

A Beacon of God to all People

Growing in Christ.....Sharing God's Love.....Reaching Out to the World



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

The Newsletter of the Parkwood United Methodist Church
Proudly serving the Parkwood Community for 55 years

Mark 1: 14--15

 February, 2017

Greetings, Parkwood UMC –

January's worship was full! We remembered Jesus' baptism and our own. We heard Jesus' call to follow to Peter, Andrew, James, and John and challenged to take up our cross. We were also reminded of what God requires of us, "to seek justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God" (Micah 6:8). We, as a community of faith, journey in this Christian life together. And I am so glad that we do!

I invite you to look forward to Transfiguration Sunday, when we will hear again of Jesus' transfiguration upon the mountaintop in the presence of Moses and Elijah. Jesus' *transfiguration* is not to be confused with a simple *transformation*. Transformation is to be changed in one's form, appearance, or character. Whereas, transfiguration is to be changed in form in an exalted, glorified or spiritual way. We will see that Jesus was exalted and fully ablaze in his glory. Why is Jesus' transfiguration important to us today? Why do we observe it on the last Sunday before Lent?

We celebrate the revelation of Christ's glory "before the passion" so that we may "be strengthened to bear our cross and be changed into his likeness." The focus of the Lenten season is renewed discipline in walking in the way of the cross and rediscovery of the baptismal renunciation of evil and sin and our daily adherence to Christ. At Easter, which reveals the fullness of Christ's glory (foreshadowed in the Transfiguration), Christians give themselves anew to the gospel at the Easter Vigil where they share the dying and rising of Christ. In the biblical context, the synoptic gospels narrate the Transfiguration as a bridge between Jesus' public ministry and his passion. From the time of the Transfiguration, Jesus sets his face to go to Jerusalem and the cross.

(Excerpt taken from <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/transfiguration-sunday-why-do-we-celebrate-it-before-lent>, last accessed on 1/25/2017)

I pray that you will join us at Parkwood UMC in February for worship, study, ministry and fellowship. I pray that our hearts will be stirred and the spirit will lead us all in mighty ways, as we seek to follow our Savior Christ Jesus together. **Grace and peace, Pastor Anita**



The Seekers Class

Starting in February, the Seekers Class will begin studying the book of Romans using the Immersion Bible Study Series. This book is written by Lynn H. Cohick. Everyone is

welcome. If you wish to participate, let Bob Newlin know so he can obtain a book for you.

the Jacob Class

February line-up is about Love. The class will be looking at Love from the view of Eve, Esther, Mary of Bethany, and Mary, the mother of Jesus. Series begins February 5.



February, 2017

Lauren Key Feb. 1

Beverly Jones Feb. 3

Monica Eiland Feb. 6

Pat Nestler Feb. 9

Mary Greene Feb. 10

Jeanne Schwarze Feb. 14 

Lori Massengill Feb. 26

Pam Skidmore Feb. 26



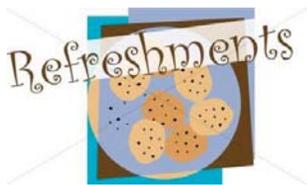
Wayne and Marietta Abbott Feb. 9 1980

Send birthdays and anniversaries to:
crabbyron@yahoo.com



Hospitality Greeters:

Feb. 5 Ann Farmer
Feb. 12 Ann Farmer
Feb. 19 Betty Byrd
Feb. 26 Ann Farmer



Refreshments

Feb. 5 Jan Schwarze
Feb. 12 Ann Farmer
Feb. 19 Betty Byrd
Feb. 26 Dena Roberts

The Hospitality and Refreshment groups would encourage you to please volunteer.

Here are two important dates:

On Tuesday, *February 7* at *7 pm* the UMW Book Club will meet in the church family room. We will be discussing "An Invisible Thread" by Laura Schroff. All are welcome!

Volunteers will be needed to serve lunch at Urban Ministries on Saturday, Feb. 25. We will meet to carpool at 10:30 am in the church parking lot.



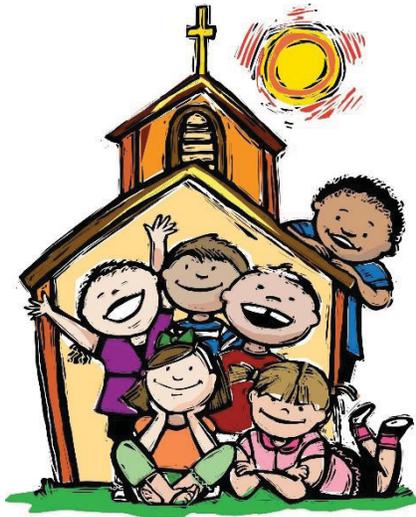
“Please receive the financial information shared at the State of the Church Meeting held on January 22, 2017. The Administrative Board is committed to providing information with you, the congregation, in order to continue in trust in our shared ministry together. We celebrate that we have met our obligations by submitting 100% of our 2016 Apportionments to the North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church. We give thanks how you all continue to support the ministry at Parkwood UMC through your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness. May we all seek to be faithful to our holy work to glorify our God in 2017.”

FINANCIAL UPDATE		F. STEPHANS/B. NEWLIN	
	2015 Year End	2016 Year End	2016 Expenditures
<i>Capital Funds</i>	\$71,970.00	\$28,970.00	\$111,980.00
General Funds	Budget	Actual	
2015	\$176,461.00	\$165,559.43	
2016	\$183,242.00	\$165,933.23	
2017	\$177,317.00	---	
DEC. 31, 2016 General Fund Balance		\$6927.00 cash	



Jan Schwarze

**The next Egg Sunday is in...
April ??????**



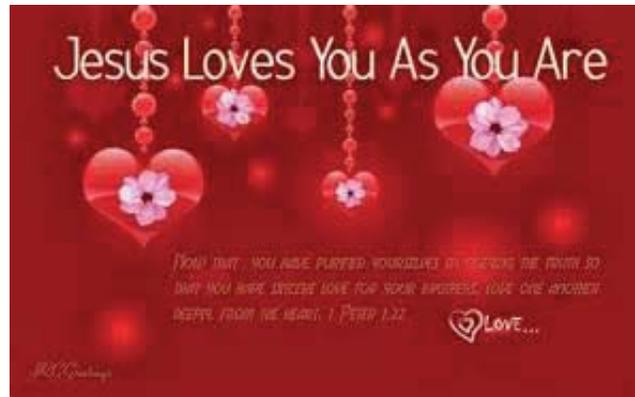
SAVE THE DATE!

Summer Arts Camp will be held Sunday -Wednesday, JUNE 18-21 with our Celebration on Saturday, JUNE 24. Mark your calendars now! Details to come soon.



**Chancel Choir practice
Wednesdays @ 7:30**

Wanna voice in Church? Join the choir



Knit-Pray-Pray

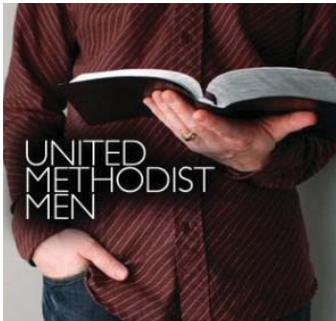
Parkwood United Methodist Church

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



Parkwood United Methodist Men

The Parkwood UMM meet on Saturday morning February 17th at 8 am for breakfast at Benetis restaurant in the Greenwood Commons shopping center off Sedwick road at 8:00 a.m.



The little Buzzard says, "Thanks for a successful Chili Cook-off. The Cook-off winners are: Eddie Hanson, 4th; Sharon Schulze, 3rd; Lisa Green, 2nd; and, Pastor Anita Taylor, 1st."

Vintage Valentine's Postcard





Important UMW notes:

* A new sign up sheet for Kitchen floor clean up for 2017 is now available on the bulletin board in the hallway. Please consider helping with this project!

* We have received several thank you's for donations made at the end of the year. Those notes are on the bulletin board in the hall.

* If you would like to hostess or help hostess a meeting contact Brenda. There are several meeting nights that need a hostess.

* The UMW is starting a new endeavor by adopting missionaries around the world. We promise to contact and keep in touch via mail and social media with those that we are assigned to in the missionary field. And will send a birthday card with prayers to that missionary. Brenda matched missionaries with members of UMW and gave each member the missionary's information as well as a stamp for the birthday card. If you were not at the meeting, missionary information will be distributed to you in the very near future.

* Brenda also passed out a booklet for each UMW member called, UMW 101. It's a great informational packet. Be sure to pick up a copy if you were not at the meeting.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Women's Conference in Raleigh - Saturday, February 4. See Laura Meyers for details.

Book club night - Tuesday, February 7 at 7:00 pm Family Room

Freezer meal with the youth night - Sunday, March 5 at 5:30. Help youth make frozen meals for Urban Ministries and for our church freezer. More details later

Meeting night - Thursday, February 23 at 7:00 pm Fellowship Hall. Program - Call to Prayer and Self Denial led by Brenda Stephans

Come to Table Saturday February 18! Time 5:30pm. Be there or be square!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! **THE RETREAT IS SATURDAY, APRIL 29 AT THE REFUGE!!** \$35 per person (please note this fee is nonrefundable). Money due by March 1. More details at the February meeting. Ten people minimum. We need to know who is going by March 1.





January weather kept the youth from all of their usual activities, but they are busy getting back into the swing of things now that the weather is cooperating. Bible study and game night are always a fun time and January was no exception. A special shout out to Debbie Carroll and Ken Ganong for helping with game night. Andrew couldn't have done it without you! Also, the youth want to thank those who provided dinner for their meetings this month: Ann Farmer, Lisa Greene, Pam Skidmore and Marietta Abbott.

Meanwhile they are looking forward to February and lots of hard work as well as fun! The Super Bowl party, Youth Spaghetti Dinner and movie night all promise to keep them very busy. It also gives **YOU** opportunities to support our youth and join them in these activities. They hope that you can join them for the Super Bowl party February 5th. Kickoff is at 6:30. Bring an appetizer to share and a canned food item to donate to Urban Ministries. The annual Spaghetti Dinner will be February 11. Stay tuned for details as the date nears.

Remember, if you know anyone in grades 6 to 12 please encourage them to join our youth group.

All youth are welcome!

