cubs Rms 1,3,4,5,6	13 9:30 Senior Exercise	14 9-11 Knit, Purl, Pray
15 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Valentine's Spaghetti Luncheon 3-5 GS Rms 5,7	16 9:30 Senior Exercise	17 5:30-6:30 GS R5 6:15 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	18 6:30am Ash Wednesday 9:30 Senior Exercise 7:00 Ash Wednesday	19 6-8 Cubs Rm 7 7 Cubs Rms 1,3,4,5,6	20 9:30 Senior Exercise	21
22 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 3-5 GS Rms 5,7	23 9:30 Senior Exercise	24 5:30-6:30 GS R5	25 9:30 Senior Exercise	26 6-8 Cubs Rm 7 7 Cubs Rms 1,3,4,5,6	27 9:30 Senior Exercise	28 9-11 Knit, Purl, Pray
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TASK	FEBRUARY 1	FEBRUARY 8	FEBRUARY 15	FEBRUARY 22
9:15 Greeters	Herb & Jan Schwarze	Jimmy & Florine Layman	Marie Porter and David Thompson	Ron & Betty Byrd
10:45 Greeters	Charlotte & David Thompson	Marie Porter & Dena Roberts	Natalie Robson & Betsy Newlin	Linnie Skidmore & Donald Lennon
Infant Nursery	Debbie Kavanaugh	Marietta Abbott	Dianne Mitchell	Dena Roberts
Ushers	Linnie Skidmore & Donald Lennon	Frank & Brenda Stephans	David Thompson and Ann Farmer	Ron & Susan Clark
Altar Guild	Florine Layman	Marietta Abbott	Jan Schwarze	Pat Nestler
Communion Set-Up	Marietta Abbott & Betsy Newlin			
Altar Flowers				
Member Care Cards	Betty Byrd	Susan Oglesby	Pat Nestler	Jan Schwarze
Counters	Laura Denny & Roger Jarrell	Roger Jarrell & Eddie Hanson	Eddie Hanson & Frank Stephans	Frank Stephans & Herb Schwarze
FT & Lection Reader	Ron Byrd	Bob Newlin	Ann Farmer	Linnie Skidmore
Fellowship Refreshments	Betsy Newlin	Jan Schwarze	Betty Byrd	Ann Farmer
Office Help	Ron Byrd	Jan Schwarze	Marietta Abbott	Bob Newlin

MINISTRY TEAM FOR FEBRUARY 2015 *If you can't serve on your day, please arrange for a substitute. Thanks

Old Man and a Bucket of Shrimp

This is a wonderful story and it is true. You will be glad that you read it, and I hope you will pass it on.

It happened every Friday evening, almost without fail, when the sun resembled a giant orange and was starting to dip into the blue ocean.

Old Ed came strolling along the beach to his favorite pier. Clutched in his bony hand was a bucket of shrimp. Ed walks out to the end of the pier, where it seems he almost has the world to himself. The glow of the sun is a golden bronze now.

Everybody's gone, except for a few joggers on the beach. Standing out on the end of the pier, Ed is alone with his thoughts...and his bucket of shrimp.

Before long, however, he is no longer alone. Up in the sky a thousand white dots come screeching and squawking, winging their way toward that lanky frame standing there on the end of the pier.

Before long, dozens of seagulls have enveloped him, their wings fluttering and flapping wildly. Ed stands there tossing shrimp to the hungry birds. As he does, if you listen closely, you can hear him say with a smile, 'Thank you. Thank you.'

In a few short minutes the bucket is empty. But Ed doesn't leave. He stands there lost in thought, as though transported to another time and place.

When he finally turns around and begins to walk back toward the beach, a few of the birds hop along the pier with him until he gets to the stairs, and then they, too, fly away. And old Ed quietly makes his way down to the end of the beach and on home.

If you were sitting there on the pier with your fishing line in the water, Ed might seem like 'a funny old duck,' as my dad used to say. Or, to onlookers, he's just another old codger, lost in his own weird world, feeding the seagulls with a bucket full of shrimp.

To the onlooker, rituals can look either very strange or very empty. They can seem altogether unimportantmaybe even a lot of nonsense.

Old folks often do strange things, at least in the eyes of Boomers and Busters.

Most of them would probably write Old Ed off, down there in Florida ... That's too bad. They'd do well to know him better.

His full name: Eddie Rickenbacker. He was a famous hero in World War I, and then he was in

WWII. On one of his flying missions across the Pacific, he and his seven-member crew went down. Miraculously, all of the men survived, crawled out of their plane, and climbed into a life raft.

Captain Rickenbacker and his crew floated for days on the rough waters of the Pacific. They fought the sun. They fought sharks. Most of all, they fought hunger and thirst. By the eighth day their rations ran out. No food. No water. They were hundreds of miles from land and no one knew where they were or even if they were alive.

Every day across America millions wondered and prayed that Eddie Rickenbacker might somehow be found alive.

The men adrift needed a miracle. That afternoon they had a simple devotional service and prayed for a miracle.

They tried to nap. Eddie leaned back and pulled his military cap over his nose. Time dragged on. All he could hear was the slap of the waves against the raft...suddenly Eddie felt something land on the top of his cap. It was a seagull!

Old Ed would later describe how he sat perfectly still, planning his next move. With a flash of his hand and a squawk from the gull, he managed to grab it and wring its neck. He tore the feathers off, and he and his starving crew made a meal of it - a very slight meal for eight men. Then they used the intestines for bait. With it, they caught fish, which gave them food and more bait....and the cycle continued. With that simple survival technique, they were able to endure the rigors of the sea until they were found and rescued after 24 days at sea.

Eddie Rickenbacker lived many years beyond that ordeal, but he never forgot the sacrifice of that first life-saving seagull... And he never stopped saying, 'Thank you.' That's why almost every Friday night he would walk to the end of the pier with a bucket full of shrimp and a heart full of gratitude.

PS: Eddie Rickenbacker was the founder of Eastern Airlines. Before WWI he was race car driver. In WWI he was a pilot and became America's first ace. In WWII he was an instructor and military adviser, and he flew missions with the combat pilots. Eddie Rickenbacker is a true American hero. And now you know another story about the trials and sacrifices that brave men have endured for your freedom.