

A Beacon of God to all People
Growing in Christ.....Sharing God's Love.....Reaching Out to the World



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The Newsletter of the Parkwood United Methodist Church
Proudly serving the Parkwood Community for 54 years

Mark 1: 14--15

FLOOD BUCKETS NEEDED

The North Carolina Conference recently sent 550 Cleaning Buckets (also known as Flood Buckets) to the UMCOR depot in the western part of the state for shipment to Louisiana. In the meantime, areas of our conference are dealing with recent flooding, most notably Windsor in the Beacon District. We were able to ship a small number of buckets to the Windsor area, but that means we have exhausted our supply.

On Monday, September 26, the MERCI warehouse in Goldsboro will be open to make buckets from materials that were recently delivered there. Churches are encouraged to send volunteers on Monday to fill the buckets. In addition, churches are asked to send supplies for flood buckets or complete your own and send them. The list of supplies can be found [here](#). These supplies CAN be left at Bethany UMC or Front Street UMC THIS WEEK ONLY.

On Saturday, October 1, volunteers are needed at the MERCI center to handle hundreds of boxes for Armenia, with more to come in later days. More work days are being added (see below) to handle the expected abundance of God's love for Armenia.

Upcoming Work Days at the MERCI Center in Goldsboro, NC
676 Community Drive
9 am until 3 p.m.
September 26
October 1
October 8
October 13
October 20

Pastor's Corner

On Sunday, October 23, we will remember our baptisms with a Baptismal Reaffirmation. As we prepare to touch the water again, take some time to remember your own baptism. Were you a baby? Were you a teenager? Were you an adult? Or maybe you haven't been baptized yet? It's always a holy moment to remember how God's grace works in and through us. How will God's grace move us, as a church, into the community to bear witness of the truth of Christ?

Part of our remembering includes renewing our membership promises. Some of you made these promises a long time ago. Some of you are thinking about become members. And for our younger crowd, standing up to make your membership promises in front of the congregation is still a few years away. Whether you've been a member "forever" or not, we can all hold ourselves to the promises made at our baptisms. To pray, to be present, to give, to serve, and to witness. Will you join me in recommitting yourself to these five ways of being the church? I pray that you will.

Come and touch the water again on October 23, 2016.

~ Pastor Anita



The Seekers Class

Starting October 2, the Seekers class will be studying "Broken and Blessed" by Jessica LaGrone. "How God Used One Imperfect Family to Change the World" This is a study of Genesis. Everyone is welcome. Please let Bob

Newlin know if you want to join so that he can get a book for you.

the Jacob Class

Beginning October 2nd, Ron Byrd will be leading a class on Biblical Women: From Rahab to the Woman at the Well, and In Between.

The woman being looked at will be: Oct. 2, Rahab, Oct. 9, Leah, Oct. 16, Salome, Oct. 23 the Woman at the Well. October 30, if time permits, the class will look at the Witch of Endor as found in 1st Samuel 28.

the Jacob class will meet during the month of October but we **strongly urge you to skip the class on the 16th and 23rd to work at the State Fair.**

the Jacob class meets in room 1 at 9:30.



NC STATE FAIR 2017

Thursday Oct 13 – Sunday Oct 23



Once again, we ask for your help and your time in the ticket booths at the State Fair.

Based on last years' results, every shift one of us or a friend of PUMC's works in a booth can earn about \$84.00 for PUMC to use to accomplish charitable projects, missions, services, and benevolences within our community and in the world.

Our PUMC members, friends and neighbors put in 155 shifts in the ticket booths to earn \$13,000 over the 11 days last year. (That is "some powerful" show of support for our church!) *This is our BIGGEST and MOST SUCCESSFUL fundraising event!*

Please give your time-in-booths to this effort again this year, or your support, by volunteering to drive church members to- or- from the NC State Fairgrounds, helping Roger and Janice to schedule volunteers' shifts, reminding "staffers" of their upcoming shifts, or by volunteering to help Roger Jarrell, as needed. Thank you for your support.

Frank Stephans

**NC State Fair: PUMC's Foremost Annual Fundraiser,
Every Year Since 2006**
by Roger Jarrell

Parkwood UMC has been partnering with Creedmoor UMC for the last 10 years selling ride tickets at the NC State Fair. **This is the largest fundraiser we have each year, and we raise anywhere from \$12,000.00 to \$14,000.00 for PUMC's budget.** We must have 16 to 24 individuals for each shift to cover the commitment we have made to Powers Great American Midway. This number is the combined volunteers from PUMC and Creedmoor. This means a lot of individuals devoting their time during the 11 days the fair is open. **We need your help!**

What do we do: We operate 8 to 12 ride ticket booths that are owned by Powers Great American Midway. They have been awarded the contract to operate the rides at the fair for the past 10 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 in PUMC realizes, to use towards expenses, missions, and benevolences during our next fiscal year.**

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 Great American Midway makes the decision to close each 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. **If you carpool from PUMC to the fairgrounds, we guarantee to bring you back to PUMC !**

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 Roger at grumpync@twc.com or call me at 919 810-0338, or email Janice at janice.jarrell@twc.com or call her at 919 544-7787.



October, 2016



Diane Mitchell October, 10
Chriss Abbott October, 12
Frank Stephans October, 18
Betsy Newln October, 21
Marietta Abbott October, 23
Deserie Davis-Omboso October, 31 🎃



Christopher & Maureen Mitchell 22 years

Larry & Susan Oglesby 0 years

Send birthdays and anniversaries to:
crabbyron@yahoo.com



Here are two items to put in the October Newsletter.

Egg Sunday will be October 30th.

The Book Club will be reading and discussing "Noah's Wife" by Lindsay Starck. We will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 1 at 7:00 pm in the Family Room at church.

This book is available at the Durham County Library or find it on Amazon if you want to purchase.

Thank you for your help, Jan



Hospitality Greeters:
October 2 Mike Billau
October 9 Debra Haynes
October 16 Betty Byrd
October 23 Deena Roberts
October 30 Brenda Stephans



Refreshments:
October 2 Ann Farmer
October 9 Betty Byrd
October 16 Deena Roberts
October 23 Brenda Stephans
October 30 Geri Lam



Jan Schwarze

**The next Egg Sunday is...
October 30!!!!**



**Chancel Choir practice
Wednesdays @ 7:30**

Wanna voice in Church? Join the choir

Knit-Pray-Pray

Parkwood United Methodist Church
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
2nd.and 4th. Saturday

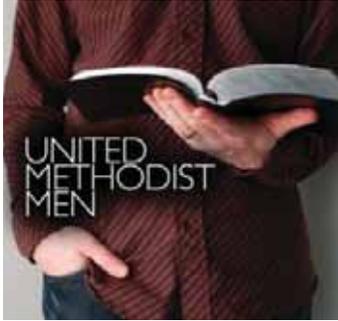


If you are an experienced knitter/crochet, beginner or a novice, you are welcome. We all have our own level of expertise and love to share



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 13 -23. 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. This is for two reasons: 1) we need to know that we can fill the commitment that we as a church have made; and 2) we must communicate these slots to Creedmoor United Methodist Church. If you have any questions, please contact Roger (919) 810-0338 or grumpync@twc.com or Janice (919) 880-7020

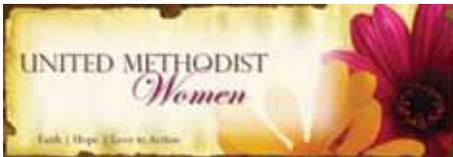
Janice and Roger Jarrell



Parkwood United Methodist Men

The Parkwood UMM meet on Saturday morning October 15th at 8 am for breakfast at Benetis restaurant in the Greenwood Commons shopping center off Sedwick road at 8:00 a.m.

Be sure to support you UMM at the Parkwood HOA Flea Market
October 1



The United Methodist Women met Thursday, September 22 at the church for our regular meeting. Pam opened with prayer and let the group in the purpose of UMW. We discussed joys and concerns. Joys from Mary Powell that her employer Sunrise Recovery received a substantial grant for operating expenditures. Our concerns were Ann Farmer's sister's impending emergency surgery the next morning, Debbie Carol and her new job, Marietta in severe pain, Laura's sister and Ted, Genevieve's husband Phil, and Betty and Ron Byrd. Our Lord knows our needs and answers our prayers.

Pat Nestler led our annual Pledge Program for 2017. What a great program!

Knit, Purl, Pray will have a table at SW Elementary Fall Fair, November 5 from 9:00-2:00. Come out and support Knit, Purl, Pray. Knitted blankets have been made for the sanctuary. If you feel a chill, please feel free to use these blankets during services. Just ask one of the ushers for a cover.

We have started a book club led by Jan Schwarze. We are reading "Noah's Wife" by Lindsay Stark. The next meeting to discuss the book is November 1 7:00 – 8:00pm in the Family Room. Join us!

We discussed the freezer for the church. The UMW is eager to get started on this wonderful church ministry.

The Parkwood fall flea market is Saturday, Oct 1 from 8:00 – 12:00pm. The UMW is planning to hold a bake sale with the UMM cooking burgers and dog. Signup sheets are in the hall for volunteering at the bake sale and baking items. The church will be open Friday, September 30 from 6:00 – 7:00pm to drop off baked goods. The Mosque is planning to repair and repave the parking lot and concerns were voiced on the safety of the use of the parking lot if it's dug up. We will get clarification. If we are unable to have a bake sale on Saturday, we will host a "Silent Bake Sale."

The list of 2017 officers was distributed. Debbie Carroll is unable to fulfill the position for secretary for 2017. If you are interested in helping with this position in UMW please let Ann Farmer know. She will be contacting ladies to fill this opening. We appreciate Debbie for her efforts.

We are looking at a Saturday in November to skirt the love feast candles. If you are interested in helping please let Pam know.

We are a 7 start unit! We have met all 7 avenues of giving in the UMW conference! Great job ladies!

The ladies are selling Rada cutlery for the next few weeks. Catalogs have been ordered and sales will begin October 13 – November 13 to get items back for Christmas.

Other News: The Chrismon tree will be decorated Sunday, November 20 immediately following church. Kitchen floor cleanup sheets were passed and have filled till the end of the year.

THERE WILL BE NO OCTOBER MEETING IN LIEU OF WORKING THE FAIR. PLEASE SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER AT THE NC STATE FAIR.

Next meeting: Thursday, November 17 at 7:00pm.



The youth got off to a great start with a very busy month with a Poke Walk, game night, paint night and Bible Study. October will be another busy month. They will have a special meeting on **Saturday, October 8** (No meeting on Sunday, 9th). The details of that meeting will be announced later. **October 16** will be movie night.

October 23 will be the monthly Bible Study with a meal served.

Lauren and Andrew Key are our hard working youth leaders. They stay busy with planning youth activities, leading Bible Study and meeting with the youth weekly. We now have a Youth Council who meet quarterly with Lauren and Andrew to help them with planning events. It is exciting to see our youth group growing! A big thank you to Lauren and Andrew for all of their hard work.

All youth from 6th to 12th grades are welcome!

To our Jewish friends with whom we share the Pentateuch we wish you a very
Happy New Year and Rosh Hashanah



Have a Happy



November Deadline is October. 25th
New "Believe...Belong...Serve..." policy,
Only one deadline reminder to be sent.