

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

October, 2015



A Month of Offering

“So, brothers and sisters, because of God’s mercies, I encourage you to present you bodies as a living sacrifice that is holy and pleasing to God” (Romans 12:1)

We journey into the month of October and find ourselves closer to the end of this year and the beginning of a new one. With that you probably are already anticipating those messages from the church leaders and your pastor about the importance of offering. Offering takes so many shapes within the church, from financial to service, and there are so many opportunities to serve. Why? Because there is so much that exists to keep our church thriving and, more importantly, changing the lives of the people within and those we serve in our community. These opportunities can be draining, they can be daunting, and sometimes we are not as excited to hear about ways to offer or, if you’re a pastor or church leader, having to ask for these offerings. But as I read Romans 12:1 I hear a new way to shape these offerings.

Paul tells us that these offerings are a response to the God who gave us everything. Our God who breathed life into humanity’s lungs, who rescued God’s people countless times from their enemies, who forgave and forgave and forgave, even to the point of giving God’s son on a cross, and promises life eternal to all who follows, expects only one thing in return...that we give, too. Paul shares that the thanksgiving God requires is that we are just as generous towards our neighbors, our brothers and sisters, God’s children. And so these ways we offer are more than simply church chores or something we do because we will feel bad if we don’t. These are truly opportunities to say thanks to the God of the universe that is responsible for giving us life and all that we see.

There are so many ways that we can keep this church going as a life giving presence of God’s kingdom breaking through in Durham. But let me simply highlight a few of these. First, your tithe is so very important and let me say thank you for it. We have been very generous to our church this year and we have already seen our mission and ministry grow because of it.

Another meeting is about to take place at Parkwood Elementary to expand our offering to the children there. But that is just one example. There are other ways you can serve with your time and wisdom. Those sign up sheets for the State Fair are still up and we still need more folks to offer time. That time equals funding for those budding ministries. Yes, Charge Conference is coming up, too, and some of you have already had conversations with me about ways you can serve as leaders within our church. We will be looking for persons to serve on SPRC, those charged with caring for, preparing, and evaluating our staff, Trustees, where we care for the facilities that serve as a place for our growth as Christians and a place to launch our ministry to the community, and Nominations, a group charged with calling us and preparing us as we lead on the various committees. Last, but certainly not least, keep your eyes peeled for the 'Our Covenant 2016' surveys where you can tell us places you would like to server in our church. Opportunities range from looking after the little ones in our nursery to singing in our choir to being and usher or greeter.

How will you say 'Thank you' to God? How will you nurture the growth our church continues to experience? Paul calls us to offer ourselves as a living sacrifice to the God who gave a Son's last breathe on the cross for our salvation. We will never be able to repay that, but God isn't asking us to. But God does want us to love one another, be God's church of peace in a chaotic world, and to make disciples of Jesus Christ. We will need everyone for that goal!

Pastor Nathan



SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

The Seekers Class

The Seekers will start "The Trouble with the Truth" by Bob Renfroe.

the Jacob Class

the Jacob class will start the book of Daniel.

THE Jacob class meets at 9:30 in room 1

Friday Nite Movie proudly presents
On November 13th



John Wayne & Maureen O'Hara

Show starts at 7:30

Previews of coming Attractions *

Dec. 11 The Christmas Candle 2013 Hans Matheson & Samantha Barks

Coming in December: The 2016 Line Up of Movies

*Subject to Change





HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU



Birthdays

Dianne 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 10-21

Larry & Susan Oglesby 10-25

Send birthdays and anniversaries to crabbyron@yahoo.com



For a very short time, honest.....A Minion a Day

James 3:7-8

NOTE TO SELF:

Just because it
pops into
my mind
doesn't
mean it
should come
out of
my Mouth.





State Fair Project Kicks Off October 16th

Parkwood UMC has been partnering with Creedmoor UMC for the last 9 years selling ride tickets at the NC State Fair. This is the largest fundraiser we have each year and raises anywhere from \$10,000.00 to \$12,000.00 for PUMC's budget. We must have 16 to 24 individuals for each shift to cover the commitment we have made to Powers Midway. This number is combined volunteers from PUMC and Creedmoor. This is a lot of individuals considering the 11 days the fair is open. We need your help!

What do we do: We operate 8 to 12 ride ticket booths that our owned by Powers Midway. They have been awarded the contract to operate the rides at the fair for the past 9 years. They in turn "hire" us to provide volunteers to provide coverage most of the booths during the operating hours of the fair. At the conclusion of the fair (Sunday night), Powers Midway cuts a donation check to Creedmoor UMC. The funds are divided between the two churches based on how many shifts were covered by each organization. The more shifts we cover the more funds that we can make.

What are the hours: We operate the booths for two shifts each day. The first shift hours are usually from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.(note – this is an estimate and could run longer depending on when your relief arrives). The second shift hours are usually from 4:30 p.m. to 11:45 p.m. (again, this is an estimate and will depend on when Powers Midway makes the decision to close the booth. Depending on the number of patrons to the booth, some booths may close as early as 9:30 p.m.

Booth Details: You are in a booth with space available for two people. The booths are equipped with the lock on the inside. You are selling ride tickets that cost one dollar each and a sheet of 20 tickets for twenty dollars. All transactions are cash only. There are no credit cards to handle. The work is easy and very simple.

At an optimum level, we like to have two people in each booth. This allows for you to provide breaks for each other (bathroom, meals, or snack runs). If husband and wife are working together and want to enjoy lunch together, we will do our best to cover the booth during that time. Keep in mind that this will depend on how many booths we are trying to cover.

Transportation: We try to carpool to the fairgrounds. The first shift leaves PUMC parking lot at 8:30 a.m. The second shift departs between 3:45 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Note that this time may require an earlier departure depending on other scheduled events near the fairgrounds or on weekends, as this can impact travel times on I-40

I hope this may answer any questions you may have on this great opportunity for our church. I also hope if you have not helped out before you will and if you have thanks and please help again. If you have any questions do not hesitate to email be at grumpync@twc.com or call at 919 544-7787 or email Janice at jjscarpping@twc.com or call 919 544-7787.



United Methodist Women



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and Ann Farmer.

September Meeting

Parkwood UMW met on Thursday, September 24th, 2015 in Fellowship Hall at PUMC. Betty Byrd welcomed fifteen women meeting. Members took a few minutes to share joys/health concerns and birthdays. Refreshments were provided by Marie Porter

Charlotte Thompson shared with us some Ministry of South Africa; mostly from the Congo. She ended with a scripture reading from Jeremiah.

Our guest speaker was Lisa Wells speaking on Kairos (God's Special Time) which is a ministry for inmates in prison. It was a very interesting presentation and generated many questions from our women.

Items we discussed:

Our Knit Purl Pray group will be participating again this year in the Southwest Elementary PTA Craft Fair on November 21st. Please come and see all the items they have handcrafted. It will be a good time to do some Christmas shopping while you are looking.

Las Postas Christmas activity will be new this year for a Christmas activity. This will be held on December 20th. There will be more details to follow from Pastor Nathan.

Come to the Table ideas were discussed for next year regarding meals for this activity.

Parkwood Flea Market we will be participating this year on October 3 with a bake sale along with the UMM selling their hot dogs and hamburgers.

Our next meeting is scheduled for October 22nd, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will have our World Thanks, Penny and a Prayer and annual pledge service.

Parkwood United Methodist Men



The Parkwood UMM will meet on Saturday morning October 17th for breakfast at Beneties Restaurant in the Greenwood Commons shopping center off Sedwick road at 8:00 am

For a very short time, honest.....A Minion a Day

Psalms 71: 7-9

MIDDLE AGE: That time in your life when you finally get your head together and then your body starts to fall apart.



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



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



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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,
"I don't care!"

The fourth one said,
"Let's run, and run, and run, and run!!!!!"

The fifth one said,
"It's Halloween fun!"

OOOOOOO went the wind,

And out went the lights;

Then five little pumpkins

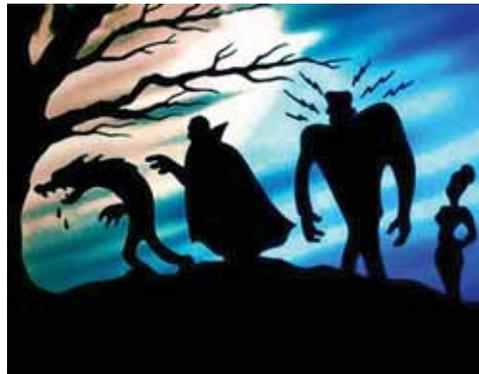
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**HAPPY
HALLOWEEN**

Vintage Halloween Postcards...



PUMC presents, Trunk or Treat, 2015



Saturday, October 24th

5pm till 7pm

Come if you Dare!!!

Pack 495 Presents: A Hallowe'en Hoot

Saturday, October 31st. from 2pm till 4pm on the church lot.

Fellowship Refreshments

- 10/4. Florine Layman
- 10/11. Janie Henderson
- 10/18. Betsy Newlin
- 10/25. Pam Skidmore



Just letting all you know that Pack 495 was the Cub Scout pack won a \$100 dollar donation because they brought in the most food for the "Scouting for Food" program.

GO PACK!

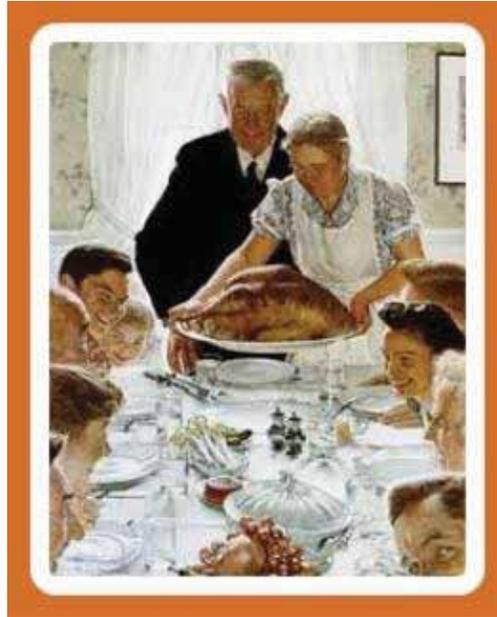
| LORD'S DAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SABBATH |
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| | | | | 1 6-8 Cubs Rm 7 7 Cubs Rms 1,3,4,5,6 | 2 9:30 Senior Exercise | 3 Flea Market Pastor @ Spark: Young Adults in Ministry Conference |
| 4 World Communion Sunday 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 3-5 GS Rms 5,7 | 5 9:30 Senior Exercise | 6 5:30-6:30 GS R5 | 7 9:30 Senior Exercise 7:30 Choir | 8 6-8 Cubs Rm 7 7 Cubs Rms 1,3,4,5,6 | 9 9:30 Senior Exercise 7:30 Movie Nite: Million Dollar Arm | 10 9-11 Knit, Purl, Pray |
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| TASK | OCTOBER 4 | OCTOBER 11 | OCTOBER 18 | OCTOBER 25 |
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| 9:15 Greeters | Ron & Betty Byrd | Herb & Jan Szwarcze | Fimmy & Florine Layman | Marie Porter & David Thompson |
| 10:45 Greeters | Charlottle & David Thompson | Marie Porter & Dena Roberts | Natalie Robson & Betsy Newlin | Linnie Skidmore & Andrew Key |
| Infant Nursery | Dena Roberts | Marietta Abbott | Dianne Mitchell | Dena Roberts |
| Ushers | Ron & Betty Byrd | Priscilla Thompson & Janie Henderson | Marie Porter & Dena Roberts | Linnie Skidmore & Andrew Key |
| Altar Guild | Florine Layman | Marietta Abbott | Jan Szwarcze | Pat Nestler |
| Communion Set-Up | Marietta Abbott & Betsy Newlin | | | |
| Altar Flowers | Tracey Lennon | | The Abbott's | Dianne Mitchell |
| Member Care Cards | Pat Nestler | Jan Szwarcze | Betty Byrd | Susan Ogelsby |
| Counters | Dianne Mitchell & Bob Newlin | Bob Newlin & Laura Denny | Laura Denny & Roger Jarrell | Roger Jarrell & Eddie Hanson |
| FT & Lection Reader | Charlotte Thompson | Marie Porter | Jan Szwarcze | Herb Szwarcze |
| Fellowship Refreshments | Florine Layman | Janie Henderson | Betsy Newlin | Pam Skidmore |
| Office Help | Jan Szwarcze | Nathan Wittman | Marietta Abbott | Bob Newlin |
| Hospitality Greeter | Pam Skidmore | Brenda Stephans | Charlotte Thompson | Ann Farmer |

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

Please....When you sit down to your feast.

Please make sure.....



They have something too.

There are many charities, but the food pantry at Urban Ministries is a great place to start. Support the UMM annual Food Drive now through December 17th.

