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Ended!

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And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. Isaiah 2: 3

Remember a Veteran

BELIEVE...BELONG...SERVE...

Serving Parkwood for 51 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

November , 2012

Wishful Thinking:

It's funny, isn't it? How is it we've just started the month of November and our stores have completely skipped over Thanksgiving and jumped to Christmas? Don't get me wrong, I know that if we look hard enough we can find a cutout of a turkey dressed as a pilgrim and see that Food Lion has a special on pumpkin pie filling, but the Christmas decorations were the ones that replaced the Halloween costumes back on October 31st. Why would they skip over Thanksgiving!?!?

You know what I think it is? It's hard for stores to profit from a holiday that encourages us to be thankful for what we have. Christmas, on the other hand, has become a time in which we make sure our wish lists have found their way into the right hands. We need those lists taken care of! Christmas, a time to celebrate the return of our Lord through remembrance of His birth, has become a time to remember what you don't have: Flat screen TV's, video game systems, toys, clothes, a clock radio, or numerous other items that we haven't had the money for, or cared to buy before. If you ask me, that just doesn't seem right! In fact, I think the appreciation for what we have that comes with Thanksgiving MUST be carried with us into our time of Advent and Christmas. 'Tis the season to remember what has been given to us already... Jesus Christ our Lord.

So slow down as the world speeds past this season of giving thanks. Let us count our blessings before filling out those lists of wants. After all, who would want to skip over Thanksgiving, a time of family, food, and some football, too? So carve the turkey and recognize God is good. For God's promises endure forever and God declares that we have everything we need as long

as we have God.

Fall back 1 hour on Sunday, November 4th.





Please, before you eat yours, make sure they have something too. There are a number of charities, but the food pantry at Urban Ministries is a great place to start. Support the UMM annual Food Drive now through December 20.

BE SURE TO READ ABOUT THE FORK BEGINNING ON PAGE 14

SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

The Seekers Class

The Seekers found Adam Hamilton's Lenten study to be so interesting that we have decided to use his new book for our Advent Study

The Journey Walking the Road to Bethlehem

Whereas this is a five lesson study, it is for five two hour sessions. Since Sunday school is only an hour, we will be doing the book through November and December. The first session on each chapter will include a video by Hamilton and then discussion through the following session.

Please join us for this exciting journey. See Bob Newlin for a book.

the Jacob Class

the Jacob class is doing a verse by verse study of the book of Luke. You only need to bring your Bible to class.

We meet in room 1 at 9:30 am.

Hey Parkwood Family and Friends!

I have a special announcement regarding Sunday school for you. Starting on August 26th, we will have a Sunday school class for our youth (10-17) and I'm going to be the first to teach it.

What are we going to talk about? How about a six week study on the Three Simple Questions? What are they you say? Another great question. My answer is...join us on August 16th to find out! But just in case the suspense gets to be too much, here's a little introduction to the book:

"Rueben P. Job, author of Three Simple Rules, brings us a new insight on how to live a Christ-like life and explores the three most basic and profound questions at the center of our faith—questions that all major religions try to answer and around which there seems to be much confusion:

Who Is God?

Who Am I?

Who Are We Together?

How we answer these three simple questions has a big impact on what we believe, how we live, and how we relate to other people."

Spoiler alert! So you know the questions now. That's alright, but if you want to spend some time with us to figure out the answers you'll need to be a part of the class.

As this wonderful six week session is going on, I do have a question for our adult leaders in the church: Would you like to teach our new youth Sunday school class? If the answer is yes or even maybe, please let me know in the next couple of weeks. We could look at getting a rotation going to give some rest to our teachers and keep things fresh and new for our youth.

Blessings!

Nathan



Christmas Family



Photos



Will be taken at Parkwood

United

Methodist Church

Sunday, Nov. 11th immediately following church services.

Photos by Ron Byrd

10% of proceeds will be donated to PUMC





Knit – Purl – Pray

Parkwood United Methodist Church

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

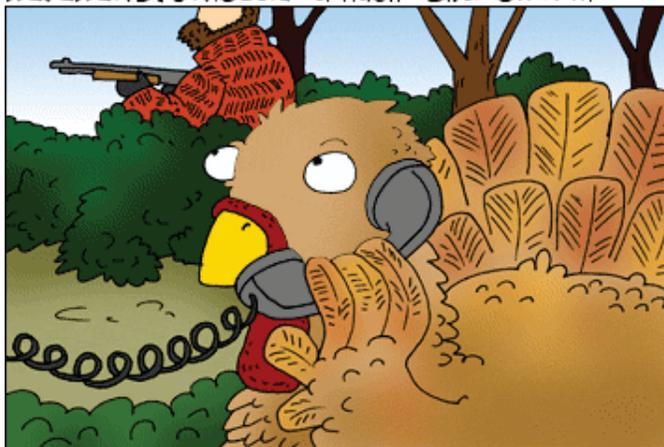
2nd. and 4th. Saturday

The ladies of KPP will offer some of their handcrafted items for sale on Sunday, November 11, after worship service.

Items will be on display in the fellowship hall. We hope you will consider purchasing these one of a kind hand crafted gifts!!



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HELLO, YOU HAVE REACHED THE SALVATION
HOTLINE ... ARE YOU READY TO MAKE A
DECISION TODAY?

**Friday Nite Movie Presents
John Wayne in:
She Wore a Yellow Ribbon**



Friday, Nov. 2 @ 7:30 pm

Previews of Coming Attractions

December 7th Christmas in Connecticut 1945

Coming in December, Previews of Coming Attractions for 2013



UM MEN: We will meet for breakfast at 8am on Saturday, November 17th at Beneties on Hwy. 55 at 8:00.

Don't forget: Pancake Supper November 16th !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!





HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU



Birthdays

- Herb Schwarze 11-11
- Olly Roberts 11-14
- Tapani Ronni 11-19
- Norris Porter 11-19
- Bob Eiland 11-27
- Beth Bradshaw 11-30

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



Holiday Bells



What would the Christmas season be like without bells??? I'm looking for some people to ring during the advent season. This is a short term commitment of two months. We will rehearse on Monday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.. If you've never rung before it is not difficult and lots of fun but does require some ability to read and count rhythm. If you are willing to make this commitment please let Jan Schwarze know.





May I Say!

By Dr. J. Vernon McGee

Encouragement for the Redeemed

Then David and the people that were with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep. And David's two wives were taken captives...And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the Lord his God. (1 Samuel 30:4-6)

Most folks think Of David as the Shepard boy who slew Goliath. Also they remember the black side of his life, the great sin he committed with Bathsheba. What they don't realize is that David was very much a human being like the rest of us. He made many blunders just like we do. He made a mistake when he left Israel to live among the Philistines.

As the common colloquialism says it, David was between a rock and a hard place. He was between the devil and the deep blue sea. He was in a bad spot. He has lost his loved ones. His own followers, under this great emotional strain of having lost their loved ones, want to stone him. "But David encouraged himself in the Lord his God." This is one of the most wonderful statements ever made.

Friend, there are times in our lives when the circumstances will not produce any joy or happiness. There are times when we find ourselves in dark places, like David. We look about, and the situation looks hopeless. What should we do? Be discouraged? Give up? Say we are through? Friend, if we are children of God, we will encourage ourselves in the Lord. We will turn to Him at times like this. Sometimes the Lord puts us in such a spot so we will turn to Him. He wants to make Himself real to us. It was during times like these that David wrote some of his most beautiful psalms. When troubles come, you can thumb your way through the Psalms and find where David is encouraging himself in the Lord. Several times he says, "The Lord is good...Let the redeemed of the Lord say so."



Flowers for the Church Sanctuary

If you haven't visited our new Farmers' Market you are missing a real treat. In addition to the wonderful fruits, vegetables, cheeses and meats, they have beautiful fresh flowers – perfect for a church bouquet. They are priced very reasonable at \$8.00! And the market will be open year round I understand.

There is a sign-up calendar in the church hall if you would like to do so. Give me a call at home (919-544-1380) if I can help you with your arrangement. Fresh flowers make a big difference.

We encourage you to do so and to fill out this short form that will be put in the church bulletin on the Sunday you furnish the flowers. Please make sure this form is to the Pastor on the Monday before. Thanks, Betty Byrd

Date flowers are to be put in church _____

Flowers given by (your name) _____

In honor of / in memory of _____



United Methodist Women

our Calendar also sends cards from our unit to selected workers in the mission field.

The Parkwood UMW met Thursday, October 25, at the home of Florine Layman. She was assisted by co-hostesses Judy Roseberry and Marietta Abbott. President Susan Oglesby opened our meeting with prayer. We shared the joys and concerns of friends and families. Those with October birthdays were recognized by Hollis Bowen. Charlotte Thompson shared several excerpts from the UMW Prayer Calendar. The Prayer Calendar lists those workers for Christ all over the world that receive support from the UMW. Charlotte also sends cards from our unit to selected workers in the mission field.

Our speaker was Olivia Lawrence from Cornucopia Cancer Center, a nonprofit that offers support to cancer patients, their caregivers, and families. They do not offer medical treatment but provide services that nurture “the mind, body and spirit of those journeying with cancer.” They provide support groups, individual counseling, yoga classes, compassionate touch therapies, library resources, and workshops. A radio show “That Cancer Show” airs locally on WPTF AM on Sundays, 8-9 pm. A handout will be posted on the UMW bulletin board that gives details of their services as well as contact information.

We enjoyed refreshments, and fellowship followed by a short business session.

The date of the decorating of the Chrismon tree was changed to Saturday, December 1, to coincide with the Hanging of the Greens.

A Mission Recognition Pin was presented to Susan in thanks for her past service as president. She has agreed to continue in that position. Susan attended the annual NCCUMW meeting in Fayetteville recently. Florine presented the report of the nominating committee. The slate of officers was unanimously accepted. There will be a LOTS training session for officers on November 10th in Graham.

President: Susan Oglesby
Vice President: Pam Skidmore
Secretary: Florine Layman
Treasurer: Pat Nestler
Membership: Hollis Bowen
Social Actions/Missions: Geri Lam
Communications: Arlene McCloskey
Spiritual Growth/Prayer Calendar: Charlotte Thompson
Education and Interpretation: Margaret Eiland
Program Resources: Natalie Robson
Nominations: Natalie Robson-Chair-2013
Priscilla Thompson-2014
Jan Schwarze- 2012

From Emily's Kitchen....

Recently, we lost a very good friend and member of our church family, Emily Gillis. Presented here, and for the next several months, are recipes from Emily's kitchen...

COCONUT PIE

3 eggs

2 c. sugar

$\frac{3}{4}$ stick margarine, melted

2 c. coconut

1 (13oz) can evaporated milk

1 tsp. vanilla

2 unbaked 9-inch pie shells

Mix all ingredients and pour into pie shells. Bake at 350 degrees until filling is firm in the center of pie (about 45 minutes).



National Collection Week is November 12-19, 2012

Once again it is time to pack boxes full of goodies for [Operation Christmas Child](#).

Operation Christmas Child, the world's largest Christmas project, brings joy and hope to needy children around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love. Since 1993, more than 94 million shoe box gifts have been delivered to children in more than 130 countries.

What is the mission of Operation Christmas Child?

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Fill your shoe box with one or more items from each 'something':

- **SOMETHING TO LOVE**
Teddy bear, doll, soft toy, etc.
- **SOMETHING FOR SCHOOL**
Exercise book, pencil case, pens, pencils, coloring pencils, sharpener, eraser, chalk, etc.
- **SOMETHING TO WEAR**
T-shirt, shorts, underwear, cap, beanie, sandals, thongs, etc.
- **SOMETHING TO PLAY WITH**
Tennis ball, cars, skipping rope, marbles, musical instrument, yo-yo, slinky, finger puppets, wind up torch, etc. (No battery operated items, war toys or weapons)

- **SOMETHING FOR PERSONAL HYGIENE**
Soap and face washer, toothbrush, hairbrush, comb, hair-clips, scrunchies, etc. (No toothpaste)
- **SOMETHING SPECIAL**
Carry bag, sunglasses, bangles, necklaces, craft kits, stickers, note or photo of yourself.

Please search your heart and pack a box or two, ten or twenty. Remember this is a blessing that can impact many lives, not only for a moment, but for a lifetime.

Cub Scout Pack 495

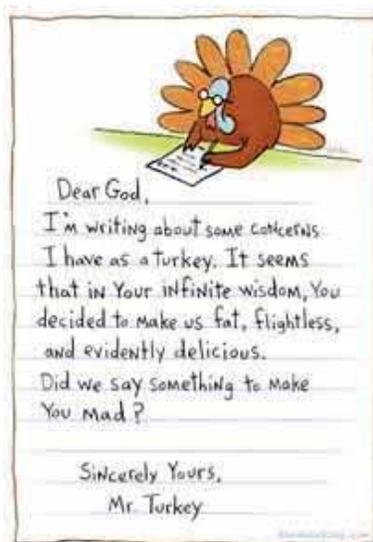


Nov. 12 Veteran's Day Flag Ceremony



Nov. 15 Pack Meeting

Nov. 22 No Meetings (Happy Thanksgiving!)



Believe.....Belong.....Serve... is usually published on the 30th of the month. Please have all newsletter information to Ron Byrd at crabbyron@yahoo.com By the 25th of the month.

LORD'S DAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SABBATH
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TASK	NOVEMBER 4	NOVEMBER 11	NOVEMBER 18	NOVEMBER 25
9:15 Greeters	Ron & Betty Byrd	Jimmy & Florine Layman	Larry & Susan Oglesby	Margaret Eiland & David Thompson
10:45 Greeters	Betsy Newlin & Priscilla Thompson	Natalie Robson & Dianne Mitchell	Ron & Betty Byrd	Charlotte & David Thompson
Infant Nursery	Dena Roberts	Dianne Mitchell	Ron Clark	Marietta Abbott
Ushers	Dianne Mitchell & Marietta Abbott	Ron & Betty Byrd	Priscilla Thompson & Natalie Robson	Debbie Kavanaugh & David Thompson
Altar Guild	Priscilla Thompson	Pat Nestler	Charlotte Thompson	Florine Layman
Communion Set-Up	Pam Skidmore & Priscilla Thompson			
Altar Flowers		Jan Schwarze		
Member Care Cards	Pat Nestler	Betty Byrd	Jan Schwarze	Susan Oglesby
Counters	Ron Byrd & Pam Skidmore	Marietta Abbott & Frank Stephans	Mike Dube & Janice Jarrell	Bob Newlin & Margaret Eiland
FT & Lection Reader	Bob Newlin	Ron Byrd	Betty Byrd	Marie Porter
Fellowship Refreshments	Betsy Newlin	Sara Gunter	Betty Byrd	Debbie Kavanaugh
Office Help	Margaret Eiland	Marietta Abbott	Jan Schwarze	Peggy Moore
Lead Armor Bearer	Hope Roberts	Beth Bradshaw	Tiffany Jackson	Caroline Mitchell

MINISTRY TEAM FOR NOVEMBER 2012 *If you can't serve on your day, please arrange for a substitute. Thanks

The Fork

There was a young woman who had been diagnosed with a terminal illness and had been given three months to live. So as she was getting her things 'in order,' she contacted her Pastor and had him come to her house to discuss certain aspects of her final wishes.

She told him which songs she wanted sung at the service, what scriptures she would like read, and what outfit she wanted to be buried in.

Everything was in order and the Pastor was preparing to leave when the young woman suddenly remembered something very important to her.

'There's one more thing,' she said excitedly..

'What's that?' came the Pastor's reply.

'This is very important,' the young woman continued. 'I want to be buried with a fork in my right hand.'

The Pastor stood looking at the young woman, not knowing quite what to say.

That surprises you, doesn't it?' the young woman asked.

'Well, to be honest, I'm puzzled by the request,' said the Pastor.

The young woman explained. 'My grandmother once told me this story, and from that time on I have always tried to pass along its message to those I love and those who are in need of encouragement. In all my years of attending socials and dinners, I always remember that when the dishes of the main course were being cleared, someone would inevitably lean over and say, 'Keep your fork.' It was my favorite part because I knew that something better was coming ... like velvety chocolate cake or deep-dish apple pie. Something wonderful, and with substance!'

So, I just want people to see me there in that casket with a fork in my hand and I want them to wonder 'What's with the fork?' Then I want you to tell them: 'Keep your fork ... the best is yet to come.'

The Pastor's eyes welled up with tears of joy as he hugged the young woman good-bye. He knew this would be one of the last times he would see her before her death. But he also knew that the young woman had a better grasp of heaven than he did. She had a better grasp of what heaven would be like than many people twice her age, with twice as much experience and knowledge. She KNEW that something better was coming.

At the funeral people were walking by the young woman's casket and they saw the cloak she was wearing and the fork placed in her right hand. Over and over, the Pastor heard the question, 'What's with the fork?' And over and over he smiled.

During his message, the Pastor told the people of the conversation he had with the young woman shortly before she died. He also told them about the fork and about what it symbolized to her. He told the people how he could not stop thinking about the fork and told them that they probably would not be able to stop thinking about it either.

He was right. So the next time you reach down for your fork let it remind you, ever so gently, that the best is yet to come. Friends are a very rare jewel, indeed. They make you smile and encourage you to succeed. Cherish the time you have, and the memories you share. Being friends with someone is not an opportunity, but a sweet responsibility.

And just remember ... keep your fork!

The BEST is yet to come!