

An illustration of a green vine with leaves and a red flower with a yellow center, set against a light blue background with white starburst shapes. The text "Spring forward!" is written in red cursive script across the top left of the illustration.

*Spring  
forward!*

**Don't forget to set all  
of your clocks one  
hour ahead!**

**MARCH 11, 2012**

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

Serving Parkwood for 50 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**!"

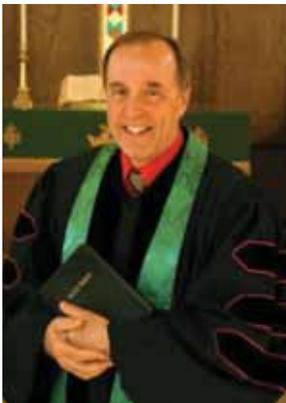
Mark 1:14-15

The Newsletter of Parkwood United Methodist Church

Our Mission: Change the world by making disciples!



*March, 2012*



## **NON-THEISTIC CHRISTIANS?**

Most of us are aware that there are different branches of Judaism. I just recently learned of a new branch. Humanistic Judaism is a movement in Judaism that offers a "non-theistic" alternative for Jews who don't believe in God. It defines Judaism as the cultural and historical experience of the Jewish people. Humanistic Synagogues (*there's one in Chapel Hill*) encourage members to celebrate Jewish life together by participating in Jewish holidays and traditions.

What a great idea! Don't you agree there are so many church members today who would be a lot more comfortable as non-theistic Christians? A Humanistic Church would define Christianity as the cultural and historical experience of church people. Humanistic churches could encourage members to celebrate Church life together by participating in Christian holidays and traditions without all the negatives like sin, guilt, confession, penitence, sacrifice, judgment, wrath, and hellfire. Instead of struggling with change to remain relevant, we could revel in tradition for its own sake! There wouldn't be any further need for evangelistic outreach! Covered-dish suppers could be just as important as the Lord's Supper! Church could be whatever we wanted it to be! Does that sound attractive to you?

Why **are** you a Christian? Because you want people to know you're a good person? Because you enjoy church? Because you would feel guilty if you weren't? Because your friends or family are? Because you want to secure your identity as a Christian? Because you love tradition? Sorry; those don't make you Christian. It only makes you religious. You can't be a non-theistic Christian. God became a man in Jesus Christ and died on a cross to save you from certain eternal torment. You cannot be a Christian if you will take up your cross daily and follow him. **Pastor Bob**

## SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

### The Seekers Class

Beginning Sunday March 4, the Seekers Class will start the Lenten Study: Final Words from the Cross by Adam Hamilton. Please join us. The books will be available this Sunday.

### the Jacob Class

"Dear and Glorious Physician" is a book written many years ago by Taylor Caldwell. Fictionally, she explored the life and times of Luke.

the Jacob class is exploring the works of Luke biblically. Won't you join us as we study the book of Luke; his Gospel in the New Testament and, in the future, the book of Acts.

All you need is your Bible. the Jacob class meets at 9:30 in room 1



## Tickle My Funny Bone

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(See Genesis 2:18-25)

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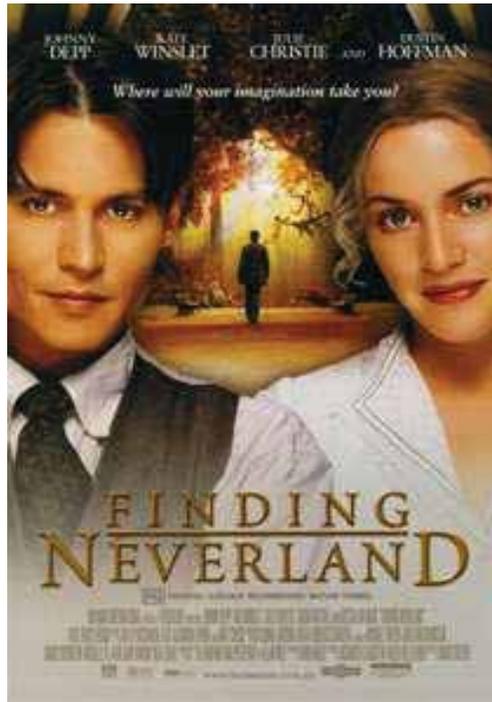
ADAM WRAPS UP THE VERY LAST OF THE  
ANIMAL NAMING PROJECT



Men of the Church: Check out page 14.

Friday Nite Movie Presents:

Finding Neverland



Starring Johnny Depp and Kate Winslet

March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 @ 7:30 pm

Previews of Coming Attractions\*

April	20th	Paper Clips	2004**
May	4th	The Lion King	1994
June	1st	Laura	1944
July	6th	Book of Ruth	2009
August	3rd	Casablanca	1942
September	7 <sup>th</sup>	Soul Surfer	2011
October	5th	Abbott and Costello Meet Frankenstein	1948
November	2nd	She Wore a Yellow Ribbon	1949
December	7th	Miracle on 34 <sup>th</sup> Street	1947

\*subject to change

\*\* note change of date



# St. Patrick's Day Meal

Prepared by UMW  
Menu featuring  
Corned beef and Cabbage and Beef Stew

Sunday, March 18  
Following the worship service

## Tickle My Funny Bone-St. Patrick's Day March 17<sup>th</sup>



St. Patrick driving the snakes out of Ireland.



The March United Methodist Men's meeting will be held on March 17th at 8am at the Golden Corral on Hwy. 55. Time changed because of overcrowding.

# Knit, Purl, Pray



**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.**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the Month**

## ***CALL ME!***

For just \$10.00 I made the lovely flower arrangement for the church this Sunday, Jan 29<sup>th</sup>. I would be glad to help you do the same if you would just call me. Trader Joe's has lovely, very reasonably priced flowers and I would be glad to buy them and put them in a nice vase ( yours or one from the church) for about \$10.00. I think fresh flowers make our church look even more special. Please consider my offer. Thanks, Betty Byrd, Phone 544-1380



## **Facebook to God**

Brothers & sisters,

How many people have you told the Good News to in the past week? For many of us the answer is ZERO! God instructs us to go into the world and make disciples of all people: Matthew 28:19. We need to be bold in our walk with God, telling everyone we meet how our lives were changed since we have accepted Christ as our Savior and Lord. If you don't have a story of the change, then it's time to ask God, Jesus, & the Holy Spirit to enter your heart and make the change.

We need to ask everyday for this transformation. It is not a one-time thing; it needs to be a daily request. Before our first cup of coffee, or morning shower, or reading the newspaper, we should seek a few minutes to talk with God. Start with a few passages of scripture, and then spend time in prayer. If we put prayer off until the



end of the day, God will not be able to work on our concerns for the day.

Pastor Bob has a great way to start the day; it is called B-TAOS.  
Bible; Thanksgiving; Apologize; Others; Self.

If we start in the bible, then thank God for all we have (trust me, we have plenty), apologize for our sins; pray for others and then ourselves we can effectively communicate with God.

My prayer is for PUMC to grow in numbers and faith this year. To do that we need to invite others in. I.N.V.I.T.E.  
Instruct in the Word; Nourish the soul; Vocalize of his great works; Intercede on God's behalf; Trust in God; Encourage others.

Be blessed in your lives, Bob Mayerhofer



## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU**



### **Birthdays**

Laura Moore 3-21  
Linnie Skidmore 3-31

### **Anniversaries**

Send birthdays and anniversaries to [ronsphotos@msn.com](mailto:ronsphotos@msn.com)



### ***Adult and Youth Choir Opportunities***



*The Chancel Choir meets weekly on Wednesdays from 7:30-9:00 PM and the Youth Choir (ages K-high school) meets weekly on Sundays from 9:30-10:00 AM. Both choirs rehearse in the sanctuary and all are welcome to join at any time!*



## SMALL WORLD UPDATES:

Greetings to All! Small World has been a busy group this year. Just look at our halls! The numbers may be small but the work is BIG! Registration has begun for the 2012-2013 year and the phone has been ringing off the hook. We have already received several confirmed registrations and have many more coming in as the days go by.

So if you know anyone looking for a part-time preschool, please let them know. We are filling up our spaces quickly.

We want to thank all of you for your continued support to our school. We hope you continue to enjoy all the wonderful art work our students provide in our hallways.

Love and Blessings,  
Dianne Mitchell



## PUMC YOUTH

First we would like to thank everyone for all the support that you have given to the youth. Our Youth group is growing in so many ways. We are getting more and more children from the community to come and help with our events. We are learning how to connect with each other through the Lord and our everyday activities. So Thank YOU to all of you for everything that you have done to help our Youth Group.

In January the youth hosted a movie night that featured the movie "Courageous". We had a good turnout of people and it was an inspiring movie to the youth in which they are going to make their own resolution.

Bob Mayerhoffer was a guest speaker at one the youth meetings, Thank you Bob for your inspiration at that meeting.

In February we had many things going on. The Valentine's Supper was a hit. We had fewer people and made just as much as last year! The gross was \$ 322.00. The Youth also went with Pastor Bob to the Museum of Life and Science for a "Game On" event, were they got to play some new games on the market and some old games as well. They got to meet some of the producers and designers of the products as well.

## COMING EVENTS:

March 2 the youth will be joining Ron Byrd for the Friday night movie which will be "Finding Neverland" starring Johnny Depp

March 10 the youth will be going to Bethesda Park and doing a High Ropes Discovery Day. The cost is \$8.00 per city resident and \$10.00 for non-residents. If anyone would like to come please let me know because we have to pay in advance for our time slot, which is 11:00 to 12:30pm. Also anyone wanting to sponsor a youth please let me know. The youth will not be using the youth funds for this event. And we do have a few youth members who do have financial hardships. So Thank you in advance for any sponsorship you provide.

March 24 is the YOUTH CAR WASH!!! So enjoy the beginning of spring and bring your car to the Church for a great wash from our Youth! The cost is \$5.00 per car and as always Donations will be greatly accepted.

Please continue to donate plastic eggs and candy for the Parkwood Easter Egg hunt that our Youth is sponsoring. It will be held at our Church and the theme is "Did you find Jesus".

Also please continue to add your requests for our "Elder Visit" project that the youth are doing.

Thank You again for all that you are doing for our youth group!



## Parkwood United Methodist Women

On Tuesday, Feb. 21, the UMW prepared and served lunch for the DCIA meeting held at our church. Thanks to Bob Newlin, our DCIA representative and Jan Schwarze, UMW coordinator, for their leadership in this event. Many UMW members were involved in the preparation and serving of the meal.

Our monthly meeting was held at the home of Florine Layman. We opened the meeting with the sharing of joys and concerns, especially for UMW members and families of UMW members that are currently experiencing serious health issues. We will continue to support them with prayer and in any other way that we can help.

Florine led the annual "Call to Prayer and Self Denial" program. The focus was on the impact of technology in today's world. Scenarios were presented reflecting on two possible outcomes. We looked at what the outcome would be using available technology or an alternate outcome if technology is not available. The 2012 special offering is dedicated to helping mission institutions use technology to create caring communities. Natalie's *Response Moment* was about a woman that started a ministry to provide blankets for the homeless in her area. During the business session we approved January minutes and received the treasurer's report. A gift to The Methodist Home for Children was approved, and we also agreed to purchase one more round table for the fellowship hall. Plans were discussed for the Irish dinner on Sunday, March 18. Put this date on your calendar and join us after the worship service for corned beef and cabbage, stew, and the fellowship of sharing a meal.

The Durham District UMW will be hosting a “Sister to Sister Event “on Saturday, March 17. Details are on the UMW bulletin board or can be found on the Durham District web site: <https://sites.google.com/site/durhamdistrictumw/home> Emily reported that the Durham District UIMW is planning a celebratory service on May 20 before conference redistricting takes place on July 1.

Our next meeting will be at the home of Margaret Eiland, 5917 Lacebark Lane, on Thursday, March 27 at 7:00pm. As always we extend an invitation to all women of the church to join us and share in this creative and supportive fellowship and service.



I like the wind when it blows through my hair;

I like it when a breeze weaves through the boughs on the trees.

In the spring you dry the rain soaked land;

In the winter you howl and whistle through the naked forest.

No one sees you but knows you are there; when the trees sway to and fro.

Mister wind you are mighty and strong;

Sweeping the earth like a giant broom.

*Submitted by a member of the PUMC who wishes to remain anonymous*



### Pack 495 History Needed

Just two years after PUMC was founded, Cub Scout Pack 495 was established. We appreciate all the support from you, our charter organization, over the years. As we approach our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2013, the Pack would like to create a historical timeline of the Pack by decade that can be displayed on the Pack website and church bulletin board. If you were involved in the Pack in any way over the years and have pictures, stories or memorabilia to share, please contact Cubmaster David Bailey at [DAVIDL.BAILEY@SAS.COM](mailto:DAVIDL.BAILEY@SAS.COM) or 919-656-5089 or Eddie Hanson at [edhanson1136@earthlink.net](mailto:edhanson1136@earthlink.net).

*Pack Fact:* Did you know there are 56 Scouts in Pack 495 this year? These boys range in age from 6 (first grade) to 11 (fifth grade).

## *The Way We Were.....*



Believe.....Belong.....Serve... is usually published on the 30th / 31<sup>st</sup> of the month.  
Please have all newsletter information to Ron Byrd at [ronsphotos@msn.com](mailto:ronsphotos@msn.com)  
By the 25th of the month

"Count your Blessings, not your Burdens."



# MINISTRY TEAM FOR MARCH 2012

<b>TASK</b>	<b>MARCH 4</b>	<b>MARCH 11</b>	<b>MARCH 18</b>	<b>MARCH 25</b>
<b>9:15 Greeters</b>	Ron & Betty Byrd	Jimmy & Florine Layman	Larry & Susan Oglesby	Margaret Eiland & David Thompson
<b>10:45 Greeters</b>	Florine Layman & Debbie Kavanaugh	Ron & Betty Byrd	Charlotte & David Thompson	Ron & Susan Clark
<b>Infant Nursery</b>	Dena Roberts & Rebecca Mitchell	Dianne Mitchell & Rebecca Mitchell	Ron Clark & Courtney Clark	Marietta Abbott & Beth Bradshaw
<b>Ushers</b>	Cyndy Shedd & Debbie Kavanaugh	Ron & Susan Clark	Cameron Clark & Nathan Moore	Dianne Mitchell & Marietta Abbott
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Pat Nestler	Charlotte Thompson	Florine Layman	Margaret Eiland
<b>Communion Set-up</b>	Betsy Newlin & Jean Paris	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Altar Flowers</b>		Susan Clark		
<b>Member Care Cards</b>	Jan Schwarze	Susan Oglesby	Judy Roseberry	Pat Nestler
<b>Counters</b>	Pam Skidmore & Ron Byrd	Marietta Abbott & Frank Stephens	Janice Jarrell & Mike Dube	Bob Newlin & Margaret Eiland
<b>FT &amp; Lection Reader</b>	Pat Nestler & Bob Newlin	Peggy Moore & Beth Bradshaw	Betty Byrd & Ron Byrd	Herb Schwarze & Jan Schwarze
<b>Fellowship Refreshments</b>	Pam Skidmore	Betsy Newlin	Sara Gunter	Florine Layman (1x)
<b>Office Help</b>	Margaret Eiland	Marietta Abbott	Jan Schwarze	Peggy Moore
<b>Lead Armor Bearer</b>	Hope Roberts	Beth Bradshaw	Tiffany Jackson	Caroline Mitchell

***If you can't serve on your day, please arrange for a substitute. Thanks!***



# "REWIRED"

Often feel like you're too "wired"...wound too tight?  
Feel like the cables of your life are frayed and splitting?  
Running the race hard, but can't seem to get ahead of  
it all?

The God of creation did not design you to operate like a pressure cooker and stress is a choice. Come alongside men from all over the North Carolina Conference to discover a better way.

- From Performance to Grace
- From Self-sufficiency to Faith
- From Idols to "Spirit & Truth"
- Rewired for Biblical Manhood

**Methodist Men's Ministry Center  
(3MC) [formerly the MERCI Center ]**

**Goldsboro, North Carolina**

**Saturday April 21, 2012**

**9:30 – 3:30**

**Cost - \$40.00 (includes lunch)**