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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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Growing

"Instead, by speaking the truth with love, let's grow in every way into Christ, who is the head. The Whole body grows from him, as it is joined together by all the supporting ligaments. The body makes itself grow in that it builds itself up with love as each one does their part." –Ephesians 4:15-16

Growth. That's a word we use a lot in the church. In the midst of a shrinking congregation, it might bring a lot of stress. In the midst of a congregation, doubling in size, it's a word that brings a lot of joy. We are fortunate to be a church that is growing. From what we can measure, we see that we are growing in membership, growing in attendance, and growing in our financial offerings. Because of that we are seeking new ways to grow in our ministry to the Parkwood community and our mission to invite more and more people into this Body of Christ. Glory!!! Still, in the midst of our measurable growth, we must never lose sight of the growth that is immeasurable...our spiritual growth.

Let me encourage you to make a covenant between you and God, a covenant to seek growth where it really counts. Let's continue to grow in prayer, continue to grow in our worship, continue to grow in our faith formation, and continue to grow in our service to all of God's children around us. For that growth, two things need to happen: We need opportunities to

nurture that growth and we need someone we trust to hold ourselves accountable in that growth. As your pastor, I'm using this year to offer opportunities for spiritual growth whenever I can. During Lent, our new study, *Listen: Praying in a Noisy World*, is an excellent opportunity to grow in our prayer life. Even though it is March when you receive this newsletter, there is still time to pick up a book and, at least, use it as a devotional during Lent. This holy time of year is one of the best opportunities to take our formation seriously.

The next thing we need for spiritual growth is the thing we like to avoid...accountability. Have you heard me say that one before? The reason it keeps coming up is because it is so very important. Believe it or not, I used to be a gym rat. And though I never got much more than what I call 'skinny man muscles,' I would have never gotten to that place if it wasn't for the roommates and friends who went with me. Whenever a day came up that I didn't want to go to the gym, they were the ones that would drag me along no matter what. One of the reasons I don't go anymore is more than likely because those friends are not there to push me anymore (kids are another one). The same can be said with our spiritual life. There are times when we don't want to crack open the bible or are too tired to pray and would rather just go straight to bed. It's in those instances that having someone walking alongside us can give us the push to keep on going. Just knowing that we're going to sit down with someone to talk about how our devotions have been going is enough to keep us on track. Sometimes, we need someone to call us as a reminder that it's time to break for prayer, or pray with us. And so, without those support structures, it's hard for us to succeed.

Parkwood UMC is here for you. We, together, will remain committed to our faith formation and recognize that the numbers are not the goal, but a fruit of the hard work we put into offering our best to God and neighbor. May this Lenten season be a time of formation for you and may you take every opportunity and lean on every member to nurture your relationship with God. Blessings! Pastor Nathan

SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

The Seekers Class

The seekers class will participate in Nathan's Lenten study. After Lent we will continue our Immersion Study with the book of Deuteronomy.

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

"We live in a world of noise. Everywhere we go, we hear sounds that compete for our minds and hearts. Listening to God requires a deliberate choice to shut out the chaos around us and focus our thoughts.

***Listen**, by Rueben P. Job, is a 40-day experience created to offer help to those new to prayer, those with a daily prayer routine, and those whose lives seem too busy to pray. With a focus on listening prayer and prayer as a two-way conversation, the experience will assist individuals and groups in building and deepening a personal prayer practice and spiritual discernment.*

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."

Classes will begin on March 9th for the Sunday participants and March 12th for our Wednesday participants.

Youth Sunday school

we'll be continuing our study of Great Figures of the New Testament this month. The people we'll talk about will be
Doubting Thomas
The Gentile Mother
The Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son
The Samaritan Woman
Mary Magdalene
Sometimes we'll watch the video and other times we'll discuss the persons using the outline from the book. Come and join us to find out about some of the most interesting people in the New Testament!



Your wait staff from the Valentines Dinner: L to R Rebecca Mitchell, Hope Roberts, Caroline Mitchell, Xavier Kavanaugh, Tiffany Jackson, and Beth Bradshaw.

Planning to walk in the 40th Annual Durham CROP Hunger Walk
April 6, 2014
if you would like to help fight hunger and poverty,
Please let me know.

Bob Newlin



Friday Nite Movie Presents:



April 4, 2014 @ 7:30 pm

Previews of Coming Attractions for 2014*
change

*subject to

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



Hey Boyo!!!! I'll be see'n ya the 16th, right'o? Good eats and treats!!

Corn'd Beef, Cabbage, Boiled potatoes, Soups of all kinds. Ye be takin' the belt loose a coupla knotchess.

Knit - Pur - 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

Linda Youngblood March 19

Laura Moore March 21

Taylor Potter March 21

Clint Robson March 27

Linnie Skidmore March 31

Anniversaries

Frank & Brenda Stephans March 30

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



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

as
Natalie
in need.
toiletry gift
After

The Parkwood UMW met on Saturday, February 15th. In the Fellowship Hall at PUMC. Betty Byrd welcomed fourteen women who attended the meeting. As always, the members took a few minutes to share joys and to report on health concerns as well improving conditions.

Natalie presented the Response moment using an article she found on women in need. The article was especially prevalent since we were meeting to make bags for women in need for Urban Ministries.

After Natalie's presentation and prayer, the women broke for snacks and coffee provided by Ann Farmer and Arlene McKloskey. We want to thank them for the delicious refreshments.

We started on the gift bags by walking around the tables and filling the plastic bags with the items provided by the congregation. We want to thank the congregation for their generosity. The items included in the gift bags were Shampoo, Crème Rinse, Combs, Razor, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Tooth Brush, Mouthwash, Soap and a Wash Cloth. The UMW put together 63 bags of toiletry bags (several for men) and 5 make-up bags were also provided. Once the bags were filled, several of the women tied netting and a ribbon around the plastic bag. Jan Schwarze took the bags to Urban Ministries on Tuesday, February 18th.

The women then discussed the upcoming “St. Patrick Day” Fund Raiser. The UMW is going to donate the proceeds from this fundraiser to help with the cost of a new kitchen floor.

ST PATRICK’S DAY FUND RAISER

Sunday, March 16, 2013

Fellowship Hall directly after Service



There is a sign-up sheet for items need on the UMW bulletin board.

The program for the March meeting will be the annual “Call to Prayer and Self Denial.” Pam Skidmore will lead the program.

Our March meeting will be held on the fourth Thursday, March 27th, the meeting will be at 7:00 pm at PUMC



The UM MEN: Our next meeting for breakfast will be at 8am on Saturday, March 15th. At Beneties on Hwy. 55 at 8:00. We thank you for your support of the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper.

This Day In Christian History...March

- March 1, 1692 In colonial Massachusetts, the Salem witch trials begin with the conviction of West Indian slave Tituba for witchcraft.
- March 2, 1959 American Presbyterian missionary and apologist Francis A. Schaffer observes in a letter, “Christianity is the greatest intellectual system the mind of man has ever touched.”
- March 3, 1865 Congress approves U.S. Treasury Secretary Salmon P. Chase’s mandate to the U. S. mint to prepare a device with which to inscribe “In God We Trust” on U.S. coins.
- March 7, 1825 Birth of Alfred Edersheim, Jewish born Anglican Bible scholar, theologian, and writer. His most widely read title, *The Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah* (1883), is still in print.

March 16, 1976 In an interview with Robert L. Turner, presidential candidate Jimmy Carter explains the term *born again*, "We believe that the first time we're born, as children, it's human life given to us; and when we accept Jesus as our Savior, it's a new life. That's what 'born again' means."

March 18, 1789 Birth of British hymnist Charlotte Elliott. Though an invalid during her last fifty years Elliott penned 150 hymns, of which the best known is "Just as I Am."

From a book titled "This Day in Christian History" given to the Editor by Arnie & Darlene Sherman.



8th annual Empty Bowls event to benefit Durham Urban Ministries,

To be held on Thursday, March 6 at the Durham Convention Center. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. 12 great restaurants are lined up to serve you chef-made soups. The light dinner reminds us that many neighbors don't have enough to eat - - - and that we can help.

There are four levels of ticket;

\$20 Soup Only

\$40 Soup and Bowl - take home an artist made bowl

\$60 Hot Ticket - Get first pick of regular artist-made bowls from 5:00-5:30 p.m.

\$100 Premier Ticket - select from a group of larger and more elaborate artist-made premium bowls in the half hour before the event opens to other ticketholders.

Kids under 6 get in free for soup only

All proceeds go directly to benefit Urban Ministries in their work to feed the hungry of Durham.

To order tickets go to umdurham.org and click on events. .



Here is the "Mawat District First Place Most Original" Cub Scout with parent.

ANCIENT RURAL TOWN UNCOVERED IN ISRAEL

On the outskirts of Jerusalem, archaeologists have discovered the remains of a 2,300-year-old rural village that dates back to the Second Temple period, the Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA) announced.

Trenches covering some 8,000 square feet (750 square meters) revealed narrow alleys and a few single-family stone houses, each containing several rooms and an open courtyard. Among the ruins, archaeologists also found dozens of coins, cooking pots, milling tools and jars for storing oil and wine.

"The rooms generally served as residential and storage rooms, while domestic tasks were carried out in the courtyards," Irina Zilberbod, the excavation director for the IAA, explained in a statement. [The Holy Land: 7 Amazing Archaeological Finds]

Archaeologists don't know what the town would have been called in ancient times, but it sits near the legendary Burma Road, a route that allowed supplies and food to flow into Jerusalem during the 1948 Arab-Israeli War. The rural village located on a ridge with a clear view of the surrounding countryside, and people inhabiting the region during the Second Temple period likely cultivated orchards and vineyards to make a living, IAA officials said.

The Second Temple period (538 B.C. to A.D. 70) refers to the lifetime of the Jewish temple that was built on Jerusalem's Temple Mount to replace the First Temple after it was destroyed. Archaeological evidence suggests this provincial village hit its peak during the third century B.C., when Judea was under the control of the Seleucid monarchy after the breakup of Alexander the Great's empire. Residents seem to have abandoned the town

at the end of the Hasmonean dynasty — when Herod the Great came into power in 37 B.C. — perhaps to chase better job opportunities in the city amid an economic downturn.

"The phenomenon of villages and farms being abandoned at the end of the Hasmonean dynasty or the beginning of Herod the Great's succeeding rule is one that we are familiar with from many rural sites in Judea," archaeologist

Yuval Baruch explained in a statement. "And it may be related to Herod's massive building projects in Jerusalem, particularly the construction of the Temple Mount, and the mass migration of villagers to the capital to work on these projects."

The discovery was made during a salvage excavation ahead of a construction project that began last year; a 21-mile-long (35 kilometers) gas pipeline was supposed to run through the site, but engineering plans were revised to go around the ruins, IAA officials said. Salvage excavations are common in Israel to avoid building over ancient sites. For instance, remarkably well-preserved Byzantine church mosaics were recently revealed ahead of the construction of a park, and an ancient Roman road connecting Jerusalem to Jaffa was uncovered ahead of the installation of a drainage pipe.

Megan Gannon



The Holy Land Model of Jerusalem in the late **Second Temple**

TASK	MARCH 2	MARCH 9	MARCH 16	MARCH 23	MARCH 30
9:15 Greeters	Jimmy & Florine Layman	Margaret Eiland & David Thompson	Ron & Betty Byrd	Marie Porter and Priscilla Thompson	Herb & Jan Schwarze
10:45 Greeters	Charlotte & David Thompson	Steve Jenkins and Aida Cancel	Susan Oglesby and Dianne Mitchell	Marie Porter	Ron & Betty Byrd
Infant Nursery	Betty Byrd	Ann Farmer	Ron Clark	Dianne Mitchell	Dena Roberts
Ushers	Frank & Brenda Stephans	David Thompson and Ann Farmer	Ron & Susan Clark	Andrew Key and Linnie Skidmore	Frank & Brenda Stephans
Altar Guild	Marietta Abbott	Margaret Eiland	Jan Schwarze	Pat Nestler	Charlotte Thompson
Communion Set-Up	Pam Skidmore and Priscilla Thompson				
Altar Flowers					
Member Care Cards	Betty Byrd	Susan Oglesby	Pat Nestler	Jan Schwarze	Margaret Eiland
Counters	Laura Denny and Roger Jarrell	Roger Jarrell and Ann Farmer	Ann Farmer and Frank Stephans	Frank Stephans and Herb Schwarze	Herb Schwarze and Ron Clark
FT & Lection Reader	Jan Schwarze	Herb Schwarze	Pat Nestler	Margaret Eiland	Ron Byrd
Fellowship Refreshments	Florine Layman	Lauren & Andrew Key	Betsy Newlin	Jan Schwarze	Pam Skidmore
Office Help	Margaret Eiland	Ron Byrd	Jan Schwarze	Peggy Moore	Andrew Key
Lead Armor Bearer	Beth Bradshaw	Tiffany Jackson	Caroline Mitchell	Hope Roberts	Beth Bradshaw

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

LORD'S DAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SABBATH
2 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 3-5 GS Rms 5,7	3 9:30 Senior Exercise	4 5:30-6:30 CS R5 6:15 UMM Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	5 6:30am Ash Wednesday 9:30 Senior Exercise 7:00pm Ash Wednesday	6 6-8 Cubs Rm 7 7 Cubs Rms 1,3,4,5,6	7 9:30 Senior Exercise 7:30 Movie Nite Presents: "Grease"	1 7 RTP Fellowship
9 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12 Finance 3-5 GS Rms 5,7	10 9:30 Senior Exercise	11 5:30-6:30 CS R5	12 9:30 Senior Exercise 6:30pm Listen: Praying in a Noisy World	13 6-8 Cubs Rm 7 7 Cubs Rms 1,3,4,5,6 Pastor out of office for DCOM Mtg.	14 9:30 Senior Exercise	15 7 RTP Fellowship
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