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



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

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2017 Lenten Season at Parkwood UMC

LENTEN STUDY OPPORTUNITY:

On Tuesday Evenings (February 28 – April 11)

Pastor Anita Taylor will offer "CREED: What Christians Believe and Why" written by Adam Hamilton. Together, we will explore the Apostles' Creed during the Lenten Season. We will meet from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Jacob Classroom. All are welcome.

LENTEN WORSHIP FOCUS:

LIVING OUR BAPTISMAL CALLING

Lent is popularly known as a season for individual self-examination, penitence, and "giving something up" as a spiritual discipline. It seems to be primarily inwardly and negatively focused. It's commonly seen as being about what's wrong with me as an individual and what I'm willing to do to improve myself.

While self-examination and some individual work are part of the work of Lent, the early church developed Lent to be primarily "other-focused." Lent was created as the final leg of intense preparation and support for people who had chosen to learn to live the way of Jesus. It was, we might say, a kind of finishing school for those preparing for baptism and lifelong Christian discipleship.

Each week, our scripture readings correspond to a section of our baptismal vows. Our time of worship will be an occasion to celebrate and contemplate what it means to live out one or more of these vows

Important Dates & Times

Tuesday, Feb. 28 – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner (6PM, Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, March 1 - Ash Wednesday Service, "Remember, You Are Dust" and Imposition of Ashes (7PM, Sanctuary)

Sunday, March 5 – First Sunday of Lent, "RENOUNCE" and Holy Communion

Sunday, March 12 – Second Sunday of Lent, "ACCEPT"

❖ St. Patrick's Day Luncheon (12:15, Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, March 18 – Come to the Table (5:30PM, Fellowship Hall)

Important Dates & Times cont.

Sunday, March 19 – Third Sunday of Lent, "CONFESS"

Sunday, March 26 – Fourth Sunday of Lent, “NURTURE”

Sunday April 2 – Fifth Sunday of Lent, “BELIEVE!”

Sunday, April 9 – Palm/Passion Sunday

- ❖ The children will process and wave palm branches.

Thursday, April 13 – Maundy Thursday

- ❖ Common Meal (6:15 PM, Fellowship Hall)
- ❖ Service (7PM, Sanctuary with Holy Communion)

Friday, April 14 – Good Friday

- ❖ Stations of the Cross (6PM, Self-Guided, Hallways)
- ❖ Tenebrae Service (7PM, Sanctuary)

Sunday, April 16 – Easter

- ❖ Sunrise Service (6:30AM), breakfast at Beneti’s
- ❖ Traditional Service (11AM, Sanctuary, Flowering of the Cross and Holy Communion)
Please bring fresh cut flowers to adorn our rustic cross, transforming the cross from death to new life.

Thank you, Pastor Anita

'Burial slab' of Jesus found in Jerusalem church!!!...see page 10



The Seekers Class

The Seekers Class are 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

the Jacob class begins its Lenten Study on March 5th. We meet in the first classroom at 9:30



March, 2017

Linda Youngblood Mar.19

Taylor Potter Mar. 21

Ken Ganong Mar. 27

Clint Robson Mar. 27

Linnie Skidmore Mar. 31



Frank & Brenda Stephans March 30 2002

Send birthdays and anniversaries to:
crabbyron@yahoo.com



Hospitality Greeters:

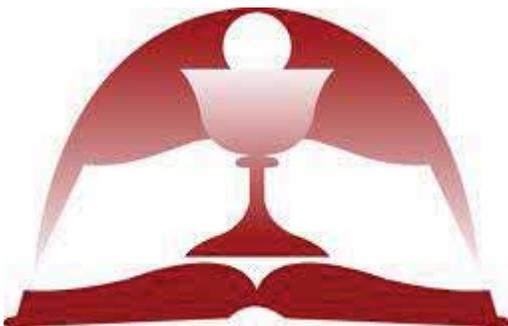
- March 5 Dena Roberts
- March 12 Brenda Stephans
- March 19 Pam Skidmore
- March 26 Charlotte Thompson



Refreshments

- March 5 Dena Roberts
- March 12 Laura Meyers
- March 19 Rosemary Marlowe
- March 26 Lisa Greene

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



Communion Steward list for 2017

- Mar 2017 - Marietta, Betsy
- Apr 2017 - Bev, Betty Lou
- May 2017 - Linnie, Pam
- June 2017 - Priscilla, Janie
- July 2017 - Marietta, Betsy
- Aug 2017 - Bev, Betty Lou
- Sept 2017 - Linnie, Pam
- Oct 2017 - Priscilla, Janie
- Nov 2017 - Marietta, Betsy
- December 2017 Betty Lou and Beverly



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.



Jan Schwarze

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



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

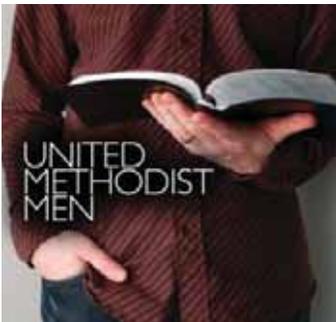
Wanna voice in Church? Join the choir

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 March 17th at 8 am for breakfast at Benetis restaurant in the Greenwood Commons shopping center off Sedwick road at 8:00 a.m.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS: MAY 6TH PARKWOOD FLEA MARKET.
COME SAMPLES THE WORLDS BEST HOT DOGS!!!!**



St. Patrick driving the snakes out of Ireland.



Hello Parkwood,
I hope you're doing well!

During this Lenten season, the Youth will be partaking in "Fill the Ark".

What is Fill the Ark, you ask? Well, the youth will be collecting spare change between now and Easter. After Easter, the youth will collect the change and it will go towards Heifer International. Based on the giving, the youth will be able to select different animals that range from a heifer or water buffalo to flocks of chicks, honeybees, or rabbits to allow families to have sustainability.

On the table by the sanctuary door there are "Fill the Ark" banks available. If you would like to participate with the Youth in collecting your change, please grab one and start filling it with any change that you would like to contribute to the cause. We will collect the banks on Easter, April 16th.



Cub Scout Pack 495

Sponsored by the Parkwood United Methodist Men

Pack 495 is selling their Camp Cards. These are wallet sized savings cards that only cost \$5. One half of the proceeds will go directly to Pack 495 and the other half of the proceeds will go directly to the Mawat District. Meaning 100% of the proceeds benefit our scouts. Please consider buying a Camp Card today to help a scout attend camp this year. Just ask one of our scouts and they will be happy to help! \$5.00 will get you discounts to Harris Teeter, Bass Pro Shops, City Barbeque among other great vendors.

Pack 495, with heavy hearts, will be saying goodbye to the Arrow of Light Leader, Chris Triplett as he "crosses over" with his son into Boy Scouts. Also, we will be saying goodbye to David Bailey, Cubmaster extraordinaire! David has been with Pack 495 for 11 years as a Den Leader then Cubmaster and he brought a level of fun and enthusiasm that will be hard to follow. If you know either of these gentlemen, please be sure to tell them, "Thank you for your service to our young men!"

Thank you to everyone who helped make Scout Sunday a great success! Thank you Pastor Anita for all your assistance and patience. Thank you to David Bailey and Donna-Jean Keim for working so hard to make Pack 495 so great!



January may have been the bad weather month but FEBRUARY rocked! The month started with a Super Bowl party in the fellowship hall of the church. A nice sized group of adults and youth showed up to cheer on their favorite team (or to enjoy the commercials). The highlight of the month has to be the annual Valentine's Spaghetti Supper. The youth did an amazing job. From decorating, to serving to providing a delicious dinner, everything was a huge success! Lauren and Andrew cannot say enough about how hardworking, cooperative and awesome our youth are. The youth took a well-earned break and relaxed with the movie, *Finding Dory*. The month will end with the continuation of their monthly bible study.

March looks to be another busy month with making casseroles for Urban Ministries, a spring lock in and more bible study.

The youth want to thank those who provided dinner for their meetings this month: Florine and Jimmy Layman.

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

All youth are welcome!



**The Parkwood United Methodist Women Presents on
SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2017**

12:15 p.m.

FELLOWSHIP HALL

(Donation for Mission Work)

A TIME FOR IRISH TREATS

Stew – Corn Beef & Cabbage – Potato Soup – Salad & Bread – Desserts

Please come and join us for a wonderful luncheon of fellowship and fun. “Green” will be the color of the day



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It is that time of year again. Time for the CROP Walk. April 2, 2017 will be PUMC's 43 year doing the CROP Walk. PUMC (when it was a "rural" church) started the South Durham county CROP Walk. Today the Durham CROP Hunger Walk is the third largest of about 1600 nationally. PUMC is regularly one of the leading participants.

75% of the moneys raised goes to Church World Service (CWS). CWS was created after WWII to bring relief to Europe. As part of the National Council of Churches, it expanded to provide relief wherever it is needed. Each of the member denominations of the National Council of Churches has a branch that serves this purpose. The Methodist member is UMCOR. CWS provides relief in many countries where there is poverty and hunger due to natural causes, war, or other. This includes the US.

25% of the money returns to Durham and is currently divided among 12 hunger fighting agencies. Urban Ministries of Durham has received over \$100,000 from CROP over the last decade. There is more info posted on the wall outside the sanctuary.

I am hoping that we will have a record number of walkers this year raising a record amount of money. If you can walk, signup sheet and pledge envelopes are available in the hall outside the sanctuary. New this year, there are prizes for amounts raised, but you have to register those on line. Almost everything else is the same as last year. Please sign up and start convincing folks to support you and CROP!

Hungry people all over the world and in Durham are counting on us!





'Burial slab' of Jesus found in Jerusalem church

Researchers recently uncovered a stone burial slab which many believe Jesus Christ's body may have been laid on following his death.

The original surface of the tomb was uncovered in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in the Old City of Jerusalem during restoration work and has been covered by marble cladding since at least 1555 A.D., *National Geographic* reports.

The marble cover was pulled back, and researchers were surprised by the amount of fill material beneath the covering, Fredrik Hiebert, an archaeologist-in-residence at the National Geographic Society, and a researcher on the restoration project, told National Geographic.

"It will be a long scientific analysis, but we will finally be able to see the original rock surface on which, according to tradition, the body of Christ was laid," Hiebert told National Geographic.

National Geographic is filming the restoration process for the *Explorer* series, which will air in November.

According to the Bible, the body of Jesus Christ was laid on a burial bed, or slab of limestone following his crucifixion.



A general view showing one of Christianity's holiest site, The Church of the Holy Sepulcher, also know as the Basilica of the Resurrection in Jerusalem's Old City. Christians believe that Christ was resurrected following his death, and women who came to anoint his body three days after the burial reported that Jesus' remains had vanished.

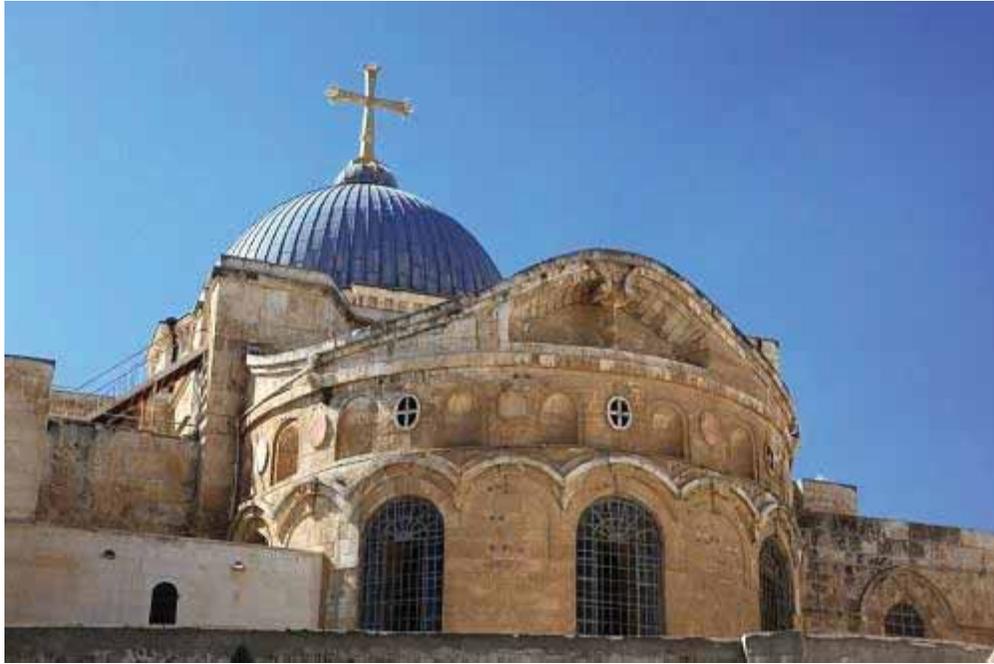
The Church of the Holy Sepulcher was built by the Emperor Constantine in 325 A.D., and has long been

considered by Christians to be the spot where Jesus Christ was buried, AP reported.

In June, a team of experts began renovations on the church and the Edicule or ancient chamber that held Jesus' tomb, AP reported.

The exposure of the burial bed will allow researchers to answer questions about the original form of the tomb, Antonia Moropoulou, of the National Technical University of Athens, told *National Geographic*.

"We are at the critical moment for rehabilitating the Edicule," Moropoulou, who is supervising the restoration. "The techniques we're using to document this unique monument will enable the world to study our findings as if they themselves were in the tomb of Christ."



Church of the Holy Sepulcher, inside the Old City of Jerusalem, Israel



TASK	Feb 26, 2017	March 5, 2017	March 12, 2017	March 19, 2017	March 26, 2017
9:15 Greeters	Maureen Mitchell & Dianne Mitchell	Larry Oglesby	Jimmy & Florine Layman	Marie Porter & David Thompson	Maureen Mitchell & Dianne Mitchell
10:45 Greeters	Ron & Susan Clark	Charlotte & David Thompson	Marie Porter & Dena Roberts	Natalie Robson & Betsy Newlin	Linnie Skidmore & Andrew Key
Infant Nursery	Dianne Mitchell	Janie Henderson	Dena Roberts	Janie Henderson	Dianne Mitchell
Ushers	Priscilla Thompson & Janie Henderson	Marietta Abbott & Larry Oglesby	Marie Porter & Dena Roberts	Linnie Skidmore & Andrew Key	Frank & Brenda Stephans
Altar Guild	Marietta Abbott	Jan Schwarze	Pat Nestler	Charlotte Thompson	Priscilla Thompson
Communion Set-up		Marietta Abbott & Betsy Newlin			
Counters	Pam Skidmore & Frank Stephans	Frank Stephans & Philip White	Philip White & Lauren Key	Lauren Key & Marie Porter	Marie Porter & Roger Jarrell
Lection Reader	Pat Nestler	Ken Ganong	Margaret Eiland	Kiersten Leigh	Bob Newlin
Fellowship Refreshments	Geri Lam/Ann Farmer	Dena Roberts	Laura Meyers	Rosemary Marlowe	Lisa Greene
Office Help	Anita Taylor	Jan Schwarze	Marietta Abbott	Bob Newlin	Maureen Mitchell
Hospitality Greeter	Ann Farmer	Dena Roberts	Brenda Stephans	Pam Skidmore	Charlotte Thompson