

# ***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

**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 19th.**



November, 2013

### Be Still

*So He said, "Go forth and stand on the mountain before the LORD " And behold, the LORD was passing by! And a great and strong wind was rending the mountains and breaking in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of a gentle blowing. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave And behold, a voice came to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" (1 Kings 19:11-13)*

It's that time of year again. The weather gets a bit cooler and before too long Christmas music shows up on the radio, even though we haven't gotten through Thanksgiving yet. Family is coming into town and so houses need to be cleaned, food needs to be bought, and sanity must be maintained. And after full stomachs on Thanksgiving and fist throwing shopping on Black Friday...it's time to put up the Christmas decorations and plan, as the family leaves, for them to come back in a few short weeks.

It's easy to see how this season of thankfulness passes us by unnoticed. If it wasn't enough that retailers skip it, busy lives and hectic traditions keep us from truly slowing down and appreciating it. We are always too busy preparing for the next thing to enjoy what is right before us. So my advice to you this month of November...slow down. Take a deep breath and live in the now whenever you can. Before we can appreciate and be thankful for what we have, we need to actually take a moment away from the noise around us to do so.

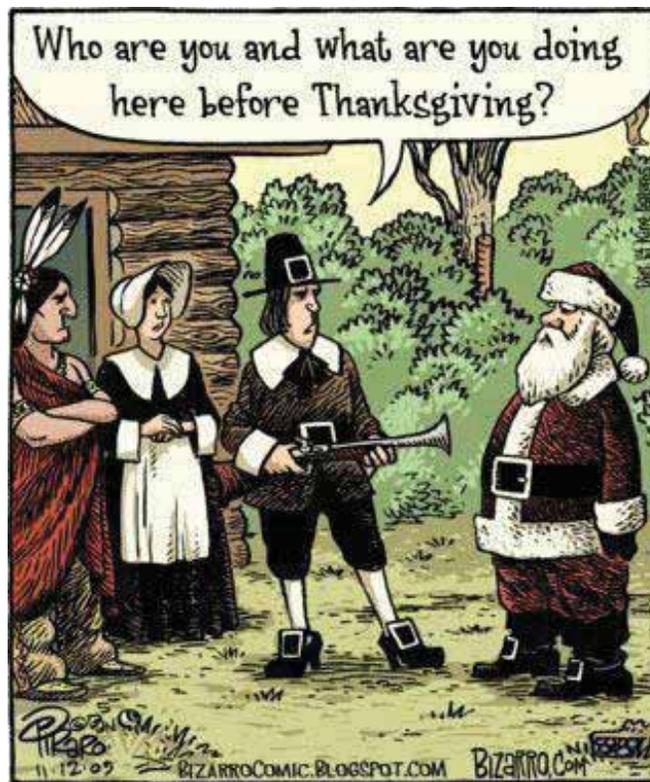
Our God loves the quiet. God never claims to be in the loud things and a lot of times not even the strong things. He chooses weaklings to be kings and stutterers to be prophets. He claims you won't always find him in the melody of your favorite upbeat song or in the loud voice of the preacher. Even churches run the danger of distracting themselves from God's presence with flashing lights and Powerpoint presentations. No, God is always in the stillness, in the quietness of our lives. Jesus had to find a quiet place to pray. So why do we think we are any better. I challenge you to shut the world out whenever you can. Take a deep breath in that one room of the house or that one park or that one tree you like to lean against in the yard. Carry your Bible with you to listen to God's scripture and pray without words. Be still and know that He is God! The more we do that, the more thankful we'll truly be and the more prepared we will be to receive him during Advent.

Pastor Nathan



I hope all of you are preparing a shoebox or two to send to Operation Christmas Child. While you do, remember that it also costs money to ship these to another country. Operations Christmas Child suggests a \$7 to cover these costs for every box. You can include a check in the box or give on line or make a check to PUMC with Operation Christmas Child in the “For” area or cash in an envelope marked the same. Even if you are not making a box, you can contribute to help cover the costs of those boxes without a donation.

Blessings, Bob Newlin



## **SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES**

### **The Seekers Class**

The Seekers is continuing the Immersion studies series and with Exodus, Leviticus, and Numbers. Come join us as we study what these books mean and how they apply to our life today

### **the Jacob Class**

the Jacob class will begin a study of the book of Acts. There is no study book other than your Bible and, if you want one, a commentary of your choice. The class will start promptly at 9:30 am. the Jacob class meets in room 1.

### **Make Every Day Count: Youth Sunday School**

For the first two Sundays of November, Pastor Nathan will be covering our class as teacher. Then we will begin learning about Great Figures of the New Testament, in which we will talk about some of the people who were important to the teachings of Jesus and to the building of the Christian movement. Come join us and bring your Bible.



 **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU** 

#### **Birthdays**

Tom Schwarze 11-5

Herb Schwarze 11-11

Olly Roberts 11-14

Tapani Ronni 11-19

Norris Porter 11-19

Bob Eiland 11-27

Brenda Stephans 11-29

Beth Bradshaw 11-30

Send birthdays and anniversaries to [crabbyron@yahoo.com](mailto:crabbyron@yahoo.com)

# Friday Nite Movie Presents



**Friday, Dec. 6th @ 7:30 pm**

**Coming in December, Previews of Coming Attractions for 2014**



**MEN: We will meet for breakfast at 8am on Saturday,  
November 16 th. at Beneties on Hwy. 55 at 8:00.**

What if you woke up  
**TODAY**  
With only what you  
Thanked God for  
**YESTEDAY?**



You are cordially invited to join the Chancel Choir at Parkwood United Methodist Church. The choir meets weekly on Wednesday nights from 7:30



## *United Methodist Women*

Even in the midst of a very busy October, twelve UMW members gathered for our monthly meeting. President Susan Oglesby welcomed everyone and led us in an opening prayer. Hollis shared the October birthdays, and other joys such as anniversaries, fair moments and upcoming trips were shared as well.

During the business session Florine recapped the September minutes and they were accepted as printed. Pat gave the treasurer's report that included our bake sale results from the flea market earlier this month. We were pleased with the results. Many 1989 cookbooks were sold. These are still available. May we suggest these as gifts for former Parkwood friends and residents? PUMC members are asked to make a donation of food or hygiene kit items, etc. for Urban Ministries of Durham in lieu of cash payment. The treasurer's report was accepted as printed.

Natalie presented information about Mike's upcoming mission trip to Honduras in March. There are many ways that we can help those in need in the area where this mission team will be working. A representative from the organization planning the trip will speak to the congregation one Sunday in November. There will be a list of needed items posted soon. Betty placed another worthy project before us as she told us about Operation Smile. Visit [operationsmile.org](http://operationsmile.org) to learn more about this project.

Our November meeting will be on the third Thursday, November 21, 7:00 pm. At this meeting we will have the joy of disbursing funds from individual pledges and fundraisers held this year. We will be considering Operation Smile and the Honduras mission trip. Members may bring other suggestions to the meeting. It is UMW policy to leave just enough in the treasury to get the next year started. Nearly all funds of UMW go to local, state, and global missions. We have minimal operating costs and the occasional PUIMC need or project.

Saturday, November 30, will be the day UMW will decorate the Chrismon tree and the Angel tree. When our decorating is done we usually have lunch together at a nearby restaurant.



## MEDICAL SUPPLY INVENTORY

Hello Church Family

I am not sure how many of you are aware of our medical supply inventory. It will be included below with the location of where it is. Some wheelchairs are at the church and other items are stored at Beverly Whitmore and Arlene McCloskey's homes. If you need these items, I will be glad to get them for you and show you how to use them. If you have in home services, the therapist would show you how to use them.

These items are expensive and we are fortunate to have access to them FREE.

If you have questions, please give Arlene, Bev or me a call or e-mail.

I hope to be able to get some of these items stored at church as PMT goes through closet to see if we can better utilize the small amount of storage room that we have.

Blessings,

Ann.



### Motorcyclist Dodson turns 93

Motorcyclist Marjorie Dodson (left) turned 93 last Monday and here on Sunday at Huey's Restaurant & Oyster Bar she stands with her driver Max Kennedy.

### PUMC Celebrates a New Tool for Getting the Word Out



Photo by Linnie Skidmore

<b>TASK</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 3</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 10</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 17</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 24</b>
<b>9:15 Greeters</b>	Marie Porter	Herb & Jan Schwarze	Jimmy & Florine Layman	Margaret Eiland & David Thompson
<b>10:45 Greeters</b>	Ron & Betty Byrd	Betsy Newlin & Priscilla Thompson	Ron & Susan Clark	Wayne Abbott and Florine Layman
<b>Infant Nursery</b>	Betty Byrd	Ron Clark	Dianne Mitchell	Dena Roberts
<b>Ushers</b>	Clint & Natalie Robson	Ron & Susan Clark	Ron & Betty Byrd	Andrew Key and David Thompson
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Charlotte Thompson	Priscilla Thompson	Marietta Abbott	Florine Layman
<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	Priscilla Thompson and Marietta Abbott			
<b>Altar Flowers</b>		Jan & Herb Schwarze		
<b>Member Care Cards</b>	Margaret Eiland	Betty Byrd	Pat Nestler	Jan Schwarze
<b>Counters</b>	Frank Stephens and Isaiah Lincoln	Isaiah Lincoln and Herb Schwarze	Herb Schwarze and Margaret Eiland	Margaret Eiland & Dianne Mitchell
<b>FT &amp; Lection Reader</b>	Betty Byrd	Bob Newlin	Peggy Moore	Charlotte Thompson
<b>Fellowship Refreshments</b>	Debbie Kavanaugh	Pam Skidmore	Jan Schwarze	Florine Layman
<b>Office Help</b>	Margaret Eiland	Ron Byrd	Marietta Abbott	Jan Schwarze
<b>Acolytes</b>	Hope Roberts	Beth Bradshaw	Tiffany Jackson	Caroline Mitchell

**MINISTRY TEAM FOR NOVEMBER 2013 \*If you can't serve on your day, please arrange for a substitute. Thanks**

LORD'S DAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SABBATH
<b>3</b> 8:30 Trustees 9:30 Sunday School 3-5 GS Rms 5,7	<b>4</b> 9:30 Senior Exercise	<b>5</b> 5:30-6:30 GS R5	<b>6</b> 9:30 Senior Exercise	<b>7</b> 6-8 Cubs Rm 7 7 Cubs Rms 1,3,4,5,6	<b>1</b> 9:30 Senior Exercise 7:30 Movie Nite Presents: "Captains Courageous"	<b>2</b> 11 Allen's Baptism 7 RTP Fellowship
<b>10</b> 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12 Finance 3-5 GS Rms 5,7 5-7pm Charge Conference	<b>11</b> 9:30 Senior Exercise	<b>12</b> 5:30-6:30 GS R5	<b>13</b> 9:30 Senior Exercise	<b>14</b> 6-8 Cubs Rm 7 7 Cubs Rms 1,3,4,5,6	<b>15</b> 9:30 Senior Exercise	<b>16</b> 7 RTP Fellowship
<b>17</b> 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12 Leadership 3-5 GS Rms 5,7	<b>18</b> 9:30 Senior Exercise	<b>19</b> 5:30-6:30 GS R5	<b>20</b> 9:30 Senior Exercise	<b>21</b> 6-8 Cubs Rm 7 7 Cubs Rms 1,3,4,5,6	<b>22</b> 9:30 Senior Exercise	<b>23</b> 9-11 Knit,Prnt,Pray 7 RTP Fellowship
<b>24</b> 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 3-5 GS Rms 5,7	<b>25</b> 9:30 Senior Exercise	<b>26</b> 5:30-6:30 GS R5	<b>27</b> 9:30 Senior Exercise	<b>28</b> 6-8 Cubs Rm 7 7 Cubs Rms 1,3,4,5,6	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 7 RTP Fellowship
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By the 25th of the month.



## PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Son of the living God,  
Who by the will of the Father and with the  
cooperation of the Holy Spirit has by Thy  
death given life unto the world: Deliver me by  
this, Thy most sacred Body and Blood, from  
all my sins and from every evil. Make me  
always cling to Thy commandments and never  
permit me to be separated from Thee.

AMEN.

I wish to apologize for the tardiness of the November newsletter. Bronchitis and Sinusitis decided to pay me a visit and hung around for two weeks. December's newsletter will be on time. Ron Byrd, Editor



I'll be here before you know it!!!

Ho, Ho, Ho.....