

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  
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September, 2015

## **Preaching Forecast**

The pastor is just getting back from a wonderful retreat at Lake Junaluska centered on sermon writing. A few sermons are completed, a few outlined, and a few in the early planning stages. So that you know what to expect over the next few months, I wanted to share with you a few of our upcoming sermon topics.

In September we will be indulging in the pastor's favorite pastime, comic books, with our Comics and Christ series. Just because superheroes take center stage, don't assume that these will be less serious sermons. The topics themselves will still run the danger of stepping on a few toes. To give you a taste, one of our messages will discuss Black Widow and Captain America from Winter Soldier and how their story relates to Jesus cleansing the temple. What does it mean for us that Jesus invites us to destroy our temples so that he can rebuild them? Another talks of the character Mystique from X: Men Days of Future Past and what her decision towards the end of the film teaches us about the myth of redemptive violence. Can our violence ever save us? There will be some spoilers for those who haven't seen the films. So if you're planning on seeing either, watch them ASAP!

In October we will journey toward All Saints Day with a sermon series on Job. This is a series that will not be full of happy endings, as anyone who has wrestled with Job can imagine. Often times in our church we spend so much time trying to escape the darkness of the world and live in the safety of the light that we lose touch with those of our members wrestling with that darkness. What does Job teach us about our need as Christians to simply dwell with our brothers and sisters in troubling times? What does it mean to avoid fixing and saving and simply experience the darkness this world can throw at us with brothers and sisters stuck in these moments? My prayer is that Job can teach us just that.

With Advent on the horizon, you know that we will be having an amazing assortment of different worship services. The first Sunday will be Hanging of the Greens, the second is our Moravian Love Feast, the third will be our Cantata, and the fourth and final will be our Lessons and Carols service. In the midst of that time will be some short sermons guided by Adam Hamilton's book, *Not a Silent Night*. And after the festivities of Christmas, expect to start the New Year with a talk of prayer, using the Lord's Prayer as a guide.

We hope you'll join us for these moments of reflection during worship. It has certainly been a joy to wrestle with the scriptures and bring these discussions to Parkwood UMC. See you there! [Pastor Nathan](#)



## *SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES*

### **The Seekers Class**

The Seekers will be joining in Nathan's study of "The Call". Following the pastors study the Seekers will start "The Trouble with the Truth" by Bob Renfroe.

### **the Jacob Class**

the Jacob class will be joining in Pastor Nathan's study of "The Call". Following the pastors study, the Jacob class will start the book of Daniel.

Psst.....



Hear the latest???????

Believe...Belong...Serve

Is Back!!!!!!!

# Friday Nite Movie Returns Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>



Abbott & Costello at 7:30

## Previews of coming Attractions \*

Oct. 9	Million Dollar Arm	2014	Jon Hamm & Bill Paxton
Nov. 13	The Quiet Man	1952	John Wayne & Maureen O'Hara
Dec. 11	The Christmas Candle	2013	Hans Matheson & Samantha Barks

\*Subject to Change



## Parkwood United Methodist Men



The Parkwood UMM will meet on Saturday morning September 19<sup>th</sup> for breakfast at Beneties Restaurant in the Greenwood Commons shopping center off Sedwick road at 8:00 am





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



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU**



**Birthdays**

- Aidan Akkari 9-9
- Jan Schwarze 9-10
- Taylor Jarrell 9-14
- Peggy Moore 9-15
- Larry Oglesby 9-17
- Arabella Willson 9-22
- Bill Kavanaugh 9-23
- Isaiah Lincoln 9-23
- Beverly Whitmore 9-27
- Debbie Kavanaugh 9-27

**Anniversaries**

- Herb and J Schwarze 9-9-61

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

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Have you Heard?????  
 PUMC's Annual  
 Trunk or Treat Celebration  
 Is October 24<sup>th</sup> !!!



Notes From Our Perspective...

*Distributing Breakfasts and Lunches  
To Area Children This Summer*

A Recent P.U.M.C. Mission:

Partnering with a Parkwood Elementary School  
parent and teacher

*By Frank and Brenda Stephans*

Over this past summer, Brenda and I, along with eight other church members, volunteered to pick up free breakfasts and free lunches. This mission was initiated by the NOW Team, and carried out by our volunteer team. We picked meals up at Parkwood Elementary, drove to the Emerald Forest or Forest Glen apartments, and then distributed the meals to the children of these communities.

Although Brenda and I started out by handing out breakfasts at Forest Glen, we were soon assigned regularly to Emerald Forest, where we became familiar with the apartment's staff, parents and children. Our granddaughter Alyson also joined us in mission several times while she vacationed with us. Alyson enjoyed interacting with the children.

We enjoyed being out in the summer morning weather, although we quickly learned to pack bug repellent, to protect our legs from the mosquitos!

This experience was rewarding to us in that we were able to help the children's nourishment, while getting to interact with the children and their families. This mission was indeed a Glory!

# *United Methodist Women*



## August Meeting

Parkwood UMW met on Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. 2015 in the Jacob Classroom at PUMC. Betty Byrd welcomed fifteen women this month to the meeting. Members took a few minutes to share joys/health concerns and birthdays. Refreshments this evening were provided by Marietta Abbott, Pat Nestler. Marie Porter assisted with

setup.

Charlotte Thompson showed us children's art work from around the world. She closed the Prayer Calendar portion of the meeting with a prayer from her sister.

We will be meeting at 9:00 a.m. to decorate the Chrismon tree and decorate the church for the Advent season. Our next meeting will be Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing all the women of the church interested there.

### Items discussed:

**Knit Purl Pray** will be, again, participating in the Southwest Elementary PTA Craft Fair on November 21<sup>st</sup>. Please come and look at the items made this year. Do some Christmas shopping while you are looking.

**Rev. Laura Whitman** was our guest speaker. She gave us a little background on how she received the calling into the ministry. She has been influenced by Debra and Giles in Judges. It was an interesting presentation and we got to know her more.

Our next meeting is scheduled for September 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall or the Jacob Classroom. We will have Lisa Wells as our guest speaker. She will be speaking on Prison Ministry in the district. We hope to see you there.



# 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



Youth News

September 13 - Casseroles for Urban Ministries

September 20th - Drive by Prayer

Thanks, Lauren Key

Don't forget our Youth; they are our future!!!!!!!!!!!!

## Final "Come to the Table" Scheduled for September 26th

The final Come to the Table get together for 2015 will be held on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. Dinner plans for the wildly successful get to gether's have not been finalized; be on the look out for information in your email 'in' box or in the Sunday Service bulletin.

Don't worry, the "Come to the Table" dinners may be gone for the rest of the year after September 26<sup>th</sup>; gone but not forgotten. Be on the lookout for the winter edition of "Come to the Table" starting in January. Break out the 2016 calendar and circle Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016.





## Poem advises on 13 Reasons to not put off Going to church.

**DEAR ABBY:** About five or six years ago, you printed a wonderful piece written by a preacher in Port Orchard, Wash. It was a tongue-in-cheek poem advising people not to put off going to church. Will you please print it again? I sure like it. A BASPTIST MINISTR IN DALLAS.

**DEAR MINISTER: Here it is. I sure like it, too.**

**DEAR CHURCH MEMBERS:** Don't wait until the hearse hauls you to church. If you do —

1. You will go, regardless of the weather.
2. You will go, regardless of the condition of your body.
3. There will be beautiful flowers there, but you won't enjoy them.
4. You will go, regardless of how your family feels.
5. The minister may say many good things, but they will do you no good.
6. There will be beautiful music, but you won't hear it.
7. There will be heartfelt prayers, but they will not touch your heart.
8. There will be friends and relatives there, but you won't worship with them.
9. You will go, no matter how many hypocrites are there.
10. You will go, no matter how much you are needed at home or at work.
11. You will receive no blessing from the service.
12. You won't feel concerned about your clothes
13. You will never have to decide about attending church again.

Aren't you glad to be alive and well and full of zest and able to choose to go to church?



## Birthdays and anniversaries I have missed.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU



### April Birthdays

Jimmy Layman 4-4  
Laura Wittman 4-5  
Courtney Clark 4-7  
Caroline Mitchell 4-9  
Betty Byrd 4-12  
Christopher Mitchell 4-13  
Susan Oglesby 4-14  
Bill Schwarze 4-14  
David Thompson 4-17  
Cameron Clark 4-18  
Haley Schwarze 4-22  
Betty Lou Whitaker 4-27

### Anniversaries

Kyle and Robyn Willson April 27, 1996

### May Birthdays

Allison Mitchell 5-3  
Khalid Akkari 5-6  
Nathan Wittman 5-8  
Wayne Abbott 5-9  
Tomas Ronni 5-18  
Merle Minor 5-26  
Amy Cotter 5-30  
Pricilla Thompson 5-30  
Maureen Mitchell 5-31

### Anniversaries

Merle & Peggy Minor 5-1  
Bill & Debbie Kavanaugh 5-4  
Olley & Deena Roberts 5-18

Nathan & Laura Wittman 5-23  
Andrew & Lauren Key 5-26

## June

### Birthdays

Ron Byrd 6-2  
Marie Porter 6-3  
Ryan Clark 6-6  
Danielle Slomberg 6-7  
Robyn Willson 6-10  
Sara Gunter 6-11  
Hope Roberts 6-15  
Bob Newlin 6-16  
Florine Layman 6-21  
Lisa Green 6-23  
Deena Roberts 6-27

### Anniversaries

Tapani Ronni & Monica Eiland 6-8  
Bob & Margaret Eiland 6-21  
Jimmy & Florine Layman 6-21  
Clint & Natalie Robson 6-22  
Ron & Susan Clark 6-23  
Ron & Betty Byrd 6-27

## July

### Birthdays

Cam Wittman 7-12  
Ron Clark 7-18  
Eddie Hanson 7-20  
Marge Potter 7-22  
Rebecca Mitchell 7-26

**August Birthdays**

Roger Jarrell 8-10

Janice Jarrell 8-12

Judy Roseberry 8-16

Sharon Schulze 8-23

Peggy Minor 8-30

**Anniversaries**

Norris & Marie Porter 8-18




**Just a short note  
from Crabby Ron**

I have told you, on a few occasions, what your prayers, cards and all the other things you did during my recent "illness" have meant to me and my family.

I put "illness" in quotes because it is such a small word that is being used for the dire predicament I found myself in on Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. I was literally an ambulance ride away from death. Such terms as "he's critical", and "It could go either way, prepare yourself"; all the terms that meant only **one** thing. But it wasn't meant to be. Thankfully, for me, the meeting the I was to have with Jesus was put off to another day. Again, I thank you from every fiber of my being. If you don't think prayer works, just think of ol' crabby when you doubt it. One day, our Lord will keep the meeting we came so very close to having on May 13<sup>th</sup>. When that time comes I will go willingly and with much anticipation; but, until then, I want to have every breath of air I'm entitled to, and then maybe just one more.



LORD'S DAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SABBATH
		1	2	3	4	5
6 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Trustees 3-5 GS Rms S;7	7 9:30 Senior Exercise	8 5:30-6:30 GS RS	9 9:30 Senior Exercise 6:15 The Call, by Adam Hamilton 7:30 Choir	10 6-8 Cubs Rm 7 7 Cubs Rms 1,3,4,5,6	11 9:30 Senior Exercise 7:30 The Time of Their Lives	12 9-11 Knit,Purl,Pray
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<b>TASK</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 6</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 13</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 20</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 27</b>
<b>9:15 Greeters</b>	Ron & Betty Byrd	Herb & Jan Sewartze	Fimmy & Florine Layman	Marie Porter & David Thompson
<b>10:45 Greeters</b>	Priscilla Thompson & Janie Henderson	Ron & Betty Byrd	Marieta Abbott	Ron & Susan Clark
<b>Infant Nursery</b>	Dena Roberts	Debbie Kavanaugh	Marieta Abbott	Dianne Mitchell
<b>Ushers</b>	Frank & Brenda Stephans	Ann Farmer & David Thompson	Ron & Susan Clark	Clint & Natalie Robson
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jan Schwarze	Pat Nestler	Charlotte Thompson	Priscilla Thompson
<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	Bev Whitmore & Betty Whittaker			
<b>Altar Flowers</b>				
<b>Member Care Cards</b>	Pat Nestler	Jan Schwarze	Betty Byrd	Susan Ogeisby
<b>Counters</b>	Frank Stephans & Herb Schwarze	Herb Schwarze & Ron Clark	Ron Clark & Jan Schwarze	Jan Schwarze & Dianne Mitchell
<b>PT &amp; Lection Reader</b>	Bob Newlin	Ann Farmer	Linnie Skidmore	Betty Byrd
<b>Fellowship Refreshments</b>	Betty Byrd	Ann Farmer	Brenda Stephans	Debbie Kavanaugh
<b>Office Help</b>	Jan Schwarze	Marieta Abbott	Bob Newlin	Ron Byrd

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

# The Way We Were

## HISTORY OF PARKWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The history of Parkwood Methodist Church dates back to 1960 when members of the N. C. Conference Board of Missions visited the Research Triangle area and surveyed the needs of the Methodists in this section.

In the spring of 1961 the Conference Board of Missions and Dr. C. D. Barclift, the District Superintendent, met with other Methodist officials and selected a parsonage for Parkwood. There have been four ministers appointed to the Parkwood United Methodist Church since it was organized. The first pastor was Rev. Wm. M. Jeffries, who was appointed in June 1961. The appointments are as follows:

Rev. Wm. M. Jeffries	June 1961-July 1964
Rev. Robert Harris	July 1964-March 1967
Rev. Paul Scott	March 1967-June 1969
Rev. Sam G. Dodson, Jr.	June 1969-

The first building used by the Parkwood Methodist Church was the Lowes Grove Elementary School which was used September 3, 1961 until April 1966.

The church was chartered on October 8, 1961 with fifty-three charter members.

The first official board meeting was held in an old farmhouse located on the first lot at the main entrance to Parkwood on Revere Road.

Beginning in November 1962, church sites were investigated and an option on the present location was made on May 23, 1963. The present church lot was purchased on Revere Road on October 7, 1963 for \$15,125. with over three acres of land. The church lot indebtedness was paid in full by March 1965.

In 1965, the building construction bids were accepted for 13,700 square feet of space at a total price of \$165,000., and construction was started in May 1965 for the present building.

The church has continued it's growth as indicated by the Annual Conference reports below:

Year	Total Members Received That Year	Net Gain	Membership
1961			53
1962	63	12	65
1963	42	35	100
1964	48	40	140
1965	41	30	170
1966	100	55	225
1967	73	60	285
1968	34	35	320
1969	21	5	325
1970	51	13	338
1971	36	7	345
1972	32	15	360