

# ***BELIEVE...BELONG...SERVE...***

*Serving Parkwood for 51 years*



*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

June 2014

## **Celebrating Stewardship!**

*Steward: a person who acts as the surrogate of another or others, especially by managing property, financial affairs, an estate, etc.*

Dominion. That's the word we hear in Genesis. The Lord brought order amidst the chaos, separating night and day, and waters from the dry land. He created the animals of sky, sea, and air, and then he created humanity. It was good and God entrusted us with dominion over God's new creation. In the Common English Bible our call is to, "take charge of the fish of the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the earth, and all the crawling things on earth." It was my Old Testament professor at Duke Divinity who taught us that this word 'dominion' does not truly capture what God is calling us to. That word changes to dominate and it has been misconstrued to mean we should use up and manipulate creation to our benefit with no thought of the consequences. However, a better word is 'keeper.' We are to be keepers of the earth as God is our keeper. Another word that we are more familiar with is 'steward.' I put its definition up top to remind us that the most important thing about our stewardship of creation is that it still belongs to God. God entrusts us with all of creation, a lofty responsibility, and according to scripture and the life of Christ, there is a certain way in which God wants us to look after it...with the same sacrificial love that he looks after us.

In July, beginning with our Hymn Sing on July 13<sup>th</sup>, we're going to be celebrating this call to stewardship. For four weeks we are going to celebrate the great things Parkwood UMC has done to live out God's call to be a good steward within our community. For four weeks we are going to celebrate how our sacrifice of time, money and service has helped us to answer that call. We want everyone to know the good that we are doing and the ways that meeting our financial ministry goals can bring positive change to those within our church and those outside our walls. We also want you to know what that financial ministry goal is. Because of that, beginning in June we are going to include information in the bulletins that lets us know what our weekly and monthly financial goal is and how we are meeting it. Don't worry. I'll point it out to you when that time comes.

What trust God must have in us to place God's creation upon our shoulders! How awesome is it that God has given us each other to be the keepers of our brothers and sisters? If you want to celebrate stewardship with us, if you want to know the ways in which can more fully answer that call we have to our church, each other, and all of creation, please join us for four weeks of worship beginning on July 13<sup>th</sup>. While we sing God's

praises during worship we will also prepare to sing that praise with our lives outside of the church doors. We will see you there! Nathan

## **SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES**

### **The Seekers Class**

We start Deuteronomy Sunday, April 27. This is the 5th book of the TORAH. Please plan to join us at 9:30.

Blessings, Bob

### **the Jacob Class**

Over the summer, the Jacob class will be using the book by J. Elsworth Kalas "The Thirteen Apostles". Herb Schwarze will be conducting this study.

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

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### **Youth Sunday school**

The Youth will continue to talk about the Great Figures of the New Testament this month. We'll talk about:

The Herodians (These were the Kings who carried the name Herod and there were several of them.)

Judas Iscariot

Pontius Pilate

## *Knit - Pur - Pray*

Parkwood United Methodist Church

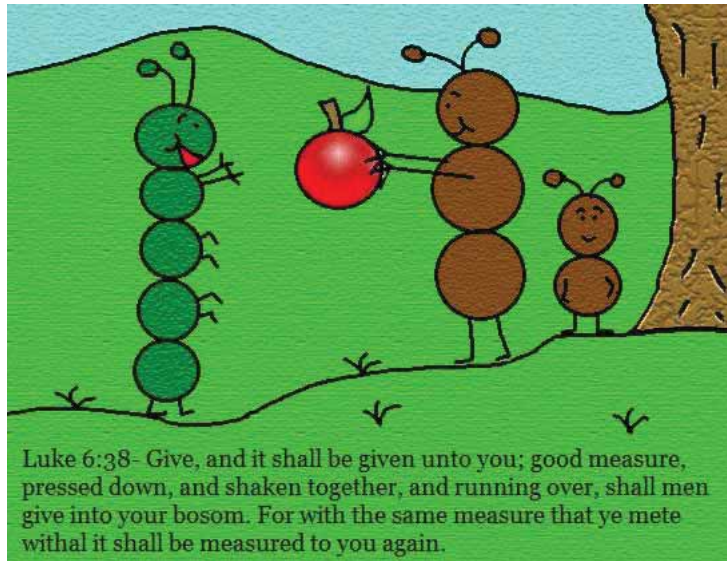
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

2<sup>nd</sup>. And 4<sup>th</sup>. 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.**

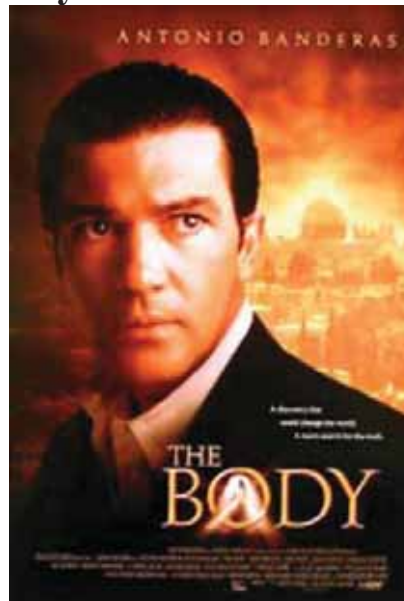
### **Great Ideas for Summer on Page 12**



I am so thankful for my church family, You always come through when there is a need. Your response to my request for men's pants was amazing! Thank you so much for you generosity - it was so appreciated.

Thank you for your continuing support for the needy of Durham,  
Jan

### Friday Nite Movie Presents:



**The Body**  
**June 13<sup>th</sup>. 2014 @ 7:30 pm**

## Plot summary

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Dr. Sharon Galban finds an ancient skeleton in Jerusalem in a rich man's tomb. Coloration of the wrist and ankle bones indicates the cause of death was crucifixion. Several artifacts, including a gold coin bearing the marks of Pontius Pilate and a jar dating to 32 A.D., date the tomb to the year Christ died. Faint markings on the skull consistent with thorns, the absence of broken leg bones, occupational markers suggesting the deceased was a carpenter, and a nick on the ribs from a pointed object lead authorities to suspect that these could be the bones of Christ. The different reactions of politicians, clerics, religious extremists— some prepared to use terror to gain their ends—to the religious, cultural and political implications of the find, make life difficult and dangerous for the investigators as they seek to unearth the truth.

Father Matt Gutierrez is assigned by the Vatican to investigate the case and to protect the Christian faith. He sets out to prove that the bones are not those of Jesus, but as there is more and more evidence to support the claim, his faith begins to waver. Troubled by the case, he turns to Father Lavelle (Derek Jacobi) who commits suicide because he cannot reconcile the scientific evidence with his faith. This event causes Father Gutierrez to turn from his faith, but he comes back to it in the end. He also comes to understand that it is the Catholic Church that he is protecting and not the faith, and decides to resign from his priesthood.

Previews of Coming Attractions for 2014\*

\*subject to change

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 Tobey, Margaret Sheridan
Nov.	The Mission	1986	Robert De Niro, Jeremy Irons
Dec.	Remember the Night	1940	Barbara Stanwyck, Fred MacMurry

## Coming in July





## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU



### Birthdays

Marie Porter June 2  
Ron Byrd June 2  
Ryan Clark June 6  
Danielle Slomberg June 7  
Robyn Willson June 10  
Sara Gunter June 11  
Hope Roberts June 15  
Bob Newlin June 16  
Florine Layman June 21  
Deena Roberts June 27

### Anniversaries

Tapani Ronni & Monica Eiland June 8  
Bob & Margaret Eiland June 21  
Jimmy & Florine Layman June 21  
Clint & Natalie Robson June 22  
Ron & Susan Clark June 23  
Ron & Betty Byrd June 27  
Jim & Judy Roseberry June 29

Send birthdays and anniversaries to [crabbyron@yahoo.com](mailto:crabbyron@yahoo.com)



### **Sound Booth Needs Sunday Helpers!**

Olli and Chris have done a great service to our church for years now, seated at the sound board during every Sunday service, while we in the congregation share the total immersion and experiences of the services from our pews.

Both Olli and Chris want some Sundays where they can share worship in the pews along with their families.

Only one person so far has volunteered to help "rotate in" on Sundays to work the sound board.

**Two or more additional volunteers from our congregation are needed for the sound booth!**

This number would provide for each volunteer to only have to work the sound booth once each month.

Members of our congregation that are interested in helping services in this way should contact Olli.



The Parkwood UMM will meet on Saturday morning June 21st for breakfast at Beneties Reasturant in the shopping center off of Sedwick road at 8:00 am.

## *Parkwood United Methodist Women*

### **April Meeting Highlights**

Parkwood UMW met on Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall at PUMC. Betty Byrd welcomed fourteen women. Members took a few minutes to share joys and concerns. Refreshments were provided by Jan Schwarze and Betty Byrd.

Betty turned the meeting over to Mike Billau who presented a program on his recent Mission Trip to Honduras where the group constructed a much needed bathroom for a Honduran family. There were nine people in his group. He showed pictures, explained much about the trip and answered questions. Through the pictures he showed us others there who worked with them and the process of construction. He also brought bracelets a young woman was making from discarded magazine paper to show us and give us an opportunity to purchase them. It was a very informative program as to the living conditions in that country and the great service they provided.

Pam Skidmore reported the women's wish to establish a library in the church to keep UMW resource materials and appropriate books a member may want to share with the group. The Jacob Classroom was selected as there was already space on their book shelves.

Arlene McCloskey, Ann Farmer and Betty Byrd agreed to work on updating the UMW brochure.

### **May Meeting Highlights**

Parkwood UMW met on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. The women made 16 much needed birthing kits to be mailed off to third world countries. There were 17 women present for this project.

Business at the meeting started with refreshments provided by Nila Nagy and Marietta Abbott. Following this, joys and concerns were shared.

A report on the Parkwood Flea Market was given and some concerns were discussed. Although the women did fairly well at this fundraiser, we did not have the participation as we have had in the past and having the date changed to a holiday weekend hurt our business.

Arlene had delivered a box of Pregnancy Support items that the women had provided. We want to thank her for getting these items to the appropriate people at the Pregnancy Support Organization.

The next meeting of the UMW will be on Thursday, June 26 at Parkwood United Methodist Church in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m. We will be planning our summer retreat. If you would like to come and see what the UMW women are doing, please join us. We hope to see many of you at our meeting

## **This Day in Christian History**

**June 6, 1915. Death of William H. Cummings, English chorister and composer, who arranged the hymn tune "Mendelssohn" ("Hark! The Herald Angels Sing")**

**June 7, 1913. Ohio-born Methodist evangelist George Bennard introduces his new hymn, "The Old Rugged Cross," during a revival meeting in Pokagon, Michigan.**

**June 10, 1692. Bridget Bishop becomes the first person hanged for witchcraft during the Salem witch trials. In all, twenty people died as a result of these trials; one by pressing.**

**June 11, 1739. John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, records in his journal, "I look upon all the world as my parish."**

**June 25, 1842. Birth of Daniel S. Warner; American churchman and founder of the Church of God (Anderson, Indiana).**

**June 26, 1839. Scottish clergyman and missionary Robert Murray McCheyne writes in a letter, "Joy is increased by spreading it to others."**

## **LEADERSHIP TEAM**

The purpose of the Leadership Team (Administrative Council), as per the Methodist Book of Discipline, is to provide for planning and implementing a program of nurture, outreach, witness and resources in the local church. It shall also provide for the administration of its organization and temporal life. It shall envision, plan, implement and annually evaluate the mission and ministry of the church.

The discipline also states the council shall meet no less than quarterly. In the past, at PUMC, the Leadership team has met on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday during the months of January, March, May, July, September and November, with each voting member of the team having the right to call a special meeting at any time. This schedule will continue in 2014.

The membership of the Leadership Team at PUMC IS;

CHAIR – Herb Schwarze

PASTOR – Nathan Wittman

RECORDING SECRETARY – Margaret Eiland

TREASURER – Bob Newlin

LAY LEADER – Ron Byrd

SPRC CHAIR – Laura Denny  
FINANCE CHAIR – Frank Stephans  
TRUSTEE CHAIR – Ed Hanson  
DISCIPLING CHAIR – Diane Mitchell  
MISSIONS CHAIR – Natalie Robson  
WORSHIP CHAIR – Ron Clark  
OUTREACH CHAIR – Ron Byrd  
UMM REPRESENTATIVE – Ron Byrd  
UMW REPRESENTATIVE – Betty Byrd  
LAY MEMBER ANNUAL CONF #1 – Ron Byrd  
LAY MEMBER ANNUAL CONF #2 – Margaret Eiland

## ***Presenting the Class of 2014!!!!***

### **High School**

Xavier Kavanaugh  
Olivia Batemon  
Taylor Scarcwe  
Brian Powell  
Eiden (Emma) Schirmer

### **College**

Ryan Clark    ECU  
Allie Cheek    Lees-McRae College  
Matt Muse    UNC







## **Earliest Jesus Depiction May Have Been Discovered In Ancient Egyptian Tomb!**

A team of Catalan archaeologists have discovered what they believe to be one of the earliest in an ancient tomb in Egypt.

The researchers uncovered an underground structure in a series of buried tombs that date to the 6th and 7th centuries. Among the Coptic, or early Christian, images painted on the walls was what lead researcher Joseph Padró described as "the figure of a young man, with curly hair, dressed in a short tunic and with his hand raised as if giving a blessing."

"We could be dealing with a very early image of Jesus Christ," Padró told La Vanguardia.

Archaeologists believe the tomb belonged to a well-known writer and a family of priests in the ancient Egyptian city of Oxyrhynchus, according to The Local.

The researchers removed 45 tons of rock to access the tombs, which are situated among several sites Padró has been excavating for the last 20 years.

The drawing is under lockdown while researchers begin to translate the inscriptions surrounding it.

In 2011, archaeologists working near the Sea of Galilee discovered a 2,000-year-old booklet with what was then thought to be one of the earliest depictions of Jesus. The booklet reportedly bore the inscription 'Savior of Israel' and was found in a cave in Jordan among other ancient artifacts.

Above photo is used for illustrative purposes only. It is not the Catalan excavation site.

LORD'S DAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SABBATH
<b>1</b> 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Vision and Mission 3-5 GS Rms 5,7	<b>2</b> 9:30 Senior Exercise	<b>3</b> 5:30-6:30 GS R5	<b>4</b> 9:30 Senior Exercise	<b>5</b> 6-8 Cubs Rm 7 7 Cubs Rms 1,3,4,5,6	<b>6</b> 9:30 Senior Exercise 7:30 Movie Nite Presents: "Pajama Game"	<b>7</b> 7 RTP Fellowship
<b>8</b> 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 3-5 GS Rms 5,7	<b>9</b> 9:30 Senior Exercise	<b>10</b> 5:30-6:30 GS R5 Pastor away at Annual Conference	<b>11</b> 9:30 Senior Exercise Pastor away at Annual Conference	<b>12</b> 6-8 Cubs Rm 7 7 Cubs Rms 1,3,4,5,6 Pastor away at annual conference	<b>13</b> 9:30 Senior Exercise Pastor away at annual conference	<b>14</b> 9-11 Knit, Purl, Pray 7 RTP Fellowship Pastor away at annual conference
<b>15</b> Father's Day! 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 3-5 GS Rms 5,7	<b>16</b> 9:30 Senior Exercise	<b>17</b> 5:30-6:30 GS R5	<b>18</b> 9:30 Senior Exercise	<b>19</b> 6-8 Cubs Rm 7 7 Cubs Rms 1,3,4,5,6	<b>20</b> 9:30 Senior Exercise	<b>21</b> 7 RTP Fellowship
<b>22</b> 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 3-5 GS Rms 5,7	<b>23</b> 9:30 Senior Exercise	<b>24</b> 5:30-6:30 GS R5	<b>25</b> 9:30 Senior Exercise	<b>26</b> 6-8 Cubs Rm 7 7 Cubs Rms 1,3,4,5,6	<b>27</b> 9:30 Senior Exercise	<b>28</b> 9-11 Knit, Purl, Pray 7 RTP Fellowship
<b>29</b> 9:30 Sunday School 3-5 GS Rms 5,7	<b>30</b> 9:30 Senior Exercise					
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<b>TASK</b>	<b>JUNE 1</b>	<b>JUNE 8</b>	<b>JUNE 15</b>	<b>JUNE 22</b>	<b>JUNE 29</b>
<b>9:15 Greeters</b>	Marie Porter and Priscilla Thompson	Herb & Jan Schwarze	Jimmy & Florine Layman	Margaret Eiland and David Thompson	Ron & Betty Byrd
<b>10:45 Greeters</b>	Betsy Newlin and Priscilla Thompson	Ron & Susan Clark	Florine Layman and Ann Farmer	Charlotte & David Thompson	Steve Jenkins and Aida Cancel
<b>Infant Nursery</b>	Betty Byrd	Ann Farmer	Ron Clark	Dianne Mitchell	Dena Roberts
<b>Ushers</b>	David Thompson and Ann Farmer	Ron & Susan Clark	Andrew Key and Linnie Skidmore	Frank & Brenda Stephens	David Thompson and Ann Farmer
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Florine Layman	Marietta Abbott	Margaret Eiland	Jan Schwarze	Pat Nestler
<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	Marietta Abbott and Betsy Newlin				
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Betty Byrd			Sharon Shulze	Marge Potter
<b>Member Care Cards</b>	Pat Nestler	Jan Schwarze	Margaret Eiland	Betty Byrd	Susan Oglesby
<b>Counters</b>	Frank Stephens and Herb Schwarze	Herb Schwarze and Ron Clark	Ron Clark and Margaret Eiland	Margaret Eiland and Dianne Mitchell	Dianne Mitchell and Ron Byrd
<b>FT &amp; Lection Reader</b>	Herb Schwarze	Pat Nestler	Margaret Eiland	Ron Byrd	Bob Newlin
<b>Fellowship Refreshments</b>	Lauren & Andrew Key	Betsy Newlin	Jan Schwarze	Pam Skidmore	Betty Byrd
<b>Office Help</b>	Jan Schwarze	Peggy Moore	Margaret Eiland	Andrew Key	Ron Byrd
<b>Lead Armor Bearer</b>	Beth Bradshaw	Tiffany Jackson	Caroline Mitchell	Hope Roberts	Beth Bradshaw

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

# What to do this Summer.....

## Visit North Carolina Lighthouses on the Outer Banks



Currituck



Cape Hatterus



Bodie Island

Vacation Bible School, A Summer Bible Study, Go on a Retreat, Become a Stephen Minister  
Strengthen your Commitment to God and Family



Catch and eat Crabs....

Bake a Cake



Visit the NC Transportation Museum  
In Spencer, NC

**Attend and Support your Church during the summer months**

**Above all, Safety first in everything you do!!!!!!**