

# ***BELIEVE...BELONG...SERVE...***

*Serving Parkwood for 52years*



*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



**October, 2013**

## **Fall is in the air...**

It is my favorite time of year. Leaves begin to turn from green to golden yellow and orange. The days begin with crisp, cool air and the temperature never goes above mild during the rest of it. Everybody has a pumpkin spice latte in hand, the aisles of our stores are stocked with Halloween candy, and then there's Charge Conference. Oh...I'm not overly fond of Charge Conference, but with its arrival during this special time of year we are reminded that, as the current year is coming to an end, a new year is ready to burst forth at its passing. And though we are busy preparing for what's to come with warm clothes and decorated houses, we must not forget the call to prepare our congregation for new opportunities to serve in ministry when the New Year arrives.

If you have not guessed where this article is going, feel free to jump ahead to page 11. There you will see the 'Our 2014 Covenant' form. Yes, that's right! It is time to decide the ways in which we want to be a

part of ministry here at Parkwood UMC. There are so many opportunities that everyone should be able to find something that matches their gifts and graces that God has bestowed upon them. From praying for our congregation to working with our youth or sitting in the sound room on Sunday morning, there is a place for you to be a part of imparting Christ's message to the community around us through your service to his church. So take a look through the covenant, prayerfully consider where the Spirit might be moving you in 2014, and leave a copy in the offering plate during the month of October. God calls us to give of our entire being in service, from our money to even our help in cleaning a room at the church so that visitors feel welcome. How is God calling you to serve?

**See Covenant Form on Page 11**

### **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**

Attention, Youth!

We are continuing the study Make every day Count with just two chapters remaining. I enjoy being the teacher for this class but feel that we are not reaching you as we should. Please come to Sunday School so that we can discuss what is meaningful for you and what type of study to do next.



## Sign Up Early!!

It's that time of year again...time to sign up to work at the N.C. State Fair, which will be held on October 17 - 27, 2013. This is the largest fundraiser for our church and we can't be successful without everyone's help. The amount of money that we earn is calculated on the number of slots we fill! As in past years, there will be two time slots available (one day-time and one night-time) for each of the 11 fun-filled days! We will carpool from the parking lot each morning and

afternoon. Sign-up sheets are posted in the hallway. We are asking that you schedule the days and/or nights that you can work now instead of waiting until later. We need to fill as many slots early in order to communicate the schedule with Creedmoor United Methodist Church. If you

have any questions, please contact us at (919) 544-7787 or [roger.jarrell@frontier.com](mailto:roger.jarrell@frontier.com).



There is still State Fair booths open that need to be occupied by PUMC congregation members!

Please sign up for a shift, day or evening, on the list posted at the middle bulletin board of the hall outside the Sanctuary. You will help ensure that we *maximize* this unique eleven-day opportunity to earn 7 or 8 percent of PUMC's operating revenues for the entire 2014 budget year!

*Thank you from the Financial Management Team !*

## Knit - Purl - Pray

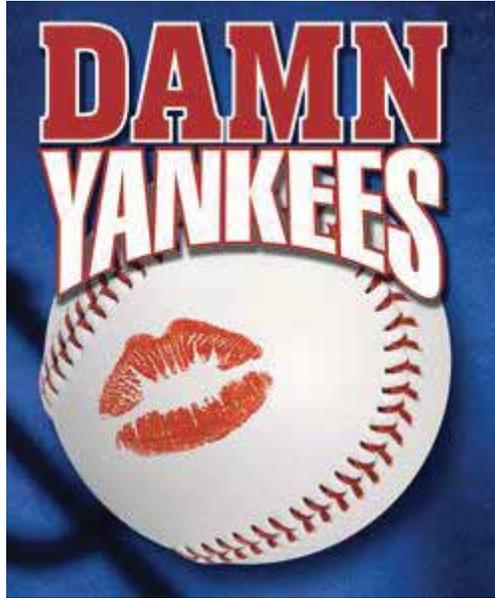


**Parkwood United Methodist Church**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. Saturday**

# Friday Nite Movie Presents



Friday, Oct. 4 @ 7:30 pm

## Previews of Coming Attractions \*

Nov. 1 Captains Courageous

Dec. 6 Meet Me in St. Louis

\*subject to change

1937

1944

Spencer Tracy, Freddie Bartholomew

Judy Garland

Coming in December, Previews of Coming Attractions for 2014



**UM Men: We will meet for breakfast at 8am on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at Beneties on Hwy. 55**

## KNIT PURL PRAY SALE

Coming Soon! The yarn enthusiasts who meet regularly for fellowship and knitting will be offering some of their hand crafted items for sale On Saturday, November 9 and after the worship service on Sunday , November 10. Among the items offered will be hats, scarves, afghans, doll clothes, sweaters, and prayer bracelets. Some of these items will make great Christmas gifts!

## Happy 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday to Arabella Willson



Arabella & her mom, Robyn



Arabella Willson born September 22, 2011



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU**



### **Birthdays**

Diane Mitchell Oct. 10  
Chris Abbott Oct. 12  
Frank Stephens Oct. 18  
Betsy Newlin Oct. 21  
Marietta Abbott Oct. 23  
Desiree Davis-Omboro Oct. 31

### **Anniversaries**

Christopher & Maureen Mitchell Oct. 21  
Larry & Susan Oglesby 10-25

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



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*

After taking July off and having dinner out in August UMW resumed its monthly meeting on Thursday, September 26. Fifteen members were present. President Susan Oglesby opened our meeting with prayer and then the members shared their joys and concerns. Hollis Bowen recognized those members with August and September birthdays. Secretary Florine Layman gave a recap of the minutes from the June meeting.

This helped us focus on the finished and the unfinished projects of UMW.

Using the Prayer Calendar Charlotte Thompson told us about several missionaries and deaconesses and their mission work. She read Luke 6:17-26 to remind us the healing aspects of Jesus' ministry. Becky Harrell works with training young Latino believers to serve in their communities to help ease the problems of poverty, rejection and hunger. Other deaconesses work more directly in their communities with healing ministries.

Treasurer Pat Nestler presented the treasurer's report. Our unit's Candle Burning donation for 2013 was made in memory of Hazel Robinson and in honor of Judy Roseberry, Jan Schwarze and Arlene McCloskey. The \$72 donation is the amount of money required to carry on the mission work of UMW missions in the US and around the world for two minutes. After the treasurer's report was accepted, Pat led us in the Pledge Service for 2014. Using the UMW values of Faith, Hope, and Love, we looked at others who are living these values and are helping many people around the world with their needs. Florine, Priscilla, and Arlene told of specific missions that receive UMW financial support. This program closed with our personal pledges to support missions in 2014.

Ann Farmer gave a report on the family room. It is nearly complete. While not a UMW project, most of the women involved in the design of this room and in the actual labor of getting it ready are active members in our UMW unit. The room should be ready for dedication on our church birthday, October 13, 2013.

In our last order of business Priscilla Thompson gave the report of the nominating committee. Our leadership for next year is in place! LOTS (Local Officers Training Session) will be held in November. We extend our thanks to the nominating committee and to the members that said YES.

Our next meeting will be October 24 at 7:00 pm.

## **Counseling Room**

Many of you may not be aware that we have a lovely room at the back of the sanctuary, the counseling room. This room has been updated and reorganized so that its many resources are available for all church members and visitors. The room has a variety of brochures available for assisting those in times of difficulty, such as illness, death in the family, depression, etc. Please feel free to take the brochures to share with others or for your own personal need. Also there are resource books from the various book studies that have been done at Parkwood over the years. If you have access to a cassette player the Bible, both Old and New Testament, is on cassette tape. There are numerous other books on cassette tape as well. Please stop by before or after worship service and check out all of the resources available at PUMC.

# Cub Scout Pack 495

## FIFTY YEARS AND COUNTING!

2013 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Cub Scout Pack 495. Chartered in the Parkwood community in 1963, Pack 495 has seen hundreds of boys rise through the ranks, with many carrying onward into Boy Scouts. And many of our former Scouts now have boys of their own as members of our Pack. Our year kicked off at our Join Scouting event on Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> with over 40 new and returning Scouts.



Launched nationally in 1930, Cub Scouts promotes self-esteem and the respect of others. Offering responsible fun and adventure for boy's 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade while teaching citizenship, service, and leadership, Cub Scouts helps parents and guardians raise good kids.



Pack 495 enjoys our thriving partnership with PUMC. Cub Scouting provides the boys opportunities to truly participate in the life of the community. One of the many activities the Pack will be conducting soon is the always popular Halloween Hoot on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 5-7PM. This free event is a fun and safe carnival atmosphere provided by the Pack for the entire community with plenty of games, food, prizes, and more. This year's Hoot will see the wonderful addition of a community Trunk-Or-Treat, hosted by PUMC.

Other upcoming events this Fall include a two-night Family Camping outing at Falls Lake, a clean-up of Northeast Creek, our annual gourmet popcorn sale fundraiser, a trip to Charleston, SC where our Scouts spend two nights aboard the USS Yorktown (a WWII aircraft carrier converted into a floating museum), holiday celebrations at the Durham Regent retirement center, and one of our favorite events: marching in the Parkwood Community Christmas Parade.

If you have a boy interested in Scouting or for further information, please visit our website ([www.durhampack495.org](http://www.durhampack495.org)) or contact Pack 495 Cubmaster David L. Bailey at [919-656-5089](tel:919-656-5089).



Halloween Hoot  
&  
Trunk or Treat  
Saturday, October 26th



A Hallowe'en Poem

Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate,  
The first one said, "Oh! My it's getting late"  
The second one said,  
"There are witches in the air!"  
The third one said,  
"But we don't care!"  
The fourth one said,  
"Let's run and run and run,"  
The fifth one said,  
"I'm ready for some fun!"  
Oooo Ooh went the wind,  
And out went the lights;  
Then five little pumpkin's  
Rolled out of sight!





## FALL PLANTING

Now that fall is here, it is time to think of beautifying our front entrance.

As I discussed in the Sunday church service a few weeks ago, Sharon Campien, my neighbor and friend is a Master Gardener. She came to church and looked at our plants around the drive way at the church entrance. She gave us a garden plan that I want to share with you. We definitely want to keep the beautiful Lantanas and add shrubs on each side of them that will complement them

Across the front of the U-shaped drive near the Church building entrance, we would need 9 plants on each side. I would also like to get 6 dwarf gardenias, three to go on each side of the new sign. We could get those in the Spring if needed.

With the new sign, it would be great to get our grounds spruced up for our church family and prospective new families.

If every family bought one plant and came to plant them, it would not cost a lot money or time. I know Sharon would come and give us advice. Each plant would average about \$15.00, some more, some less.

I wanted to get everyone's input. Our Church Birthday is going to be celebrated on October 13, 2013. What a good birthday present that would be to the church. You could also use the cost of the plant as a church donation.

Please e-mail or call me (919-544-0282) with your ideas or questions.

Blessings,

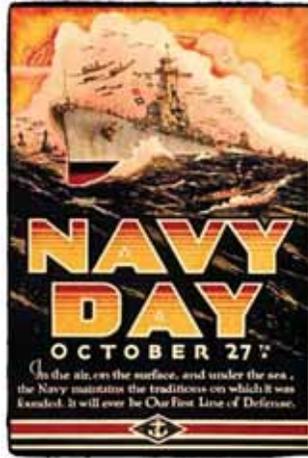
Ann

## Leadership Report

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The Leadership Team has been active over the past few months as we see more changes around our building. We appreciate the work done by all to spruce up the building and grounds and we are very proud of our new sign. At the meeting on September 22, we discussed many things, including how to use the sign most effectively. A new committee will be formed soon to determine what to advertise on our sign. They will also discuss have a dedication for the sign.

The Leadership Team also spent a good portion of the meeting preparing for Charge Conference, to be held on November 10, and for the coming year. Our budget for 2014 has been passed and in that process a number of issues were discussed. We also had a report from the Worship Team concerning our Advent services and some changes coming with that season. While it hardly seems possible that Advent and Christmas are close enough to need discussion, the season will be here before we know it!



The PUMC Youth have lots in store for our wonderful congregation this fall.

Starting with the T-Shirt fundraiser. Thank you to all of you who purchased T-shirts. These orders will be in soon. We are thrilled that our Youth will be able to represent our Church in a new and stylish way.

The Youth will also be joining the Boy Scouts with the Halloween Hoot & Trunk or Treat. We will be decorating up to 5 trunks! We are hoping to have a special appearance again from our favorite Ghost Buster (Pastor Nathan)!

The youth has many additional things that they will be working on to include the possibility of a Live Nativity, the Christmas Parade, Adopt a Child program and helping with Urban Ministries. Those are just to mention a few.

We will be putting up a sign up sheet for meals again. The youth meet every other Sunday from 5 -7 pm and we have 10 mouths to feed. If you feel like coming and joining us and want to provide a meal and see what the Youth do please feel free to sign up. ( the youth love Pizza & Bojangles and nothing beats a home cooked meal!)

There will also be a sign up sheet for the Trunk or Treat if you want the youth to decorate your trunk! You can also donate candy. There will be a box available for this.

I and the Youth want to Thank EVERYONE for all the support you have given. It is a blessing to watch these youth grow within our church and to have the support from so many members of our church family. Thank You Thank You!!

Love and Blessing,

Peggy & the Youth Group

**Our 2014 Covenant**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In the coming year, I make covenant to: (Circle all that apply)

Pray regularly for our church.

Participate in a Bible Study.

**SERVE IN WORSHIP:**

...with my musical gifts.

...by reading scripture.

...by serving on the Altar Guild

...by helping in the office.

...by serving as a Communion Steward.

...by working in the Sound Room.

**SERVE IN MISSION:**

...by volunteering at Urban Ministries of Durham.

...by volunteering when local missions arise.

**SERVE OUR CHILDREN:**

...by helping in the nursery.

...by helping with Vacation Bible School.

...by helping with Kidzone.

**SERVE OUR YOUTH:**

...by teaching the youth Sunday School class.

...by chaperoning or driving for UMYF outings.

...by helping with the Bible Quiz Team.

...by serving as a mentor to our youth.

**SERVE IN MEMBER CARE:**

...by visiting, writing or calling the sick, injured, and bereaved.

...by providing meals for the sick, injured, and bereaved.

**SERVE IN THE FACILITIES:**

...through "Adopt-A-Room"

...by helping with church repair and improvements.

...by helping with upkeep of the church grounds.

**SERVE IN EVANGELISM:**

...by being a 9:15 greeter.

...by being a 10:45 greeter.

...by providing refreshments Sunday Morning.

...by following up with visitors.

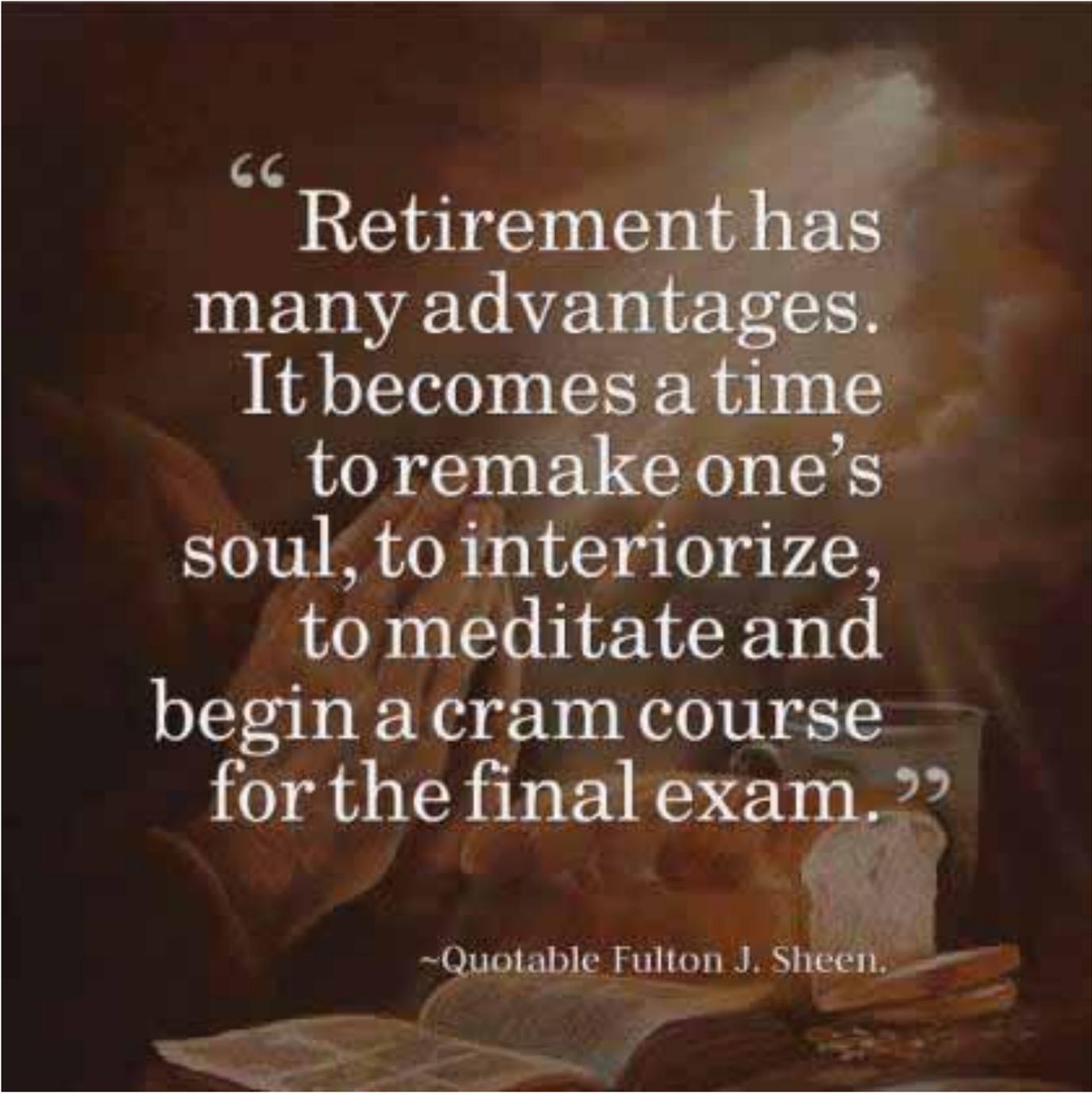
...by taking visitors "under my wing."

...by becoming a friend with someone who is un-churched.

<b>TASK</b>	<b>OCTOBER 6</b>	<b>OCTOBER 13</b>	<b>OCTOBER 20</b>	<b>OCTOBER 27</b>
<b>9:15 Greeters</b>	Herb & Jan Schwarze	Jimmy & Florine Layman	Margaret Eiland and David Thompson	Ron & Betty Byrd
<b>10:45 Greeters</b>	Wayne Abbott and Florine Layman	Charlotte Thompson and Marie Porter	David Thompson	Lauren & Andrew Key
<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>	Florine Layman	Margaret Eiland	Jan Schwarze	Pat Nestler
<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	Pam Skidmore and Betsy Newlin			
<b>Altar Flowers</b>				The Abbotts
<b>Member Care Cards</b>	Margaret Eiland	Betty Byrd	Pat Nestler	Jan Schwarze
<b>Counters</b>	Bob Newlin and Ron Byrd	Ron Byrd and Roger Jarrell	Roger Jarrell and Ann Farmer	Ann Farmer and Frank Stephans
<b>FT &amp; Lection Reader</b>	Pat Nestler	Margaret Eiland	Priscilla Thompson	Ron Byrd
<b>Fellowship Refreshments</b>	Brenda Stephans	Betty Byrd	Betsy Newlin	Dena Roberts
<b>Office Help</b>	Marietta Abbott	Jan Schwarze	Peggy Moore	Andrew Key
<b>Acolytes</b>	Hope Roberts	Beth Bradshaw	Tiffany Jackson	Caroline Mitchell

**MINISTRY TEAM FOR OCTOBER 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>1</b> 5:30-6:30 GS R5	<b>2</b> 9:30 Senior Exercise	<b>3</b> 6-8 Cubs Rm 7 7 Cubs Rms 1,3,4,5,6	<b>4</b> 9:30 Senior Exercise 7:30 The Friday Nite Movie presents: "Dam Yankees"	<b>5</b> 7 RTP Fellowship
<b>6</b> 8:30 Trustees 9:30 Sunday School 3-5 GS Rms 5,7	<b>7</b> 9:30 Senior Exercise	<b>8</b> 5:30-6:30 GS R5	<b>9</b> 9:30 Senior Exercise	<b>10</b> 6-8 Cubs Rm 7 7 Cubs Rms 1,3,4,5,6	<b>11</b> 9:30 Senior Exercise	<b>12</b> 9-11 Knit, Purl, Pray 7 RTP Fellowship
<b>13</b> 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12 Finance 3-5 GS Rms 5,7	<b>14</b> 9:30 Senior Exercise	<b>15</b> 5:30-6:30 GS R5	<b>16</b> 9:30 Senior Exercise	<b>17</b> 6-8 Cubs Rm 7 7 Cubs Rms 1,3,4,5,6	<b>18</b> 9:30 Senior Exercise	<b>19</b> 7 RTP Fellowship
<b>20</b> 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12 Leadership 3-5 GS Rms 5,7	<b>21</b> 9:30 Senior Exercise	<b>22</b> 5:30-6:30 GS R5	<b>23</b> 9:30 Senior Exercise	<b>24</b> 6-8 Cubs Rm 7 7 Cubs Rms 1,3,4,5,6	<b>25</b> 9:30 Senior Exercise	<b>26</b> 9-11 Knit, Purl, Pray 7 RTP Fellowship
<b>27</b> 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 3-5 GS Rms 5,7	<b>28</b> 9:30 Senior Exercise	<b>29</b> 5:30-6:30 GS R5	<b>30</b> 9:30 Senior Exercise	<b>31</b> 6-8 Cubs Rm 7 7 Cubs Rms 1,3,4,5,6		
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A still life painting of a table with a book, a glass of water, and a sandwich. The scene is dimly lit, with a warm, golden light source from the right. The background is dark and textured, suggesting a wall or a large shadow. The text is overlaid on the upper half of the image.

“ Retirement has many advantages. It becomes a time to remake one’s soul, to interiorize, to meditate and begin a cram course for the final exam. ”

~Quotable Fulton J. Sheen.

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