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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

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September, 2016

I greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I give thanks for the ways the Holy Spirit has moved in and amongst us at Parkwood UMC over the past two months. It is hard to believe how quickly time has passed. Fall is just around the corner. And 2017 will be here before we know it!

I give thanks for time spent together and I look forward to our shared future. I pray daily for God's guidance of how we can embody Christ in our community. Perhaps, you have wondered how we can be in ministry at Parkwood. Therefore, I would like to invite you into a time set aside, specifically meant to help us discover our church's unique calling and mission. I wonder how you might be a part of this holy work. I also am curious how we may move into our church's future.

To help us in this holy work, I invite you to join me for a very informal time together, "Chat with the Pastor." We will meet immediately following worship on September 18, September 25, and October 2 in the sanctuary. During these chats, I will fill you in on what I have been up to as your pastor. Then, I will open the floor for your input and questions. Our time together will help shape our church's mission and priorities. This work will prove invaluable as we make ministry plans for 2017 and beyond. I promise to conclude these chats by 12:45. And you do not need to attend all three. Come to one or come to them all. It's entirely up to you. I just ask that you come with a willing spirit and an eagerness to participate in this holy work. Let's do this special work together.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Anita



## The Seekers Class

Starting Sunday, July 24, the Seekers will be studying Half Truths by Adam Hamilton. You can check it out on his site

<http://www.adamhamilton.org/books/item/9781501813870/>

“God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn’t Say. If you would like to join us, let me know so that I can be sure and have a book for you.

## the Jacob Class

Beginning in September, 2016, the Jacob class will be led by Herb Schwarze featuring a

series focusing on Saul, David, and, Solomon.



That class will be followed in October with Ron Byrd leading a class on Biblical Women: From Rahab to the Woman at the Well, and In Between.

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





September, 2016

Aidan Akkari Sept. 9  
Jan Schwarze Sept. 10  
Taylo Jarrrell Sept. 14  
Larry Oglesby Sept. 17  
Arabella Willson Sept. 22  
Bill Kvanaugh Sept. 23  
Debbie Kavanaugh Sept. 27  
Beverly Whitmore Sept. 27



Herb & Jan Schwarze Sept. 9

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



**I have received information about a new opportunity to serve at Urban Ministries. They need a small group to do bag lunches. This would be a fun time for 4 or 5 of you to spend a couple hours chatting and helping UM make bag lunches. If you cannot stand for long periods that's okay. This task can be done sitting down at a table. We are considering doing 5th Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am in 2017 (Jan, May, Aug, Oct). If you think you could do this just let me know. I will need to let UM know by next week.**

**Thank you for your help, Jan**



### Hospitality Greeters:

- Sept. 4 Ann Farmer
- Sept. 11 Pam Skidmore
- Sept. 18 Charlotte Thompson
- Sept. 25 Brenda Stephans



### Refreshments:

- Sept. 4 Janie Henderson & Pricilla Thompson
- Sept. 11 Betsy Newlin
- Sept. 18 Pam Skidmore
- Sept. 25 Jan Schwarze



Jan Schwarze

**The next Egg Sunday is...  
Sometime in October!!!!**





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



## Parkwood United Methodist Men

The Parkwood UMM meet on Saturday morning September 17<sup>th</sup> at 8 am for breakfast at Benetis restaurant in the Greenwood Commons shopping center off Sedwick road at 8:00 a.m.



The UMW met this evening for our regular monthly meeting. Marie Porter led us in a wonderful Prayer Calendar devotion and prayed for our trouble society and the state of the world.

Prayer concerns followed – Ann’s sister-in-law Ruby Wallace, all students especially Duke Divinity students returning to class this week, Amy Reno’s son Christopher, the new Whitman baby Ezra and family, Ted Meyers, Phillip White, and a young man Zachary at Urban Ministries. God knows their needs and hears our prayers. Here are bullet points from the meeting:

- Knit Purl Pray meets the second and fourth Saturday of the month from 9-11 am in the family room. They will be at the SW Elementary craft fair again this year on November 5 from 9-2. Mark your calendars and come out to support these ladies! Lots of GREAT Christmas items will be available!
- Reports are due for the district. We discussed what reports are due and who needs to complete them.
- The July outing to Urban Ministries was a great success and plan to have another morning helping out. A new project for Urban Ministries was proposed. We have been asked to prepare the bagged lunches on the 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in the morning beginning in 2017. More details to follow and announcements will be made during church services.
- Nominations for 2017 have been completed! The names and positions were presented and accepted to serve the UMW during 2017.
- There will be no bake sale at the fall flea market this year. Instead the ladies will have a silent bake sale where donations are being accepted in lieu of ingredients and making items. The money will go to missions.
- Jan Schwarze is leading a book reading study. This month’s book is ‘A long Walk to Water’ by Linda Sue Park. The discussion meeting is Tuesday, September 6 at 7:00 pm in the family room.
- LOTS training for new and old officers will be Saturday, November 12. Officers mark your calendars.



- The UMW voted to put up and decorate the Chrismon tree on Sunday, November 20 immediately following church instead of after Thanksgiving. Hopefully more people will be available to help set up and decorate.

After refreshments, Sharon Schultz led the second half of the evening in a **great** bible study on ... THE BIBLE! What an insightful new perspective to read and look at the passages in the bible. Due to the lateness of the meeting Sharon had to cut her study short and we have excitedly asked Sharon to return for another great study.

The meeting was adjourned.    NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 AT 7:00 pm

The youth are excited to kick off their school year in August with an exciting September planned.



August 28th kicks us off with a Poke Walk at Southpoint mall from 5:30 to 7:30pm where we will meet at 5:30pm at the fountain in front of the movie theater and grabbing dinner at the food court.

September 11th will be at Parkwood UMC where we will be having a board and card game night from 5:30 to 7:30pm and pizza will be provided for dinner

September 18th will be at Parkwood UMC where we will be breaking out the canvas and paint for our paint night from 5:30 to 7:30pm and pizza will be provided for dinner  
 September 25th will be at Parkwood UMC where we will be having a night of dinner and bible study from 5:30 to 7:30pm and dinner will be provided

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



## **PUMC-UMM Fundraiser**

Please mark your calendars for Thursday, September 29th. Save your reminder to eat a meal with friends and neighbors at City Barbeque any time between 10:30am and 10:00pm, and don't forget to bring your flyer in with you!

The more folks that come in on September 29th and present our flyer as they order, the more money City Barbeque will donate to PUMC.

It is as simple as that, but you must bring the flyer in with you to have the dollar amount of your purchase recorded on the flyer and taken in by the cashier at the register at the time you order, in order for City BBQ to account for the money that will be donated to PUMC.

Please ask for a flyer from Frank or from any member of PUMC United Methodist Men. Flyers are also available on the front table at the Sanctuary entrance door. You may make additional copies of flyers, and please be sure to share flyers with friends and family!

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU and ALL YOUR FRIENDS at City Barbeque on Thursday, September 29th to enjoy a great meal and earn proceeds, to be donated to Parkwood United Methodist Church!**

*Durham City Barbeque is located at  
208 W NC Hwy 54, Durham, NC 27713*

*(Next to the McDonalds and in front of Kroger)*

Good all day on Dine In & Carry Out Orders (919) 237-9509

Note: If ordering carry out for large groups, please use our Pig Up 'n Go Menu.

**October Deadline is Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>  
New "Believe...Belong...Serve..." policy,  
Only one deadline reminder to be sent.**