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A Beacon of God to all People

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



Believe....Belong....Serve

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

Mark 1: 14-15

May, 2016

Preparing the Way

By now you have heard the news. Parkwood UMC will be experiencing a change of pastors in June. I will be appointed to St. James UMC in Tarboro and you will be anxiously awaiting the arrival of your new pastor, Anita Taylor. This is not my goodbye letter. That will be saved for next month's newsletter. It is, however, my 'let's get ready' letter. May will be a busy month as we make preparations for the transition. On my end, I'll be gathering copies of bulletins, collecting PowerPoint slides for worship, cleaning my church office (finally!), and preparing notes and directions that will introduce Anita to our worship and church life at Parkwood UMC. In the midst of that process, I'm going to be asking for your help, too.

Just as I have coveted your help in my ministry at PUMC, Anita will need it, also. For instance, having someone to drive with me on visits was invaluable! Maybe some of you will be prepared to do that with Anita when she arrives. Making sure the leaders of each committee are prepared to lead upcoming meetings and catch her up on the many ministry and building projects

of our church will be a great aid. We will need to make preparations for that first week she and her family moves in. I'm sure a few delivered meals will make that week much easier and I know this as someone who has received them. Delicious! Believe me, there will be a lot of opportunities for you to make this a good move for the both of us!

I cannot say how much help it was to have your support. From day one I felt like everyone had my back and there was a willingness to serve, even if the new leader looked 17 and wore t-shirts, skinny jeans and flip flops on a regular basis. Without those sacrifices, without your wisdom, we could not have done what we have together over these past four years. Anita will need that same support. Join me in saying prayers for our church, Anita and her family, and my family as we prepare for that big transition in June. I know there will be sadness as we say goodbye, but God is still moving and excitement still lingers on the horizon as a new leader with new gifts joins us. I have no doubt that God has even more great things in store for us.

Pastor Nathan



"Believe.....Belong.....Serve" to cut back publication in the summer...see page 10

SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

The Seekers Class

&

the Jacob Class

On Sunday May 8, 2016, the Seekers Class and the Jacob class will begin a combined study of **The Jewishness of Jesus** by **Rabbi Moffic**

What would happen if you were to stop on the street and ask ten people, "Who started Christianity?" You probably hear people give you the same quick response: Jesus. But those ten people would be wrong.

Jesus wasn't a Christian. **Jesus lived and died as a Jew.** Understanding the Jewishness of Jesus is **the secret** to knowing him better and understanding his message in the twenty-first century.

Walking through Jesus' life from birth to death, Rabbi Evan Moffic serves as a tour guide to give Christians a new way to look at familiar teachings and practices that are rooted in the Jewish faith and can illuminate our lives today. Among the critically acclaimed highlights of this book, Rabbi Moffic

- * Gives fresh insight on how Jesus' contemporaries understood him
- * Explores how Jesus' Jewishness shaped him
- * Offers a compelling new perspective on the Lord's Prayer that will forever change the way you

experience these powerful words

* Provides renewed appreciation for Jesus' miracles.

In encountering Rabbi Jesus and understanding his Jewish heritage, you will see Jesus differently, gain a better understanding of his message, and enrich your own faith. Victor Hugo once said "All the forces in the world are not as powerful as an idea whose time has come." Seeing Jesus as a Jew is an idea whose time has come. .

The Seekers class and the Jacob class will meet in Room 1 at 9:30 and will be facilitated by
BobNewlin



Ad Council will meet Sunday, May 15th, after church.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU



Birthdays

Allison Mitchell 5-3

Khalid Akkari 5-6

Nathan Wittman 5-8

Wayne Abbott 5-9

Debbie Carroll 5-12

Thomas Ronni 5-18

Merle Minor 5-26

Amy Cotter 5-30

Pricilla Thompson 5-30

Maureen Mitchell 5-31

Anniversaries

Merle & Peggy Minor 5-1

Kenny Ganong & Debbie Carroll 5-2

Bill & Debbie Kavanaugh 5-4

Olly & Deena Roberts 5-18

Nathan & Laura Wittman 5-23

Andrew & Lauren Key 5-26

Send birthdays and anniversaries to crabbyron@yahoo.com



Parkwood United Methodist Summer Arts Camp

July 10-13, 2016 5:30 – 7:30

PRAISE!

That is the theme of our upcoming Summer Arts Camp. What is Summer Arts Camp? It is very similar to the traditional Vacation Bible School that we have had at Parkwood United Methodist Church for many years. This year we wanted to try something new to help us reach out to the children as they PRAISE God through songs, stories, bible verses and the arts.

The change is the focus on the arts. Children love to perform, use their hands to make things, be creative and be dramatic! We will give them an opportunity to do all of those things through our art activities.

Look at this lineup!

- ***Drama:** Make the props and present the drama based on a Bible story
- ***Music:** Make musical instruments and learn rhythms
- ***Crafts:** A variety of activities, including yarn sculptures
- ***Photography:** Learn strategies for picture taking and present a gallery of photos
- ***Jewelry Making:** Make necklaces and/or bracelets using a variety of materials
- ***Woodworking:** Make bluebird houses

These activities will be for our children ages 6-12. We will have special activities for our 3-5 aged children.

We are so fortunate to have so many talented members at Parkwood United Methodist Church as we have leaders for all of these activities. However, we still need YOU to help! There are many opportunities to volunteer...

***Greeters:** Greet campers as they arrive and direct them to the fellowship hall. Make sure they have name tags.

***Classroom helpers:** We have leaders for each of the activities. We need extra hands to help the children and to guide them to the next activity.

***Kitchen helpers:** We have a team in charge. We need you to help serve the food and help with clean up.

Can't come every night to help? That's ok! We cannot have Arts Camp unless we have children!! PLEASE spread the word. Tell your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and **all** of the children in your neighborhood. We want as many children as possible to come enjoy a fun camp experience.

Most of all you can PRAY for our Summer Arts Camp!

Blessings,

Brenda Stephans



Random Thoughts

Today at 7AM, I woke up feeling ill, but decided I needed the money, so I went into work. At 3PM I got laid off. On my drive home I got a flat tire. When I went into the trunk for the spare, it was flat too. A man in a BMW pulled over, gave me a ride, we chatted, and then he offered me a job. I start tomorrow.

Parkwood United Methodist Men

The Parkwood UMM will meet on Saturday morning May 21st, 2016, for breakfast at Beneties Restaurant in the Greenwood Commons shopping center off Sedwick road at 8:00 am



Men's Breakfast

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.

News from the chicken coop



Eggs for the Durham Rescue Mission will be collected on Sunday, July 17th

Random Thoughts

Today, I was traveling in Kenya and I met a refugee from Zimbabwe. He said he hadn't eaten anything in over 3 days and looked extremely skinny and unhealthy. Then my friend offered him the rest of the sandwich he was eating. **The first thing the man said was, "We can share it."**

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

In a recent email Bob Newlin outlined the two major projects our capital campaign will fund – the parking lot and the roof.

Our Property Management Team (Trustees) and Finance Team have done outstanding work in providing background, studies, planning and outlining these projects, and are to be commended for their labors.

BUT THEY NEED HELP!!!!!

The early Romans had a term for this – Vox Populi – the voice of the people.

These two needs have been known and agreed to for many years. We are now at a point as to HOW and WHEN.

The Administrative Council in the January meeting approved the Capital Campaign plan with the caveat that a priority plan be created and that work begin as soon as funds become available – not to wait until the entire project can be funded.

The voice of the people will dictate when and how – financially and physically – this work can be accomplished.



May Fellowship Refreshments & Hospitality Greeters

Fellowship Refreshments

May 1	Florine Layman
May 8	Janie Henderson
May 15	Betsy Newlin
May 22	Pam Skidmore
May 29	Jan Schwarze

Hospitality Greeters

May 1 Debra Haynes
May 8 Dena Roberts
May 15 Pam Skidmore
May 22 Brenda Stephans
May 29 Charlotte Thompson



United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women meet the 4th Thursday of the month in the fellowship Hall. Please call Pam Skidmore at 919-405-2007.



Byrd's Eye View

I don't get the opportunity to talk to the readership of Belief...Belong...Serve very often. As a matter of fact I have a personal rule against it. I've been on the other side of the editorial desk and I'd rather someone else do the writing. But I'm making the exception to my rule now because there are a few things I need to get off my chest. I have edit this paper for about 10 years now. I have enjoyed it immensely. I have done everything I know to do to encourage the readership to participate in this paper. I especially wanted the readership to send in items to print, photos, write a column, heck, I would have been happy for a book report. But no; with the exception of the pastor and a few of you, participation has been sorely lacking.

So what to do? The last number of years my health was really sucked. It has shown in the content and timely printing of the newsletter. You can't understand how badly this has made me feel. To miss a deadline or even an entire month has been very difficult for me. It's pride thing.

I have decided that after this issue to cut the newsletter publication back to a point where, except for helping the new pastor, I can evaluate my position. I can honestly say that it has been an honor and a pleasure to be your editor. RB -30-



Entrance to Auschwitz-Birkenau

Auschwitz I was first constructed to hold Polish political prisoners, who began to arrive in May 1940. The first extermination of prisoners took place in September 1941, and Auschwitz II–Birkenau went on to become a major site of the Nazi "Final Solution to the Jewish question". From early 1942 until late 1944, transport trains delivered Jews to the camp's gas chambers from all over German-occupied Europe, where they were killed with the pesticide Zyklon B. At least 1.1 million prisoners died at Auschwitz, around 90 percent of them Jewish; approximately 1 in 6 Jews killed in the Holocaust died at the camp. Others deported to Auschwitz included 150,000 Poles, 23,000 Romani and Sinti, 15,000 Soviet prisoners of war, 400 Jehovah's Witnesses, and tens of thousands of others of diverse nationalities, including an unknown number of homosexuals.[[] Many of those not killed in the gas chambers died of starvation, forced labor, infectious diseases, individual executions, and medical experiments.

Yom HaShoah / יום השואה

Yom HaZikaron laShoah ve-laG'vurah (יום הזיכרון לשואה ולגבורה; "Holocaust and Heroism Remembrance Day"), known colloquially in Israel and abroad as Yom HaShoah (יום השואה) and in English as Holocaust Remembrance Day, or Holocaust Day, is observed as Israel's day of commemoration for the approximately six million Jews and five million others who perished in the Holocaust as a result of the actions carried out by Nazi Germany and its accessories, and for the Jewish resistance in that period. In Israel, it is a national Memorial Day and public holiday. It was inaugurated on 1953, anchored by a law signed by the Prime Minister of Israel David Ben-Gurion and the President of Israel Yitzhak Ben-Zvi. It is held on the 27th of Nisan (April/May), unless the 27th would be adjacent to Shabbat, in which case the date is shifted by a day.

Yom HaShoah begins at sundown on Wed, 04 May 2016

LORD'S DAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SABBATH
1 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 NOW Team 3-5 GS Rms 5,7	3 9:30 Senior Exercise	3 5:30-6:30 GS R5	4 9:30 Senior Exercise 7:30 Choir	5 Pastor @ DComm Mtg. 6-8 Cubs Rm 7 7 Cubs Rms 1,3,4,5,6	6 9:30 Senior Exercise	7
8 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Trustees Mtg. 3-5 GS Rms 5,7 4:00 SPRC	9 9:30 Senior Exercise	10 5:30-6:30 GS R5	11 9:30 Senior Exercise 7:30 Choir	12 6-8 Cubs Rm 7 7 Cubs Rms 1,3,4,5,6	13 9:30 Senior Exercise	14 9-11 Knit, Purl, Pray 5:30 Come to the Table?
15 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:30 Admin Council 3-5 GS Rms 5,7	16 9:30 Senior Exercise	17 5:30-6:30 GS R5	18 9:30 Senior Exercise 7:30 Choir	19 6-8 Cubs Rm 7 7 Cubs Rms 1,3,4,5,6	20 9:30 Senior Exercise	21
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29 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 3-5 GS Rms 5,7	30 9:30 Senior Exercise Happy Memorial Day!!					
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TASK	MAY 1	MAY 8	MAY 15	MAY 22	MAY 29
9:15 Greeters	Ron & Betty Byrd	Maureen Mitchell & Dianne Mitchell	Larry Oglesby	Herb & Jan Schwarze	Jimmy & Florine Layman
10:45 Greeters	Ron & Susan Clark	Larry Oglesby	Charlotte & David Thompson	Marie Porter & Dena Roberts	Natalie Robson & Betsy Newlin
Infant Nursery	Dena Roberts	Janie Henderson	Marietta Abbott	Dianne Mitchell	Dena Roberts
Ushers	Frank & Brenda Stephans	Ann Farmer & David Thompson	Ron & Susan Clark	Clint & Natalie Robson	Ron & Betty Byrd
Altar Guild	Florine Layman	Marietta Abbott	Jan Schwarze	Pat Nestler	Charlotte Thompson
Communion Set-Up	Pam & Linnie Skidmore				
Altar Flowers	Ann Farmer	Pat Nestler	Dena Roberts	Aimee & Louise Reno	
Counters	Dianne Mitchell & Eddie Hanson	Eddie Hanson & Bob Newlin	Bob Newlin & Ron Byrd	Ron Byrd & Roger Jarrell	Roger Jarrell & Eddie Hanson
FT & Lection Reader	Linnie Skidmore	Betty Byrd	Charlotte Thompson	Marie Porter	Jan Schwarze
Fellowship Refreshments	Florine Layman	Janie Henderson & Priscilla Thompson	Betsy Newlin	Pam Skidmore	Jan Schwarze
Office Help	Jan Schwarze	Marietta Abbott	Bob Newlin	Nathan Wittman	Ron Byrd
Hospitality Greeter	Debra Haynes	Dena Roberts	Pam Skidmore	Brenda Stephans	Charlotte Thompson

MINISTRY TEAM FOR MAY 2016 *If you can't serve on your day, please arrange for a substitute. Thanks!

Little Boy's Explanation of God -- Fabulous!!!

Out of the mouths of Babes--

"And a Little Child Shall Lead them"

THIS IS FABULOUS!!!

It was written by an 8-year-old named Danny Dutton, who lives in Chula Vista , CA . He wrote it for his third grade homework assignment, to 'explain God.' I wonder if any of us could have done as well.

(And he had such an assignment, in California, and someone published it...

I guess miracles do happen!)

EXPLANATION OF GOD: 'One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die, so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth. He doesn't make grownups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way he doesn't have to take up his valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that to mothers and fathers.'

'God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times beside bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this. Because he hears everything, there must be a terrible lot of noise in his ears, unless he has thought of a way to turn it off.'

'God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere which keeps Him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting his time by going over your mom and dad's head asking for something they said

you couldn't have.'

'Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think there are any in Chula Vista . At least there aren't any who come to our church.'

'Jesus is God's Son. He used to do all the hard work, like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn't want to learn about God. They finally got tired of him preaching to them and they crucified him. But he was good and kind, like his father, and he told his father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said O.K.'

'His dad (God) appreciated everything that he had done and all his hard work on earth so he told him he didn't have to go out on the road anymore. He could stay in heaven. So he did. And now he helps his dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and which ones he can take care of himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary, only more important.'

'You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to help you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time.'

'You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's God!

Don't skip church to do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach. This is wrong. And besides the sun doesn't come out at the beach until noon anyway.'

'If you don't believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like

to camp, but God can. It is good to know He's around you when you're scared, in the dark or when you can't swim and you get thrown into real deep water by big kids.'

'But...you shouldn't just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and he can take me back anytime he pleases.

And...that's why I believe in God.'

Images of Summertime...Enjoy !!!

