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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
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Summer Daze

By now you have noticed that the sun is feeling hotter and the air a bit stickier. Storms are waking us up at night and aside from those random NC weather swings (should I keep the air on or the heat!?) we're starting to see summer time come into view. June 21st is the official start date, but that doesn't mean we're holding off on cookouts and planning our family vacations. Maybe we've started back at the gym to start sculpting those beach bodies, too. There's time, right? Another effect that is commonly felt during summer that is a bit more alarming is that churches look like they're taking a break, too.

It's sad, but true. Pastors always anticipate a decline in attendance and a shortage of participation in church programs during the summer months. Often enough, some pastors will take advantage of that to get some much needed rest and relaxation to be rejuvenated for the rest of the year's busyness. Though there is nothing wrong with pastors getting rejuvenated (often enough a pastor's main problem is not taking a break at all!), there is something wrong with the idea that our churches seem to shut down for a while. Do people need to hear the Gospel less in the summertime? Do the needs of the suffering people in this world take a break? Do oppression and hunger and thirst go to Universal Studios Florida for two months? The answer to all of those questions is a definite 'no'. The church is just as needed over the summer as it is needed in all the other times of the month.

So if you find yourself on vacation during these months, I do not want you to find yourself guilty of not being at our church, but I'll strongly encourage you to visit churches where you are vacationing at to keep yourself spiritually healthy. Hey, you've heard me before ask you to bring back a bulletin to let me know how churches around our state and country do things. Also, though some programs will take a break for a while, others will continue on. We will be taking time to discuss Adam Hamilton's *The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul* towards the end of July and stay tuned for an announcement about a new midweek prayer service on Wednesday night. Yes! Enjoy the swimming pools and the delicious grilled foods. Use this newfound time to spend with your families and rest, but do not forget that this church needs you and God's call on our lives is just as important now as ever. We won't forget our ministry while the needs of our community are still just as great as ever. *Pastor Nathan*



SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

The Seekers Class

The Seekers will be joining in Nathan's study of The Rebel Jesus. After Lent we will look at the book of Daniel as it is on the Catholic Bible which includes several apocryphal segments.

the Jacob Class

the Jacob class will be joining in Pastor Nathan's study of "The Rebel Jesus". After Lent we will look at the book of Romans as we continue our journey through the Bible and discussing the Pauline letters. Our class will start the Book of Romans on April 5th. In room 1 at 9:30.



Memorial Day May 25, 2015

Friday Nite Movie



June 5, 2015

June 5 Bringing Up Baby 1938 Cary Grant & Katharine Hepburn

2015 Previews of Coming Attractions*

July 3	Brigadoon	1954	Gene Kelly & Van Johnson
August 7	Million Dollar Arm	2014	Jon Hamm & Bill Paxton
Sept. 4	The Time of Their Lives	1946	Bud Abbott & Lou Costello
Oct. 2	How to Train our Dragon 2	2014	voices of Cate Blanchett & Gerard Butler
Nov. 6	The Quiet Man	1952	John Wayne & Maureen O'Hara
Dec. 4	Heaven is For Real	2014	Greg Kinnear & Kelly Reilly

*Subject to Change



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU



Birthdays

Allison Mitchell May 3
Khalid Akkari May 6
Nathan Wittman May 8
Wayne Abbott May 9
Tomas Ronni May 18
Merle Minor May 26
Amy Cotter May 30
Pricilla Thompson May 30
Maureen Mitchell May 31

Anniversaries

Merle & Peggy Minor May 1

Bill & Debbie Kavanaugh May 4

Olly & Deena Roberts May 18

Nathan & Laura Wittman May 23

Andrew & Lauren Key May 26

Send birthdays and anniversaries to crabbyron@yahoo.com



United Methodist Women



The Parkwood UMW met on Thursday, April 23rd in the Fellowship Hall at PUMC. Betty Byrd opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Our program was on Prayer and Self-Denial which centered on retired Deacons and Deaconesses of the United Methodist Women. Brenda, Pam and Charlotte gave a very informative presentation. At the end of the program we were offered the opportunity to donate to their retirement fund.

Pat mentioned we would be doing the Candle Burning again this fall. She is looking for nominations for this project. If you have a person you would like to nominate, please let Pat know.

There was a brief report from Betty on how great the "Retreat" was in March. The subject for the day was on the Beatitudes. The members attending all hoped we could return again next year for a very spiritual and renewing experience.

The women will not be participating at the Flea Market on May 2nd. We will put our efforts into the Fall Flea Market.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, May 16th from 10:00 A.m. to 12:00 a.m. We will be once again making birthing kits.



Parkwood United Methodist Men

The Parkwood UMM will meet on Saturday morning May 16th for breakfast at Beneties Restaurant in the Greenwood Commons shopping center off Sedwick road at 8:00 am

Knit - Pur - Pray

Parkwood United Methodist Church

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

2nd. and 4th. Saturday

Monthly Devotional from Rev. Alistair Begg of the
Truth for Life Ministry

Claiming God's Promises

Remember your word to your servant, in which you have made me hope. [Psalm 119:49](#)
Whatever your particular need may be, you will find some promise in the Bible related to it. Are you faint and feeble because your way is rough and you are weary? Here is the promise--"He gives power to the faint."¹ When you read such a promise, take it back to the great Promiser and ask Him to fulfill His own word. Are you seeking for Christ and thirsting for closer communion with Him? This promise shines like a star upon you-- "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied."² Take that promise to the throne continually; do not plead anything else, but go to God over and over again with this--"Lord, You have said it; do as You have said." Are you distressed because of sin and burdened with the heavy load of your iniquities? Listen to these words--"I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins."³You have no merit of your own to plead why He should pardon you, but plead His written promises and He will perform them. Are you afraid that you might not be able to hold on to the end and that after having thought

yourself a child of God you should prove a castaway? If that is your condition, take this word of grace to the throne and plead it: "The mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you."⁴

If you have lost the sweet sense of the Savior's presence and are seeking Him with a sorrowful heart, remember the promises: "Return to me . . . and I will return to you."⁵ "For a brief moment I deserted you, but with great compassion I will gather you."⁶ Feast your faith upon God's own Word, and whatever your fears or wants, take them to the Bank of Faith with your Father's note, which reads, "Remember your word to your servant, in which you have made me hope."⁷

1) Isaiah 40:29 2) Matthew 5:6 3) Isaiah 43:25 4) Isaiah 54:10 5) Zechariah 1:3 6) Isaiah 54:7 7) Psalm 119:49



Youth Activities May 2015

May 10: Mother's day and youth Sunday! The youth will be participating in the service and will not meet that evening.

May 17: Trash pickup after church (weather permitting - there is an alternative!)

May 31: Final meal for the year! I would love to have this as a progressive dinner. If you are willing to host the youth in your home for an appetizer, salad, or main course, please let me know. (I've got dessert, I know it's missing :).

I look forward to another month with the youth! Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns!

Lauren Key





Hello All!

I had the pleasure on Sunday to announce the results of the Heifer International fundraiser that the youth hosted over the Lenten season. As I have mentioned previously, our goal was to raise enough to purchase a goat, for \$120. Well, we met our goal and it was FAR exceeded!! In total, your donations came to \$488.97!! With these funds we are able to purchase a llama, a goat, a sheep, a flock of hope with chicks/ducks/goslings, a hope basket with chicks and rabbits, and an irrigation pump. I still get goosebumps when I think about the impact that we are able to make.

Thank you all for your support, prayers, and love!

GLORY!!!
Lauren Key



I want to thank everyone who assisted in the clean-up at Parkwood.

Eddie Hanson



TASK	MAY 3	MAY 10	MAY 17	MAY 24	MAY 31
9:15 Greeters	Jimmy & Florine Layman	Marie Porter & David Thompson	Ron & Betty Byrd	Herb & Jan Schwarze	Jimmy & Florine Layman
10:45 Greeters	Ron & Betty Byrd	Marietta Abbott	Ron & Susan Clark	Charlotte Thompson & David Thompson	Marie Porter & Dena Roberts
Infant Nursery	Dena Roberts	Betty Byrd	Debbie Kavanaugh	Marietta Abbott	Dianne Mitchell
Ushers	Ron & Betty Byrd	Priscilla Thompson & Janie Henderson	Marie Porter & Dena Roberts	Linnie Skidmore & Donald Lennon	Frank & Brenda Stephans
Altar Guild	Marietta Abbott	Jan Schwarze	Pat Nestler	Charlotte Thompson	Priscilla Thompson
Communion Set-Up	Pam Skidmore and Priscilla Thompson				
Altar Flowers	The Minors	Marietta Abbott	The Newlins		Janie Henderson
Member Care Cards	Susan Oglesby	Pat Nestler	Jan Schwarze	Betty Byrd	Susan Oglesby
Counters	Frank Stephans & Herb Schwarze	Herb Schwarze & Ron Clark	Ron Clark & Jan Schwarze	Jan Schwarze & Dianne Mitchell	Dianne Mitchell & Bob Newlin
FT & Lection Reader	Linnie Skidmore	Betty Byrd	Charlotte Thompson	Marie Porter	Jan Schwarze
Fellowship Refreshments	Florine Layman	Betsy Newlin	Jan Schwarze	Betty Byrd	Ann Farmer
Office Help	Bob Newlin	Ron Byrd	Jan Schwarze	Marietta Abbott	Nathan Witman

MINISTRY TEAM FOR MAY 2015 *If you can't serve on your day, please arrange for a substitute. Thanks!

